



*Our newsletter for July 2025*

## **Toledo congressman was instrumental in the abolishment of slavery**

Toledo is well known for its pioneering contributions to the auto industry, glass manufacturing, railroads, and entertainment. All well documented. But did you know, it was the congressman from Toledo who played, perhaps, one of the most significant roles in the abolishment of slavery?

James Mitchell Ashley represented the Toledo area from 1859 to 1869. [Read the full story on our website.](#)



*James Ashley*

## **Lou Hebert discusses the origin of the dugout canoe**



The man who has been spearheading the research into a dugout canoe obtained by the Toledo History Museum five years ago discusses what he has learned in the *Staying in Contact* podcast. The wooden dugout canoe may likely be one of the oldest pioneer or native artifacts in the Maumee Valley region. [Listen to the interview with Lou Hebert here.](#)

## **Toledo History Museum is temporarily closed**



The Toledo History Museum, 425 North St. Clair, is closed while new exhibits are put in place. Watch [our Facebook page](#) for information on when the Museum will re-open.

## **Virtual exhibits will increase our ability to tell the Toledo story**

We are expanding the website to include virtual exhibits. These virtual exhibits will increase the Toledo History Museum's ability to bring the Toledo story. Our first virtual presentation, "Made in Toledo," is targeted for mid-July. "Made in Toledo" will showcase items manufactured in Toledo highlighting the far-reaching industrial heritage of the Toledo area. More details in the newsletter next month.

## **Museum has a Board opening**

Are you interested in becoming more active in telling the story of Toledo's history, culture, and heritage? The Toledo History Museum has an opening on its Board of Trustees. For more information contact Board president London Mitchell at [LMitchell@ToledoHistoryMuseum.org](mailto:LMitchell@ToledoHistoryMuseum.org)

## **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 here](#).

## **Next General Membership Meeting**

Please circle the date for the next general membership meeting of the Toledo History Museum will be August 19, 6:00, at the Reynolds Corner Branch Library.

## **Contact us**

Please contact the Toledo History Museum through our website. Love to hear from you. [Click here](#).