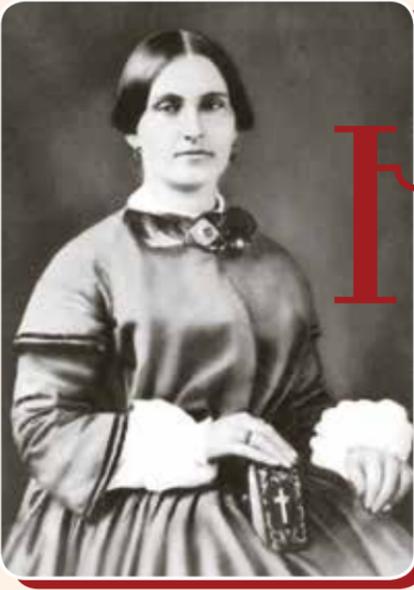




Sarrott House  
*Museum*

ONE OF HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



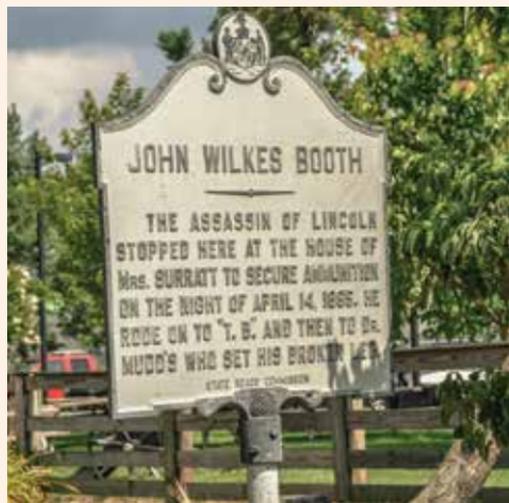
*Mary Surratt*

**H**istoric Surratt House has national significance due to its role in the dramatic events surrounding the Lincoln assassination conspiracy. Built for the Surratt family in 1852, the house served not only as their home, but as a tavern, public dining

room, and hotel for traveling gentlemen. Outside, the house was the focal point of a 300-acre plantation. A livery stable and nearby blacksmith shop serviced travelers; and in 1854, a post office was added to the tavern, serving the new area of “Surrattsville” with Mr. Surratt serving as postmaster until his death in 1862. The tavern was also the official polling place for the Ninth Election District, created in 1854.

In the fall of 1864, tragedy began to hit the Surratts. Faced with financial difficulties, Mary Surratt rented her country home and moved to 541 H Street in Washington. Here she opened a boardinghouse. Her oldest son was in the Confederate Army, and her youngest had become a Confederate courier. He was recruited by John Wilkes Booth into a plot to kidnap President Lincoln. Various conspirators, including Booth, frequented the boardinghouse; and weapons and supplies were stored at the Surrattsville home.

When the kidnap plot failed, Booth turned to assassination, stopping at Surratt House to retrieve the weapons and supplies. In the ensuing



federal dragnet, Mary Surratt was arrested, tried, and convicted as a conspirator. While her son fled the country, she was sent to the gallows. Her guilt or innocence continues to be hotly debated. A visit to Surratt House in present-day Clinton, Maryland, relives this tragic history.

**Waiting to guide you through historic Surratt House** will be docents in authentic dress of the 1860s. These guides are members of The Surratt Society, a volunteer affiliate of the museum with worldwide membership. The Society presents a wide range of unique special events and exhibits, portraying the cultural history of the mid-19th century.

*For further information on tours and special events, or to become a member of The Surratt Society, please call 301-868-1121.*

*The Surratt Society offers bus tours over the John Wilkes Booth escape route in April and September each year. Reservations are required.*



# Surratt House Museum

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January – December 2020

## The Full Story: Maryland, The Surratts, and the Crime of the Century— *An Exhibition*

JANUARY 15–DECEMBER 13

WEDNESDAYS–FRIDAYS, 11 AM–3 PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 12 NOON–4 PM



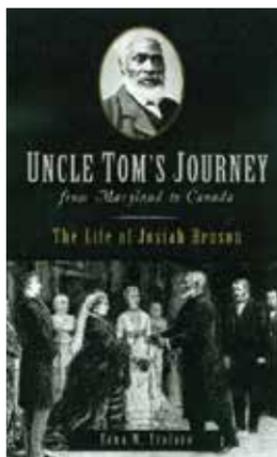
Guided tours through historic Surratt House are summarized at the end with an exhibit reflecting the role of Maryland in the American Civil War, the choices made by the Surratt family, and the after-effects on the family and

the nation. *Regular tour admission price. No reservations required.*

## The Road to Freedom: From Maryland Slavery to Queen Victoria's Court

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 4 PM

Author Edna Troiano, PhD, follows the life of Josiah Henson from his birth into slavery in Charles County, Maryland, to his flight to freedom in Canada. From his rescuing and aiding over 100 others along the Underground Railroad, culminating with his interview with Harriet Beecher Stowe, and his invitation to meet the Queen of England. Henson is believed to have been Mrs. Stowe's inspiration for *Uncle Tom's Cabin* after she read his memoir. *Free, arrive early, limited seating*



