

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WORK SESSION

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022; 5:00 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Call to Order

II. Topics for Discussion

A. Subcommittee for Public Education and Community Outreach

III. Adjourn

IV. Next Commission Meeting: April 12, 2022

City of Davenport
Historic Preservation Commission Work Session

Department: DNS
Contact Info: Matt Werderitch 563.888.2221

Date
3/8/2022

Subject:
Subcommittee for Public Education and Community Outreach

Recommendation:
Hold the discussion. No formal action can be taken during a Work Session.

Background:
The Historic Preservation Commission established the Subcommittee for Public Education and Community Outreach at its February 8, 2022 meeting. The purpose is to explore opportunities to better educate the community on Davenport's historic properties.

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
▣ Backup Material	Davenport Library Newsletter

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Community Planning & Economic Development	Werderitch, Matt	Approved	3/4/2022 - 9:24 AM

Werderitch, Matt

From: Berkley, Laura
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 1:25 PM
To: Werderitch, Matt
Subject: Fw: [EXT] eNewsletter for March - May 2022

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See newsletter below for how to research your home and then there's also a a lot of good presentations on other history related items.

From: Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center <specialcollections@davenportlibrary.com>
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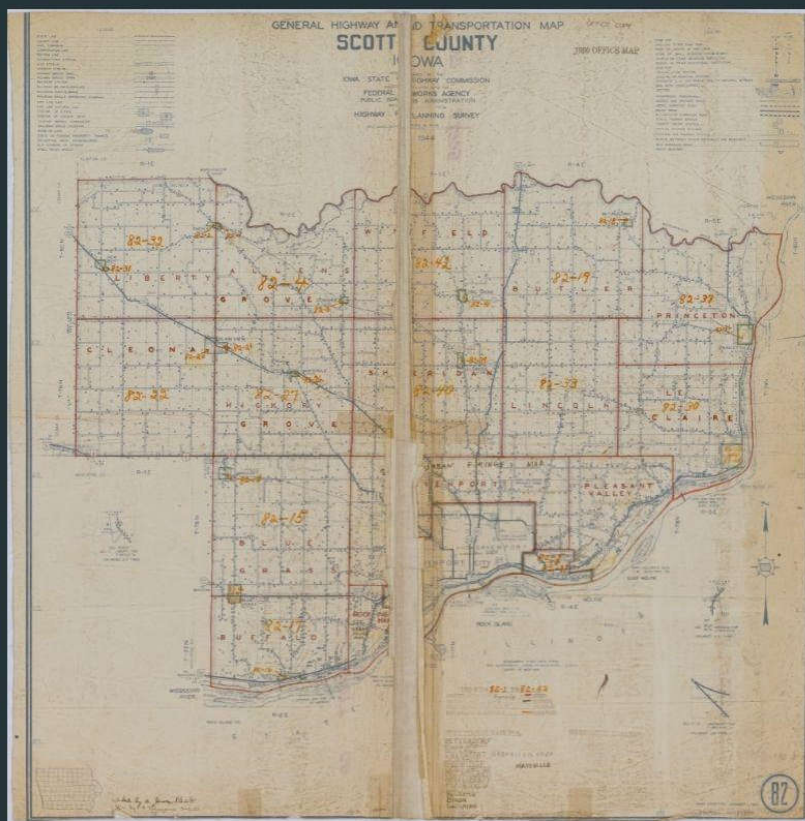
Special Collections eNewsletter

The Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center at the Davenport Public Library collects, preserves, and provides access to extensive genealogical and local history collections. Special Collections also houses the Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society Collection as well as the Richardson-Sloane Genealogical Library.

The unique archives and manuscript collections, books and other publications, images, maps, architectural drawings, local newspapers, vital and court records are open to the public for education and research.

