

CRIME OF THE CENTURY

Headlines from History explores the Lindbergh baby case of 1932

Wheaton, Ill., September 19, 2022 — Cantigny Park continues its Headlines from History series with “Crime of the Century,” a program by Lacey Fontaine from the Charles Lindbergh House and Museum. She will discuss the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., the infant son of the famous aviator—perhaps the most notorious crime case of the 20th century.

The free program on **Thursday, September 29, at 7 pm** will be in person at the Cantigny Park Visitors Center (parking \$5) and online via Zoom. Those needing a Zoom link must register in advance at [Cantigny.org](https://www.cantigny.org).

On March 1, 1932, Charlie Jr. went missing from his crib at the Lindbergh home in Hopewell, New Jersey. Despite intense negotiation with the kidnapper, the child was never returned to his parents, and was found dead on May 12. The FBI arrested a suspect in September 1933, prompting the “Trial of the Century” in early 1935.

Today there remains a public fascination with the case that led to multiple books, movies, documentaries, and a wide spectrum of conspiracy theories. Fontaine will present research conducted at the Charles Lindbergh House and Museum, and its conclusions based on the study of both secondary and primary sources connected to the case.

Lacey Fontaine joined the Minnesota Historical Society in 2021 at the Charles Lindbergh House and Museum as a program assistant. She is a graduate student at St. Cloud State University where she studies the historiography of white supremacist movements and how they impact the United States today.



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About Cantigny Park

Cantigny Park, part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955), long-time editor and publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*. It is home to the McCormick House, First Division Museum, display gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitors Center with retail shop, banquet, and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](https://www.cantigny.org). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](https://www.CantignyGolf.com).

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