



TOLEDO HISTORY MUSEUM



Toledo History Museum Membership Meeting

Don't forget the museum's annual members meeting today, **January 7 at 6:30 pm at Sanger Branch on Central Avenue near Middlesex**. We will elect officers and some trustees, share highlights from 2024 and plans for the coming year. Our special guest for the evening will be John Husman who will discuss his new book about Toledo baseball legend Roger Bresnahan. We hope you'll join us, see friends, make new friends, and join in the Museum's effort to preserve Toledo's history and culture. Your participation is important to the Museum.

Toledo Story of the Month

Finding McPherson, a Black Swamp Hero Who Lives Across America



By Lou Hebert

One of the things I enjoy most about Northwest Ohio is exploring the rich history of the region. Sometimes obvious, sometimes forgotten, it offers a cast of vivid characters and stories of the past. Take the Civil War for example, while no blood was shed in Northwest Ohio, the area was indeed a key player in the conflict. From the Confederate prison at Johnson's Island to the many Underground Railroad depots that helped fugitive slaves find freedom. Our bragging rights also include the very first Medal of Honor recipients awarded to soldiers from the Black Swamp. And recall that this state provided the greatest number of enlistees, per capita, for the Union cause. Over 300,000 Ohioans

wore the Union blue and we were home to the top ranked Generals for the Union, including Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Hayes, McKinley, Custer and McClellan. And one particular General from Sandusky County, whose story and legacy are still honored throughout America.

[Read the full story](#)



In the News

On December 28, 2024, The Toledo Blade featured the THM in a story entitled “Untold stories: Toledo History Museum still stirs pride in city's past.”

[Read the feature](#)

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If you have a piece of writing, academic or otherwise, that relates to Toledo history, you can reach out to mgoodnough@toledohistorymuseum.org to discuss potential for publication.



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Support the Museum

Your donation and membership will help the Toledo History Museum, a not-for-profit corporation, display the large and rich tapestry of the Toledo story. We are not only focused on the industrial history of Toledo but also are showcasing social, cultural, and ethnic parts of Toledo history. Donations can be sent to the Toledo History Museum, PO Box 485, Toledo, OH 43697-0485. Or, you may use your credit card and donate through PayPal by clicking on the following button.

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