1950 CENSUS

*Available
April 1st
on
National
Archives,
Ancestry
Library, &
Family
Search*



1950 Census Enumeration District Maps - Iowa (IA) - Scott County - Scott County - ED 82-1 to 42 National Archives Catalog <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/99978343>

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DAVENPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Local History Trivia



1950 Census Facts

Total population of Davenport: **74,549**
% increase from 1940: **12.9%**
Median age: **32.9**
% age 65+: **9.7%**
% "non-white": **1.5%**
persons per household: **3.17**

Total population of Quad Cities: **234,256**
% increase from 1940: **18.3%**
Median age: **32.0**
% age 65+: **9.0%**
% "non-white": **1.6%**
persons per household: **3.24**

[1950 Census of Population: Volume 2. Characteristics of the Population. Part 15: Iowa General Characteristics.](#)

Upcoming Programs

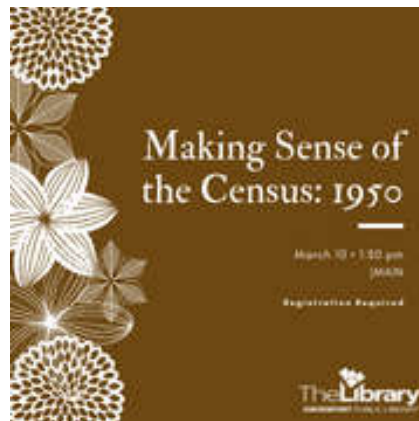
Making Sense of the Census: 1950

Thursday, March 10th at 1:30 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room

It's nearly time for the 1950 Federal Census release! Genealogists get giddy when big things happen, and after 72 years of waiting why wouldn't we!! Join Anne Thomas and Karen O'Connor as we discuss the history behind the decennial censuses from 1790 to 1950 and explore the information that the 1950 census could potentially provide for your family's history. Since it won't be indexed yet, we will explain how to find enumeration districts to narrow down the search for your ancestors. Get ready for April 1st - don't be a fool! We can help you make sense of the 1950 census!

This program is best suited for adults and teens and will be hosted indoors. Please observe social distancing and follow local COVID-19 safety recommendations. This program is subject to COVID-19 safety protocol updates. Please check back here for updates. Masks are highly encouraged.

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QC Beats Showcase at the RME

**Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 pm (doors open);
8:00 pm (show starts)**
River Music Experience

Celebrate the latest round of QCBeats Artists with a showcase of performances at the River Music Experience. TuCent, Kumate, Steve Couch, and David G. Smith will perform!

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The Humor of Abraham Lincoln

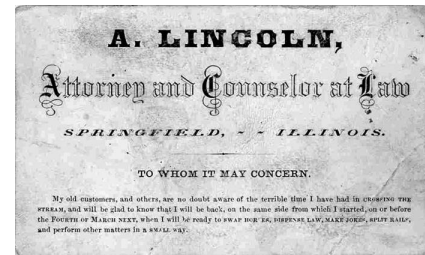
Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30 pm
Eastern | Meeting Room A & B

Join William Hampes for a presentation on the humor of Abraham Lincoln. This presentation focuses on the types of humor that Abraham Lincoln used, how he used humor in politics and his personal life to achieve his goals, and what his sense of humor demonstrated about his personality.

William Hampes is a retired professor who taught psychology at St. Michael's College, Louisiana State University at Eunice, and for 25 years at Black Hawk College. He has published scholarly articles in the area of the psychology of humor about how humor is related to such personality variables as empathy, forgiveness, intimacy, and trust and has been teaching a course on "The Psychology of Humor" at the Communiversity the past several years.

This program is best suited for adults. Registration is required.

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An American Time Capsule: Three Centuries of Broadides and Other Printed Ephemera, Library of Congress.

Riverboats, Bix, and Davenport's History with Shaping American Music

Thursday, April 7th at 6:30 pm
Fairmount | SCRA Room

When thinking about historical jazz locations, Davenport, IA is not what typically comes to mind. Despite this, one of the most influential jazz musicians of the early 20th century, Bix Beiderbecke, grew up here. A question that gets asked is how could a small river city like Davenport raise such a significant figure in American history unless by coincidence. Perhaps Davenport was the perfect place for a young musician to thrive all along. Bix Museum Director Nathaniel Kraft dives into the history of Davenport, Bix's childhood, and what connection the Mississippi River could have in the meteoric rise of America's young man with a horn.

This program is best suited for adults. Registration is required.

