



**“Room Enough for Them All”: The People of Lancaster County in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century**

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Virtual Lecture by Michael Showalter, PHMC  
Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7 PM

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The Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates is hosting a free virtual presentation on Tuesday evening, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Michael Showalter will give a lecture titled “Room Enough for Them All”: The People of Lancaster County in the late 18<sup>th</sup> Century. By the middle of the 1750s, Lancaster County had become one of the most diverse places in all of the American Colonies. This mix of cultures and customs was created by Penn’s policies of religious toleration, vast natural resources, and a spirit of cooperation. Who were these people and what was their life like? Looking at tax records, church histories, travel accounts, local histories, and family traditions, this presentation will examine some information about the early residents of the county.

The presenter, Michael Showalter, is the Museum Educator at the Historic Ephrata Cloister. He holds a BA in History from Millersville University and a MA from Penn State University in American Studies. He began volunteering at the historic Ephrata Cloister while still in high school, and has worked at the Cornwall Iron Furnace and The State Museum of Pennsylvania. He has been on the staff at historic Ephrata Cloister in 1996. In addition to leading tours at the site, he oversees the educational programs, guide training, volunteer activities, and public events, including the annual 9-week lecture series each winter. This program grew out of a volunteer training session to help place the Ephrata Cloister in the wider context of the neighborhood.

Mike Emery (CIF Administrator) will moderate a brief discussion at the end of the presentation.

This is an online lecture that will utilize the Zoom platform.

Space is limited, and registration is required. To register please go to:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7cX3dYyaS-uCX\\_SF8mFD1w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7cX3dYyaS-uCX_SF8mFD1w)

This presentation is offered at no cost to attendees, but donations are appreciated.