

Scott County Historic Preservation Society, Inc.



Sunday, 15 May 2022 12 Noon – 4:00 pm
Open House FREE Admission



The Hiller Building/Schick Apartments

In lieu of our usual Thursday evening meeting this month, we encourage our members to visit this historic building located on the edge of downtown Davenport, Iowa at 310 – 314 Gaines Street in the West Third Street Historic District.

This row house is significant to Davenport for several reasons including it is probably the oldest remaining stone building in Davenport. In 1847 an immigrant from Germany, John Hiller, purchased the land from Antoine LeClaire. John Hiller was a stone mason who worked on the Rock Island Clock Tower, the first bridge across the Mississippi River, the Burtis Opera House, as well as other commercial and religious buildings. He built a residence for his family in 1852. The 1850s in Davenport saw a rapid growth in population. Hiller expanded his home by adding additional apartments to the building in 1856 and 1859. Thus it became one of the city's first row houses.

The building is a two-story federal style rectangular building. The foundation consists of rough, irregular stones some covered in stucco. The limestone and sandstone were likely quarried locally. The sidewalls and middle wall are sloped at the top with a gabled roof. The regularly spaced windows have arched headings of stone. The inside is arranged along an interior corridor.

The Schick family bought the building from the Hillers in 1902. After being empty since 2015, Jamey Licandro bought the property in 2020 and plans to shore up the structure and renovate the building for apartments as he has done to other historic buildings in the city. This event is a pre-rehab tour of the structure.

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SCHPS Annual Picnic -- **Save the Date** – 9 June 2022 from 6:00 pm until we run out of food and conversation. We will return to Schuetzen Park's Lorenz Pavilion for our picnic.

Shredded pork sandwiches will be provided.

Please bring your own table ware, beverage, and a salad or veggie to share. \$5 per person to cover the cost of the sandwiches.



Announcements

Col. Davenport Historical Foundation Book Club

Bill Hampes organizes the group and shares the following information about the next book to be discussed:

Our next discussion will be about *Equal Before the Law: How Iowa Led Americans to Marriage Equality* by Tom Witosky and Marc Hansen. You can buy a very good used book from Amazon for as little as \$5.99 with free shipping. There are copies of the book you can borrow at the Bettendorf, Clinton, and Scott Community College libraries.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m.** in the outside garden area of the **Butterworth Center, 1105 8th Street, Moline.** To access the garden area, park in the Butterworth Center lot on 11th Avenue and enter the outside grounds through the opening in the wall on 11th Avenue. As you walk through the grounds you will see a garden area surrounded by a wooden framed canopy. I will have a table set up there. Please bring a lawn chair to sit on. Masks are optional and refreshments (Panera chocolate chip cookies and gluten-free homemade almond macaroons along with lemonade) will be served. If you have any questions, you can call me on my cell phone (1-309-278-7101) on May 17th or email me before that date. If we have inclement weather that day, I have reserved a room inside the Butterworth Center for us to meet. I can give you the details about that inside room, if necessary, when I send out the reminder email a few days before we meet.