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The Colonel Davenport House

Monday, April 25th at 6:30 pm
Fairmount | SCRA Room

Join William Hamps for a presentation about the Colonel Davenport House. This presentation is a history and visual tour via PowerPoint slides of the historic 1833 Colonel Davenport House on Arsenal Island. It will include background information about Colonel Davenport and his house and details about the house and how it has changed over the years.

William Hamps is a retired professor who taught psychology at St. Michael's College, Louisiana State University at Eunice, and for 25 years at Black Hawk College. He currently is on the Board of Directors of the Colonel Davenport Historical Foundation and has been a guide there for 30 years.

This program is best suited for adults. Registration is required.

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How to Research Your Home

Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room

Join the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center in celebrating National Preservation Month with the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Davenport by exploring how you can research the history of your home or building with resources from its collections. We will also present examples of home research projects.

This program is best suited to adults and teens.

This program is hosted indoors. Please observe social distancing and follow local COVID-19 safety recommendations. This program is subject to COVID-19 safety protocol updates. Please check back here for updates.

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QC PastPort: A Project to Preserve Quad Cities History

Tuesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room

Join us in learning from Natalie Linville-Mass about the QC PastPort project from its beginnings to its present-day activities. Dive into the history of the Quad Cities by hearing about an innovative partnership with the Channel Cat Water Taxi and area non-profits. QC PastPort offers self-guided, interactive, physical, and digital tours throughout the Quad Cities bringing history to life.

Follow this link to learn more from their website:
<https://qcpastport.com/>

Sign up to attend this event in person or virtually.

All ages welcome, best for adults and teens.

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Opening the Box Series: Cookbook Collections

Friday, March 4th at 2:30 pm
Virtual - via Zoom

Join us the first Friday of every month to explore and learn about the curious world of archives and manuscripts at the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center. Each month, we will cover a different topic relating to the use and study of archives and manuscripts. We will feature collections and examples of relevant materials during each presentation.

The presentation for March features our collection of locally-created cookbooks, newly accessible via the library's online catalog! It is open to anyone interested in learning more about our archives and manuscript collections.

Please join the presentation by following the link below:
[Zoom Link](#)

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Preservation in the Archives

Friday, April 1st at 2:30 pm
Virtual - via Zoom

April's topic will discuss materials in the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections which received preservation or conservation treatments. We will provide an overview of treatments and techniques routinely used by Special Collections Staff. This presentation is open to any interested in learning more about our archives and manuscript collections.

Please join the presentation by following the link below:
[Zoom Link](#)

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Local Black History Research Collections

Friday, May 6th at 2:30 pm
Virtual - via Zoom

In the month of May, we will feature collections of materials assembled by researchers exploring topics in local Black history. This presentation is open to any interested in learning more about our archives and manuscript collections.

Please join the presentation by following the link below:
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Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society: Exploring Land Records

Saturday, March 5th at 1:00 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room &
Virtual - via Zoom

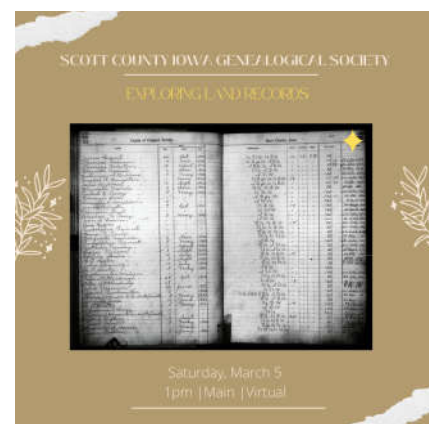
Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society and the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center of the Davenport Public Library invite you to their monthly meeting.

March's presentation is featuring Scharlott Blevins who will be sharing information about finding and using land records in your genealogical research including metes and bounds.

This program is scheduled to be held in person and virtually. The event will be recorded and available on the Davenport Public Library's YouTube.

This program is suitable for adults and teens.

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Genealogy Bring & Share

Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room &
Virtual - via Zoom

Scott County Iowa Genealogical Society and the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center of the Davenport Public Library invite you to their monthly meeting.

Do you have an interesting ancestor you'd love to tell others about? What about an object that holds a memory of a special ancestor? Or, have you found a great website you think others would want to know about? Do you have a story about a brick wall you've gotten over? Is there a great genealogy search tip you can share?

