



Tennessee Historic Plays

Watershed Public Theatre (WPT) has developed a series of short plays (15-20 minutes) on various significant people and events related to Tennessee and Maury County history. Both in-person and virtual performance options are available.

Virtual performance pricing starts at \$125 per selection and includes materials for classroom instruction, discussion points and student participation.

In-person performance pricing starts at \$200 per selection and includes a lesson delivered by a WPT instructor. In-person performances can be booked for your classroom or for your field trip to a historic site such as the Polk Home, Rippavilla or the Athenaeum in Columbia, Tennessee.



"An Evening with Sarah Polk" is about the life of First Lady Sarah Polk, wife of 11th US President James K. Polk, whose only surviving residence other than the White House is located in downtown Columbia, Tennessee.



"Learning to Live Free" is an account of a former slave who was educated through the Freedmen School program during post-Civil War Resotoration. The character is fictional but relates several facts regarding Tennessee's Freedmen School program.



"Jennie Cheairs of Rippavilla: A Story of Two Women" follows the lives of two women who lived at Rippavilla Plantation in Spring Hill - Jenny Cheairs Hickey, daughter to the original estate owner, and Jenny Cheairs, a slave who lived and worked on the property. Through two different perspectives, this story examines life on the plantation during the 1800s, especially the Civil War years.



"A School Girls' Diary: the Columbia Athenaeum" features the history of one of Columbia's oldest buildings, the Athenaeum, which was home to two schools for girls in the 1800s. This story is told from the perspective of a student at the school during the course of the Civil War.