## Black History on Wheels

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 8:30 AM–5:30 PM



Join us as we travel to neighboring Montgomery County to visit sites related to slavery and freedom—from the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and the Boyds Negro School (ca. 1890) with lunch at Bassett's Restaurant in Poolesville. \$\$ by advanced registration only. Limited seating

## Anna Ella Carroll: Fact or Fiction?

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 4 PM

Miss Carroll was a controversial Maryland female of the mid-1800s, said to have participated in politics, writing pamphlets, and lobbying on various issues. Some historians believe she was an adviser to President Lincoln and General Grant on military strategy. Presenter Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin of the Maryland Museum of Women's History separates fact from fiction with this interesting figure of the 19th century. *Free; arrive early; limited seating.*



## 21st Annual Symposium Lincoln Assassination Studies: Snapshots from The Big Picture

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 3-5



John Wilkes Booth

From a yellow fever conspiracy, a post-assassination history of Ford's Theatre, to the 1995 court case to exhume the body of John Wilkes Booth, current researchers and authors will discuss the side stories of the Lincoln assassination that help to put the puzzle

pieces together. This weekend conference includes off-site bus tours, and Authors' Hour, and a dinner program. *Registration*

*and payment required in advance. Cost \$200/person-bus tours priced separately. Special hotel rates.*

## John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tours

SATURDAYS, APRIL 11, 18 & 25, 7 AM–7 PM

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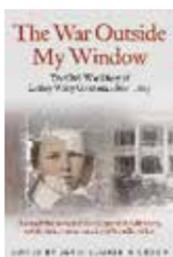
Follow the trail of President Lincoln's assassin from Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. to his death near Port Royal, Virginia. Relax and enjoy the history and scenery on this 12-hour, fully narrated bus tour. *Reservation and payment required in advance. Cost: \$85/person*



## The War Outside My Window

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 4 PM

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LeRoy Wiley Gresham of Georgia was just 12 years old when the Civil War began to tear his world apart. An invalid, the boy maintained a diary throughout the war, capturing the conflicts and the changes to his society. Historian Janet Croon reflects on LeRoy's writings that comprise one of the outstanding collections in the Library of Congress. *Free; arrive early; limited seating.*

## Movie Night: *The Conspirator*

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 4 PM

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In 2010, The American Film Company released their first historical film, *The Conspirator*, based on the story of Mary Surratt and the Lincoln assassination conspiracy, and directed by Robert Redford.

Surratt House Museum had assisted the playwright, James D. Solomon, in his research. Now in its tenth year, the movie will be presented to the public with a special showing at the museum. *Free; arrive early; limited seating.*



## Enjoy Our Bounty

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 10 AM–2 PM

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Enjoy our vendors' market as we celebrate and support the work of local farmers and gardeners. Learn from experts on herbs, flowers, and vegetable gardens. Purchase fresh produce and meats, plants, honey, soaps, and more with a free tour of historic Surratt House Museum.

## John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tours

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 5, 12 & 19, 7 AM–7 PM

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## The Sweet Taste of History

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 4 PM

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Food historian, Susan Benjamin unwraps the story of how America's favorite treat went from medicinal roots, barks, and berries to mass-produced candies—while shaping the sugar cane industry and the institution of slavery. Presentation includes samples and sales. *FREE; arrive early; seating is limited to the first 50 to arrive.*

## Thanksgiving: From 1621 to the Present



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 4 PM

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Food historian, Joyce White, explores the political, social, economic, and cultural traditions that have made Thanksgiving an American holiday. The day has transformed itself from the celebration of Harvest Home as it was called in 1621 by the settlers at Plimoth Plantation. The presentation includes a variety of tasting samples of Thanksgiving foods from across the centuries. *Free; seating limited to 50 people.*

## The Charm of a Victorian Christmas

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25–SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

WEDNESDAYS–FRIDAYS, 11 AM–3 PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 12 NOON–4 PM

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Forget the crowds and the sales, step back 150 years to enjoy the tour of our 1852 country home with displays of festive greens, antique toys and greeting cards, and stories of our treasured traditions. Peek into the museum's gift shop and take advantage of holiday discounts. *Regular tour admission*



# Surratt House Museum

9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735

**Directions:** From the Capital Beltway (I-95) take Exit 7A, Branch Avenue/Route 5 South. Follow Branch Avenue 3.5 miles and bear right onto Woodyard Road (Route 223). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right and go one mile to the second traffic light. Turn left onto Brandywine Road. Surratt House will be immediately on your left. Follow the fence line to the visitors' center parking lot. Tours begin inside the visitors' center.

## Walk-in Tours Available with Costumed Guides January 15–December 13, 2020

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 11 am – 3 pm\*

Saturdays & Sundays, 12 noon – 4 pm\*

\* Curriculum-based school tours and programs available by appointment.

## Admission Fees

Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Children (ages 5–18) \$2,

Under age 5 Free

Special rates for school programs on- and off-site

Gift Shop open during tour hours.

James O. Hall Research Center available by appointment, 301-868-6185

## Information

301-868-1121; TTY 301-699-2544

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