



TIMELINE 2015

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“to preserve, share and celebrate the stories of the Peoria area”



Where will you go to view the fireworks?

Flanagan's Big Back Yard is once again THE place-to-be on July 4th for relaxing family-friendly fun and PRIME fireworks viewing. Arrive early with your lawn chairs or blanket to stake your claim. The gate opens at 6:00 p.m. Bring along a picnic basket and games if you'd like. We offer fresh-popped popcorn, name brand can soda & lemonade, bottled water, children's novelties - each just \$1.00!

Live entertainment by Babyqueen Hoop Entertainment LED Light Show before the fireworks begin. Extra hula hoops will be available for kids and adults to try their hand at hooping. During the fireworks we broadcast 93.3 The Drive synchronized to the display. Street parking on Glen Oak

In 2014, this friendly group gathered on the back lawn at Flanagan House for a good view of the riverfront fireworks.

Ave, handicapped parking and drop-off in driveway. Portapotties available. Adults (16 and over) \$5.00, kids (age 5 - 15) \$3.00, tots 4 & under are free. House tours are half price - \$5.00 until 8:30 p.m. Celebrate the 4th at Flanagan!

PHS and CLIF announce collaborative partnership

The Peoria Historical Society (PHS) and the Central Illinois Landmarks Foundation (CILF) are pleased to announce they signed an *Employee Leasing Agreement* on May 20, 2015.

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3rd Annual Spirit of Peoria Cruise

Please join us aboard the Spirit of Peoria on Thursday, August 13th for the 3rd Quarterly Membership meeting. This year's theme for the cruise is *Americana Rhythms on the River* with a special concert by Switchback. Tickets are \$35.00 which includes a buffet dinner, 2-hour cruise and a concert. Tickets are available at Kelleher's, Harp & Thistle, or by calling the PHS office at 674-1921. Reserve your tickets early!



“History, by apprising the people of the past, will enable them to judge of the future; it will avail them of the experience of other times and other nations; it will qualify them as judges of the actions and designs of men.”

Thomas Jefferson, 1782.

From The President

For my first letter as PHS president, I spent a considerable amount of time thinking about what I wanted to convey to you, the members. As I stated at the Annual Meeting, it truly is an honor and a privilege to be a part of this organization. This will be my sixth year on the board, and I am still humbled by the amazing amount of talent and knowledge we have in our membership, trustees, volunteers, and staff. I would also like to personally thank each trustee and officer for their willingness to serve. We could not fulfill our mission without your commitment to the organization.

Our members also deserve special recognition for the financial support they provide to the PHS. Every single donation – large or small – enables us to sustain the organization. Short-term support – membership dues, the Annual Fund drive, event tickets purchased, and event sponsorships – along with long-term support of the Endowment through bequests to the Charles Ballance Bequest Society – will allow us to continue as an organization for future generations. Additionally, we are blessed with a professional and committed staff -- the frontline of the organization and often the first contact the public has with the Society. Thank you, Walter, Bob and Judy, for all of your hard work and dedication. At the end of the day, however, there is really one group of people that deserve special thanks -- the volunteers of the PHS.

There is no question that without our volunteers -- and the countless hours they devote to the organization each year -- the PHS would not be able to survive. We have individuals who are gifted at research and writing, and they contribute to our newsletter, trolley scripts, or other special programs we have each year. Trolley guides share Peoria's stories with a larger audience. Some volunteers bring special design or photography skills to the organization, and they make sure our website, social media and marketing materials look fantastic. Other volunteers share their expertise in historical restoration, which enables us to maintain and preserve our museum homes for future generations. (continued on next page)

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Special Collections Center

Bradley University Library
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Office Hours: 9 a.m.- 4:30p.m.
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John C. Flanagan House Museum

942 NE Glen Oak Avenue
Peoria, IL 61603
Phone: 309.674.1921

Pettengill-Morrison House Museum

1212 W. Moss Avenue
Peoria, IL 61606
Phone: 309.674.1921

Tours by appointment.
Cost: Adults \$10, Children 12 and under \$3.
\$20 minimum for tours



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From The President (continued from previous page)

