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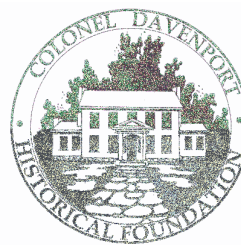
GEORGE
DAVENPORT



COMMUNITY
LEADER



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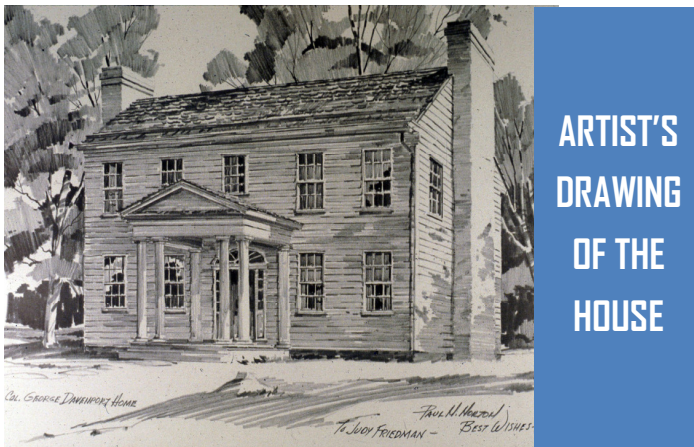


Colonel Davenport
Historical Foundation
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The Davenport House Story

Based on a Federal Style, the Colonel Davenport House was built using technology known by a local carpenter. His method was to build the skeleton of the house as if it were a log structure. The logs were squared using axes and adzes and then notched to fit tightly against each other. Furring strips were then secured to the exterior with pine clapboards attached to the strips.

Later more conventional building techniques of frame construction were used. East and west wings were put on the house. Davenport used the west wing as an office. A kitchen wing was added on the south. A small porch ran the length of the house that was the center of a number of buildings, as many as thirteen. These additional buildings acted as warehouses and storehouses for the trading network.



ARTIST'S
DRAWING
OF THE
HOUSE

After the Civil War, the house deteriorated and eventually fell to the ravages of local souvenir hunters and vandals. In 1907, restoration began, and in 1988 the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation raised funds and restored the roof, siding, windows, front porch, and subsequently

the west wing. The Federal Government and the U.S. Army have contributed no money to this restoration project.

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 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.

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President's Report

This year has had some good things and some disappointing things going on, but the good outweigh the bad.

The participation in our special events has been wonderful! We began with the luncheon for guides and sutlers in May and the only disappointing thing about that was that we didn't have more of them in attendance. Next was our Pioneer Living Day in June with many participating agencies. You should see some of the things Suzanne Hoskins is planning for this year's event on Saturday, June 9. Thank you, Suzanne.



In August we held the 2nd annual croquet tournament. What an afternoon of fun and food. The golf club did its usual outstanding job on the food. Thank you, Jessica Waytenick, for all the work that went into that event, and to all the Waytenick family for their help.

Next was our mystery bus trip in September. We had a superb trip to a museum, an unusual art exhibit and a small country store. What fun! Thank you, Judy Vukulich, for all the planning, but on the down side Judy says that she doesn't want to plan it

again, because she hadn't anticipated having to find the people to go on the trip. Anyone like to take it on? I'm sure Judy would be willing to help.

Ghost Tales came next at the end of September. Susan Serre of Lynn Center was our winner of the "Ghost Tales" contest in the Argus/Dispatch. Rain was predicted all day, but we forged ahead keeping the good thought. Luckily, we had a large empty room in the east wing so when the raindrops started to fall just as the tales were to be told, we moved inside. It was crowded but everyone (except one small boy) had a lot of fun. A big thank you to the Waytenick family again and to Dorie Foster, who was our storyteller. The rain did put out the marshmallow roasting fire, so not many s'mores were sold. Maybe this year.

The final event of the year was our Christmas Tea held at Quarters One in December. In spite of bad weather, almost all of the guests with reservations attended.

The downside of the year is that we weren't able to make significant progress on the east wing of the house. We're still waiting on a decision on a grant we submitted to the State of Illinois. We keep receiving encouragement that it will come, but it has been slow.

2014 looks to be another eventful (pun intended) and we hope to see many of our members enjoying the activities!

