

RESIDENT CURATOR PROGRAM – ASH GROVE

April 21, 2018, 10am to 3pm, Open House

Event Summary

On Saturday, April 21st, from 10am to 3pm, the Resident Curator Program staff hosted its open house event for the historic Ash Grove property. Members of the Historic Sites Volunteer Corps (HSVC) were on site and spent the morning evaluating and documenting the conditions of the property's windows, and successfully freed many of them from paint which had sealed them shut. The Archaeology and Collections Branch provided a display of artifacts found on site, ranging from an early arrow head to pottery from the Sherman family, and staff was available to answer questions and talk about upcoming projects on the property.

The event saw a continuous flow of visitors throughout the day. These included attendees who came to learn more about the Resident Curator Program, guests interested in the curatorship of the Ash Grove property, and neighbors who were curious about the house.

The Resident Curator Program's stakeholder list saw the addition of about thirty new contacts, as visitors were encouraged to sign up to stay informed on program and property updates. This represents the lower estimate for total attendance since many families and couples visited throughout the day, with only one member signing the stakeholders list. The HSVC recruited three new members interested in volunteering for projects at the County's historic sites. Recurring inquiries from attendees included the history of the site, the rehabilitation work required at Ash Grove, the potential uses of the property, the financial aspects of the program, the requirements of curatorship, and the application review process.

Applications for curatorship for the Ash Grove property are being accepted now through July 25, 2018.