Some work tirelessly behind the scenes, helping with mailings, data entry, or answering the phone. Some people volunteer for special events – the Holiday Home Tour, 4th of July, or the Moss Avenue Sale, while others are a steady presence, working daily on the many projects and events scheduled throughout the year. This year's **Volunteer of the Year Award** recognized two individuals for their outstanding commitment: **Kathy Dallinger**, chair of the Pettengill-Morrison Museum Home, and **Linda Herron**, chair of the John C. Flanagan Museum Home. Both Kathy and Linda have contributed thousands of hours to the organization and have been outstanding leaders throughout the years. Both museum home chairs organized countless events at the homes, including weddings, tea parties, tours, and special holiday events, as well as oversee many volunteers who assist with renovations, cleaning, decorating, collection preservation and display. Kathy and Linda have many special skills, including their organizational abilities, creativity, professionalism, historical knowledge and attention to detail. Most importantly, they are devoted to the organization and have been exemplary stewards of the two crown jewels of the organization -- our museum homes. We are so proud of the ways in which Kathy and Linda have raised public awareness of both homes and have enabled the Peoria Historical Society to meet its mission; *to preserve, share and celebrate the stories of the Peoria area*. Thank you, Kathy and Linda, for your continued service to the organization and to the community! I look forward to serving all of you in the coming year.



Deborah Dougherty



A Brief History of the Illinois 77th Vol. Regiment

by Mark L. Johnson

As the Historical Society continues a focus during 2015 on the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, the Timeline is presenting a four-part condensed history of the Illinois 77th Volunteer Infantry Regiment which was comprised of volunteers primarily from Peoria County.

Part Two –Search for the Gol-darn Rebs

After two months of training at Camp Lyons in Peoria, on October 4th, 1862 the commander of the Illinois 77th Infantry Regiment, Colonel David P. Grier received orders that the Regiment was to transport by train to Cincinnati. These orders for the Illinois 77th to head east came only two week following the Battle of Antietam, the first major battle in the Civil War to take place on Union soil.

While Antietam is considered a strategic Union victory as General

Faces of the 77th (l to r): Charles H. Arms, Francis Ward Griswold, Silas Norris, and John Scoon

Lee withdrew his forces from Union Territory after the battle, it was the bloodiest single day battle in American history with a combined tally of dead, wounded, and missing at 22,717. The Army of the Potomac under General George McClellan suffered casualties of 12,401 including 2,108 killed directly in the battle.

So the young volunteer soldiers from Peoria County were initially headed east. After arriving in Cincinnati on October 6, the regiment departed from the train, crossed the Ohio River and camped at Covington, Kentucky. Kentucky was one of the pivotal border states. While it had not succeeded and joined the Confederacy, there was a great deal of support for the rebellion. For the next month the men of the 77th would march just over 100 miles, directly south into the heart of Kentucky, finally arriving at Richmond, Kentucky on November 2nd.

The regiment camped in large tents which could accommodate 12 to 15

men per tent. One of the primary objectives of the men in camp was finding a sufficient quantity of straw or hay which would provide a mattress for their bedrolls. It was during this first march south through the Kentucky countryside that the men from Peoria learned the fine art of foraging to supply their needs. Many a farmer discovered a stack of straw had disappeared from his field when the military was camped nearby.

The Illinois 77th march south may well have been a part of the Stones River Campaign, in which the Union forces were intent on seizing control of the vital railroads which ran through middle Tennessee including the strategic crossroads at Nashville and Knoxville. After camping at Richmond, Kentucky for a week however, the Union military commanders apparently changed orders for the Illinois 77th as they begin a march back west toward Louisville. Arriving at Portland, Kentucky, below the rapids on the Ohio River, the regiment loaded on two steamboat troop transports, the Starlight and the Ben South.

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Faces of the 77th (l to r): John Stoner, Lemon H. Wiley, William M. Wright, and unidentified soldier.

Little did the regiment from Peoria realize at the time that they were headed for what was to become the most famous battle on the Mississippi River that would cement the reputation of a Union General from their home state and catapult Ulysses S. Grant to the position of Commander of the entire Union Army.

Rebel guerillas and bushwhackers along the shore caused much trouble as they attempted to shoot the pilots of the river craft. The boats made stops at Evansville, Indiana and Cairo, Illinois and the regiment finally disembarked on November 25, 1862 at Memphis, Tennessee. Here the regiment camped for almost a month. While in camp, measles broke out among the regiment and several of the men in the regiment passed away from the disease. Finally, on the 21st of December, the regiment boarded river craft again and proceeded south down the Mississippi River in a fleet of 75 to 80 gunboats and troop transports headed to Vicksburg.

