

## ***Association of Personal Historians***

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### **Personal Historians Worldwide to Descend on Nation's Capital**

Washington, DC - Worldwide members of the Association of Personal Historians' (APH) will gather inside the Capital Beltway for their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Bethesda, Maryland, November 8-12, 2013, for *Capital Reflections*. APH Conference Program Chair Ronda Barrett is planning a stimulating and educational program for experienced and beginning personal historians. The APH annual conference is a magnet for members wanting to explore ways to enhance their businesses of documenting personal and family histories.

The choice of our nation's capital for the 2013 conference will allow attendees to experience the vast array of institutions dedicated to preserving history. The Newseum will be of great interest to many APH members who are former journalists; National Archives, Library of Congress, National History Museum, Holocaust Museum, our nation's Capitol and the monuments are just a few of the places that invite personal historians to connect to the present.

Recent results from the 2010 Census reveal that the U.S. population 65 and older is now the largest in terms of size and percent of the population, compared to any previous census. This elder population grew at a faster rate than the total population between 2000 and 2010. The longevity of this age group has also increased. This has created a sense of urgency to document personal and family histories for our future generations before it's too late.

Founded in 1995, the Association of Personal Historians has 625 members representing eleven countries, including the U.S. For more information about the organization and their 2013 conference, please visit <http://www.personalhistorians.org>.

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