

**Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation  
Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2016

**ASSETS**

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

ABTC-Checking	2,451.08
CDHF Endowment Fund-CFGRB	29,221.96
312 Endowment Fund-CFGRB	17,404.18
Vanguard Money Market	3,489.11
Vanguard IT Bond Index Fund	3,395.85
Vanguard 500 Index Fund	<u>27,618.41</u>
Total Checking/Savings	80,185.44

Sutlery Inventory	3,191.00
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Total Current Assets	83,376.44
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Fixed Assets

Accumulated Depreciation Building/House	-264,058.00
East Wing	62,916.90
Leasehold Improvements	<u>377,798.52</u>
Total Building/House	440,715.42
Furniture Fixtures	<u>92,561.43</u>

Total Fixed Assets	269,218.85
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>352,595.29</b>
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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

Equity

Restricted Fund Balance	45,865.29
Unrestricted Fund Balance	332,259.02
Retained Earnings	-2,253.35
Net Income	<u>-23,275.67</u>

Total Equity	352,595.29
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>352,595.29</b>
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Submitted by Treasurer Rick Paradis and Blair Westphall CPA

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



**Colonel Davenport  
Historical Foundation  
2016 Annual Report**

PO Box 4603 ♦ Rock Island, IL 61204-4603

309-786-7336 ♦ [davenporthouse.org](http://davenporthouse.org)

Located on Arsenal Island

The house is open for guided tours from  
May to October Wed. to Sat. from 12-4 p.m.





*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.*

#### **2016 Board of Directors**

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#### **2017 Events**

**June 17  
Pioneer Day**

**June 17-25  
Quad Cities  
Museum Week**

**June 27  
History Book Club**

**September 30  
Ghost Tales**

**November 11  
Veterans Day**

**December 10  
Christmas Tea**



#### **About House Maintenance**

The Colonel Davenport House is a historic house built over 180 years ago. It takes a lot to maintain an old house. Here is the to-do list in no particular order:

- Replace rotting wooden siding on the west wing.
- Repair or rebuild west wing windows.
- Replace/repair rotting corner fascia on the four corners of main house.
- Repair front porch steps.
- Repair threshold and deck of front porch.
- Complete porch roof to extend to east wing.
- Replace downspouts on main house and west wing.
- Install downspouts on east wing.
- Refit/rehang/repaint front door of main house and west wing.
- Install second floor storm windows on main house.
- Relocate east wing HVAC unit from front of the house.
- Clean up rocks, etc. from grounds.
- Varnish all floors and stairway in main house.
- Revarnish gouges in west wing floor.
- Repair stair bannister in main house.
- Bring building up to Arsenal fire code.





Three issues of the **Cornucopia** newsletter were published with information for the members, and postcards for frequent supporters.

We are now using Google Analytics to track the statistics from our website. That started in April 2016. We are missing the first 3 months of data, but there were over 6,000 pageviews last year. The biggest visitation came from Illinois and Iowa. People found the website mainly through visitquadcities.com and Google. The Facebook page has 152 likes.

**Pioneer Days** returned to the Colonel Davenport House on for two days on June 18-19. It was also part of the Quad Cities Museum Week. 130 people came! The Bucks Skinner group had a typical camp set up the fur trade period and hatchet-throwing. They saw pioneer activities such as quilting, basket weaving, ice cream making (a favorite!), washboard washing, and wood carving. Guest historical speakers included: Gena Schantz and Maryan Wherry, and period music from Wes Wells.



**Ghost Tales** took place on a gorgeous night on the last Saturday in September with over 60 attending. Steven Blair, of East Moline, was the winner of the 2016 Ghost Tales contest sponsored by The Dispatch/Argus, and the CDHF. Hy-Vee also contributed to the event.

79 people enjoyed an afternoon **Christmas Tea** on Sunday, December 11 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.

The new exhibits for the east wing are slowly and surely getting finished. The family tree, George Davenport timeline, and board game are completed. The re-mastered video to play in shorter segments was finished by dphilms and will be ready on an iPad next month. The final thing to finish will be the touchscreen.



2016 marked the 200th anniversary of the first permanent settlement in the Quad Cities--Fort Armstrong. In 1816 a detachment of the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment began construction. For the next several decades Fort Armstrong was a symbol of American presence on the frontier.



