

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FREDERICK COUNTY

SPEAKERS BUREAU

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READING HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

Learn the history of photography, how to date old photographs and what information you can gather from photos to help you better understand the past.

Audience: High School Students & Adults

Length: 45-60minutes

Presented by Heidi Campbell-Shoaf, Curator

WOMEN'S EVERYDAY LIVES IN THE CIVIL WAR PERIOD

How women dressed in the 1860s can tell us a lot about their everyday life. Learn how and why they wore what they wore, discover the different occupations women pursued, what home life was like, and along the way help to debunk some widely held myths about women and their clothes during this period.

Audience: Student groups & Adults

Length: 45-60 minutes

Presented by Heidi Campbell-Shoaf, Curator

HISTORIC HOUSE MYTHS

Closets were taxed. Women used fire screens to keep their wax makeup from melting. Many of us have heard or even said these phrases on tours, but research shows that these statements are most likely not true. Learn about some of the most commonly heard myths and the tools we need to distinguish myths from reality.

Audience: Docents and Museum staff

Time: 45-60 minutes

Presented by Heidi Campbell-Shoaf, Curator

FREDERICK COUNTY: CROSSROADS OF HISTORY

At the "Crossroads of American History", Frederick County, Maryland offers a rich and colorful history that remains an important part of the lives of its residents today. The National Road, B&O Railroad and C&O Canal all traverse the county, truly making it a historic crossroads. Many of the important events of our nation's history have connections to our county, including the American Revolution and the Civil War. This illustrated presentation will provide an overview of the county's history and introduce some of the important events, unique places and interesting people that have been part of this rich history.

Audience: Student Groups & Adults

Length: 45-60 minutes

Presented by Mark Hudson, Executive Director

ROGER BROOKE TANEY: FREDERICK'S CHIEF JUSTICE

Learn about Taney's early life and legal career in Frederick. Discover famous cases he participated in, his relationship to Francis Scott Key and his role in President Andrew Jackson's Cabinet.

Audience: Student Groups & Adults

Length: 45-60 minutes

Presented by Mark Hudson, Executive Director

JACOB ENGELBRECHT'S FREDERICK COUNTY

For nearly sixty years, local tailor and onetime Mayor of Frederick, Jacob Engelbrecht, recorded the community's events in his diary. Contained in twenty-two hand-bound volumes, the diary offers a lively chronicle of the extraordinary and ordinary events of life including marriages, deaths, fires, train wrecks, disease, celebrations, elections, and making sauerkraut. Engelbrecht's descriptions of events during the Civil War offer insights into the war's effect upon the citizens of Frederick County. Following his death in 1878,

family members continued Jacob's diary well into the 1890s. This presentation will share biographical information on Jacob Engelbrecht and his life in Frederick, as well as illustrative entries from the diary. It also will explore why diaries are a useful source of historical information and explain some of the challenges historians face in utilizing diaries. This program can be presented as a Power Point® Presentation or as a lecture.

Audience: Adult

Length: Can be 20 or 45 minutes

Presented by Mark Hudson, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE ENCOUNTERS: THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN FREDERICK COUNTY

From John Hanson, "President of the United States in Congress Assembled," to the current Chief Executive, Frederick County has experienced many encounters with the American President. Whether passing through, campaigning, experiencing a local event, visiting friends, or relaxing at Camp David, Presidents have frequently visited the county, often providing local residents lasting memories and colorful stories. In his illustrated program, Mr. Hudson will discuss some of these encounters, while also examining some of the reasons why Frederick County has had such a significant and enduring relationship with the American Presidency.

Audience: Young adult to adult

Length: Can be 20 or 45 minutes

Presented by Mark Hudson, Executive Director

RESEARCHING AT FREDERICK COUNTY ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER

Discusses types of resources available at the Research Center (e.g. books, photos, manuscripts, ephemera) and how to use them for genealogical or historical research.

Audience: Adult

Length: 30 minutes

Presented by Marie Washburn, Librarian

USING PRIMARY SOURCES AT THE FREDERICK COUNTY ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER

Defines primary sources and gives examples from the Historical Society collection and how to use them for research. Can be geared to teachers with sample lesson plans offered.

Audience: Adult

Length: 30 minutes

Presented by Marie Washburn, Librarian