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DeLescaille House **901 Mississippi** **Davenport, Iowa**

November 11, 2021 @ 6:00 pm



This beautiful home is located in the Prospect Park District in east Davenport just west of the Village of East Davenport. This historic district was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984.

Mrs. Hattie DeLescailles was the daughter of George S. Shaw, a native of Vermont

who came to Davenport in 1864 and was a building contractor, real estate developer and member of the lumber firm of Renwick, Shaw & Crossett. Hattie grew up in the neighborhood about a block away. The Shaw homestead was on E. 11th Street just west of Mississippi, Ave where Hattie married Jules DeLescaille, a Belgium born jeweler, in 1881. Shortly after Hattie's marriage, the Shaws & DeLescailles moved to Cloquet, Minnesota where George Shaw was the president of Cloquet Lumber Company and one of the best-known lumbermen in the northwest. Cloquet Lumber was founded by Shaw, along with Weyerhaeuser & Denkman. George Shaw died in 1897 in Cloquet, Minnesota and the DeLescailles returned to Hattie's old Davenport neighborhood and built the house at 901 Mississippi where Hattie lived until her death in 1930. Her husband preceded her in death in 1902.

Built in 1898, the 2 1/2 story house is a Colonial Revival/Queen Anne style. It was designed by architect Gustav Hansson. It features a porte-cochère with a sunroom above, an expansive foyer with columns and oak leaf crowns, cove molding and wainscoting. There is leaded and stained glass throughout the house and hand painted Italian murals. The dining room is walnut paneled with a built-in china cabinet.

From the veranda, the corner tower, or the sunroom, there is an excellent view of the Mississippi River.



Annual Christmas Party

December 9, 2021

German American Heritage Center
712 W Second Street, Davenport, Iowa

Main course will be provided along with beverages – beer & soda from Merle Vastine, coffee, and special homemade rhubarb wine compliments of Frank Juarez. Look for the camouflage cooler on the floor by the beverages for the wine. Bring a side dish – salad, vegetable, or dessert to share. Hope to see everyone there.

Please respond yes or no to let us know if you are coming!
Call Jean Froehlich at 563-324-7643

A special thank you goes to Merle Vastine for organizing the tour to Petosi and the brewery. Everyone enjoyed it so much that it might become an annual outing.

Thank you also goes to Sara DeWulf for hosting us again at 830 Mississippi. She provided a wonderful selection of food from Biaggi's!

We hope to see you at the 2 planned events for this year (DeLescaille House in November and our Christmas party in December). Hopefully 2022 will bring out more members. The board is working on tours for next year. If you have any ideas, please let one of us know. Our contact numbers are on the front side of the newsletter.