

# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



May 2018

May 10th Tour:

\*\*\* Private Home - members only\*\*\*

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Ever wonder about the large beautiful mansions on S. Fairmount Street? On Thursday, May 10th at 6:30 Steve & Kelli Grubbs will welcome SCHPS members to their home at 324 Fairmount.

Built about 1865, it was the home of August F. Schmidt and adjoined the home of his brother, Fritz T. Schmidt. The Schmidt family came from Germany to Scott County in 1847.

In the 1860s the Schmidts were the first to cultivate vineyards in the area of what was called Blackhawk. Their success in growing grapes on the beautiful rolling hills prompted others in the area to take up grape growing. Fritz T. and two of his sons established a wholesale liquor business with vineyards and cellars at Blackhawk.

In 1897 they built their liquor store at 115 E. 3rd, the current Duck City building.

A unique feature of the Schmidt/Grubbs home is the wine cellar built between the homes of the brothers, August and Fritz.

Hope to see you there on May 10th.

Thank you to Karen Anderson for the excellent tour of the Antoine LeClaire home on April 12. Thank you to Dr. Maryan Wherry for a presentation on the Great Depression in the Quad Cities on April 24. Both programs were excellent!

## Board Election

At our June meeting, we will be electing board members. Rex Grove has resigned as secretary after many years of service. Board member John Brassard has resigned – he was responsible for our newsletters. We are in need of new board members! Please consider joining SCHPS board.

## Upcoming SCHPS Events

June 14	Schuetzen Park	Picnic
July 12	Car museum	Mr. Beck
August	No meeting	or newsletter

## Dues are due in June – you can pay anytime.

Send \$15 for the newsletter by email or \$20 for USPS plus email (if you wish) to  
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## News around the QCA

- Colonel Davenport Home is open for the season with new exhibits. June 9-10 – Pioneer Days at the House
- July 29 - Public Tours of Quarters One on Arsenal Island
- City Cemetery is hosting a Memorial weekend event May 26 from 10-2. There will be 5 workshops.
- German American Heritage Center Museum will have summer walking tours on Saturdays beginning June 2. See their web site for other events. – [www.gahc.org](http://www.gahc.org)