

# Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



**November 14, 2019**

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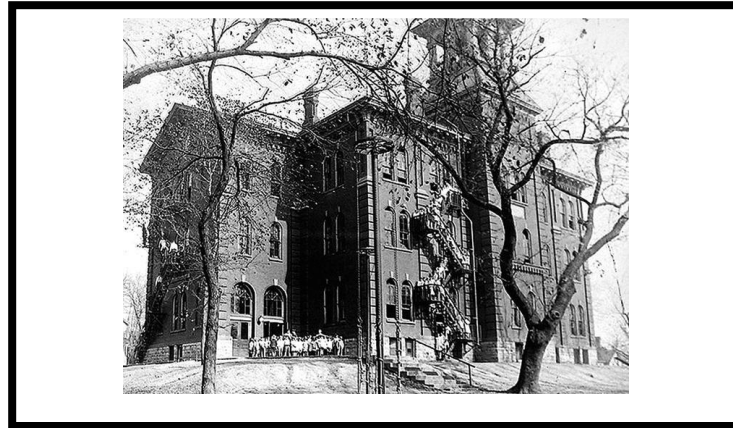
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Old Davenport High School circa 1907 (QC Times)

**Davenport School Museum**  
**1702 N. Main Street**  
**Davenport, Iowa**  
**Lower level**

The Davenport School Museum serves as a resource for learning and preservation of the history of Davenport Community Schools through the acquisition of historically and culturally significant objects and records.

The Davenport Independent School District was formed in 1858. City founder Antoine LeClaire loaned the new district \$500 to get started. Abraham S. Kissell was named the first superintendent for the district as well as the state of Iowa.

As the population increased in the 1850s there was a desire to establish public supported schools. Six schools were built during the decade. Five were built around the town's commercial and industrial core and one was built in the Village of East Davenport, which had recently been annexed to Davenport. A school was also founded for African American children at the same time.

Interesting facts:

- Phebe W. Sudlow served Davenport as the first female public school superintendent in the United States.
- During the Great Depression, six beautiful new facilities were built.
- The 19th century included drawing, physical education, music and German classes in the curriculum.

**Programs begin at 6:30!**

Thank you for the tour of The Spotlight Theater in October. If you didn't attend, you missed an exciting tour of the building and all the different tenants.

If you have not already done so, now is an excellent time to renew your membership in SCHPS...send your check for \$15 (\$20 if you wish to receive the newsletter via USPS) to

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## Upcoming SCHPS Events

### Annual Christmas Party



**Where:** German American Heritage Center  
**When:** December 12th  
**Time:** 6:30 pm  
Please bring a dish to share and \$5.  
**Reservations** needed for catered main dish.  
Call Jean at 563-324-7643 by Dec. 4.



**\*\*\*\* The board is working on an additional tour of the Gordon Van Tine Building. Be watching for details.\*\*\*\***

## Announcements

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