



Davenport House Museum Volunteer Newsletter



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Outrage.

The subscriber's House in Broughton street was attacked at half past nine o'clock on Thursday evening last, with brick bats by two or three young villains. A reward of THIRTY DOLLARS will be paid for the detection of the villains.

Joseph Maxwell.

The Georgian. January 4, 1820.

Fifty Dollar Reward!

Robbery.

The house of the subscriber was entered into the night of the first inst. by some person or persons, and a quantity of household articles stolen therefrom, consisting of the following: Chintz Quilts and linen sheets, Pillow Cases, Table Cloths, Towels, &c. all of which were marked with the initials L. A. H. Also, one brown Surtout and one blue Coast with a number of other articles of wearing apparel. – A Reward of Twenty Dollars will be given for the detection of the thief or thieves, so that they may be brought to justice, and a farther reward of Thirty Dollars for the discovery of the above mentioned articles.

Levy Hart.

The Georgian. January 4, 1820.

Ten Dollar Reward

Is offered for a large red and white OX which strayed from town on the night of the 29th last. It is probable he will go up to Colonel Prays' as he was brought from there but a few days since.



The above reward will be paid on delivering the said Ox to John Lewis, Esq. Merchant, Savannah.

The Georgian. January 7, 1820.

In Council,

Savannah 12th Jan. 1820

Resolved, That the Mayor is hereby, authorized to order the marshal and all city officers to forthwith search all buildings, boats or shipping, where they believe stolen goods to be concealed, and to have all goods thus found removed to the Exchange, and that all offenders be brought to the Mayor, and such as are found guilty of concealing such property, shall be immediately committed to jail.

Resolved That aided by the Surveyor, Aldermen Herbert, Davenport, and Bourke, be and are hereby appointed a committee to report as soon as practicable some plan for temporary buildings so as to produce some uniformity, and calculated to afford comfortable accommodations to the sufferers of the late conflagration.

The Georgian. January 19, 1820.

TO MERCHANTS, BANKERS, STATIONERS &c.

Just Received by the Ship Woodbine from N. York.

150,000 Quills,

Of Various Qualities,

Such as Swans, Hudson Bay &c. Manufactured in New York and Baltimore, the above on trial will be found superior to any imported.

– Apply at the Corner of Congress and East Broad Street, or at the bar of at the Exchange.

Henry M'Ardle

N, B; Samples will be delivered for trial.

The Georgian. January 28, 1820.

Portrait

Encouraged by the great patronage received throughout the United States during the last twenty years, the undersigned takes the liberty of presenting to

the citizens of Savannah a subscription for the elegant and correct LIKENESS of his excellency

JAMES MONROE,

President of the United States

With a

Fine View of Savannah,

At the Bottom,

In offering the above the artist has the



honor to observe that on his previous subscription for works of a similar nature, are to be found the names of our most illustrious citizens, such as Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Madison,

late Presidents, and his excellency Mr. Monroe, the present one, with Governors of States, and distinguished individuals and in Charleston eighty signatures were recently obtained for a copy of the above. It is not therefore without some degree of confidence that this call for patronage is made upon the citizens of Savannah, and for that purpose the subscriber will do himself the honour of waiting upon them in the course of the week.

J. L. Boqueta

[John L. Boqueta de Woiseri]

Savannah Republican. January 7, 1820.

Communicated.

Unfortunate occurrence – On the 18th instant, in the afternoon Ebenezer Tubas, a constable, and respectable resident of this city, received a warrant to apprehend some persons who were secretly conveying part of the property of our distressed citizens, saved from the late conflagration. In the execution of his duty, it is sincerely regretted that his

death was accidentally occasioned by a fall from his horse, about three miles from the toll-gate, and six miles from the city of Savannah, as appears from the verdict of the inquest held on his body, a short time after he expired. His characteristics qualities were such as gained him respect and esteem in general. He has left a disconsolate widow to lament the loss of an affectionate, kind and loving companion.

Savannah Republican. January 12, 1820.

Notice to Distressed Persons!

The corner house in the lane on the east of Barnard street, now in the possession of Major Jno. Screven, is the place of deposit for Rice and Corn, furnished by the Planters of our country, for the use of all who want either of the articles, they will be delivered under the superintendence of Alderman Bourke, at 9 o'clock, A.M. – Beef, also kindly furnished by the same persons, will be delivered at the same time and place, under the direction of Jno. H. Ash. Esq. and one or either of these gentlemen will attend to-morrow, and commence to issue the above aid to the poor.

