

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM VICARY HOUSE

**LOCATION:** 1235 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Freedom, PA 15042

**HOURS:** Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; closed Saturday and Sunday. Please use 4th Avenue entrance.

\*For updated information concerning hours of operation or changes to their calendar of events or programs, please check the website and/or call before your visit.

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**ADMISSION:** Complimentary-up to two (2) adults and six (6) children under the age of eighteen per visit and per one lending time period (which will be approximately one week and per each library's procedures).

**DESCRIPTION:** The Beaver County Historical Research & Landmarks Foundation, located in the 1826 Captain William Vicary Mansion, is recognized as Beaver County's official Historical Society. The Foundation exists to research, collect and archive local history and artifacts, recognize Beaver County landmarks and educate the local and national audience via instructional programs, reference materials, publications, referrals, and special events.

The Vicary House was built overlooking the Ohio River in 1829 by Captain William Vicary, a retired Philadelphia merchant sea captain and land speculator. Over the years additional changes were made to the buildings and grounds; several unique adaptations allow visitors to observe early 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture in the house. It is now owned by Beaver County and is occupied by the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation. In 1974 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, noted for its architectural significance.

The Vicary House is a very busy place, offering many educational, informative, and entertaining programs. Several major events are held there during the year, including the Apple Butter Fest, Hauntings and Ghost Tales, Celebrate America, Spring Tea, Beaver County History Weekend, and Christmas Open House. On Vicary Day a series of authentically historic classes are offered to teach the crafts of the past, such as weaving, spinning, lacemaking, quilting, woodcutting, and gardening.

A wide selection of archival materials and historic objects are housed at the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation in the Vicary House, including diaries, letters, newspapers, photographs, textiles, and records from over 50 boroughs and townships of Beaver County.

A variety of programs and speakers are offered; prior to your visit, please check their website for updated information on their ever-changing calendar of events and programs.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center, the Vicary House is a beehive of activity! Check out their website for what they are developing next!