COLONEL DAVENPORT’S STORY: A MAD LIB

(Write your own words in the blanks to create a silly story about Colonel Davenport.)

In 1816 Colonel Davenport came to (1. place)______________________________ with the
(2. plural noun) __________________ who were going to build (3. a building)______________________.
He had a contract to provide them with (4. plural noun)_______________________________.

In 1817 Colonel Davenport got a license to (5. verb)_______________________________. He and
his partners collected (6. plural noun)______________________________ from
(7. a group of people)______________________________ and shipped them to St. Louis. Hats made
from (8. adjective)______________________________ (6.)______________________________ were very popular.

Colonel Davenport and his partners had many other (9. plural noun)____________________________
and a (10. adjective)______________________________ store in the city of Davenport. With
money he earned, Colonel Davenport bought many (11. plural noun)____________________________.

After the (12. event)______________________________ forced the (7.)_____________________
to (13. verb)______________________________, Colonel Davenport built a
(14. type of building)______________________________ for himself on the island. He encouraged
(15. adjective)________________________ people to (16. verb)_________________________ in this area.

The colonel helped found the city of (17. city)____________________________ in 1835. He also took
part in developing Rock Island, Moline, Port Byron, and (18. city)_______________________________.

Colonel Davenport served as both the area’s first (19. occupation)_________________________ and one of
Rock Island County’s first three (20. occupation)_________________________. In 1845 he hosted a
meeting to discuss bringing the (21. noun)______________________________ to the Mississippi.

Colonel Davenport’s (22. adjective)______________________________ accomplishments make
him a founding father of what we now call the Quad Cities.

[Learn more about Colonel Davenport by visiting his home, reading CDHF’s books about him, or
COLONEL DAVENPORT’S HOUSE

(Write your own words in the blanks to create a silly story about Colonel Davenport’s house.)

The Colonel Davenport House is the oldest (1. adjective)__________________________________ residence in the Quad Cities. Colonel Davenport started building it after the (2. event) ____________________________________________. Before that the colonel and his family had (3. verb past tense)________________________________________________ first at (4. place)___________________ and then in a (5. type of building)___________________________.

In 1835 men met in the house to (6. verb)___________________________________________.

In 1845 Colonel Davenport hosted a meeting in it to discuss bringing the (7. noun) ________________________________ to the Mississippi.

The (8. organization) ________________________________ bought the Davenport house in the 1860s. During the (9. event)______________________________________________, the (10. occupation)_______________________________ of the Confederate prison camp used it as his (11. noun)________________________. After the war, the (12. occupation)______________ for the Arsenal lived here with his (13. noun)_________________________________________ and (14. verb past tense)________________________________________ in the storeroom.

After the stonemason’s (13.)___________ moved out in 1869, the house stood empty and fell apart. The first (15. adjective)______________________________________ restoration took place in 1906. Since 1978 volunteers for (16. organization)______________________________ work to make the house look (17. adjective)_________________________. They also share the story of Colonel Davenport and his home through tours, programs, books, and a DVD called (18. movie title)_____________________________________________________.

BLACKSMITH'S HOUSE
COLONEL DAVENPORT’S FAMILY: A MAD LIB

(Write your own words in the blanks to create a silly story about Colonel Davenport’s family.)

Colonel Davenport helped shape the area we now call the Quad Cities. So did his family.

His (1. adjective)___________________ son, George L., served as a (2. occupation)_______________ in Davenport and one of the first (3. occupation plural)______________________________ of St. Anthony’s Church. He gave (4. noun)_______________________________ to Iowa College, the first college west of the Mississippi to have a (5. noun)_________________________________________.

The colonel’s (6. adjective)__________________________ son, Bailey, served seven one-year terms as Rock Island’s (7. occupation)_________________________________________________. During the (8. event)_______________________________________________, he headed the committee that asked (9. organization)_____________________________________ to (10. verb)_______________________.

Both George L. and Bailey worked to make Colonel Davenport’s dream of bringing the (15. noun)____________________________________ to the Mississippi come true. This helped our area (16. verb) ______________________________________________________________.

Colonel Davenport’s stepdaughter, Susan Lewis, chose the name for Chippiannock Cemetery from a Mesquakie word that means (17. noun)__________________________________________________.

She and Bailey helped founded Trinity Church in Rock Island, which has a stained glass (18. noun)_______________________________________________________ in her memory.

When Colonel Davenport’s (19. noun)________________ was (20. adjective)__________________, his grandchildren, Naomi and Catherine, gave money to (21. verb)_________________________. Naomi also donated money for a (22. noun)_________________________ at (23. place) ____________________________ and the (24. adjective)__________________________________________ concerts which still take place there in the summer. Some of the money she donated to the Rock Island Public Library paid for its (25. noun)______________________________________________________ in the 1980s.

As you can see, the contributions of Colonel Davenport’s family still affect us today.