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"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"

WELCOME A FRIEND, BUILD TOMORROW!

Members of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation deserve special thanks for their support of this all-volunteer effort to preserve and interpret the home and history of George Davenport's pioneering family. Without your help, this National Historic Landmark home, built in 1833-34, would long ago have crumbled to dust.

With your continued help, and the support of new friends, we'll capitalize on past successes, by rebuilding wings on the home's southeast side, creating new space for both interpretation, education, and administration, while expanding our outreach programs to area schools, museums, and libraries.

Coming "Lunch and Learn" programs will touch on the igniting spark of the Civil War, with the Sesquicentennial of the Supreme Court's infamous Dred Scott decision of 1857. That case started right here! In 2008, May's Historic Preservation Month offers us special opportunity to work with other community organizations on a unique tour program.

None of this can happen without your contribution of time, talents, and funds. The IRS has always provided tax benefits for donations. In 2006-7, the IRS has even made it possible for retirees to make tax-free direct distributions of IRA funds to their favorite charities, in amounts up to \$100,000. See your tax planner or attorney for details. Our involvement with the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend also offers opportunity to make special legacy gifts that can even produce tax-favored family income.

But most importantly, we hope you'll bring a friend to visit the home, or attend some of our upcoming events. Those new friends are our future!

Sincerely,
John E. Norton, President

Cornucopia is a quarterly publication for CDHF members, volunteers and Board of Directors. To submit a story for publication, contact Jessica Waytenick, Editor at waytenik@winco.net or call (563) 322-3911 Ext. 103.

HOUSE CLOSES FOR SEASON IN OCTOBER

Colonel Davenport's House will be closing for the season in October. Bring your Labor Day holiday guests to the House to showcase our local history. As a reminder, the House is open Thursday-Sunday from noon until 4:00 p.m. The House will close for the season on Saturday, October 27th, 2007.

SPOOKY FAMILY FUN GREET AT GHOSTTALES

When: Saturday, September 29 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 Where: Colonel Davenport House lawn on Arsenal Island
 Cost: FREE There is no cost to attend this event. Donations are encouraged.

Catch performances by local storytellers and a special appearance by the Dispatch/Argus contest winner.

Bring your family and a lawn chair for this family friendly event. Snacks, hot dogs, chips, hot cocoa, cider, cookies and coffee will be available.

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Refreshments will be served for a nominal charge. **Please enter through the Moline gate and visitors over 16 years of age, bring a photo ID.**



ARSENAL EMPLOYEES WELCOMED FOR APPRECIATION DAY

Arsenal Appreciation Day is will be held on Thursday, September 27 from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All Arsenal employees receive free admission to the Col. Davenport House that day. Antique cars will take employees from Building 60 to the house from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the hour. The public is welcome also for free tours.

CDHF APPLAUDES GENEROUS BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS

A big THANK YOU goes to all of those who helped CDHF further its mission this year with cash and in-kind contributions. Merci, Gracias, Danke...in every language...CDHF thanks you!

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CDHF OUT AND ABOUT:

Along with our display board and brochures, people could try writing like Colonel Davenport did with a quill feather and ink at Art Stroll in downtown Davenport on Saturday, August 4. We also had calligraphy markers on hand that were much easier to use!

HISTORY MOMENT: MISSED CHANCES FOR PEACE 1832

By Dick Balzer

Most people will agree the Black Hawk War in 1832 marked an historic turning point in the development of our Quad Cities hometown area. As William Hagen crystallized the situation in his book, *The Sac and Fox Indians*, “That the wickiup should give way to the log cabin was inevitable.” However, if you examine the history of the Black Hawk War as Hagen does in his book, the blood shed in it might not have been inevitable. Consider all the missed chances for peace.



FIRST: On April 15, 1832, Black Hawk decides to surrender to the Illinois militia under Maj. Stillman, who is pursuing Black Hawk’s “British Band.” He sends three warriors under a white flag to arrange a peace settlement, trailed by five braves. The militia misread the situation and mounted an attack on the five braves who escape back to Black Hawk’s camp. Black Hawk takes that as a rejection of his peace offer and responds with an ambush of the pursuing militia. The militiamen panic and retreat and the event goes into history books as *The Battle of Stillman’s Run*.

SECOND: On the morning of July 22, Neapope—a Black Hawk lieutenant—calls out to the pursuing militia from a nearby hilltop along the Wisconsin River. Speaking in an Indian tongue, he tells them his people are starving; he asks the Long Knives to let the tribe move west of the Mississippi to live in peace. But the soldiers don’t understand what he’s saying, so they cannot respond to his peace overture. And he escapes.

THIRD: On August 1, 1832, the dwindling remainder of Black Hawk’s “British Band”—around 500—arrive at the junction of the Bad Axe and Mississippi Rivers in Wisconsin. As the Indians begin to improvise rafts and canoes to cross the Mississippi to the west bank, the cannon-equipped steamboat, the “Warrior”, appears on the river. The Indians hold up a white flag and call out surrender offers. But the crew doesn’t understand the Indian tongue and open cannon fire on them.

The massacre at Bad Axe the next day brings to an end the battles of the Black Hawk War. There will never be an exact head count of all the Native Americans lost to starvation, drowning, or gunfire in the war. But we do know, in retrospect, there were three missed chances for peace.

ANNUAL MEETING, BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SET

SAVE THE DATE for Colonel George Davenport’s Birthday Party!

Colonel George Davenport was born in November 1783 so we will celebrate his 224th birthday. The party will be celebrated at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club on Sunday, November 11, 2007. Invitations to this event will be mailed to you this fall. This celebration will also serve as this year’s Annual Meeting. Please plan to join us as we celebrate a year of change.





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Be a History Buff!

JOIN US IN THIS MONTH FOR A LUNCH AND LEARN PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 12th at noon, Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club

See a play written by a local Quad Citian about the case with local ties that sparked the Civil War. "A Shave and a Haircut. Two Bits!" A Gathering at the Rock Island Barbershop to Discuss Dred Scott's Case" by board member Judge John "Don" O'Shea.

[Additional Details inside!!](#) Please see the enclosed flyer for information on this upcoming program.

SAVE THESE 2008 LUNCH AND LEARN DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

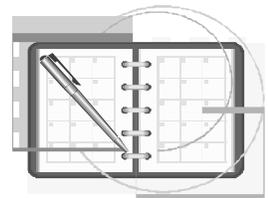
Wednesday, April 9

Wednesday, July 2

Wednesday, May 28

Wednesday, September 10

The schedule of speakers for these events will be released in a later Cornucopia. Please mark your calendars now to join other CDHF members and guests at the upcoming 2008 Lunch and Learn Series.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Glenna Friel of Bettendorf, IA
Suzanne Hoskins of Milan, IL
Babs and Steve Treiber of LeClaire, Iowa

PARADE OF HOMES COMPLETE

In June, CDHF volunteers and members helped staff open houses to raise money for the Foundation. More than \$900 was raised this year. Thank you