

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2014



ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

ABTC-Checking	13,456.27
CDHF Endowment Fund-CFGRB	32,096.74
312 Endowment Fund-CFGRB	19,187.92
Savings Account-ABTC	5,533.46
Savings Capital Improvements-ABTC	1,003.04
Savings Collections-ABTC	2,380.78
Vanguard Money Market	2,782.00
Vanguard IT Bond Index Fund	3,355.41
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	<u>12,058.96</u>
Total Checking/Savings	91,856.58

Sutlery Inventory	3,387.00
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Total Current Assets	95,243.58
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Fixed Assets

Accumulated Depreciation Building/House	-241,196.18
East Wing	60,891.48
Leasehold Improvements	<u>377,798.52</u>
Total Building/House	438,690.00
Furniture Fixtures	<u>92,561.43</u>

Total Fixed Assets	290,055.25
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TOTAL ASSETS	385,298.83
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Restricted Fund Balance	51,522.63
Unrestricted Fund Balance	326,461.68
Retained Earnings	3,096.77
Net Income	<u>4,217.75</u>

Total Equity	385,298.83
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	385,298.83
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Submitted by Treasurer Rick Paradis and Linda Cain, CPA

This balance sheet does not include the endowment fund report and depreciation has not been booked.

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation
2014 Annual Report



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Colonel Davenport House ♦ Located on Arsenal Island



The mission of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation is to preserve the Colonel Davenport House and site, and foster knowledge of the history and development of the Quad Cities region through tours of the house, exhibits, and educational programming.

2015 Board of Directors

Judy Tumbleson, President

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Jolene Keeney, Secretary

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2015 Events

**June 13-14
Pioneer Days**

**June 13-21
Quad Cities
Museum Week**

**August 23
Colonel's Croquet Party
Quarters One Lawn**

**September 26
Ghost Tales**

**November 11
Veterans Day**



About CDHF Membership

Eight new members joined in 2014:

Janet Brown-Lowe
Joel & Susan Curter
Cynthia Empen
Edyth Hogan
Marion Lardner
Aron & Carla Rutin



Every member of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation plays an important role in the organization. There are currently 103 members with a total of \$3,215 in membership dues. Whether by serving on a committee, recruiting new members, helping at special events, being a board member or by paying membership dues, each person helps to further our mission.

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation Membership Form

Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐

Name(s) _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address: (Kept confidential) _____

_____ Individual - \$25

_____ Patron - \$50

_____ Family - \$30

_____ Sustaining - \$100

_____ Senior (60 & older) - \$20

_____ Benefactor - \$500

_____ Student - \$15

_____ Life - \$2,000

Also included is a tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$_____. TOTAL ENCL: \$_____

☐ Please send me information on volunteer opportunities.



About Events & Marketing

Three issues of the *Cornucopia* newsletter were published with information for the members, and postcards for frequent supporters. And the website continues to be an important way for people to get information about the Colonel Davenport House. The website continues to be updated to have the most current information. In 2014, the website had almost 25,000 visits, an increase over 2013. We saw spikes in the months we had events and online event registration.

Pioneer Day returned to the Colonel Davenport House on Saturday, June 7 with over 60 people attending. There were demonstrations from George Davenport's time and other historic periods from costumed actors. There were also Civil War re-enactors who played period music and the Buckskinner group that had a typical camp set up the fur trade period and hatchet-throwing.



The CDHF decided to postpone the **Colonel's Croquet Party** until Saturday, September 13 due to the very hot and humid weather for the original August date. September 13 was a cooler-than-normal day but it was sunny, highs near 60°, and no wind—so it was a beautiful day for croquet on the Quarters One lawn.

The almost 40 attendees had a great time and almost \$400 was raised for the Colonel Davenport House.

Switching things around to have **Ghost Tales** told from the front of the house, it was a gorgeous night on the last Saturday in September. Dorie Foster, an English teacher at Rock Island High School, told several stories along with a handful of her students. Rex Whitmore, of Davenport, was the winner of the 2014 Ghost Tales contest sponsored by The Dispatch, The Rock Island Argus, and the CDHF. Almost \$300 was raised.

60 people enjoyed an afternoon **Christmas Tea** on Sunday, December 14th with scones, and savory and sweet delights. It was held at the historic Quarters One mansion on Arsenal Island beautifully decorated for the holidays, and guests received a guided tour. Almost \$700 was raised.



The Colonel Davenport House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1833-1834 and is on the North end of Arsenal Island in the Quad Cities. George Davenport was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving for ten years. He came to Rock Island in 1816 as a civilian who had a contract to supply rations to the soldiers at Fort Armstrong.

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation was formed in 1978 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Davenport House and grounds. It relies on private donations to support its activities and restoration efforts. The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation counts on volunteers to maintain and operate the House. The board of directors meets monthly to discuss finances, future plans, upcoming events, and tours.

The house is open for guided tours from May to October from 12-4 p.m. Special group tours outside regular hours can be requested.



About the House

In late March damage was discovered in the parlor ceiling. The floor of the bedroom above the parlor had to be carefully removed to get to the damage. The contractor found a rotten ledger board and part of the floor beams. The typical May 1st opening of the house for tours was delayed. The floor was sturdily shored up and the house opened for tours on May 22.



While all of the excitement was happening inside the main house, progress was slowly being made on the east wing project. And, as of this past summer, construction is complete. One portion of the wall is covered in Plexiglass to show off the house's interior wooden construction.

Storm windows have been added to the main house. For the second winter in a row, the Colonel Davenport House has experienced large ice dams when thick ridges of solid ice build up along the eaves. The CDHF is going to have an architectural conservator look at the house to determine why this is happening, how it can be fixed, and a priority of major maintenance projects on the house.

This year the CDHF received \$10,000 from the Riverboat Development Authority for work of the exhibits for the new east wing. Now that the east wing is completed, the CDHF can move forward with the installation of several new pieces.



About the Sutlery

The Sutlery, as well as the rest of the house, had a delayed opening in 2014 due to water damage in an upstairs bedroom and the ceiling of the parlor below. During this three-week delay a well-attended training session/informational meeting was held in the Sutlery for the gift shop



volunteers, who are called "sutlers". At this meeting, new procedures were presented and old ones were reviewed. Sutlers were given the chance to see new merchandise as well as the damage that had been done to the house. Questions were answered and schedules discussed.

Sutlers generally sign up to work 1 or 2 afternoons per month and are in charge of the gift shop that day while a volunteer guide gives tours of the house and grounds and interprets historical information about the Davenport house and family. In 2014 over 1100 volunteer hours were logged by these valuable sutlers and guides.

When guests arrive at the house they are asked to sign the Visitors' Log and this provides interesting information. 27 states and 2 foreign countries were represented by last year's guests. As in past years, the majority of these people learned about the Davenport House by word of mouth or by the internet. Whatever brought them, over 1300 people toured the house in 2014 spending over \$4700 on admissions and purchases.

Specially scheduled tours continue to bring in many guests. Groups from as far away as Michigan travelled to the house as did groups of children from local schools. Unfortunately, a couple tours had to be cancelled due to the house's late opening. Arrangements can be made for these private tours at any time, not just during regular hours.

As always, it is the volunteers that make the CDHF run smoothly and make it possible for the house to be available to the public. New volunteers are always welcome and the current volunteers are always greatly appreciated.