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Civil War Trust & Heart of the Civil War to host “Generations” program at Newcomer House

Keedysville, MD – The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWhA) will partner with Civil War Trust, a national battlefield preservation organization, to host a “Generations” program at the [Newcomer House](#) on June 18. The Trust’s “Generations” program aims to teach the next generation about the Civil War, an essential aspect of the American experience. This free event will take place over Father’s Day weekend and marks the third event in the new Porch Program series at Newcomer House.

The “Battle in Your Backyard” program will feature opportunities for hands-on learning for kids of all ages starting at 1:00 PM. Participants will be invited to explore the experience of civilians during the Civil War through building a fence, learning about 19th century agriculture, and interacting with living historians. At 3:00 PM, renowned Civil War historian Dennis Frye and his father, John, will lead a conversation about sharing a passion for history across generations.

John Clinton Frye has worked as the curator of the [Western Maryland Room](#) at the Washington County Free Library, a repository for books, maps and papers for family and historical research relating to Western Maryland, for nearly 50 years. He will be joined by his son Dennis, the Chief Historian of [Harpers Ferry National Historical Park](#), the author of 96 articles and nine books, a popular lecturer, and the founder of several historic preservation organizations.

There is no cost for this program, but participants are encouraged to come with someone from a different generation. Registration through [the Civil War Trust](#) is not required, but suggested.

The Newcomer House is located at 18422 Shepherdstown Pike in Keedysville, MD, approximately ½ mile east of Sharpsburg along Maryland Route 34 on the western edge of the Antietam Creek. The house will be open from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For more information, contact Newcomer House Manager Rachel Nichols at rbknichols@gmail.com or (240) 308-1740.

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