On Christmas Eve, the Union fleet tied up for the night at Milliken's Bend, Mississippi. On Christmas Day, there was no celebration as the regiment was ordered to march some 12 to 15 miles from the river to tear up a railroad line. On the 27th of December, the regiment proceeded up the Yazoo River. The following day the regiment received their first full battle experience as they were engaged in what became known as the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou. A total of thirty thousand Union troops under the command of General William T. Sherman attacked the Vicksburg defenses from the northeast of the city. The 77th Illinois Regiment was at the front of the lines during this engagement, so close to the rebel lines that they would talk back and forth with the "Johnnies" during the evenings. The Confederate defenders successfully repulsed the attacks. After three days, and 1,176 casual

ties, General Sherman withdrew his forces. This Confederate victory frustrated General Grant's attempts to take Vicksburg by a direct approach.

The regiment from Peoria retreated with General Sherman's forces along the Yazoo River back to the Mississippi River where they boarded boats and moved back upriver to Milliken's Bend. They had now experienced armed conflict which so many of them had eagerly anticipated. But they had yet to experience a victory on the field of battle. With the beginning of a new year, command of the Illinois 77th Regiment was transferred from General Sherman to General John H. A. McClernard. McClernard would soon lead the men from Peoria to victory, but in Arkansas of all places.

Next Edition of the Timeline – **Part 3 – Victory at Vicksburg and on to New Orleans**



Flanagan House Volunteers work hard to keep the site beautiful

Flanagan Garden Update

Members of Countryside Garden Club, Peoria Garden Club and Society volunteers Lynn Furness, John and Bernice Haverhals and Flanagan House Museum chair Linda Herron refreshed the Flanagan perennial flower beds with many new plants donated from their home gardens. Stop by and check out the beautiful back yard this Summer! And don't forget - reasonably priced outdoor wedding and special event rentals are available!

51st Rennick Juried Art Show

The Peoria Historical Society in collaboration with the Peoria Public Library held the 51st Rennick Juried Art Show from May 2nd - May 28, 2015. A special thanks to Margie Schwebel for chairing the event and Pixie Jacquin for serving as judge. Awards were presented at an artist's reception on Saturday, May 16th. Entries must depict a Central Illinois theme from within a 100-mile radius of the Tri-County area. Recipients were recognized for a variety of mediums,

including painting, photography and sculpture. Winners included Mary Hildebrand (Best of Show, Oil), William Hardin (1st Place, Oil), Brock Herrmann (2nd Place, Aluminum & Paper Sculpture), Natalie Jackson O'Neal (3rd Place, Digital Photography). Honorable Mentions were awarded to Rose Sullivan, Emily Knapp, Judith Koren Shanahan, Sherri Burritt, Susan Carson, Connie Andrews, P.K. Bhosale, Jean Fehl, Margie Schwebel, and Greg Larke.



Left to right: Brock Herrmann, Natalie Jackson O'Neal, Stan Hildebrand, Marjorie Schwebel

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History Quiz

The History Quiz in this edition of the Timeline focuses on some trivia associated with Illinois during the time of the Civil War.

True or False

1. "Mud sills" was a derogatory term referring to people who lived in log cabins.
2. "Copperheads" were northern Democrats who opposed the war policy of President Lincoln and favored a negotiated peace.
3. The Union soldiers always looked forward to marching on a "macadamized" road.
4. At the time of the Civil War, Illinois was often referred to as the "Sucker State."
5. "Needle books" were also known as "housewives" by the soldiers who looked forward to receiving them through the mail.

See answers on page 8.

PHS receives grant from National DAR Society

The PHS Board of Trustees was informed in late April that the organization has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The funds are to be used on the installation of an air conditioning system in the Judge John Flanagan House. The house serves as the headquarters for the Peoria chapter of the DAR. This grant provides the final funding for the project which has been an objective of the Historical Society for many years. The DAR grant funding period is from July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016. Funds will be received after the project is 50% completed and then again when the project is 100% completed.

Special thanks and appreciation for this grant are due to Marianne Moll, former PHS Board Trustee and DAR member who prepared the DAR grant application and Susan Bock, PHS Board Trustee and past regent of the local DAR chapter who wrote the grant application cover letter. Without their dedicated efforts and extra attention to this opportunity from the National DAR Special Projects Grants Committee, this grant would not have occurred.

