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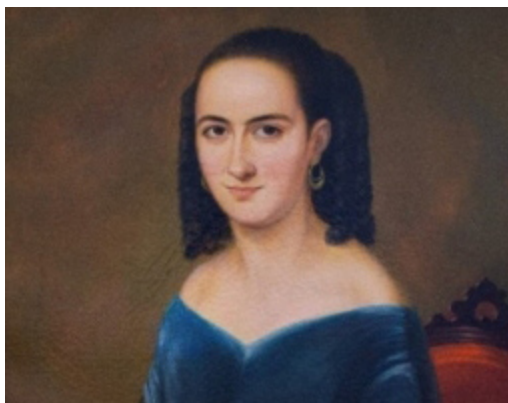
# Saving Delaware History



## Descendant community to inform the John Dickinson Plantation's future

Historic site is preparing for a public meeting to form a Descendant Community Engagement Group. Collaboratively, the group will provide recommendations for the interpretation of the site, including the African Burial Ground.

Look back in time



## Collection close-up: First lady Killen Stout

Portrait of Delaware's first lady from 1820 to 1821 features several visual codes that indicate her role and social status to contemporary viewers.

[Get to know her](#)

## Cooch's Bridge internship sparks ongoing study

Annie Hicks's research focused on revealing more details about historically underrepresented groups at Cooch-Dayett Mill.

[Investigate now](#)

## Highlighted Event

2023 Delaware Archaeology and History Symposium, a day-long series of programs at The Old State House in Dover, to highlight archaeological investigations, historical research and related topics for the state and surrounding areas. Dig deeper

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## News & Updates

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### **The power of volunteering: A matter of the heart**

Reflections for National Volunteer Month, April 2023. [Make a difference](#)

### **Vertie Lee receives Small Museum Association Award**

Longtime division employee honored for her contributions to the small museum community on a regional or state level. [Learn more](#)

### **Register for FREE New Castle History Camp**

Children ages 10 to 13 invited to explore the storied past of one of America's most historic towns in this free camp, July 24–28, 2023. [Sign up now!](#)

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## Preservation

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### **DuPont School histories share themes, experiences**

Dr. Abdullah R. Muhammad discusses the Delaware schools built by Pierre S. du Pont for students of color during the segregation era. [Get educated](#)

### **Your family's recorded history is worth preserving**

Article on how to compile a family's oral history by Michael H. McGrath, past president of Preservation Delaware. [Know your ancestors](#)

### **Green Book tours Black history in Delaware**

Division historian, Carlton Hall, discusses the travel and vacation guidebook for people of color during the segregation era. [Take a trip](#)

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## Media Roundup

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### **Women more than just pirates in maritime history**

By Devon Filicichia, lead interpreter of the Zwaanendael Museum, on women's long-time history at sea. [Dive in](#)

### **Pencader Heritage Museum explores local history**

Museum showcases the history of the Pencader Hundred area of New Castle County south of Newark. [Come on down](#)

### **Bombshell report: Lewes cannonball found**

War of 1812 munition found; returned to the Lewes Historical Society. [Explosive news](#)

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## Activities & Exhibits

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### **Throughout April**

### **Division-sponsored programs in April 2023**

Dutch poetry, the Lincoln assassination's New Castle connection, and Earth Day programs among the 13 division-sponsored activities in April.

## April 22

### Native American in American Revolution

American Revolution Round Table of Northern Delaware lecture by Jason Searock at Hale-Byrnes House.

## Ongoing

### New Castle: Three Forts, One Community

New Castle Court House Museum exhibit examines the 17th-century struggle for control of New Castle by the Dutch, Swedes and English.

[Go to the full calendar of activities](#)

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## Saving Delaware History

The historic preservation and museums newsletter of the Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

Saving Delaware History is designed to stimulate public interest in the division's museums, programs and services, and to increase awareness of the value that history and historic preservation bring to the lives of Delaware's citizens and visitors. The newsletter is distributed during the last week of each month, via e-mail, to division staff members, Delaware's historical- and preservation-related communities and friends.

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