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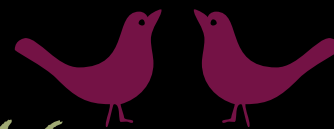


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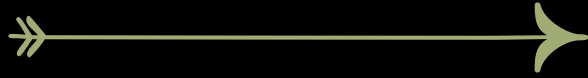
*Welcome to*

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PRESIDENT JAMES BUCHANAN'S  
WHEATLAND  
GALLERIES & EXHIBITIONS  
LIBRARY & ARCHIVES  
TANGER ARBORETUM  
MUSEUM STORE





## At LancasterHistory.org:

Explore *Wheatland* and connect with James Buchanan, Pennsylvania's only US President, who served just prior to the Civil War. Take a special hands-on tour of the mansion and explore unique touchable objects from a time when there was no running water, no electricity, and the only bathroom was an outdoor privy. Develop your math, critical thinking, and creative skills by exploring 19th century culture and Lancaster's unique contribution to American history.

Then, step across the lawn and explore the headquarters of LancasterHistory.org — home to multiple galleries, a research library and an historic archives. The new exhibition **FREEDOM: "to secure the Blessings of Liberty"** opens fall of 2016.



### Tour—Explore—Create

*It's all here on LancasterHistory.org's Campus of History.*  
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## Student Tours

### The Presidency, Politics & the Coming of the Civil War

**50 minutes (Recommended for grades 7-12+)**

Explore James Buchanan's *Wheatland* and discover the dilemmas and decisions that this controversial President faced during the challenging times leading up to the Civil War.

### Victorian Life in the Home of 15<sup>th</sup> US President James Buchanan

**50 minutes (Recommended for young children and students through grade 8)**

Travel back in time to the year 1857 and explore the home of 15th US President James Buchanan. Period objects, clothing & images help tell the story of life during this very unique time.

### Exhibition Tour—

**FREEDOM: "to secure the Blessings of Liberty"**

**45 minutes**

Students tour this new exhibition and explore the many faces of freedom gained, freedom denied in Lancaster County. Unique objects, manuscripts & artifacts tell the stories of struggle, survival, joy and hope from Penn's Holy Experiment through the 21st century.

### Tour of the Archives — Up Close & Personal

**45 minutes**

Welcome to the Archives of LancasterHistory.org—home to over 1 million archival manuscripts. Students will examine primary sources connected to local history and see how they are stored and preserved. Read a letter, review an estate inventory, see schoolwork from the 1800s.

*Tours can always be shortened to 30 minutes to better serve small children and accommodate tight schedules.*

## Campus of History Field Trip Modules

**A Day on Campus—5 hours**

**Half Day on Campus—3.5 hours**

Choose from several different modules to create your own unique experience.



- Groups will be contacted after initial inquiry by either the Director of Wheatland or the Director of Education to plan your day your way.
- These 30-40 minute interdisciplinary modules combine Wheatland's history with fun real-life applications to challenge students' mathematical, artistic, creative, and critical thinking skills. Students can play detective, writer, artist, and advertiser to engage with the lifestyle of Pennsylvania's only US President.
- Initial Contact: Reception desk (717.392.4633). See [lancasterhistory.org](http://lancasterhistory.org) for details, tour times, scheduling and pricing. Your visit includes 30 minutes for lunch (please bring your own). Suggestions for an easy Victorian brown bag lunch can be found on the website.

### "It's Elementary, Watson"

Use your deductive and inductive reasoning skills to determine the use of Victorian Age artifacts.

### "Get out the News"

In small groups, put your creativity to work by creating an advertisement for a Victorian artifact.

### "Live, from Wheatland"

Present your ad to a live audience of your peers and see if you can sell your Victorian product.

### "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall"

Students will be introduced to the mathematical term "symmetry" through observation and drawing of James Buchanan's home which is a fusion of Federal and Greek Revival Styles.

### "It's a Dog's Life — A Day in the Life of Lara"

(creative writing activity)

After learning about Lara, Mr. Buchanan's Newfoundland, the students will imagine, brainstorm, and write a story about "A Day in the Life of Lara."



### "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, How does your Garden Grow?"

Students review their measuring skills by finding the length and width of each raised garden bed and then calculating the perimeter. In addition, students will be introduced to the use of herbs, both in the 19th century and today.



## Workshops

### Digging Deeper: Using Primary Sources in Historical Research (Two versions available: middle school or high school) 3 hours

Students examine multiple primary sources on varied topics including Thaddeus Stevens, President James Buchanan, Harriet Lane, the Quakers, the Underground Railroad, and the Hubley Toy Company. Then small groups examine one topic closely to make inferences, draw conclusions, begin to develop hypotheses, and present their findings to the larger group.

### Sleuthing through the Past (Three versions available: elementary, middle school, or high school) 1 or 2 hours depending on grade level.

Students play the detective in search of clues as they examine estate inventories, artifacts and historic events to better understand the past. What do they tell us? What don't they tell us? This workshop examines the conflicting and limited evidence one encounters when studying history. Develops observation skills and stresses critical thinking, analysis and synthesis.



*All offerings are aligned with PA Standards in History, Social Studies, the Arts & Humanities and English Language Arts. Common Core & Critical Thinking Skills are stressed.*