



## GHOSTLY LEGENDS IN GALENA

### THE GIRLS IN THE ATTIC



The Graham house on North Main Street has long drawn the eyes of passersby with its tall roofline and narrow attic windows. Built in 1887 by Dr. Joshua Dulaney, the home was purchased just five years later, in 1892, by Theodore Dempsey. Dempsey, a prominent merchant in town, moved in with his wife and two young daughters.

In June of 1893, Galena suffered one of the most devastating fires in its history. Flames tore through the business district, destroying shops and warehouses and lighting the night sky

for miles. From the Dempsey home, spared by the fire, the glow would have been impossible to ignore. Neighbors later recalled glimpsing the silhouettes of two small girls in the attic windows, pressed close to the glass, watching as their town burned.

Though the Graham house endured, the image of those children peering out at the fire lingered in memory. Over the years, stories began to take shape — that the girls had never truly left. Visitors spoke of fleeting shadows in the upper windows, or the creak of small footsteps overhead when the attic should have been still.

Fact and folklore mingle here, as they often do in Galena's history.

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Galena  
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THE HOUSE







# PAST GALENA VETERAN HONOREES

## NOVEMBER 11, 2025 GALENA CEMETERY 10 AM

1918 Private James Caldwell - US Army - KIA

★ James A. Carroll - US Army - KIA

★ John G. Carroll - US Army - KIA

★ Samuel J. Gleaves - US Army - KIA

1995 Private First Class R. Julian Davis - US Army - KIA

1996 Remembrance of All

1997 Remembrance of All

1998 Remembrance of All

1999 Remembrance of All

2000 PFC R. Julian Davis - US Army - KIA

2001 SSgt Samuel Sessa - Air Force - Korea

2002 Harry Pomrenke - US Navy - WWII

2003 SF2 Jimmy Woodall - Navy - WWII

2004 SGT Jarrett Thompson - US Army - Iraq - KIA

PVT Nick Spry - US Army - Iraq - KIA

2005 CPL John Duhammell, Sr. - US Marines

2006 PVT First Class Gene Haley - US Army - Korea

2007 LCPL Michael Boyd - US Army

CPL Brandon Craig - US Army - KIA

PVT Nick Spry - US Army - KIA

2008 Lewin Steel

2009 BM2 Joseph Connolley - US Navy

2010 Maj. Andrew McCauley Sr. - Air Force  
WWII - Korea - Vietnam

2011 T4 J. Thomas Newnam - US Army

2012 PFC William Briscoe - US Army  
Galena Mayor 1974-1986

2013 CPL Jackson E. Charles - US Army - WWII

2014 SSGT Arthur Dill - US Army - WWII

2015 LCPL Michael Boyd - US Army

BM2 Joseph Connolley - US Navy

PFC R. Julian Davis - US Army - KIA

SSGT Richard Hanifee - US Army - Vietnam

2016 John Clark Bramble - US Army

2017 SGT Harvey Camp - US Army

2018 John Doo - US Army - WWI

PVT William Ross - US Army

2019 SGT Jeffrey Dwyer - US Army - WWI

2020 Hm3 Harry Pisapia - US Navy

Galena Mayor 1992-2013

2021 AG3 Bill Blake, - US Navy

2022 LT Price Roe Stradley - US Navy - KIA

2023 YN3 Emma Masten, US Navy - WWI

2024 PFC Alfred Grooms - US Army - WWI

SPC Spencer Wilder - US Army - Germany

2025 CPL Thomas H. Camp - Marines - Vietnam

PVT Norris Brown - Army - Civil War

*Light refreshments  
and snacks to follow at  
St. Dennis Church Hall  
across the street*

Cpl Thomas H. Camp  
Vietnam  
U. S. Marines  
Jan. 1966-1972



NO PHOTO AVAILABLE  
PVT Norris Brown  
U. S. Army Civil War 1863-1865  
U. S. C. T.  
Co. B, 7th Regiment  
b. 1849 - d. Feb. 20, 1922



# Galena, Days of Old



Do you know  
anyone in these  
portraits?  
Help us identify them!