The installation of an air conditioning system in the Judge Flanagan House has been a treasured dream for Historical Society members for many years. The project was the focus of the Society's Capital Campaign in 2014 which raised a total of just over \$11,000, thanks in large

part to a significant gift from Andrew and Mary Muir. Another \$5,000 for the project was received from Bruce Brown and Lisa Mancuso, owners of Papparazzi Restaurant in Peoria Heights, in April 2015, as the result of a fund-raising event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Wayne Baum graciously hosted the reception preceding the dinner. As a result of the generosity of many individuals, the funds available for the project are now almost \$28,000.

John Haverhals, Historic House Chairperson, has contacted A/C system contractors who submitted bids for the project in 2014 to review their bids. A proposal was approved by the Board of Trustees and work will be completed in the second half of this year.

Henri de Tonti Celebration Speaker Announced

The 2015 PHS Henri de Tonti Award for Outstanding Principled Community Leadership will be presented to the Junior League of Peoria during a Celebration Ceremony on Saturday, September 26 in the ballroom of the Peoria Civic Center. Mark Johnson, Chairman of the de Tonti Celebration Ceremony Committee has announced to the Board of Trustees that Carol Scott, President-Elect of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. will be the featured speaker. Ms. Scott is an active member of the Junior League of Pasadena, California. She has previously served on the AJLI Board, Executive Committee and Equity Task Force. She has a histo-

ry of motivating and leading organizations to accomplish goals. Professionally, she is a consultant and trainer to nonprofit organizations. She is the past President/CEO of The Children's Museum of the Upstate South Carolina and Kidspace Children's Museum in Pasadena.

"We are very pleased that Ms. Scott has accepted our invitation to speak at the de Tonti Celebration Ceremony," explained Johnson. "It is an honor for the Junior League of Peoria that an official of their national organization will join with the Historical Society to present them with the Henri de Tonti Award at the Celebration Ceremony."

This is the fourth Henri de Tonti award that PHS has presented. Former recipients include Caterpillar Inc., Illinois State Senator Dave Koehler and former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood. Johnson stated, "The history of the Junior League of Peoria in providing training in community leadership for its members has benefited many, many organizations throughout the Peoria area. The League certainly has established a legacy that meets the criteria of the de Tonti Award for Community Leadership.

PHS members who would be interested in assisting the de Tonti Celebration Ceremony Committee should contact Johnson at 264-3156 or Walter Ruppman at the PHS office. The event is the largest fundraising event of the year for the Historical Society. Tickets are \$150 for an individual or \$1,500 to sponsor a table of ten. Reservations may be made by calling the PHS office or on-line at the PHS website by Sept. 18.



Trolley Guides Gather

Front row: Myra Ummel, Marilyn Leyland, John Leyland, Diane Vespa, Judy Maurice Second row: Tom Krupa, Suzie Adcock, Maggie Steenrod, Lisa Bisbee, Connie Tomczyk, Bernie Drake. Back row: Beth Johnson, Pat Kellogg, Joan Welton. Not pictured: Duffy Nieukirk, Linda Aylward

History Trolleys Run Thurs-Sat. Now Thru Oct.

This year marks the 20th season for the trolley tours. Gloria LaHood, Millie Bryant, and Norma Mall were instrumental in writing and giving the early tours. This year's schedule features six tours, four of which are given each month from June to October. Tours leave from Harp & Thistle in Peoria Heights on Thursdays and Fridays at 11:00 am and from Kelleher's on Saturdays at both 11:00 am and 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for the one and a half hour tour packed with fascinating facts and historical sights. Those under the age of 65 also pay \$1 to the trolley driver. To learn the schedule, call the PHS office at 674-1921 or check the PHS website:

www.PeoriaHistoricalSociety.org.
To register for a tour, call Harp &

Thistle 688-5668 or Kelleher's at 673-6000. The Peoria Heights Chamber of Commerce has put together a wonderful sheet of discounts from Heights Merchants that can be redeemed with a trolley ticket—an added bonus this year.

This year we are lucky to have many excellent “seasoned” guides as well as several enthusiastic newcomers! Guides will once again meet up for Lunch and Learn outings. This year's outings include a tour of the Peoria Waterworks, a walking tour of Springdale, a tour of the Easton Mansion/Converse Marketing and dessert at the home of Marjorie Schwebel. If you haven't tried a trolley tour yet, get on board and ride with us! You will be glad you did!