During the meeting, we'll spend a brief time looking at some of the ways to share a story about an ancestor or about a memento. Then we'll give you some time to organize your thoughts, maybe jot down some ideas. Finally, we'll spend time taking turns and sharing about that ancestor, their possession, or the genealogy research tip you have; one person, object, or tip at a time. If people have more than one thing to share, we will go around as many times as the meeting hour allows. Feel free to bring an object or a photo of the ancestor you plan to share. Of course, you are welcome to come and observe even if you don't wish to share.

This program is scheduled to be held in person and virtually.

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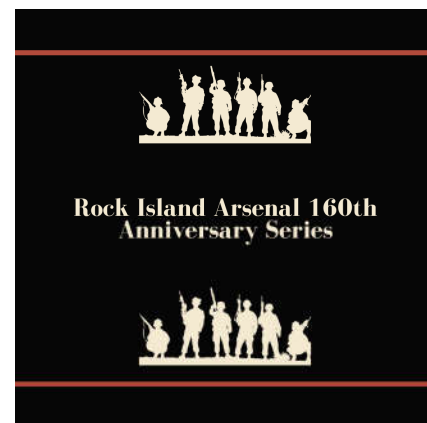


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RIA @ 160 Series: The U.S. Army & Fort Armstrong

Wednesday, March 9th at 6:00 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room &
Virtual - via YouTube

Join Kevin Braafladt, the Army Sustainment Command Deputy Historian at the Rock Island Arsenal, and the Army Sustainment Command History Office in exploring the history of the Rock Island Arsenal over its 160-year existence. This talk will discuss the state of the U.S. Army in the far west following the war of 1812 and the establishment of Fort Armstrong. This will include accounts of the



Soldiers and Civilians who served or supported Ft. Armstrong during its history.

This program is scheduled to be held in person and virtually. The event will be recorded and available on the [Davenport Public Library's YouTube](#).

This program is suitable for adults and teens.

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The Black Hawk War

Wednesday, April 13th at 6:00 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room &
Virtual - via YouTube

Join Kevin Braafladt, the Army Sustainment Command Deputy Historian at the Rock Island Arsenal, and the Army Sustainment Command History Office in exploring the history of the Rock Island Arsenal over its 160-year existence. The discussion will include the historic background to the conflict and the ties to the local community. This will highlight profiles of key individuals involved in the war some that might be surprising who go on to make history later.

This program is scheduled to be held in person and virtually. The event will be recorded and available on the [Davenport Public Library's YouTube](#).

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The Bridges of Rock Island Arsenal

Wednesday, May 11th at 6:00 pm
Main | Large Meeting Room &
Virtual - via YouTube

Join Kevin Braafladt, the Army Sustainment Command Deputy Historian at the Rock Island Arsenal, and the Army Sustainment Command History Office in exploring the history of the Rock Island Arsenal over its 160-year existence. The history of the Arsenal and local communities were shaped by the bridges and the commerce opportunities that were created. From the first railroad bridge to cross the Mississippi to one of the few remaining Army-owned bridges remaining.

This program is scheduled to be held in person and virtually. The event will be recorded and available on the [Davenport Public Library's YouTube](#).

This program is suitable for adults and teens.

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Preservation Workshop: Strategies Starting & Archiving for Oral History Projects

Wednesday, April 27th at 2:00 pm
Virtual - via YouTube

Join us in learning how to practically care for and preserve materials at home with tips and tricks from the staff of the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center. Each workshop will showcase different techniques and share applicable knowledge on creating tools and demonstrating methods of preservation for photographs, letters, books, and more.

In this month's Preservation Workshop, we will be celebrating Preservation Week by sharing ways of developing, archiving, and providing access to oral history projects. We will share what we use at the Davenport Public Library to conduct oral histories and resources to organize and store them.

We will share the materials you need and instructions to do this at home!

This program is scheduled to be held virtually on [YouTube](#).

This program is suitable for adults and teens.

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3rd Thursday at Hoover's: The Progression of America's National Parks



"The Progression of America's National Parks"



Thursday, March 17th at 6:30 pm
Virtual - via Zoom

The Davenport Public Library is pleased to partner with the Hoover Museum and Presidential Library for this live webinar! This event is part of the 3rd Thursdays at Hoover's Presidential Library & Museum series.

