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Oct. 16–18 | Hilton Appleton Paper Valley

# Local History & Historic Preservation Conference

## Appleton Historical Society

### Appleton's Oldest House – The L.B. Leach House 515 W. Fifth St., Appleton, WI

The L.B. Leach House, “Appleton’s Oldest House,” was built in 1851 at 720 E. John Street. The home was built by Elisha Morrow for local merchant Lucien B. Leach and his wife, Harriet. Emma McPherson owned the house for the later part of the 1800s and boarded many Lawrence students. Mrs. E. Louisa Ellis lived there from 1903 until 1935. Gifted to Lawrence University, their intention was to tear it down to make room for the fraternity house quadrangle. Karl and Pearl Schuetter purchased the home for \$50 and had it moved to 515 W. Fifth Street in 1935. Pearl’s brother Les Balliet lived in the home from 1966 until 1992, after which it remained a rental property for the next thirty years. Tom and Lauren Miller purchased the home in 2021 with intent to do a period-sympathetic restoration.



#### Tour Information:

- Friday, Oct. 18 – 1:00 P.M.

### Tour of the Vulcan Hydroelectric Central Station 530 S. Vulcan St., Appleton, WI

Tour the Vulcan Hydroelectric Central Station with the Appleton Historical Society. Built in 1932 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of lighting the valley through hydroelectricity, this replica sits on the banks of the Fox River next to the Lawe Street bridge. Inside the replica, you’ll see the Edison K dynamo and replica water wheel in action. The Edison K dynamo is one of only three in the world. There will be stairs to get into the replica with railings, and staff can run the generator if the temperature is above 40 degrees.



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Free admission for both tours. Goodwill donations will benefit the Appleton Historical Society’s new museum and research center. Stop by the Appleton Historical Society table in the Resource Center to sign up for tours.