

## **Wheaton Historic Preservation Council Timeline**

- 1980 Wheaton Historic Preservation Council Incorporated
- Landmark Program Began
- First House Walk
- 1981 Remember When... Oral History Event
- 1982 Wheaton Landmark Display Traveled Throughout Wheaton
- 1983 Meetings held at the Former City Hall Annex
- 1984 Purchased Colvin House
- Display at Former City Hall Annex Celebrating 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wheaton's Incorporation
- 1985 Renovated Colvin House & Designers Showcase
- Alberta Adamson named Executive Director
- 1986 Opened Colvin House with Wheaton Authors Exhibit
- Received Governor's Home Town Award
- 1987 Changed Museum Name to Wheaton History Center
- Alberta Adamson stated to be a paid Executive Director instead of a volunteer one
- 1988 City Gallery Opening
- 1989 Cataloged City Hall Archives
- 1990 Wheaton College Gallery Opening
- First Stars & Stripes Breakfast
- Sesquicentennial Garden & Gazebo completed
- 1991 2nd County Seat Golf Classic
- 1992 "Roarin' Elgin" Exhibit
- 1993 The Beach Came to Colvin House on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- 1994 Colvin House's First Wedding - Gobens spelling? & Hollister
- 1995 Burned Colvin House Mortgage— All Paid Up!!!!
- Opened Slaves' Road to Freedom Exhibit and Program on Slavery, Abolition & Underground RR

## Wheaton Family Gallery Opening

- 1996 Summer Camp Celebrated the Olympics
- 1997 Named "Small Institute of the Year" by Illinois Assoc. of Museums
- 1998 Gene Weislak Memorial Golf Outing
- 1999 Purchased 1746 Naperville Road Property
- 2000 Opened Annex at Naperville Road & Willow Avenue
- 2001 Dignity, Service & Valor World War II Program Begins
- 2002 Invited to Present at Teachers Institute Program  
Moved to larger space for Annex
- 2003 Acquired Dave & Rose Nelson Eastland Collection
- 2004 Eastland Pilot house Built & Installed by Wheaton Kiwanis – exhibit opened
- 2005 Changed museum name to Center for History  
Renovated and converted former fire station into museum
- 2006 Opened Front Street Museum in December
- 2007 Mayor Robert J. Martin - A Man of Vision & Action Exhibit at Main Street
- 2008 Sallie Baker Costume Collection Bequeath to WHPC  
Lincoln's Last Journey Home Exhibit & Pizza with the Lincolns
- 2009 Celebrated Our 30th Year  
City Discontinued Agreement for Historical Preservation Services
- 2010 Voted Favorite Museum – Glancer Magazine Poll