Today's National Park system consists of 423 different sites, covers more than 85 million acres, and welcomes more than 300 million annual visitors. At their best, the National Parks shine as an innovative example for the world, uniquely American, and grounded in democratic ideals. But the 158-year evolution of the National Parks is a story about the successes and failures of a country that has taken some time to develop a deeper sense of pride and obligation for these special places.

Join us as we take a look at some of the most significant milestones in the history of the National Park Service, and how a handful of individuals (including Herbert Hoover) have impacted the development of what many consider to be "America's Best Idea."

About the Speaker: Park Ranger Jenny Cripe Davis has worked for the National Park Service since 2016. She served in a "seasonal" capacity at six different park sites before becoming a year-round "permanent" ranger for the National Mall and Memorial Parks in 2019. She joined the staff at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in September 2021. But long before she started a career with the NPS, Jenny was a supporter and fan, spending many family vacations visiting some of the country's greatest national treasures.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT, CLICK THE LINK BELOW:

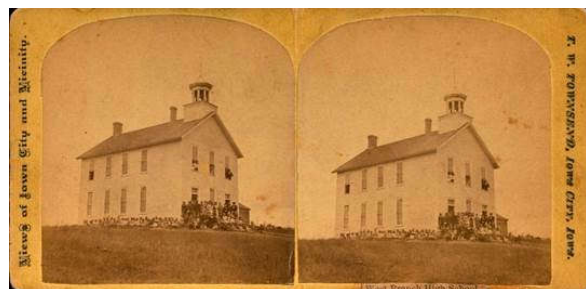
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/4416445072857/WN_OZM3qKqTSVSs_P8dEcSNSg

Advance registration is required for this FREE virtual event. Once you have registered, you will receive a link to participate in the webinar.

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3rd Thursday at Hoover's: "A Prairie Village: Herbert Hoover's West Branch, 1874 to 1885"

Thursday, March 17th at 6:30 pm
Virtual - via Zoom



The Davenport Public Library is pleased to partner with the Hoover Museum and Presidential Library for this live webinar! This **bonus** event is part of the 3rd Thursdays at Hoover's Presidential Library & Museum series.

Herbert Hoover spent the first decade of his long and eventful life in the prairie village of West Branch, Iowa, a market, and railroad town that was just coming into its own during the years of his boyhood. Join us for a presentation about Hoover's hometown filled with historic images of the people and places that Hoover knew. The presentation will place West Branch into the larger context of midwestern communities in the late 19th century and will touch on the social and economic life of West Branch during Hoover's childhood.

About the Speaker: Peter Hoehnle is a National Park Service park guide at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and holds a doctorate in history. He enjoys doing historical research and has been widely published on American communal societies, including volumes on Amana and the Shakers. He has served as President of the Communal Studies Association and is a past editor of the journal Communal Societies.

TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT, CLICK THE LINK BELOW: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/9716449454942/WN_dcH2HSZPSvGz5MQJZLnFpw

Advance registration is required for this FREE virtual event. Once you have registered, you will receive a link to participate in the webinar.

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History Holders: Collection Spotlights

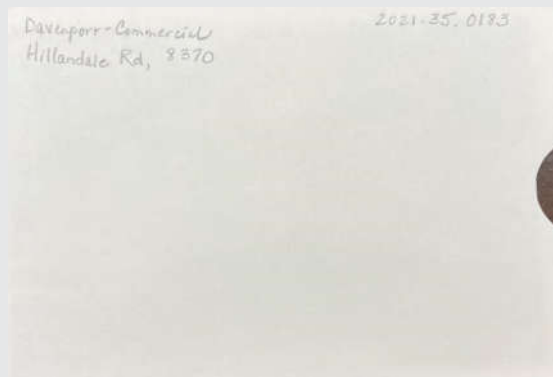
New Archival Material Features

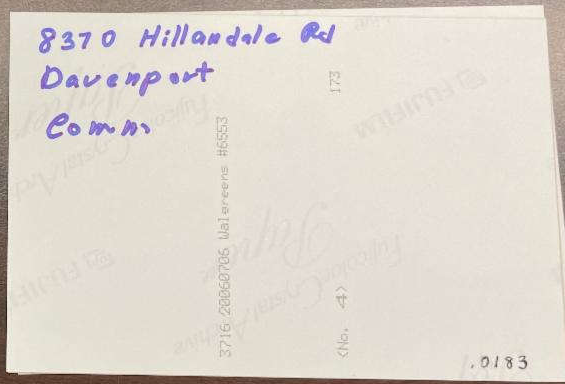
[2021-35: Doug Nelson Real Estate Image Collection](#)

