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As a fundraiser, Pathway Services Unlimited salutes Jacksonville's historic landmarks with commemorative ornaments in an attractive 24 karat gold plated design. Pathway School began in September 1964 and has progressed through many changes of providing services to persons with developmental disabilities. The primary mission of Pathway Services Unlimited is to provide and stimulate the development of quality opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities and other physical and mental challenges. As you enjoy your ornaments in the years to come, thank you for supporting Pathway Services.

#2000 Ferris Wheel \$20.00



W. E. Sullivan, owner of Eli Bridge Company, a bridge building business in Illinois, rode the original 1893 Chicago Ferris Wheel at the World's Columbian Exposition. Inspired by

this, he collaborated with machinist James H. Clements and their first Big Eli wheel debuted in Central Park, Jacksonville, Illinois, on May 23, 1900. The Eli Bridge Company is located in Jacksonville and the company still builds Ferris wheels, Scramblers, and other amusement rides.

#2001 United We Stand \$20.00



A bandstand constructed in 1879 in Jacksonville stood for years on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. It was originally built on the grounds of what was the Jacksonville

Developmental Center. The Smithsonian Institute moved the bandstand in 1983 to the nation's capital. It was dismantled in 2011 and returned to Jacksonville to be restored on the grounds of the Prairieland Heritage Museum.

#2002 Sturtevant Hall Illinois College \$20.00



Dedicated in 1857, Sturtevant Hall has become a campus and community landmark at Illinois College. Its Romanesque

revival architectural style closely resembles the Smithsonian Institution and features two towers on different heights and styles. In addition to classrooms and faculty offices, the building housed the library and a large meeting room for chapel services. Greek, Latin, rhetoric, math, and science were among the subjects taught on site. Space was subsequently provided for science labs and major upgrades were made in 1993 that led to the relocation of the English and sociology departments. The building was named for Julian Sturtevant, Illinois College's first professor and its second president (1844-1876).

#2003 Jacksonville Public Library \$20.00



Subscription libraries and reading rooms were maintained by various private Jacksonville organizations in the mid 1800's. Of these, it was the Jacksonville Library

Association, incorporated in 1871, that was the predecessor to the public library which serves Jacksonville today. After being contacted in 1901 by Jacksonville lawyer Lawrence O. Vaught, Andrew Carnegie pledged \$40,000 for the erection of a public library building in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Public Library officially opened in its permanent home, the Carnegie building at 201 W. College Avenue, on February 23, 1903. In 1994 the Jacksonville City Council passed a \$1.1 million bond issue for the construction of an addition to the library and remodeling of the Carnegie library building. More than \$600,000 in additional funds were raised through donations by private citizens, and the project was awarded \$500,000 in Library Services and Construction Act Grants.

The expanded library was rededicated on February 25, 1996.

#2004 Annie Merner Chapel.....\$20.00



Construction of Annie Merner Chapel, a Georgian architecture building located at MacMurray College was completed in 1949 as the College's Centennial project through money donated by Mrs. Henry (Annie Merner) Pfeiffer. The front doors of both the Henry Pfeiffer Library and Annie Merner Chapel are exactly in line with each other. The chapel is still used for MacMurray events, weddings, etc.

#2005 Morgan County Courthouse.....\$20.00



Morgan County has seen 3 courthouses in its 179 years. The first courthouse was built in 1826. It was a 2-story frame building 30 x 40 in size. This courthouse burnt on December 6, 1827. The second courthouse was built in September of 1830 and served the county for 39 years until the third courthouse was built. It was this courthouse where men such as Steven A. Douglas served as States Attorney and Abraham Lincoln was an attorney. Our courthouse is now 134 years old and still stands majestically as the center of our legal system. The structure has been renovated by our County Commissioners. Most recently, the dedicated Ladies of the Jacksonville Emblem Club worked diligently to restore the great bell tower and clock and today it performs just as it did when new.

