

# HISTORY HAPPENED HERE: 2018 FREE SUMMER SUNDAYS

TRAVEL BACK IN TIME WITH EACH OF OUR FREE SUMMER SUNDAY SPECIAL EVENTS WHERE OUR COSTUMED STAFF HAS PLENTY OF DISPLAYS AND HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES. EACH SUMMER SUNDAY IS FROM 1-4 PM ON THE LAWN OF THE COLONEL PALMER HOUSE. COME INSIDE AND SEE THE HISTORIC HOUSE RESTORED TO ITS 1800'S GLORY.

## 1858: A FOUNDATION IS LAID

JUNE 3



CELEBRATE THE 160<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF THE HISTORIC COLONEL PALMER HOUSE, LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. HENRIETTA AND GUSTAVUS PALMER WILL WELCOME YOU TO THEIR NEW, STATELY HOME THAT WAS EXPERTLY CRAFTED BY ARCHITECT AND MASON ANDREW JACKSON SIMONS. LEARN ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME, INCLUDING THE ONGOING EFFORTS TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THE COBBLESTONE FOUNDATION IN A HISTORICALLY PROPER MANNER. JOIN US FOR A BARN RAISING, WAGON RIDES, FARM LIFE, AND FAMILY LEGACIES.

## 1838: A FAMILY IS ROOTED

JULY 15

VISIT AN ERA OF PIONEERS AND SETTLERS AS MCHENRY COUNTY CHANGES FROM A RUGGED FRONTIER INTO A RAPIDLY GROWING CLUSTER OF FARMS AND VILLAGES. EXPERIENCE LIFE ON THE TRAIL INSIDE A COVERED WAGON AND SEE WHAT THE FIRST SETTLERS FOUND IN THIS NEW LAND. WHO WERE THE EARLY SETTLERS? WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? WHAT LEGACY DID THEY LEAVE?



## 1818: A FRONTIER IS FORGED

AUGUST 12

WHEN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS WAS CHARTERED, WHAT IS NOW MCHENRY COUNTY WAS UNCHARTERED AND WAS INHABITED PRIMARILY BY NATIVE AMERICANS, TRAPPERS AND TRADERS. JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 200<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY OF OUR STATE AND MEET THE ADVENTURERS WHO EXPLORED AND SURVEYED OUR LAND, MAKING IT SAFE FOR SETTLERS TO ARRIVE IN THE FOLLOWING DECADES.



COLONEL PALMER HOUSE

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