

Scott County Historic Preservation Society



May 12th Meeting: The Jipp Gaines and 8th St. @ 6:00 pm

Christian Jipp, an immigrant from Schleswig-Holstein, worked as a clerk at various retail shops along the Mississippi riverfront from 1860 to 1867. In 1868 he built the grocery at 8th and Gaines. This was one of the first retail businesses to progress up the hill from the riverfront on the city's west side. He and his wife Fanny and their three children Ella, Rhoda and Meta lived in the back of the store for 10 years. In 1878, he added the attached house.

After Christian's death in 1913, the home was owned by his daughter Meta Jipp. The home was divided into two dwellings by 1920, with Meta and a tenant in residence. Various grocers ran the store from 1910 to 1953. By 1940, the home is in the name of Rhoda Jipp, the last surviving member of the original family. She is living there with a tenant. After her death in 1945, the home continued to be two apartments. In 1955 the store is listed in the city directory as Binders antique shop, and in 1956 thru 1958 as Henshaw Upholstering. In 1959 thru 1983 it is listed as various Laundromats. By 1984, the home address and store are listed as vacant.

In 1989, after numerous code violations, the city inspection staff recommended the building be demolished. Various plans for use for the structure were proposed, including a beer garden but these plans were never realized. In 1997, the building was purchased by a neighborhood organization with the goal of obtaining grants to rehabilitate the structure. These plans also went unrealized. By 2004, deterioration on the west side caused an interior brick wall to collapse. The building rose to #1 on the city's demolition list. That same year, Gateway Redevelopment Group launched a fund drive to save the building. Using donations of cash from neighbors and supporters, the professional expertise of neighbors and area contractors, grants from RDA and the State Historical Society of Iowa, and thousands of hours of volunteer labor, the building was saved to become the offices of GRG, the home of their Architectural Rescue Shop, a caretaker apartment and the Hamburg historic Resource Center.

Bonus Open House: Home for Sale

Hidden away on the hillside between Marquette and Clay Streets in the Riverview Terrace Historic District stands this imposing, all brick, Italian Villa on approximately 7 acres. Built circa 1879 & designed by prominent architect by F.G. Clausen, this mansion was home to some of Davenport's most notable business tycoons: T. Richter, L. Schricker (lumber), H. Petersen (dry goods) and F. Kohrs (meat packing; modified the house in 1927). Straight from the pages of an old history book this home features ornate plaster ceilings, original light figures imported from Belgium, transoms, French doors, plantation windows, turrets, and much more. Ample storage space throughout with tons of deep closets and full walk-up attic. Well-preserved by the same owners for over 40 years. Over \$300k in slate roof & gutter replacement. Boiler replaced 5 years ago. **CONT on Back**

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SCHPS Events

June 9: annual potluck picnic at Schuetzen Park or Credit Island Park

July 14: meeting is a tour of the Froehlich house across the street from Vander Veer Park

As usual, there is no meeting in August.

Other tours discussed: the Outing Club, Fairmount Cemetery, Oakdale Cemetery, the Kahl Home, stone castle house.

Remember if there is any place you may want to visit – tell a board member.

Other historical contacts we recommend you call for tours/lectures:

Butterworth Center/Deere Wiman House: [309-743-2700](tel:309-743-2700)

Figge Art Museum: [563-326-7804](tel:563-326-7804)

German American Heritage Center: [563-322-8844](tel:563-322-8844)

Karpeles Manuscript Museum: [309-788-0806](tel:309-788-0806)

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RI Arsenal Historical Society: [563-355-2823](tel:563-355-2823)

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Schuetzen Park (700 Waverly Road) in West Davenport: [563-322-5489](tel:563-322-5489)

About a member

Marion Meginnis

North Carolina native Marion Meginnis spent thirty-two years in local television at stations in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Chicago and Moline, Illinois. She retired in 2007 as President/General Manager of the New York Times-owned ABC affiliate WQAD-TV.

History and historic buildings have long been of interest. Arriving in the Quad Cities in 1997, she and husband Jack Haberman chose a home in Davenport's Hamburg Historic District, the City's only residential National Register and Local Historic District. Living in an old urban core neighborhood made both more vocal historic preservation advocates as they restored their own properties and volunteered assistance for others. As founders of the not-for-profit Gateway Redevelopment Group, they helped save two neighborhood structures destined for demolition. Marion serves on Davenport's Historic Preservation Commission.

Marion became involved in writing historic tax credit applications in 2007, first for personal projects and then for clients. In 2014, she entered the Masters in Historic Preservation program at Goucher College in Towson, Maryland. She has just completed her fourth semester and expects to graduate in 2018.

Marion and Jack share their 1871 Italianate home and its view of the Mississippi River with their three cats.



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Other happenings

Dues are due by June 1st: \$15.00 email or \$20.00 USP mail.

Dubuque, IA Old House Tour is May 21 and 22, event notices have previously been sent by email or www.dbqohe.org

Remember Sept 15-17 Davenport is sponsoring the "Preserve Iowa Summit" and volunteers will be needed – Marion Meginnis will update us all at our next meeting.

Oakdale Cemetery is having their "open House" Saturday May 14th some very interesting "residents" will be there.

Thank You...

To Frank Hubbell for the humorous talk about Out Door Privies last month.

Please remember our members who have businesses:

(If we have other business owners, please advise Judy Belfer):

Duane Timm who makes hand screened antique wall papers, longtime resident of the Gold Coast.

Jackie Niles who has an antique jewelry store, DARJAC Rock Island on 14 Ave & 31 St.

Dr. Anne Taylor, Veterinary Clinic at 2167-53 St Davenport. She is making her home in the Gold Coast area.