#2006 Woodlawn Farm.....\$20.00



Woodlawn Farm was one of at least nine documented sites in the Jacksonville area used in the mid 1800's as part of the Underground Railroad. Former slaves were ushered through this home on their way to freedom. Crews completed extensive work on the 19th century farm house in 2008 but efforts continue to complete restoration of the first- and second-story windows. The Underground Railroad Committee of the Morgan County Historical Society operates Woodlawn Farm. Committee spokesman Jim Murphy said the number

of visitors to the site has continued to increase since tours were first offered in 2004. The structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2007. Michael Bendorf, chairman of the committee's board of directors, said the group's long range goal is to convert Woodlawn Farm into a living history museum and to call attention to its important role as a station on the Underground Railroad.

#2007 Duncan Mansion.....\$20.00



This three-story, 17-room Georgian style mansion was built in 1834. It served as the official Governor's Mansion during his term of office in 1834-1838. The mansion is owned and operated by the Rev. James Caldwell Chapter NSDAR. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. Guided tours are available. The mansion is also available for meetings, luncheons, or special occasions.

#2008 Passavant Hospital.....\$20.00



The story of Passavant Hospital began in 1868 when Mrs. Eliza Ayers, a widow from Jacksonville, wrote to Reverend William Passavant, a Lutheran minister that had a national reputation for creating hospitals and orphanages, about donating a most valuable block of five acres on the city's leading street. Although it took seven years of searching to find the right solution, Eliza gave the property to Reverend Passavant in 1875, and Jacksonville Hospital (now known as Passavant Hospital) was built on East State Street. It was the 149th hospital in the United States. In 1953, Passavant opened the doors to its new 140-bed facility at its current location on West Walnut Street.

#2009 Abraham Lincoln.....\$20.00



In 1856, Abraham Lincoln delivered a speech in the Morgan County Courthouse park, now known as Central Park Plaza, sharing his views about one of the hotly debated topics of the day — the extension of slavery into newly organized territories of the United States. Joseph O. King, a local merchant, later recalled Lincoln's stirring

oratory. "One of the first strong antislavery speeches made here was by Abraham Lincoln," remembered King. "He spoke in the courthouse park, and when he came out sharp and strong against slavery, I threw up my hat and shouted, 'Hurray for Abe Lincoln for president of the United States.'"

#2010 Civil War Monument.....\$20.00



The Civil War Monument as erected in grateful remembrance by the citizens of Morgan County. The sculpture grouping, designed by Leonard Brunelle, was dedicated on November 8, 1920, as a tribute to the men who fought in the Civil War and the families they left behind. The figure of the youth with drawn sword on the east side, symbolizes the Call to Arms. The mother and child on the west symbolize the Sacrifice of War. The sloped level of the base contains bronze plaques all around the monument. On these plaques are the names and units of thousands of men and women.

#2014 ISD 175th Anniversary.....\$20.00



Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) formally began its history in 1839 after Illinois passed legislation presented by Senator Orville H. Browning of Quincy, IL for the creation of a State supported school

for deaf individuals which would be located in Jacksonville. The school was originally named the Illinois Asylum for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb. In 1903 the school's name changed to Illinois School for the Deaf. The official opening of Dec. 1, 1845, was delayed for two months due to a heavy snow storm. ISD eventually opened its doors for two students on Jan. 26, 1846. By 1848 due to the growth, additional buildings were erected. The Main Building, built in 3 separate sections, was known as "State's Folly". It remains today consisting of 32 rooms and a high attic. In 1877, the ISD Alumni Association (ISDAA) was founded to maintain the continued relationship between the alumni and the school and to preserve ISD's history. The ISDAA Museum was founded in 1989 and is housed in the historical Main Building. ISD, a residential school located in the heart of Jacksonville on 52 acres and 15 buildings is overseen by a superintendent who is appointed by the governor and approved by the Illinois Senate. In 1994, the Main Building was placed on the National Historical Registry. ISD continues its mission to provide education to Illinois children from ages 0 – 22. ISD remains as one of the oldest institutions with the original main building. On Feb. 23, 2014, ISD celebrated 175 years.

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