Dates of the collection: 1990-2019

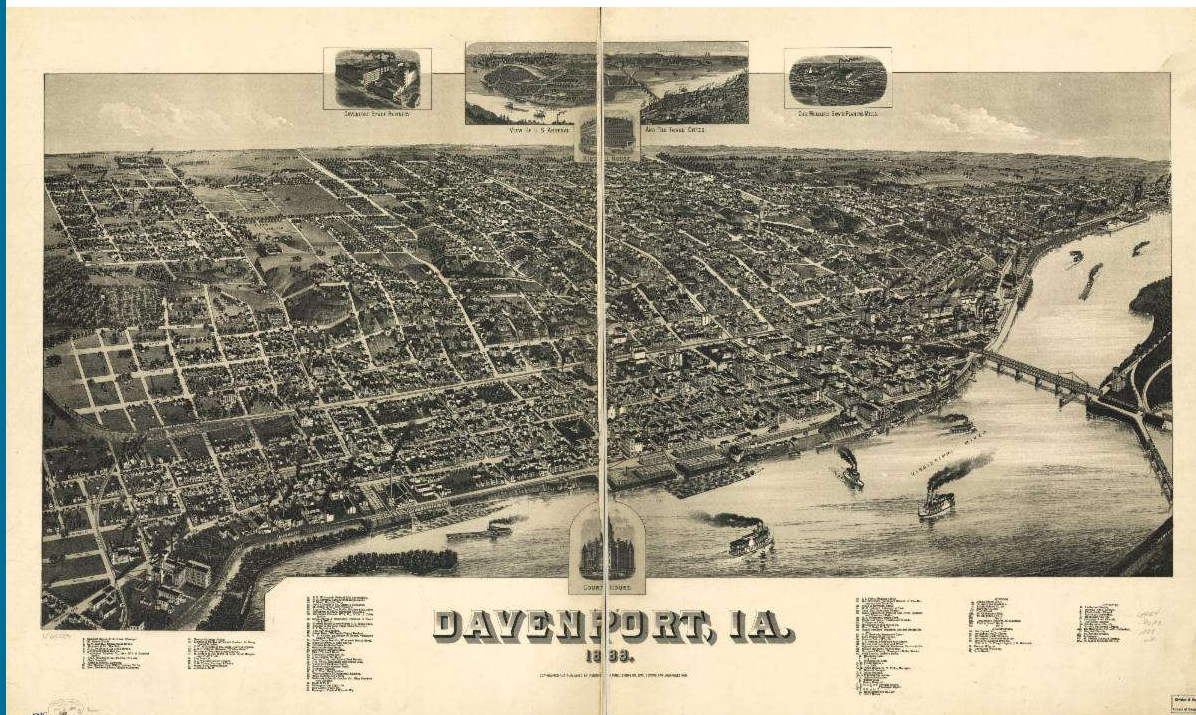
The collection consists of photographs of "comparable" build sales organized by town, street, and property type: Commercial or Industrial. Most photographs are accompanied by a 35 mm negative.

These photographs capture the unique built environment of the Quad Cities.





Map: Bird's Eye View of Davenport, IA 1888



As springtime arrives in Davenport, take a walk through the city streets in the sunshine and admire the architecture. Compare what you see to the buildings on Henry Wellge's bird's-eye view map, "Davenport, Ia. 1888.," and note what survives from the past.

This type of map, also called a panoramic map, was very popular in the mid to late-19th century. The standard view would be drawn as if from above, at an oblique angle, allowing buildings and landscape features to be shown in perspective. "The detail work of the picture is really wonderful," said the editors of the Rock Island Argus in reference to a preliminary pen-and-ink drawing of their city sketched by Wellge himself, "showing as it does the actual appearance of every building, even to the smallest cottage..." (16 Jan 1889).

