



# Peoria Historical Society



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.

## Monuments & Landmarks Tour

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.

## How to Help

Join something you are already a part of: the Peoria Historical Society! Visit us online and become a member at [peoriahistoricalsociety.org](http://peoriahistoricalsociety.org). 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.

Tour the Pettengill-Morrison House or the Judge John C Flanagan House every first Sunday from 1 to 4pm. The Pettengill-Morrison House is also open Thursdays 10am to 2pm. Schedule a private tour by calling the office at (309) 674-1921.

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## 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 organization and its people.

## Signature Events

### deTonti Celebration and Dinner

September 6, 2018  
Bradley Alumni Center

### History Tours

June – October 2018  
Fridays and Saturdays

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