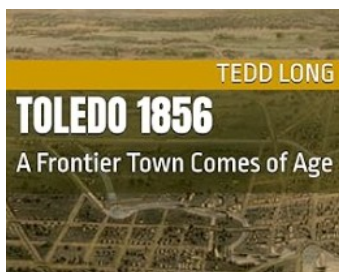




*Our newsletter for April 2026
from London Mitchell, president*

Join us for trip into Toledo history with Tedd Long on April 21



The Toledo History Museum is proud to have Tedd Long join us on April 21 to discuss his new book *Toledo 1856, A Frontier Town Comes Alive*. Tedd uncovers the drama, ambition, and grit that defined Toledo during one of its most transformative years. The book is available [from Amazon at this link](#).

We'll be meeting at the Reynolds Corners Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 4833 Dorr St., Toledo, Ohio 43615. Tedd's presentation will begin at 7:00. There is no cost to join us Tedd talks about events, entrepreneurs, immigrants, politicians, and ordinary citizens who helped shape Toledo's early identity.

Museum to re-open April 18



The target date to re-open the Toledo History Museum is April 18. Many of the items being displayed will reflect Toledo's manufacturing history. The Museum will be open from noon to 5:00 Saturdays and 1:00

to 5:00 Sundays.

We are looking for volunteers to help us staff the Museum during hours we are open. If you would be interested please contact by email [Donna Christian Rehfeldt](#) or [London Mitchell](#).

Made in Toledo – our first interactive online exhibit



Toledo has an incredible manufacturing history. Many of the items you will see in our virtual exhibit helped change the American

lifestyle. [Click here to encounter](#) the *Made in Toledo* experience!

How Toledo came by its name

(Reprinted from The Eaton Register, Preble County, Ohio, January 29, 1874. As published in the Toledo History Museum Quarterly, March 2008)



There is a romantic little story about the way Toledo came to have such a name.

When the Oldest Inhabitant arrived at the "eligible site" for frogs - (he was a Frenchman, from Canada, and he loved frogs) - he said to himself, as he gazed upon the heaving mass of green, emerald gemmed, as it were, with frogs.

"Now, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, since I have seen the great country, flowing with mud and frogs."

Suddenly addressing himself to the little frogs, who had been sitting on their hunkers, gazing at him in unaffected astonishment, unable to speak a word, he said, "My children, what do you call this place?" And, as he turned, each little frog flipped its hinder parts into the air and chippeded gleefully, "T'leedo! T'leedo!" And ever afterward the name of that place was called Toledo, even to this day.

Get your passport into local history



Northwest Ohio's historic sites are joining forces to celebrate America's 250th birthday with a brand-new event inviting residents and visitors to step back in time. Time Travelers Passport will take place July 1-15, 2026, offering a rare opportunity to explore the region's most treasured museums, landmarks, and heritage sites.

[Follow this link](#) for more information.

This Day in Toledo History



A new feature on our Facebook page takes a daily look back at major events in Toledo history. The postings, provided by Lou Hebert, often generate some interesting discussion. Check us out daily at

<https://www.facebook.com/toledohistory>

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

Support the Toledo History 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 showcasing social, cultural, and ethnic parts of Toledo history. Become a member by [taking this link to our website](#). Donations can be sent to the Toledo History Museum, PO Box 485, Toledo, OH 43697-0485.

Contact us

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