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# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.

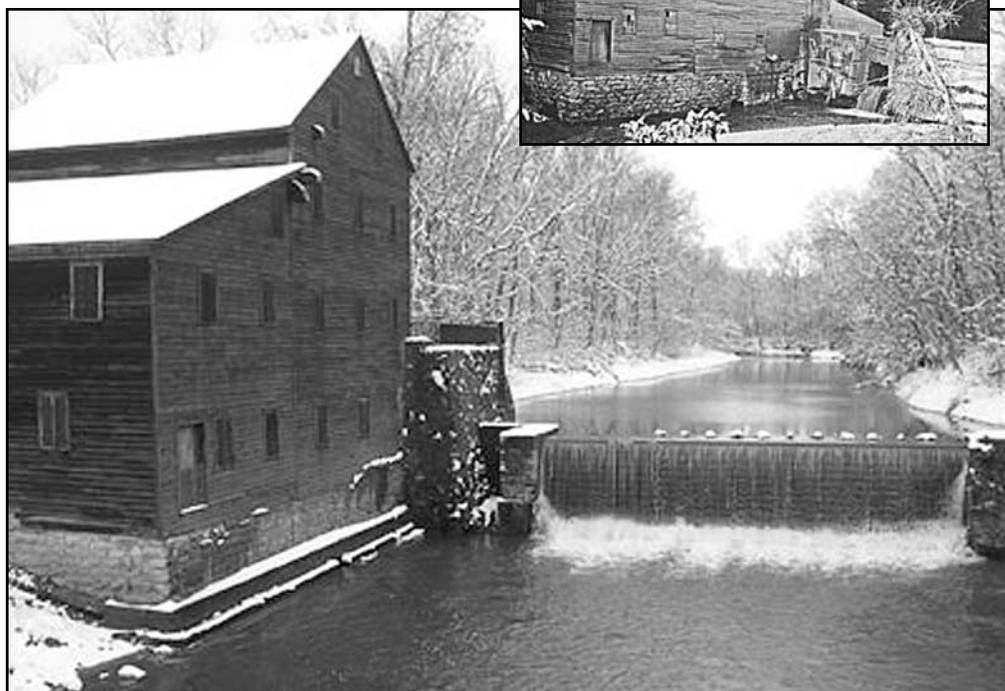
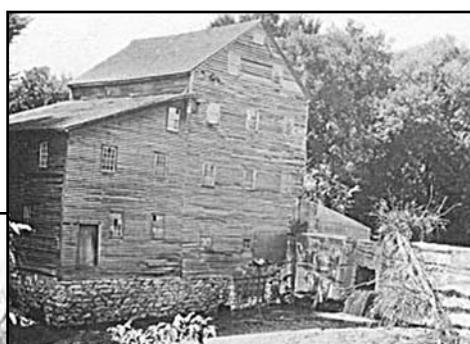


“Let your heritage not be lost, but bequeath it as a memory, treasure, and blessing, and preserve it for your children.”

— Christian Metz, 1846

## Pine Creek Grist Mill Restoration Update.

Just across the border from Scott County in Muscatine County in Wildcat Den State Park is the Pine Creek Grist Mill. Our speaker, Dave Metz will show slides and bring us up to date on activities of *The Friends of the Mill* volunteer group founded in 1996 to renovate the mill. After decades of inactivity, the mill has been brought back to life as a tourist attraction and historical interpretation center. Members of the German-American Heritage Center will be joining us to enjoy this meeting.



Centered: The Pine Creek Grist Mill today, fully restored.

Top Left: An older photo of the Mill from the 1800s.

## Feb 2007 Newsletter

Next SCHPS meeting  
**Feb. 8, 2007 • 6:30pm**  
Bettendorf Public Library

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## SCHPS Holiday Party a Success!

This year the Annual Holiday party was held at Gene and Phylus James' home at 20 River Drive, in Bettendorf. In 2005 the weather outside was frightful and our fires at home were delightful so we cancelled our Christmas party! This year we were lucky and the party went ahead as scheduled and was enjoyed by all in attendance. The James' have done extensive work to their home since purchasing it fourteen years ago and now enjoy a comfortable historic home with an unparalleled river view!

### !! WELCOME !! NEW BOARD MEMBER

MARY COSTELLO

Mary is the author of a two-volume set of books "Climbing the Mississippi River - Bridge by Bridge." The books contain her dramatic pen-and-ink renderings of the bridges along with engineering and historical facts. She has been a speaker for many groups, including SCHPS. She will be in charge of our notecard sales. We're delighted to have her on board!

## Historic Rehab Tax Credit Legislation in Senate!

The Iowa General Assembly will once again look at the issue of funding for the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program in the current session. The program began in 2000, but restricted funding created a wait for the 25% income tax credit of rehabilitation costs that soon stretched for 10 years. On January 23, Senate Study Bill 1082 was introduced and referred to the Economic Growth committee in the Senate. The bill proposes raising the cap on the funding for the program from \$6.4 million to \$20 million per year. It includes a provision to dedicate \$2 million for "small" projects under \$500,000. You can contact your legislators and find more details at [www.legis.state.ia.us](http://www.legis.state.ia.us).

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## Historic Putnam Exhibit

At the Putnam Museum, *Quad-Cities Yesterday and Today*, explores our community's changing face over the last 100 years through photographs and artifacts. The show is now through mid March. Museum hours are 11a.m.-5p.m., Mon—Thur/ 11a.m.-7p.m. Fri-Sat/ noon-5p.m., Sun. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors (60 & older) \$4 children, discounts with IMAX theater admission. For more information call (563)324-1054.

## Education Committee Update

We could not begin 2007 without **THANKING** all of the loyal SCHPS volunteers who made the LeClaire House historic events such a great success during this past year.

What wonderful feedback we received from visitors, many of whom were descendants of the very pioneer families we featured in our programs. They entertained us with riveting stories from their family histories: Captain Dorrance, building the first room of his LeClaire, Iowa riverfront mansion out of the salvaged pilot house of the steamboat Wild Boy; Charles Woodford's great grandfather, Christian Kober, building a log cabin far out on in the wilderness on the prairie at 53rd and Eastern.

Great Grandma had good reason to fear the Indians who daily rode by on the Indian Trail outside her cabin door. One winter day, while Grandpa was away, the Indians broke into the cabin, butchered a deer on the hearth and cooked the meat in their fireplace. After the Indians ate a hearty meal, they hung a side of the venison on a nail in the cabin door as they left, then rode off without ever having spoken a word to Grandma, or the kids who were huddling in the corner of the cabin.

These wonderful stories will become part of the permanent LeClaire House programming--thanks to all of you. **GREAT JOB VOLUNTEERS!**

## Three Ways to Learn About Historic Preservation!

At the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Room in the downtown Davenport Public Library, you can get a guide to Researching the History of Your House or Building. The guide shows what is available and gives hints on using the materials.

The updated architectural and historical survey of Downtown Davenport Business District is available on the internet. A lot has happened downtown since the original survey was performed by Marlys Svendsen in the 1980's, the Davenport Historic Preservation Commission has asked a consultant to update the information. The data is available at [www.davenportlibrary.com](http://www.davenportlibrary.com), Click on "Local History" and then "Places."

Meetings of the Davenport Historic Preservation Commission are held the first Tuesday of the month at City Hall at 5:00 P.M. You can view the meetings on Ch. 18 on Wednesday and Thursday following the meeting. SCHPS members Mary Ann Tyler and Steve Eppel are members of the Commission. It's very encouraging to see Certificates of Appropriateness given to individuals maintaining their historic homes.

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