Submitted by Judy Tumbleson,
CDHF Board President

Collections Report

1) The CDHF received two early American chairs, several pewter plates and baskets, a wrought iron candle stand, and a shopkeeper's standing desk. The donated objects are the gift of Ms. Ann Huntoon of Moline. The CDHF were pleased to accept these gifts, as they are of a



**'NEW'
ITEMS
ADDED
TO THE
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style and vintage of the Davenport House. These objects have been in Ms. Huntoon's family for many years. Her grandparents actually acquired them as antiques in

New England in the early 20th century. Plans are to feature the shopkeeper's desk in the recreation of the fur trade exhibit in the new east wing.

2) Progress is being made in the Collection Records computerization project. Most of our collection has been inventoried, entered into and recorded by Past Perfect. We have 50 or more unaccounted objects. We will make one more final search for the lost objects then write them off and any remaining unrecorded objects we will designate as 'Found in Collection'. This bookwork should be done by mid-January. Then we will begin marking and photographing each recorded object. My friend who did the photography for the Montgomery Elevator Company parts catalog has agreed to loan (give) us some staging equipment and teach us some good practices on photographing objects. We hope to get this phase completed before the house opens in May.

We started out with five additional volunteers helping on the project now we are down to just

one. They all did good, valuable and accurate work but they have completed their school requirements and commitments. Most of them were from Western IL University. Once all the basic data for all our historical objects are completely recorded in Past Perfect, we can enter all the remaining ancillary data (provenance, detailed description, value, cost, etc.).

3) As a by-product of the Past Perfect project, we have completed a book of all the objects photographed in situ. This will be an aid in maintaining the integrity of our collection.

4) We are in the process of refining our computer installation. We have installed an automatic local computer data back up system. We want to improve our system protection. We will also establish an off-site storage location for our application backups. Finally, it being of no use having all those backups but with no one knowing how to restore anything, we are in the process of writing a 'SIMPLE' manual on how to restore all those backups.

5) I don't want to be premature, but I think we have solved our telephone problems. The next (and, hopefully, final) step is to replace our existing kluge of phones and rat's nest of wires with a single, high quality, reliable and usable telephone set. That should be done by the end of the month. (Maybe we can find one that will easily accommodate a credit card system).

Submitted by Chet Doyle

Sutlery Report

The gift shop at the Colonel Davenport House is called the Sutlery, recalling George Davenport's job as sutler to the U.S. Army. In addition to being a place to browse and shop, it is the starting point for tours of the house. It is where visitors sign the guest book, meet their guide and purchase tour tickets.

The guest book gives us valuable information about the number of visitors, where they are from, how they learned about the Davenport House and what comments they might have. With over 1500 visitors this year from 32 states and 5 countries, word-of-mouth was still the most common way they heard about the Davenport House.

Many visitors were part of a specially arranged tour. There were over a dozen of

family reunion. Some had never been to the house before and many had not been there for years.

This year the Sutlery shared some of its space with the acquisition committee and the people working on the east wing so it was decided not to purchase as much new inventory as in previous years due to limited display space. Some of the new items that were purchased included historic toys, books and metal plant labels like the ones used by the Tri-City Garden Club in the garden by the house. Sales this year totaled \$1250.

Thank you to the Tri-City Garden Club for their tremendous volunteer effort to keep the period garden looking beautiful!

There are over 20 volunteers that work in the Sutlery, usually signing up for one or two times a month. These volunteers form the backbone of the Sutlery and make it possible for the shop to operate.

A sutler's job is to greet the guests, collect admission fees, keep the shop in order and sell the merchandise. Several volunteers have had to discontinue working for one reason or another this year, so it will be necessary to do some recruiting before the 2014 season starts. If anyone is interested, please call. It's a great way to spend an afternoon.

Submitted by Ginny Bauersfeld



these tours, the majority of which were for school children. Adult tour groups came from Michigan, Minnesota and Kansas in addition to Iowa and Illinois. In June, a group of people who are direct descendants of Margaret Davenport toured the house while they were in the Quad Cities for a

Membership Report

New Members in 2013

Margaret Barnes
Kris and Susan Jansen
Rick Paradis
Mike Thomas
Rebekah Wharton

Every member of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation plays an important role in the organization. There are currently 106 members with a total of \$3,150 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.

