

# CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*History Exhibits Research Education Library Children's Programs Heritage*  
*Special Events Photography Volunteers Culture Museum Shop Artifacts Lectures Collections*

## Become a Member and Connect with Chester County's Future

Chester County Historical Society has been Chester County's resident story teller since 1893. Our premier collections of decorative arts, manuscripts and photographs preserve and interpret three centuries of southeastern Pennsylvania's history – past and present.

Your Annual Membership will provide:

- Significant permanent collections and changing exhibits that showcase the many facets of our local heritage.
- A lively range of first-rate family and adult programs, entertainment, and workshops in our Cultural Center, a 250-seat *state of the art* auditorium.
- Preservation of over 80,000 photographs dating from 1841.
- Access to thousands of documents including maps, letters, diaries, newspaper clippings, business and church records from the 1700's.
- Thought-provoking educational outreach programs for over 9,000 students each year.
- Support of National History Day, a fun and competitive way to engage middle and high school students in historical research and interpretation.
- Captivating hands-on activities for all ages in our award-winning History Lab.
- Social and cultural experiences for members of all ages.

Ideally located in the heart of the Brandywine Valley, CCHS is a vital part of West Chester's vibrant historic district where we are moments away from many restaurants, shops and historic sites.

*"For the beginning genealogist, or the published historian, the Research Library at the Chester County Historical Society is the foremost place to start understanding your family, your community, your church, your neighbors and maybe even yourself."*

*Dan Lindley, frequent library user*

*"Our family has taken advantage of several different CCHS programs and exhibits and has enjoyed them each time. They make learning about our heritage fun and memorable!"*

*Ann Colby-Cumming – Parent*

*"There is no finer source for a glimpse into the lives of an ancestor than the library at CCHS. The enormous collection of carefully conserved and easily searched newspaper clippings are a wonderful resource for family historians and for anyone researching places, trades, events or organizations in the county. In addition, the library contains many unpublished manuscripts, family files, photographs and journals not found on the Internet."*

*Bill Parker – CCHS Trustee, Member and Chester County family descendant*

## CCHS Membership Benefits

- Free admission to the Museum, Library and Photo Archives
- Exclusive members-only programs, including behind-the-scenes tours
- Special advance invitations to exhibits and events
- 10% discount on purchases in the Museum Shop
- Discounts at participating local restaurants (current list available at CCHS)
- Discounts on exhibit openings, lectures, and educational programs
- Volunteer opportunities to support our programs and meet fellow members
- Guest passes to the museum/library
- A copy of the CCHS Annual Report



## Membership Levels

- \$45 Individual** (\$40 Senior 65+)
  - Basic member benefits and membership card for one adult
  - Two museum/library guest passes
- \$55 Family** (\$50 Senior 65+) (includes 2 adults)
  - Basic member benefits and cards for two adults
  - Four museum/library guest passes
  - Free admission for children/grandchildren under age 18
- \$125 Contributor** (includes 2 adults)
  - Basic member benefits and cards for two adults
  - Four museum/library guest passes
  - Free admission for children/grandchildren under age 18
  - Two complimentary passes for your choice of an exhibit opening or general admission to the annual CCHS Antiques Show
- \$250 Patron** (includes 2 adults)
  - Basic member benefits and cards for two adults
  - Six museum/library guest passes
  - Free admission for children/grandchildren under age 18
  - Four complimentary passes for your choice of an exhibit opening or general admission to the annual CCHS Antiques Show
- \$500 Benefactor** (includes 2 adults)
  - Basic member benefits and cards for two adults
  - Eight museum/library guest passes
  - Six complimentary passes for your choice of an exhibit opening or general admission to our annual Antiques Show
  - One year gift membership to an individual of your choice

*Corporate membership program information available upon request.*



**Yes!** I'd like to become a member of the Chester County Historical Society at the \_\_\_\_\_ level.

This is a  New Membership  Renewal

**Member Information (please print):**

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one) First M.I. Last

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one) First M.I. Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address (for CCHS use only) \_\_\_\_\_

**This membership is a gift from:**

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr. \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one) First M.I. Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address (for CCHS use only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information:**

Enclosed is my check, payable to CCHS  
 Visa  Master Card Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me information about:  
 Leaving CCHS a gift in my will  Volunteer opportunities  
 I wish to make a tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form along with your payment to:  
Membership  
Chester County Historical Society  
225 North High Street, West Chester, PA 19380  
*Thank you for your support of CCHS*

**Museum and Library**

**Admission**

CCHS Members	FREE
Adults	\$6.00
Seniors (65+)	\$5.00
Students/Children	\$3.50
Children (5 and under)	FREE

**Hours**

Wednesday through Saturday 10 am – 5 pm  
Closed Sunday through Tuesday and holidays

Free Parking on Saturday ■ Accessible to public transportation  
All CCHS facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities



**Chester County Archives**  
Admission to the County Archives is FREE  
Monday through Friday 9 am – 4 pm  
Closed County holidays and weekends  
601 Westtown Road, Suite 080 (see map)  
West Chester, PA 19380 ■ 610.344.6760  
www.chesco.org/archives  
Administered by CCHS in cooperation with the County of Chester.

For more information please contact:  
**CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
225 North High Street ■ West Chester, PA 19380-2691  
610.692.4800 Email: CCHS@ChesterCoHistorical.org  
For the calendar of events visit

**ChesterCoHistorical.org**



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Connect with the faces, places and events that have shaped our region and influenced a nation

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