Quiz Answers

1. True > “Mud sills” were considered the lowest stratum of society in the northern states.

2. True > “Copperheads” were also called “Peace Democrats.” The best known of their leaders was U.S. Representative Clement L. Vallandigham of Ohio, who was banished to the Confederacy.
3. False > A “macadamized road was paved with layers of small stones. Marching on these roads was very tiring and resulted in sore feet for the soldiers.
4. True > While the origin of this nickname is uncertain, it appears to be attributable to the lack of water on the prairie. Those traveling across the state would “suck” the fresh rain water that collected in small holes on the prairie.
5. True > “Needle books contained needles, thread, cloth patches, buttons and a thimble that the troops could use to mend their uniforms.



1917 Duryea GEM donated by L. Scott Bailey

The Duryea GEM, Now a PHS Treasure

While many locals are familiar with the 1898 Peoria Duryea Trap now located at the Peoria Riverfront Museum, many are unaware of Charles Duryea's swansong, the circa 1917 Duryea GEM. Over his career, Charles' efforts and pursuit of adequate funding had led him to Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois, and Pennsylvania, but it was in Philadelphia in 1916 where his last attempt to produce a light, economical automobile was made.

Reflecting his earlier three wheel configuration of the Peoria Trap, Charles' GEM was a cross between a car and a motorcycle. It was very lightweight, at around 600 lbs, and had a wooden frame and very thin sheet metal body. An air cooled two-cylinder engine was mounted in the rear with an unorthodox drive mechanism. Duryea called the transmission of power to the rear wheels a "roller drive", in that friction wheels pressed against the rims of the wheels, eliminating gears or belts. Unfortunately, the system was neither efficient nor practical, and only a few cars were actually built.

In 1991, following the successful completion of fundraising efforts to acquire the 1898 Peoria Duryea Trap, an unrestored GEM was donated to the "Bring Home the Duryea" organization by L. Scott Bailey, founder of Automobile Quarterly Magazine. The GEM was later restored to running condition by volunteers at Wheels O' Time Museum, where it is now on display and under the ownership of the Peoria Historical Society.

The Duryea GEM and many other Peoria Historical Society artifacts may be seen at Wheels O' Time, Wednesday thru Sunday, from May until the end of October.

Partnership

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The agreement is effective for one year and reflects a 2015 objective of the PHS to build collaborative partnerships in the community.

Under the agreement, the PHS shall make available to the CILF the services of its Executive Director, Mr. Walter Ruppman, as CILF Executive Director. While

both organizations share an interest in historic preservation, they will remain separate organizations with their own missions, boards, finances, and membership. The executive director of CILF will provide broad leadership services to the successful execution of their mission.

Mr. Ruppman, a resident of Washington, Illinois for 40 years, serves as the chair of community outreach on the Washington Historical Society board and is a member of the City of Washington Historic Preservation Commission and the Illinois State Historical Society Associate Board. He has been the executive director of the PHS for over five years and is looking forward to providing the CILF with his administrative expertise and extensive knowledge of historic preservation.

PHS Recognizes Barbara Meyn, Centenarians

The Peoria Historical Society recognized the 2014-2015 award recipients at its annual meeting on Thursday, May 7th at the Peoria Riverfront Museum.

Honorees included Barbara Meyn who received the Guardian Award for her commitment to the preservation of local history and long-term support of the Peoria Historical Society and the Pettengill-Morrison House Museum. The 2014 Historic Preservation Award was given to the Flat Iron Building at 734 Main Street.



The building – also known as the Kickapoo/Anheuser-Busch building – is the only flat-iron structure in Central Illinois. It was constructed 103 years ago for the brewery, Anheuser-Busch, which operated a tavern at the location. Renovation of the building has been underway, and it now houses Margie's Cleaners, thirty-thirty coffee co., and a number of apartments on the upper floor. The fol-

