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## **Newcomer House Porch Program May 12-13: Civil War Tintype Portrait Sessions**

**Keedysville, MD** – Celebrate Mother’s Day at the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area’s Newcomer House with a Civil War era tintype portrait session. As part of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area’s (HCWHA) 2018 Porch Program Series, John Milleker will demonstrate nineteenth century wet plate photography on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13 from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Milleker’s demonstration will reveal the process of Civil War-era photography from the posing of subjects through to the final plate production. Formal presentations will take place at 11:30 AM and 2:30 PM.

Attendees will be able to sit for real wet plate tintype portraits throughout the day. Sessions are 20 minutes long and the process to complete the plate takes approximately one hour. Those who purchase portraits will receive instructions on how to safely digitize their images to share online.

Volunteer docents will staff the Newcomer House from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM to share knowledge about the Newcomer House and offer assistance to visitors to the three-county Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

This is the third season of Porch Programs at the [Newcomer House](#), HCWHA’s Exhibit & Visitor Center at Antietam National Battlefield. Visitors of all ages are invited to interact with experts on a variety of Civil War topics, ranging from first aid to family history. Exact times and other details will be posted on the Heart of the Civil War calendar of events, [heartofthecivilwar.org/events](http://heartofthecivilwar.org/events).

The Newcomer House is located at 18422 Shepherdstown Pike in Keedysville, MD. The house is open weekends in April, May, October and November and daily June through September. For more information, contact Newcomer House Manager Rachel Nichols at [rachel@heartofthecivilwar.org](mailto:rachel@heartofthecivilwar.org) or (240) 308-1740.

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