

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

RESEARCHING AT THE 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