The Colonel Davenport House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1833-1834. George Davenport came to Rock Island in 1816 as a civilian who had a contract to supply rations to the soldiers at Fort Armstrong.

The U.S. Bicentennial in 1976 prompted the Questers, a non-profit organization dedicated to study, conservation, and preservation of historical objects, to reach out to its chapters across the country and urge them to become involved in a local preservation project, event, and/or community celebration.

The Quad Cities chapters met with several community leaders. Joe Cartright, former director of the Putnam Museum, was aware that the Quad-City Homebuilders were unable to continue with their lessee responsibilities of the Colonel Davenport House. The group had made many improvements to the property and saved it from demolition.

The Quad Cities Questers stepped in and formed a non-profit group, with the pro-bono assistance of two local attorneys. The term of the lease ran for 5 years and was renewed twice for that term; the last renewal was for 25 years.

The Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation continues its mission of conservation and preservation of one of the Quad-Cities premier historic sites. Over the years the roof, windows, siding, and portico have been historically restored. It is now over 40 years since this endeavor began.

- Notes about the founding thanks to Connie Runge, one of the founding members and president.





2016 began with new security requirements required to get on to the Rock Island Arsenal. Instead of just showing a picture ID, everyone would need to stop at the Moline Gate to get a background check and a pass. Yearly passes were given out. There were long lines at the beginning.

Spring also brought the news that the Arsenal Museum was in jeopardy of closing. A Town Hall Meeting was held and there was great attendance. Recent news was shared that the museum is not closing. It's important to the Colonel Davenport House to keep the number of public attractions on the island.

Julia Evans was our intern for the summer. She was completing her Masters in Museum Studies at WIU-QC Campus. Julia was a great help, especially when she was unexpectedly put in charge of Pioneer Days. She also assisted with house maintenance and other projects at the Colonel Davenport House.

In August, about 20 CDHF volunteers and guests attended a special program with Gena Schantz to learn more about the house. As part of her senior project, Jordan Kirkbride Stockwell and Dr. Catherine Goebel researched together and purchased, through the Paul A. Anderson Chair, the small sewing table that Jordan's research confirmed was appropriate for the house.



The CDHF found that the landscape around the house was going to change. The construction of the Army Family Housing project on the Rock Island Arsenal east of the Davenport House began in November. The project adds over 30 single-family homes, playground, and basketball court. The way to get to the house has changed to come in from Davenport Drive.

Handyman Dick Larson was hired in March 2016. Projects completed around the house include plaster repair work, a new shed built, a new wall built in the east wing, and rerouting the HVAC drainage to avoid leaks and exterior ice jams.

The cataloging of items continues to be entered into the PastPerfect computer system. They have now started cataloging photographs and archival documents.



The gift shop at the Colonel Davenport House is called the Sutlery and the volunteers that work there are called sutlers. A sutler was a person who sold provisions to soldiers as George Davenport did in the early 1800s at Ft. Armstrong, so it is fitting that the store in his house is called the Sutlery.



In 2016 new security policies were implemented on Arsenal Island and it is hard not to blame the decreased admissions at the Col. Davenport House on the fact that it was more difficult to get there.

The number of visitors to the house was down by 27% from the year before, and the total amount collected for admission fees was down even more. The latter would be due to having fewer people paying the full admission price; active military and children under 12 are admitted free of charge and pre-arranged group tours are charged a reduced rate.

In spite of these reduced admission numbers, sales in the Sutlery were up over the previous two years thanks to a board member who was able to sell the entire inventory of Quad Cities tea towels.

As in the past, the visitors to the Col. Davenport House were a diverse group geographically. Although the majority of guests were from the Midwest, 34 states were represented, as well as 5 countries and 4 continents. The Visitor's sign-in Log asks how people found out about the house; and "internet" and "word of mouth/friends" were the leading answers.

The gift shop sells a variety of items, most with an historical theme. Toys like yoyos, knitting spools, Jacob's ladders are always popular, as are children's and adult's books. Many hand-made wooden items such as whistles, decorative balls, and walking sticks have been donated for sale. There are always CDHF logo items like coffee mugs, t-shirts, and canvas bags. New inventory is on order and suggestions are always welcome.

The volunteer sutlers and the generous time they donate are the reasons the Sutlery is able to exist. We are always on the lookout for more people who would be willing to spend 1 or 2 afternoons a month working in the gift shop and helping this wonderful, historic site survive.