

# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



“Let your heritage not be lost, but bequeath it as a memory, treasure, and blessing, and preserve it for your children.”

— Christian Metz, 1846

## Bridging the Gap of Historical Knowledge!

Mary is a much-sought-after expert about bridge construction and Mississippi River history as a result of her research for a two-volume set of books — Climbing the Mississippi River Bridge by Bridge. Her books are the only documentation of this subject since Brevet Major General G.K. Warren’s report in 1878. She has received rave reviews for her accurate illustrations and authoritative books from engineers, librarians, researchers and the public alike. The book includes Mary’s dramatic pen-and-ink renderings of the bridges, as well as engineering and historical facts.

Mary has been a speaker for school groups, civic organizations and historical groups throughout the Midwest. Currently she is writing a historical novel about the creation of the first railroad bridge across the Mississippi. At the SCHPS meeting, Mary will show slides and elaborate on all the local bridges concentrating on the history of the first railroad bridge built on the Mississippi.



A lithograph postcard from Karen Anderson’s Collection of the Arsenal Island Government Bridge.

## March 2003 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
March 13, 2003 • 7pm  
Bettendorf Public Library

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# “Preservation at its Best 2003”

## NOMINATION FORM

For Historic Properties Rehabilitated or Restored and Competed in 2002.

Categories: (Check One)

1. Residential \_\_\_\_\_
2. Public \_\_\_\_\_
3. Rural \_\_\_\_\_
4. Archeological \_\_\_\_\_

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Property listed on the National Register?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible \_\_\_\_\_

Architect's Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Answer the following four descriptions on one 8" x 10" sheet of paper.

1. Describe the BEFORE condition of the Property.
2. Describe the WORK done to the Property.
3. Describe the property's HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE.
4. Describe how the project was FUNDED.

Please attach a least TWO PHOTOGRAPHS: Before and After

### Mail Nominations to:

Iowa Historic Preservation Alliance  
205 East Washington  
Washington, IA 52353

### Questions may be Directed to:

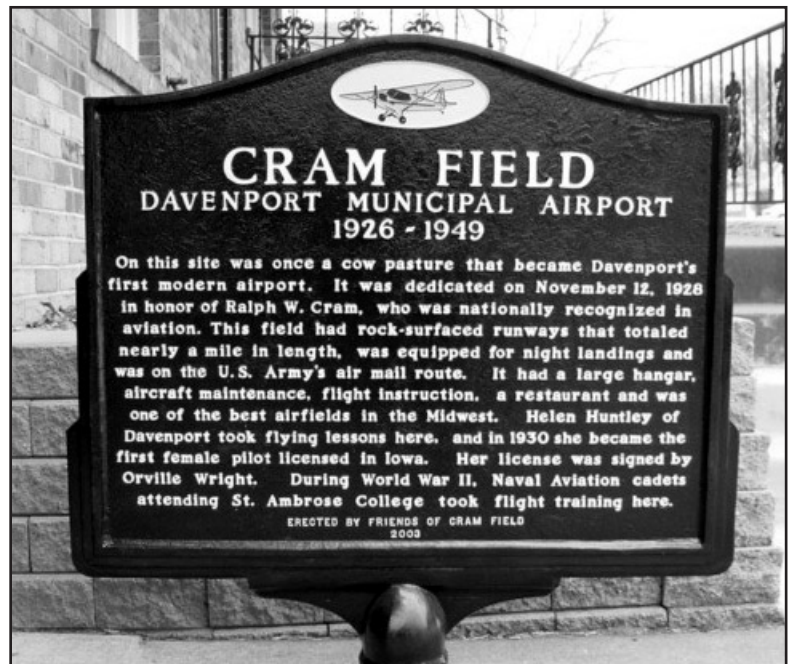
Dr. Michael Kramme  
(319) 863-7141 or ihpa@iowatelecom.net

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED  
BY MARCH 30, 2003**



## Historical Marker Dedication!

A historical Marker will be dedicated for Cram Field at Northwest Park, 3400 N. Division St. on Tuesday April 22, 2003 at 10am. Cram Field was Davenport's first modern airport, named in honor of Ralph W. Cram a nationally recognized aviator. An interesting fact is Helen Huntley of Davenport took flight lessons at Cram Field and later became the first female pilot to be licensed in Iowa. Orville Wright signed her license!



## Become a Published Author!

This month's newsletter is a little sparse. Our President Ella Hartmann does such a great job in providing interesting articles, tidbits of information, as well as dates for upcoming events. She was missed this month, sadly her husband Ward passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Ella and we look forward to your return next month.

We would love to publish your writing! Update us on your latest project, provide us with a tip, alert us to events, etc. Send submittals to [graham\\_graphics@msn.com](mailto:graham_graphics@msn.com)

Please call Ella at 441-0698 if you know of any prospective members. We'll see to it they receive 3 copies of our newsletter, so they can learn what we're all about! We are also getting requests for information from our website.

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