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Tour participants enter the Pendleton Underground on July 1, 2021.

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PENDLETON — Pendleton's penchant for saloons and bordellos has long been an open secret — at one time 32 bars and 18 brothels operated in a four-block area. Today, a bronze statue of Stella Darby, the town's favorite madam, graces Main Street.

But back in the day, well-to-do patrons couldn't risk any public association with her. Fortunately, a series of convenient tunnels just below street level helped keep illicit trysts hush-hush.

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Pendleton Underground gives a green light to the Red Light District



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