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Newcomer House Porch Program June 23: Do You Have Hidden Treasures at Home?

Keedysville, MD –As part of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area’s (HCWHA) 2018 Porch Program Series, the public is encouraged to bring in heirlooms from the Civil War to the present day to discuss them with a professional. Matthew Chilton has over 20 years of experience collecting military antiques, firearms, and historical artifacts. He is the Director of Firearms and Militaria Auctions for Cordier Auctions & Appraisals and has a Master’s Degree in History from Hood College. Professional appraisals will not be given on the day of the program, but participants will gain more information about their objects.

This “Antiques Roadshow” type experience will take place at the Newcomer House from 11 AM to 4 PM on June 23. Visitors can bring in uniforms, medals/decorations, photographs, helmets, equipment, and other artifacts.

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.

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 or (240) 308-1740.

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