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# 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

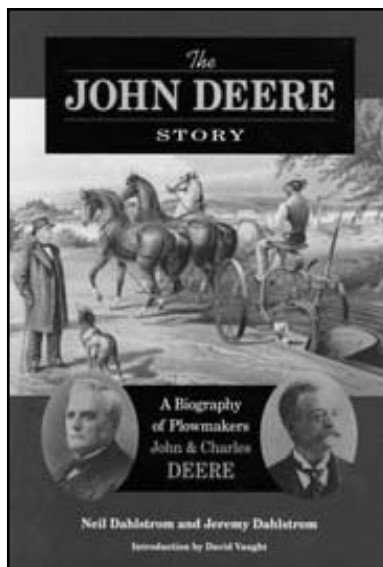
## Oh My, Oh Deere, What Scandals Await Our Baited Ear?!?

What can be more exciting than a glimpse into letters marked "confidential" with instructions to burn them? The letters were written by George Deere, John Deere's nephew, to his cousin Charles Deere.

After learning about these letters, Neil, an archivist for Deere and Company as well as president of the Moline Preservation Society, and his brother Jeremy decided to write a book. "The John Deere Story" has been three years in the making.

Deere and Company developed its present leader's status in the farm equipment industry over several decades. Since Deere and Company is a major employer in the Quad-Cities area, we know you'll want to attend this meeting to learn more. If you have your own folding chair, could you bring it?

Neil will be our guest speaker at the Antoine LeClaire House and copies of the book will be available. TOP PHOTO: Neil (left) and Jeremy (right) at a book signing at Borders in DeKalb, Illinois on July 23.



ABOVE: The Cover of Neil & Jeremy's latest book.

## Sept. 2005 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
Sept. 8, 2005 • 7pm  
The Antoine LeClaire House

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## Good Turnout at July 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting Despite the Heat.

Our members realize when one should take advantage of the opportunities SCHPS provides! We were amply rewarded by being able to see 2 former captains' houses that are now retail shops on Cody Rd, as well as 2 captain's houses which are still private residences. Also we heard Karen Anderson's lecture about the history of this fascinating river town. Libby Platt's backyard was the perfect place to enjoy cookies and conversation. Thanks Libby!

The River Cities Reader Aug. 17-23 issue had an article about the growth and new citizens in the city. This is indeed no surprise. And Roald Tweet with his usual humor and insight on WVIK's "Rock Island Lines" last week talked about the Suiter family whose family tree includes river pilots, bankers and community leaders!

### WELCOME 6 New Members!

**Jeffrey Gomez**  
Lakeshore Dr, Bettendorf

**Deb Skold**  
Bridge Ave, Davenport

**Sharon Tunison**  
Forest Rd, Davenport

**Kathleen Flynn**  
(Vonnie Flynn's daughter)  
N. Pine St, Davenport

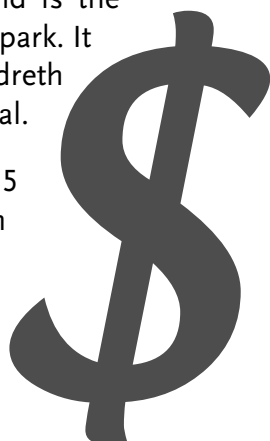
**Cindy Rieke**  
(Cindy purchased N. DeJohn's home.)  
Spring St, Davenport

**Diann Moore**  
(VP - Moline Preservation Society)  
Glenwood Dr, Moline

## Preservation Alert!

On September 13 at 5 P.M. at Davenport City Hall, come help us support Indian Springs landmarking. This park is located near the Village of East Davenport and is the oldest and most historic city park. It was located next to the Hildreth log cabin. Your support is vital.

2005-2006 SCHPS dues of \$15 are due and payable. An addressed envelope is included with this newsletter for your convenience. Your continued support is appreciated!



## Education Committee Update

JUNE 22 - LeClaire, Iowa Downtown Redevelopment Group held first meeting at LeClaire House to discuss:

- Historic District Ordinance for LeClaire
- Renovation Advisory Board
- Tour development
- Fundraising for historic redevelopment

JUNE 23 - Put together downtown tour for a foreign visitor's bus tour, conducted by Mary Ellen Chamberlin, Riverboat Development Commission

JUNE 25 - had 12 and 1-1/2 hour interview with the travel reporter from The Chicago Herald Tribune discussing history of Davenport

JUNE 28 - Met with Linda Downs, director, Figge Art Museum, to provide a historic timeline of the Figge block. Karen came up with 31 historic photos of the block from Main to Harrison, River Dr to 2nd St.

JULY 11 - Met with board of East Davenport Development Corp. to request a letter to seek landmarking of Indian Springs Park. (A request to begin preparing landmarking was issued by the Davenport City Finance Committee July 14).

JULY 14 - Put together history tour of LeClaire and steamboat Captains' houses for SCHPS meeting

AUGUST 18 - Presented slide program and tour at LeClaire House for Moline Preservation Society.

Karen also has participated in 2 "GREAT PLACES" meetings that will determine how \$5,000,000 in grant money will be used.



**Own a Piece of History**  
**FOR SALE: 1120 Mississippi Ave, Davenport**

## Cemetery Walks

Sept. 17, 1-3PM - Fairmount Cemetery. Sponsored by German-American Heritage Center. Meet at center for short lecture before tour.

Sept. 24, 1-5PM - Oakdale Cemetery. Carriage rides. Re-enactors, walking tour. For more information see [www.cemeteryclub.com](http://www.cemeteryclub.com).

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