J. M. Armstrong ledger  
November 22, 1845

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George Tomlin's Woady November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1845.  
" John M. Armstrong Dr. 10 ct  
" Wash. Duties " 8 1/2  
" Flour 1 1/2 @ 40 ct " 40  
339. " Flour 1 1/2 @ 40 ct " 40  
" Sugar 1 @ 10 ct " 10  
" Butter 1 @ 10 ct " 10  
" Molasses 1 @ 10 ct " 10  
" Lard 1 @ 10 ct " 10  
333. " Robert J. Melik Dr. 20  
" 1 molasses " 20  
306. " Peter Rhodes Dr. 75  
" 1 Calum on Roberson " 75  
" Daniel Row " 01  
" 1 Sugar " 10  
" 1/2 Candles " 12  
" 1 Plug Roberson " 02  
" John M. Armstrong Dr. 02  
" 2 1/2 Coffee " 10  
" 1/2 Paper Rais " 10  
" 1 Put Molasses " 10  
" 1 ad Helme " 10  
Mrs Hannah Inland of Soc  
" 8 Pans Window Glass " 10  
" Rachel - 1 20 - 20  
" John Mooders " 10  
" Albert - 1 ad Helme " 10





# INFORMATION For You

## Mayor & Council Meetings

- Mayor & Council meets the first Monday of each month. Meetings are open to the public.
- The Planning & Zoning Committee meets on the last Monday of each month as needed.
- The Park and Tree Committee meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6pm.
- The town parks and restroom are open from dawn until dusk.
- The pavilion at the community park is available for rental at a reasonable fee. If you are interested in reserving, the rental form can be found on our website at [townofgalena.com](http://townofgalena.com) under the "Forms & Permits" page or by calling the town office.

## Oct. 25 • Olivet U.M.C. Roast Beef Dinner & Silent Auction • 4pm

Free Delivery in Galena Town Limits, at the Galena Fire Dept. Carry out available. Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Mac & Cheese, Stewed tomatoes, Country Style Green Beans, Rolls, Desserts, & a Beverage.  
Adults: \$20  
Children 4-10: \$10  
Children under 3: Free

## Oct. 26 • All Saints Trunk or Treat • St. Dennis 9:15am

## Oct. 31 • Trick or Treat in Galena 6:00pm-8:30pm

Join us in participating in trick or treating on Halloween! If you prefer not to participate, leave your outside lights off.

## Oct. 30 • Galena Vol. Fire Co. Flu Clinic 9:30-4:30

## Nov. 1 • St. Dennis Xmas Bazaar 9am-2pm

Lunch with Santa in his workshop, Christmas gifts for all ages. Silent Auctions, Raffle Tickets, Cakes, Pies and so much more.

## Nov. 11 • Veterans Day Ceremony • 10 am

Join us at the Galena Cemetery to honor Cpl. Thomas H. Camp (living) and Pvt. Norris Brown (deceased, Olivet Hill Cemetery). Light refreshments to follow ceremony in St. Dennis Church Hall.

## Nov. 23 • Olivet U.M.C. Community Thanksgiving

Transportation provided for those in town limits who need a ride.

## Dec. 6 • 5pm • Holiday Festival -Town Hall

Join us at the Town Hall for our annual tree lighting ceremony, and have the chance to meet Santa! Light refreshments will be provided.

## Dec. 14 • Breakfast with Santa 7:30-11am

Galena Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting their annual breakfast with Santa.



**JUST A REMINDER THAT ON HOLIDAY WEEKENDS, THE TRASH PICKUP WILL BE A DAY LATE.**

Trash is picked up every Wednesday and recycling is picked up every other Wednesday.

Holiday pickup will be the next day.

## Recycling Schedule for 2025

Oct.	15, 29
Nov.	12, 26
Dec.	10, 24

## Recycling Schedule for 2026

Jan.	7, 21
Feb.	4, 18
Mar.	4, 18
Apr.	1, 15, 29
May	13, 27
June	10, 24
July	8, 22
Aug.	5, 19
Sep.	2, 16, 30
Oct.	14, 28
Nov.	11, 25
Dec.	9, 23



## Town of Galena Christmas Light Contest

Winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Galena business of their choice. Categories are:

- Best Traditional Display
- Best Modern Display
- Best Griswold Display
- Mayor's Choice

# OCTOBER

## IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

# 1 in 8 WOMEN

will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime.

Mayor  
Council Member  
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Council Member  
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John T. Carroll, Jr.  
Jackie Duhammel  
Sarah E. Merrell  
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