Henry Wellge (1850-1917) was one of the most prolific of the practicing map artists, creating 150 city views in 24 U.S. states. His publishing company was located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, so the bulk of his works depicted midwestern cities. The American Publishing Company imprint is on the bird's-eye views of Burlington, Dubuque, Fort Madison, and Sioux City, Iowa, as well as those of Davenport and its Illinois

neighbors, Rock Island and Moline. All are dated 1888 or 1889. The RSSC Center's copy of the Davenport view is a reprint produced by the Putnam Museum.

Online Resources from the Library

Highlights from Primary Selections from Special Collections: **May Day, May Day: Saving Our Archives**

May 1st to some symbolizes the start of bright, sunny weather and flowers peeking their heads from their leaves. To others, it reminds them of the tradition of children surprising friends with special baskets with flowers, popcorn, and treats. The phrase MayDay is also recognized as a cry for help derived from the French term m'aidez, which is precisely the reason why the [Society of American Archivists \(SAA\)](#) dedicated this day as a call to action for librarians, archivists, and other cultural heritage professionals to think about their emergency and disaster preparedness plans for their institutions and organizations.

Read more on [our blog](#).



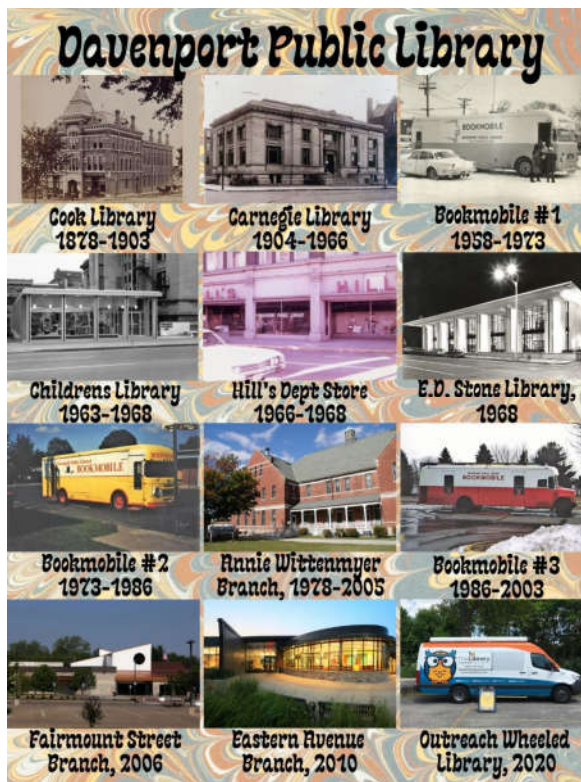
Displays & Exhibits

Celebrate Davenport Public Library History!



1902 - Present

Visit The Library | Fairmount this March-May to learn about the resources the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center has about our very own Davenport Public Library!



Kids Korner

**The
FAMILY RECORD
for**

(Illustration of a house and trees)

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NAMES BIRTHS MARRIAGES IMPORTANT EVENTS

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Explore family records in the holdings of the National Archives at www.docsteach.org.
Go to "Explore Primary Source Documents," enter the term "fraktur," and search.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES



Seventh Day Baptist Cloister at Ephrata, Pa. It became popular among German immigrants.

Families often preserved fraktur by pasting it inside the lids of dower chests or keeping it between the leaves of a Bible. Surviving fraktur is popular among modern collectors of folk art and antiques.

Take a look at some examples of Frakturs on the DocsTeach site and then get creative with your own family fraktur!! You could use this one to get you started!

Looking for more fun activities to do with the littles in your life? How about creating a Fraktur together? The National Archives always has cool stuff to explore and that's where this fancy Fraktur can be found!

