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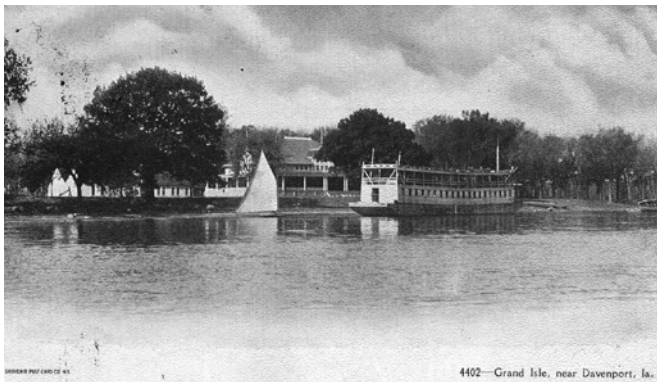
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The Battle of Credit Island and details on the Mississippi River at that time~

The Battle of Credit Island took place in September 1814. Twenty-nine year old Zachary Taylor (later U. S. President) was ordered to head north from St. Louis to avenge the attack by Chief Black Hawk on the Lt. Campbell supply party, which had tried to go from St. Louis to a fort in Prairie Du Chein, Wisconsin. Taylor's troops landed on Pelican Island, forcing the Sauk Indians downstream to Credit Island, near to what is now Davenport. Taylor's notes referred to being surprised to be fighting "a British artillery battalion, well-entrenched behind earthen redoubts".

Our speaker, Jack Tumbleson of Rock Island, has been studying the river's history for decades. After reading Taylor's report in the archives of the Missouri Gazette newspaper, Tumbleson decided he had nothing to lose by calling the British Consulate in Chicago. When he asked if they had any notes from the Battle of Credit Island, he was told, "of course".



Grand Isle Resort 1903, now Credit Island

According to these battle reports, Taylor used keelboats from which to shell the Indians. He warned his men to stay inside the boats, under cover. One of them, however, didn't listen, went out for a smoke, and was promptly shot by a Sauk. Tumbleson speculated it was the first incidence of smoking being hazardous to your health!



SCHPS Board at the Holiday Party

Summary of December Holiday Party Gathering~

Thank you Phyllis and Gene James for another wonderful holiday party at your beautiful home on East River Drive in Bettendorf. The weather cooperated fully and turnout was great! The decorations were beautiful and all enjoyed the great food, drink, friendship, and conversation! Thanks for opening your home and hosting the SCHPS holiday party again this year!

February 2009 Newsletter

**February 12, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.
at the Bettendorf Library
History of the Battle of Credit
Island- presented by Jack
Tumbleson**

**March 12, 2009 meeting~
Mark your calendar to
save the date, details to follow
next month**

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Shopping and Gift Giving for Someone Special Made Easy!!!! SCHPS Note Cards (\$10 per box)~ Call Karen Anderson (324-0257)

SCHPS has local historic landmark-building note cards for sale that are original artwork by noted local artist Ward Olson. These cards are suitable for framing. The note cards are packaged 10 to a box (8 different buildings). Please consider using these to show your pride in Quad City History and buy extra boxes for special gifts.

"Additional Year Round" gifts~ Call Karen Anderson (324-0257)

- 3 1/2 inch commemorative crystal "City Hall" paper weights--\$5.00
- Ward Olson: "J.S. Steamboat" tote bags--\$10.00
- "Delta Queen"/"Mississippi Queen"/"LeClaire House" watercolor prints--\$20
- LeClaire's Town* children's coloring/history book--\$6.00

Other Gift Ideas~

Give someone your care about a gift that keeps on giving- a yearly membership to SCHPS for only \$15. (See membership application at bottom of page)

Make a donation to restore the Antoine LeClaire House in memory or honor of someone dear to you!

Purchase the book **History of Lagomarcino's Confectionery**- (a 100-year QC tradition) for \$19.95 available in either of their stores, (in the Village of E. Davenport or in downtown Moline). The book can also be ordered on line at their website.

Purchase the book **Rock Island County**, by David Coopman, lifelong Moline resident. This 128-page book features early photos of rural and urban Rock Island County, including historical people, places, businesses, organizations, and events. Look for this book in local bookstores or through on-line booksellers.

