

# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.

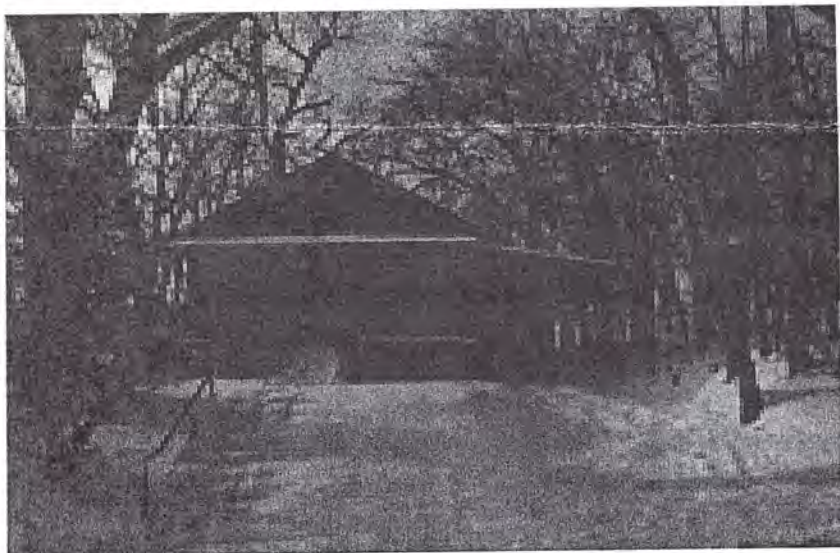


*Next SCHPS Meeting*

*Thursday June, 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm*  
*1210 Spring Street, Davenport*  
*6:30 pm*

*1210 Spring Street*

*2011*



## *1210 Spring Street~*

Well, what can I say about this property? First purchased from the United States by Andrew Hyde, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 1840, 1210 Spring Street has had a few interesting owners. Colonel George Davenport bought this property October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1840.

The Colonel then sold the property to his friend Antoine LeClaire about a year later. Other owners include Nathaniel Squires, Ambrose Fulton and William Hildreth. Tour to include unobstructed view of balloon-framing, treasures found during demolition and view of hidden cistern. I will be serving food, so please bring your appetite.

*David Pai*

## *Reminder~*

June is renewal month...\$15 for those receiving via email, \$20 via USPS or USPS & email.



June-August: River Action offers 13 Channel Cat Talks and 14 Riverine Walks. Schedules and sign-up available at [www.riveraction.org](http://www.riveraction.org). Don't miss Campbell's Island, by Gena Schantz; Hennepin Canal – Historical Landmark & Recreational Gem, by Gary Wagle; Credit Island & War of 1812, by Karen Anderson; Pre-Civil War Village of East Davenport, by Karen Anderson; River Vision, by Steve Ahrens; View of the River – Max 15 Passengers, by Dr Reuben Heine; and Rock Island Hydropower Plant, by Timothy Ridder.

## *Nora DeJohn Memorial~*

Thanks are in order for the SCHPS members who assisted with Nora DeJohn's May 21st Memorial Service. Nora was one of the founders of Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc. and a leading advocate for historic preservation for over three decades. Buster Miller donned his chauffeur's cap and drove Nora to the cemetery in the same shiny black Model-T touring car he so often charms us with at historic events. Rosie Sly, and sister Linda, filled the tables with breath-taking spectacular garden bouquets. Ferenc Beiwel's ever-faithful country garden rendered two lovely large spring bouquets for window sills at the German American Heritage Center. (A building Nora saved from the Cross-Town Expressway in the 1970s.) Thanks to the generous donations from the overflow crowd of attendees, SCHPS is getting closer to its fund raising goal of purchasing a large gilt mantel mirror, to go with the stunning 32 inch tall French gilt alter candleabras (with opaline glass lilies) we have already purchased, for a permanent "Nora DeJohn Memorial Mantel" ensemble at the Antoine LeClaire House. If you would like to help us reach that goal, send donations (Made out to "SCHPS," with memo for DeJohn Memorial) to P.O. Box 5017, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722.



## *Next SCHPS Meeting~*

Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Aunt Rhodies, a discussion on Victorian plantings.



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## *Preservation Iowa is going green~*

We are pleased to share the latest edition of The Iowa Preservationist  
-- the first to be delivered electronically to your inbox!

To access our Spring 2011 newsletter:

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**From the Editor~ OPA Red Point**

During World War II, the federal government initiated a new agency called the "Office of Price Administration." Its objectives included rationing of scarce commodities, price fixing on certain items to avoid speculation, and preventing runaway inflation during the war.

Each household was issued ration books based on a variety of factors: number of people in the household, ages, children under the age of 3, elderly, and handicapped. These ration booklets contained various small stamps which had no cash value, but were required to purchase food items for example four "B" stamps for each pound of ground beef or five "A" stamps for a bag of sugar. All store items had a price marked as well as a ration book stamp requirement. So every purchase had to also include the right number of ration stamps. Other items came under the OPA including tires and gasoline. Cars had to display a gasoline assignment sticker — A, B, or C, indicating the quantity of gas one could purchase at one time. Drivers were issued ration stamps to meet their needs; truckers and cab drivers got more than passenger cars. Some vehicles were forced to be out of service for the war due to a lack of stamps for tires and or gasoline.

The price of the item was not a factor in the use of these stamps. However, to make exact change, shopkeepers were issued small red and or blue tokens. They were made of a vulcanized fiber and were 16-mm in diameter. These basically were "small change" for stamps from ration books.

The blue tokens had a value of one point and had two letters and read "OPA Blue Point 1." There are 24 different letter combinations known for the blue tokens. The red tokens similarly read "OPA Red Point 1" and came in 30 different letter combinations. Some products required red tokens in change while other products required blue tokens as change. These tokens were issued from 1942 to 1945 when rationing ended. The letters seem to have had no specific meaning and were apparently random.



**SCHPS 2011 Awards~**

Many thanks to members of SCHPS "Historic Preservation Awards-2011" Committee for a job well done: Karen Anderson, Ferenc Beiwel, Rex Grove, Judy Belfer, Jaan Sturgis---and the incomparable Alma Gaul, of the Quad-City Times, whose magic accompanying feature articles always make us look better. Congratulations to all of this year's award winners, as well!

**Calendar Of Events~**

- June:**  
12<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m. "Quilts of the Civil War", Becky Wright presenter, at the German American Heritage Center. \$8.00 for non-members.  
**June – July:** Exhibit at the German American Heritage Center: "Iowa in Civil War: the German Element"
- July:**  
13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8 PM "River Action River Walk", Credit Island & War of 1812, led by Karen Anderson  
Reservations-River Action, \$5.00  
16<sup>th</sup> 9-10:20 AM "River Action River Walk", Credit Island & War of 1812, led by Karen Anderson  
Reservations-River Action, \$5.00  
21-24 Rock Island Train festival  
27<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8 PM "River Action River Walks", Village of East Davenport & Prospect Terrace, led by Karen Anderson  
Reservations-River Action, \$5.00  
27<sup>th</sup> –Aug 8<sup>th</sup> "The Fiery Trial: Iowa in the Civil War" traveling exhibit from Iowa State Historical Society. Bus parked at the GAHC.  
30<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 AM "River Action River Walks", Village of East Davenport & Prospect Terrace, led by Karen Anderson  
Reservations-River Action, \$5.00
- August:**  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Workshop in Muscatine, IA. For information, please visit [www.preservationiowa.org](http://www.preservationiowa.org).
- September:**  
24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District 2011 Home Tour. Saturday, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Sunday, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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