CDHF Members Have Been Involved:

Over 30 years - 3
Over 25 years - 10
Over 20 years - 9
Over 15 years - 16
Over 10 years - 29
Over 5 years - 18
Under 5 years - 21

Submitted by Suzanne Hoskins



Public Relations Report

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 2013, the website had over 21,025 visits, an increase over 2012. We saw spikes in the months we had events and online event registration on our site.

Thank you to our Colonel's Croquet Party sponsors:
K&K Hardware,



American Bank & Trust, Arsenal Island Golf Club, CBS4-WHBF, Quad-City Times, Sedona Technology Group, Trophy World, and Creekside Vineyards Winery.

Despite the waiting on the grant decision, the CDHF has made progress in the design of exhibits for the Colonel Davenport House. We have worked with Silver Oaks to complete a rendering of the two new exhibit spaces; research and complete the design of the Davenport family tree; complete the rules and description of the board game and complete the design work; and complete the research for the historic timeline. Other work on the house included regular maintenance, construction of new windows, and filling of exterior nail holes in preparation for painting.

Submitted by Jessica Waytenick

CDHF Financial Report

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2013

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

ABTC-Checking	27,492.74
CDHF Endowment Fund-CFGRB	30,787.54
312 Endowment Fund-CFGRB	18,986.71
Savings Account-ABTC	5,528.97
Savings Capital Improvements-ABTC	1,002.23
Savings Collections-ABTC	2,378.85
Vanguard Money Market	2,781.76
Vanguard IT Bond Index Fund	3,140.28
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	<u>10,611.38</u>

Total Checking/Savings 102,710.46

Sutlery Inventory 2,892.00

Total Current Assets 105,602.46

Fixed Assets

Accumulated Depreciation Building/House	-230,466.98
East Wing	33,837.27
Leasehold Improvements	<u>337,798.52</u>
Total Building/House	411,635.79
Furniture Fixtures	<u>92,561.43</u>

Total Fixed Assets 273,730.24

TOTAL ASSETS 379,332.70

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Restricted Fund Balance	44,759.39
Unrestricted Fund Balance	333,224.92
Retained Earnings	-4,330.77
Net Income	<u>5,679.16</u>

Total Equity 379,332.70

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 379,332.70

Submitted by Treasurer Kathy Peck and Linda Cain, CPA

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

The CDHF participates in the Combined Federal Campaign which is the United Way for gov't employees. The CDHF received \$362.19 from 2013 CFC donors.

The CDHF received \$517.38 through the Birdies for Charity program.

Guides & Sutlers

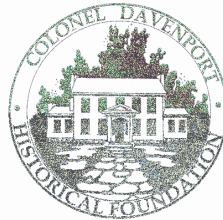
Guides

Dee Anderson
Dick and Dories Balzer
Barbara Emerson
Chris Fiedler
Bill Hampes
Joyce Johnston
Connie Patridge
Arnie Shileny
Rick Paradis
Nancy Cornish
Pete Peterson
Sharon Heinze
Kathy Peck
Janice Peterson
Eunice Schlichting
Maryan Wherry
Chet Doyle
Judy and Jack Tumbleson

Sutlers

Barbara Acuff
Ginny Bauersfeld
Marge Barnes
Marty Bileddo
Jean Booth
Chris Fiedler
Patty Gillette
Marilyn Grable
Barbara Hanson
Velma Held
Suzanne Hoskins
Joyce Johnston
Marilyn Morley
Rose Morrill
Jan Nahra
Connie Patridge
Janice Peterson
Arlene Sax
Nancy Strohl
Ruth Swab
Judy Vukelich
Karen Wassmer
Lois Wehner

Thank You!



2014 Event Calendar

Contact Person

January 26 – Annual Meeting at Modern Woodmen Park
May 1 – Opening Day at the House
June 7 – Pioneer Day at the House
August – Colonel's Croquet Party at Quarters One
September 5-21 – East West Riverfest at the House
September 27 – Ghost Tales at the House
October 31 – End of regular hours at the House
November 11 – Veteran's Day at the House
December – Christmas Tea at Quarters One

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