Savannah Republican. January 27, 1820.

DAVENPORT HOUSE CALENDAR

January 2020

Wednesday, January 1 – Happy

New Year – Museum Closed

Tuesday, January 7 at noon – DH/

HSF Expansion Leaders Retreat

Wednesday, January 8 at 5 p.m. –

Dance rehearsal

Friday, January 10 at 1 p.m. – **Yellow**

Fever program review

(STEM presenters and performers)

Monday, January 13 - 15 – Architectural

conservator George Fore at the site

Tuesday, January 14 at 4:30 p.m. –

Weekend Workers Workshop

(discussion and what you need to know)

Wednesday, January 15 at 5 p.m. –

Dance rehearsal

Friday, January 17 at 6 p.m. – Living

History Programs Celebration and Appreciation. (tentative)

Sunday, January 19 through Tuesday,

January 21 – DH Closed for Annual Cleaning

Tuesday, January 21 at 11 a.m. –

Davenport House Committee meeting

- **6 p.m. in the Kennedy Pharmacy** –

Junior Interpreter Meeting (hardtack and butter)

Tuesday, January 28 at 9:30 –

Bluffton School/Yellow Fever Program

Wednesday, January 29 at 5 p.m. –

HSF Board of Directors meeting - 5 p.m. – Dance rehearsal

Specials and Dates to Be Aware of:

- Staff will present the *Potable Gold: Savannah's Madeira Traditions* at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings in February. If scheduled dates sell-out, there will be an additional performance at 7:30 p.m. on 2/14 2/15, 2/21, 2/22.

- Education programs (children): STEM Yellow Fever 1/22 and 1/23. A Bluffton School 1/28.

- Tauck Tours/Madeira series dates

[Please know that this spring's Tauck Tours group are scheduled for Thursday and Friday afternoons]: 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/2, 4/16, 4/17, 4/23, 4/24, 4/30, 5/1, 5/8 and 5/15. We will have a refresher/training in February.

- **ASU/Road Scholars dates** 3/10, 4/28, 4/21 and 5/12 on Tuesday af-

ternoons from 4 to 6 p.m. The topic is Urban Slavery.

- **Special tours:** Paranormal 2/28 and 4/17; Madeira special: 4/16; Trolley Back in Time/TOH – 3/27

- **Weddings/Garden Rentals:** 3/21, 3/28

- Also note: We will present our **TEA PROGRAMS** in March and May. We will need bakers and performers.

SHOP NEWS:

- Thank you to our patrons for the wonderful holiday sales.

DOCENT NEWS:

- Docent training will be held in February. Please let your friends and acquaintances know of this opportunity. Becoming a docent is a good way to give back to the community in the New Year! Let Sheena or Jamie know names and contact information.

JJ NEWS:

- **January meeting:** JIs will gather on Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m. for the first monthly meeting of the calendar year.

- Thank you to all the JIs who helped with tours and special programs in December.

MAINTENANCE/PRESERVATION

- **Annual Cleaning:** The Museum will be closed Sunday, January 19 through Tuesday, January 21 for annual cleaning. Raleigh Marcell will execute the work with assistance where requested. We will send out the call as communicated the week of January 13th.

EDUCATION:

- **Yellow fever:** Students with Chatham STEM Academy - 150 of them - will visit and experience a special Yellow Fever program. Raleigh and Jeff

will perform in costume as doctors of the period debating the cause and remedies of the fever. Docents will guide the young people through the house. There will be a training for docents working the program on Friday, January 10 at 1 p.m. Anyone curious is welcome to attend.



REFLECTIONS ON THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

If we forgot your name, please know it is not intentional. It takes an army to make it work here. Sometimes names get lost in the shuffle.

