

Historical Markers Committee Report

October 3, 2020

Since the last board meeting the following markers have been installed and dedicated.

- Kenneth Leon “Tug” Wilson, Douglas/Piatt County, Dedicated August 22, 2020
- Creal Springs- “Home of the Wonder Waters of the World”, Williamson County, Dedicated September 19, 2020
- Rev. Dr. C. T. Vivian Home, McDonough County, Dedicated September 26, 2020

The following markers are scheduled for dedication in 2020.

- Restored 1846 House of Alvarus Gage, Founder of Somonauk, IL, DeKalb County, Dedication Date: October 17, 2020
- The Madison County Poor Farm, Madison County
- The Pogue Store, Madison County

The following markers have been suggested.

- Latin Farmers, St. Clair County
- Miles Davis House, St. Clair County
- 1917 Race Riot, St. Clair County
- National Stock Yards and Prehistoric Native American Site, St. Clair County
- Bloody Gulch, Lee County
- Oakdale Tabernacle/Auditorium, Stephenson County
- Carthage College, Hancock County

In July the ISHS began a new initiative to identify ten potential historical markers telling African American stories in Illinois. Markers should be about people, places, and events that tell a regional or community story, but also have links to a significant state, national, or international events. Thirty different persons/events have been suggested by board members alone (see attached list). John Hall was the lead in this initiative by suggesting and seeing through the installment and dedication of the Reverend Dr. C. T. Vivian marker in Macomb on September 26.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Shemoney Evans, Chairman
ISHS Historical Markers Committee

Suggested Markers Commemorating African American Stories	County
First Illinois Infantry (Colored)	Adams
Barack Obama	Cook
Burr Oak Cemetery(Alsip)	Cook
Chicago's African American Community and the Underground Railroad	Cook
John and Mary Jones and Other Leaders of the Underground Railroad (Graceland Cemetery)	Cook
Emmett Louis Till, 1941-1955 (Alsip)	Cook
John W. E. Thomas	Cook
Lincoln Cemetery (Worth Township)	Cook
Marshall "Major" Taylor Trail or Major Taylor grave site in Mt. Glenwood Gardens	Cook
Muddy Waters, 1915-1983 (Alsip)	Cook
Robbins and the Robbins Airport	Cook
Sheldon Peck Homestead (Lombard)	Cook
The Indiana Avenue – Dolton Bridge, the Ton Farm and the Underground Railroad	Cook
Sycamore and Somonauk -- Freedom Seekers and the Underground Railroad	DeKalb
Blanchard Hall, Wheaton College	DuPage
Desegregation of the Waukegan Schools	Lake
Jim Gray Case/Freedom Seekers and the Underground Railroad	LaSalle
Rev. Dr. C. T. Vivian Home (Macomb) Marker dedicated September 29, 2020	McDonough
Burial Site of Nance Legins-Costley, First Slave Freed by Abraham Lincoln	Peoria
George Washington Carver Community Center	Peoria
Springfield Race Riot of 1908	Sangamon
1917 Riots in East St. Louis	St. Clair
1963 First National Bank Protests	St. Clair
Club Cosmopolitan site	St. Clair
Freeman Settlement/Turkey Hill	St. Clair
Lydia Titus (Centreville/Cahokia)	St. Clair
Miles Davis House (East St. Louis)	St. Clair
Village of Brooklyn/John & Priscilla Baltimore	St. Clair
Crete Cemetery and Crete Congregational Church	Will
I & M Headquarters (Lockport)	Will