



# Peoria Historical Society



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The Peoria Historical Society collects, preserves and displays items relating to our history; encourages and supports historical research and education; and promotes and sustains public interest in the history and contributions of our people and organizations.

## PEORIA HISTORY TOURS 2017 Monuments & Landmarks Tour—*new!*

Have you ever wondered about the story behind our city's stunning statues? Chances are you've driven by countless times but never stopped to think about it. You'll leave this tour with a newfound sense of pride in the sculptures and structures in both downtown and the north side of Peoria that make our town extraordinary.

## Roll Out the Barrel Tour

Peoria once featured a riverfront lined with breweries and distilleries, and thus came to be known as the Whiskey Capital of the World.

## Naughty to Nice Tour

This tour traces triumphs through time from the 1920s to the present.

## River City Tour

The Native Americans, the French, the Whiskey and Earthmoving Capital of the World and the grand mansions... the River City Tour has it all.

## Haunted Peoria Tour

Explore the darker side of Peoria! Discover the stories behind the ghostly appearances that have startled and puzzled Peorians through the years.

## Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery Tour

While winding along Grandview Drive, view the homes of past and present prosperous merchants, landowners and businessmen.

## Abraham Lincoln & the Civil War Tour

Learn about Lincoln's many visits to Peoria and the Civil War troops who trained here, and see the final resting place for many brave veterans in Springdale Cemetery.

## Upcoming Events

### Peoria History Tours

June-October 2017, Fridays & Saturdays  
[peoiahistorymuseum.org](http://peoiahistorymuseum.org)  
(309) 686-7000

### Heritage Home Tours

December 2-3, 2017  
Pettengill Morrion House/Flanagan House

### De Tonti Celebration & Fundraiser

September 7, 2017  
Hotel Pere Marquette

## Mission

To preserve, share and celebrate the stories of the Peoria area.

## Vision

To be the community resource and advocate for historical preservation and research on the Peoria area, its organizations and its people.

## How to Help

Consider becoming a member of Peoria Historical Society by visiting us online or calling our office. We are always looking for volunteers to help with maintenance and tours of our historic homes, historic bus tour guides, artifact research and event planning.

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