Upcoming Events~

Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society~ Annual Dinner on Feb. 5th at the Rock Island Arsenal Club, \$11.50. Program- History of the Button-Making Industry on the Mississippi River, Jim Schebler speaker. Cocktails and Dinner at 6:00, Program at 7:00. For reservations call Judy Belfer (563) 324-7779.

Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation~ Annual Dinner at the Butterworth Center, Sunday, January 25th (program at 3:00, buffet at 4:00- \$15). Get a sneak preview of the locally written musical "George" (Col. George Davenport), and help honor all Presidents of the CDHF that is now celebrating its 30th anniversary. For reservations mail a check made payable to CDHF, P.O. Box 4603, Rock Island, IL 61204-4603 or call (309) 236-0741. Reservations should be made by Jan. 20th.

Moline Preservation Society~ For time and details for all MPS events~ check www.molinepreservation.org

German American Heritage Center~ On March 10, 2009 - GAHC book discussion group gathers at

the Bettendorf Public Library at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Humboldt's Cosmos by Gerard Helferich. Nancy Hayes will lead the discussion. Free and open to the public.

Rock Island County Historical Society~ meets at 11:30 A.M. at the First Congregational Church - 2201 7th Ave, Moline. Cost is \$6.50 (includes lunch), and meetings are open to the public. On Feb. 16th Ardo Holmgren will present a program entitled "Presidents' Day"-Lincoln's Birth Bicentennial and Film Tour of Lincoln Presidential Museum. For reservations call 309 764-8590.

CommUniversity (all on the campus of St. Ambrose U)~ **4-week courses Sundays in Feb. (1, 8, 15, 22)** - \$25 per course 2:00-4:00 p.m. with a kick-off on Feb 1 at 1:00 p.m. in Galvin Fine Arts Center. Featured speaker will be Dr. Robert Sorenson who, 30 years ago, led the effort to establish the QC's CommU. To register for a classes go to www.communiversity.org or call 441-9950.

Classes SCHPS Board found interesting:

#1) Digging into our Past-Our Cemeteries~ presented by Minda Powers-Douglas of Epitaphs Magazine. Discover the history, art, and culture of our cemeteries and the role they play in our community. Learn more about the symbolism, styles, traditions, and the importance of remembrance. This class offers insights into the fascinating world behind the cemetery gates. This class carries an additional \$15 fee for materials.

#2) Col. George Davenport and Antoine LeClaire: Partners in Town Building~ by Dr. Regina Schantz, Independent Scholar. The course will examine the two primary founders of Davenport to see how their strong personalities and personal ambitions worked together promoting both individual and joint business interests.

Other Events~ The Henry Farnam Dinner, Friday, Feb. 20 ~ cocktails 5:00, dinner 6:30, program 7:30. This event will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the completion of Locks and Dam #15 at Rock Island. Dr. John O. Anfinson, an historian with the National Park Service, will present "A River Transformed: The Upper Mississippi Before and After Locks and Dams." The evening's program will also include an original film and original photos showing the construction of Locks and Dam 15 between 1932 and 1934. The cost is \$40 per person or \$375 for a table of ten. Radisson Quad City Plaza, Davenport (309) 764-6122 or contact [www@ iveraction.co](mailto:www@iveraction.co) libby@qconline.com by Mon. Feb. 16th to make a reservation.

Annual Dues~

Thanks to all of you who have already renewed your annual SCHPS membership or have recently joined our group. Dues are \$15 annually per household and our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30. IF you are a past member, you are in good standing if you did not receive a dues envelope in this newsletter. A membership form is attached at the bottom of this newsletter if you would like to join our organization.

JOIN US!

Membership fee: \$15 per household per year (July 1-June 30)

Members receive:

- ~ 10 newsletters per year
- ~ Opportunities to participate in meetings, special events, and guided tours
- ~ A chance to meet and share with other people interested in historic preservation

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

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We want everyone to be informed of our meetings and activities.

Please check how you wish to receive your newsletter~

Email copy is sufficient: _____

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Please pay annual dues when you come to our monthly meeting or Mail to:

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Areas of Interest (please check all that apply):

- Serving on Board
- Editing Newsletter
- Presenting a program of Historical Interest
- Tour Guide for LeClaire House
- Researching a Project
- Fundraising
- Being a host at meetings
- Having SCHPS tour your house/business
- Hands-on Labor
- Staffing a merchandise table
- Advocate at City Council meetings
- Ideas for Programs
- Other: _____