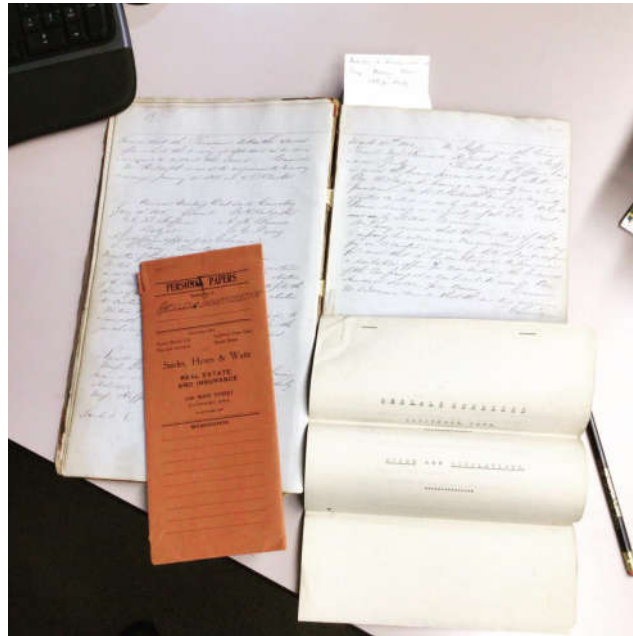
Just go to DocsTeach.org, click on primary sources and type the word fraktur in the search bar.

According to Collins Dictionary, a Fraktur is defined as a type of Pennsylvania Dutch folk art consisting of documents, like marriage or baptismal certificates, framed mottoes, etc. written in Fraktur lettering (a style of German black-letter type that looks slightly "fractured") and illuminated with colorful flowers, birds, and other motifs.

The primary function of fraktur was not decorative but documentary. The most common form of fraktur was the taufschein, which recorded the details of a child's birth and baptism. Fraktur first developed as a North American art form around 1740 at the German

WANTED! HISTORIC RECORDS ABOUT SCOTT COUNTY, IOWA PEOPLE & ESTABLISHMENTS!

The Richardson-Sloane Special Collections Center seeks additions to our local history collection.



We want your stuff!!

Specifically, we are hoping that while cleaning out your closets, basements, attics, or garages during the months you have been sequestered at home, you have found a plethora of diaries, old ledgers, meeting minutes, directories, account books, newsletters, correspondence, photographs of the associated buildings or people, or anything pertaining to area people, businesses, and organizations.

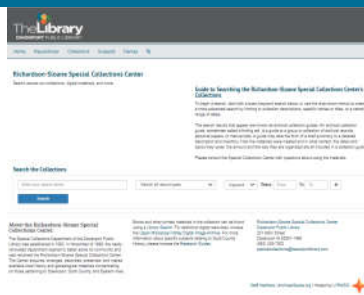
We are talking sewing circles, quilting clubs, scouts, garden or music clubs, business organizations or restaurants, fraternal organizations, and in particular anything relating to municipal or county organizations or history.

Give us a call! We will box them and pick them up at your convenience. We will clean them, prepare proper archival housing for them, and make them accessible to future generations to learn from.

We want to preserve local history!

Nothing too small or too great! Give us a call! We are First-Rate!
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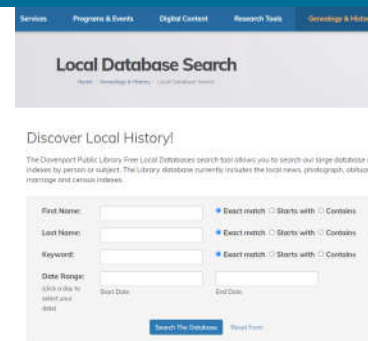
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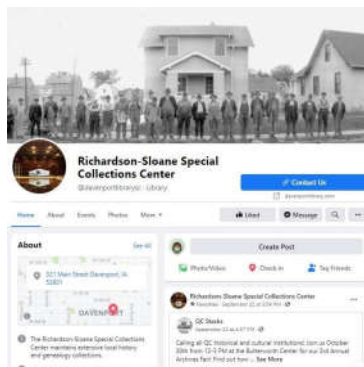
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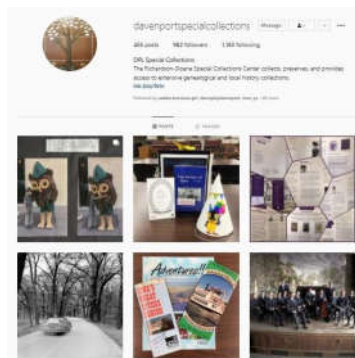
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