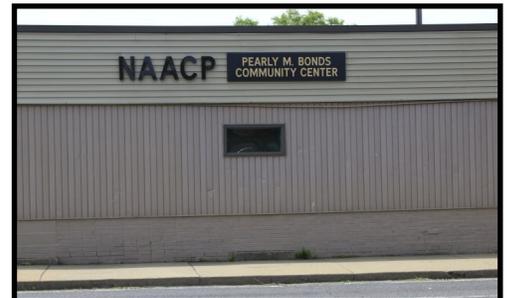
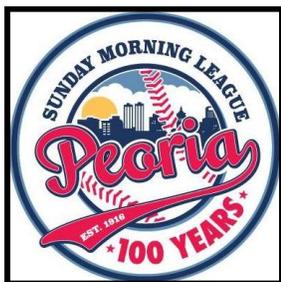
lowing organizations and companies were also recognized with the Historical Society's Centenarian Award for achieving 100 continuous years of operation: Filger Public Library (Minonk), Shore Acres Clubhouse (Chillicothe), Springdale Cemetery & Mausoleum, Peoria Sunday Morning League, Ernie's Fulton Top Company, and the NAACP Peoria Branch.



Filger Public Library



Shore Acres Clubhouse



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2015 Trolley Tour Schedule

Our 1 1/2 hour tours depart from either Kelleher's Irish Pub or Harp & Thistle. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Passengers pay the City-Link driver \$1.00 upon entering the trolley or bus. Seniors 65 or older ride the trolley free with proof of age and a regular ticket purchase. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Advance payment is required for groups of 10 or more. Call Kelleher's at 673-6000, or Harp & Thistle at 688-5668 to book your tour!

Roll Out the Barrel Tour-From 1850 to Prohibition, the volume of whiskey distilled, aged, bottled and shipped made Peoria the whiskey capital. The distilleries, several large breweries, and extensive stockyards here also created the second largest grain market in the country. Travel through the earliest sections of Downtown and Peoria's Warehouse District to discover facts about distilling in Peoria.

Naughty to Nice Tour-Follow Peoria's history from the naughty—the 20's, the gambling, the gangsters—to the nice—Peoria's now FOUR All-America City awards. This trolley tour traces triumphs through time from the 1920's to the present; stories of the city's gangster era, including the site of Peoria's most notorious crime scene — The Bernie Shelton murder. Also, discover why Peoria has been honored four times with the prestigious All-America City award.

River City Tour-The Native Americans, the French, the whiskey and earthmoving capital of the world, the grand mansions and Grandview Drive – The River City Tour has it all. Beginning in Peoria Heights, the tour proceeds down Grandview Drive, through the Averyville area to downtown Peoria, then on to High Street and Moss Avenue, before circling back down to Glen Oak Avenue on the return to the Heights. Admire stately homes and enjoy the renowned grand view of the Illinois River.

Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery Tour-View the elegant homes of past and present prosperous merchants, landowners, and professionals. See the Illinois River from the best vantage point in Peoria. Then tour Springdale Cemetery, the oldest chartered cemetery in the state of Illinois. Hervey Lightner designed this 270-acre tree-studded cemetery with miles of twisting roads in 1855. You will appreciate the serene park-like setting and hear about Peoria's founding fathers and mothers. A must see!

Abraham Lincoln & the Civil War Tour-Follow Lincoln in Peoria and learn about Camp Peoria and Camp Lyon. This tour tells the story of Lincoln's visits to Peoria, the Civil War troops, and the camps where they trained. See the markers where the camps once stood. Visit Springdale Cemetery and see the final resting place of many of the Civil War veterans. The tour will visit the GAR Hall, built in 1909, and hear the story of Joseph Greenhut, a Whiskey Baron who provided much of the Hall's funding.

Haunted Peoria Tour-Explore the dark side of Peoria as we venture where strange sightings and events have been reported. Discover the stories behind the ghostly appearances that have startled and puzzled Peorians through the years. Learn about the Lady in White, the Legend of Nee-Nee-Wah, the Curse of Old Lady Gray, and more. What will you see in Haunted Peoria?

2015 Peoria History Tour Schedule					
Tour Information	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
Thursday 11:00am Harp & Thistle	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City
Friday 11:00am Harp & Thistle	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery	River City	Grandview Drive & Springdale Cemetery
Saturday 11:00am Kelleher's Irish Pub	Abraham Lincoln & The Civil War	Naughty to Nice	Abraham Lincoln & The Civil War	Naughty to Nice	Haunted Peoria
Saturday 1:30pm Kelleher's Irish Pub	Roll Out the Barrel	Roll Out the Barrel	Roll Out the Barrel	Haunted Peoria	Haunted Peoria

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Colonel (later General) David P. Grier commanded the 77th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Read the second of our four part series on the 77th in this issue of the *Timeline*.

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