



## The Museums at Lisle Station Park

### Transcript: Tour Tidbit – Beaubien Tavern

Hey everyone! My name is Concetta and I'm the Museum Manager and curator at The Museums at Lisle Station Park. You're listening to a Tour Tidbit, a podcast mini-sode giving you a few basics about one of the museum's typical tour stops. So pull up a chair, and some pictures of this mini-sode's focus, the Beaubien Tavern.

A good place to find us is on our Clio walking tour, by going to [www.theclio.com](http://www.theclio.com) [SPELL] and typing Lisle Illinois in the top search bar [SPELL]. You'll see all of our Clio walking tour entries pop up when you scroll down, so make sure you pick Beaubien Tavern. If you're already on a virtual field trip with us, you're a step ahead and already have the link. Hit the pause button and pull it up, I'll wait.

Ok. We are inside one of the oldest buildings still standing in DuPage County, the county we're in. It was built in the early 1830s and is a great example of what businesses were like when the first European immigrants settled in this part of the America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (That's another way of saying "the 1800s".)

Museum staff and volunteers set up this building to show what it looked like while it was being used as a 19<sup>th</sup> century tavern, which is like a hotel and restaurant all in one. Mark Beaubien, who you can see in some of our pictures, was a pretty famous business owner in Chicago and in Lisle. He moved here with his family to buy this building and the land around it, to run his tavern business while they lived in a home next to it. Some of his family members were even buried in their family cemetery right next to their tavern. You can still visit this place, called the Beaubien Cemetery. You can find information about it and Lisle's other historic cemetery across the street from the museum by visiting our website and looking for the historic cemetery online walking tour.

The building was used for other things throughout its history too. Some people used it as a home, and a local company even used it for storing their important papers. It wasn't always here at the museum though. We picked up the whole building and moved it down Ogden Avenue on a truck to the museum in 1989.



Then Lisle Heritage Society volunteers and Lisle Park District staff restored it back to what we think it looked like when it was used as a tavern.

Take a look at our online resources for pictures and more! And field trippers – don't forget to check your instructions page to see everything we gave you!

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Our theme song was created by Big Cats.