- **Holiday Windows in the KP:** Thank you - Gaye Kurmas, Bob Prettyman, Paul Kurmas
- **House Interpretation Set-up:** Jeff Freeman, Sheena Fulkerson, James Fulkerson, Margaret Highland
- **DH Wreaths:** Caroline Holder
- **Interiors Floral Arranger:** Bob Prettyman.
- **Media Designer:** Sherene La-Marche.
- **Xmas Party:** Thank you to all who attended, especially to those who contributed food and drink. Thanks to JIs—Gracen Belin, Kylan Campbell, Lewis Denson, Hanna Demmler, Jennie Garber, Mihal Golan, Robin Leske, Lily Mertig, and Henry Tryanor—for working the event—greeting, serving, and cleaning up.
- **Marshall House/DH – Early 19th Century Christmas Event:** The event sold out with 87 patrons in attendance. **Chairman:** Rebecca Bustinduy; **Committee:** Sheena Fulkerson; **Desserts:** Karen Eskew;

Workers: Gayle Mongrandi, John Leonti, Shanna Copeland; **Performers:** Ava Burr, Emma Madsen, Sarah Kate Maher, Sian Michaels, Becca Robinson; **Readers Theater Developer:** Raleigh Marcell; **KP Food Sponsor:** Jan Will; **Dancers:** Jeff Freeman, Raleigh Marcell, Jamie Credle, Stacy Hess, Tiffany Miller, Al Taylor; **Tenor:** John Grattan; **Photographer:** John Leonti; **Event Sponsors:** **45Bistro** – Danny Steinfeldt and Sandy Hollander, **Marshall House** – Hugh Osborne and staff. **Headress maker:** Mary Mistak
- **Music: SAVANNAH VOICE FESTIVAL:** Sixty people attended Robert Gibson’s fascinating lecture on early jazz in America on December 9. A week later, SVF performers presented an equally spectacular show (twice) featuring Jessica Ann Best, Peter Lake and Evelyn Saavedra. Marc Chesanow played bass and Michael Ching accompanied the singers on the electric piano. Thank you to reception food providers and workers: Sheena Fulkerson, Phyllis Carlino, Lynn Townsend, Linda Flanagan, Gaye Kurmas and Becca Robinson.
- **LIGHTS AND SIGHTS TOURS:** On twenty-eight evenings, November 29 through December 24, we put on a show for **Old Town Trolley** patrons. It took a large work force to see (80 tours) 2000 visitors. Our OTT/ Holiday Lights and Sights Tour army included: Ava Burr, Adam Davis, Isa Davis, Rachel Hickman, Sherry Hines, Ed Flanagan, Linda Flanagan, John Leonti, Emma Madsen, Carole Massey, Dan Massey, Gayle Mongrandi, Anna Smith, Becca Robinson, Hilmy Rukmana, Tiana Ruden, Roger Smith, Wilma Wheten and Steve Whiteway. Our staff is commended – Jeff Freeman, Sheena Fulkerson, Gaye Kurmas and Raleigh Marcell - for being on top of this program. And, certainly, thank

you to **Old Town Trolley** for partnering with this series.

- **HET Brochure/Poster Walkers:** Barbara Gaillard, Kathryn Murph, Hugh Osborne
- **Media:** As the ways people get and act on information changes, we continue to make personal contact with concierges and Visitor Center personnel, as well as posting on FB, Instagram and Twitter. We continue to depend on and are grateful to traditional media outlets, who have been generous to the Museum throughout the year, particularly ConnectSavannah, “Do” and Savannah Morning News, Dale Jalin – WJCL, Kim Gusby - WSAV– Mid-Morning Live – all of which made room for the DH Holiday Evening Tours program in their line-up. The DH posted on Visit-Savannah’s calendar, as well.
- **Holiday Evening Tours by Candlelight:** Thank you to all who made this program work – both staff and volunteers. Thank you to phone and web ticket takers. **Gift Shop/House Managers:** Ariana Kubli, Gaye Kurmas, Tiana Ruden, and Perrin Wilford; **Singers/Docents:** Kate Bosen, Liana Mosley, Anna Smith, Anthony Stovall, Giuliana Stovall; **Docent/Musician:** Ariana Kalantari; **Tenor:** Bob Prettyman; **Performers:** Gracen Belin, Naia Cookson, Sherry Hines, Mali Jones, Lily Kachmar and Ari Kalantari; **DH Dancers:** Jamie Credle, Stacy Hess, Jeff Freeman, Raleigh Marcell, Tiffany Miller, Alford Taylor; **Museum House & KP Prep:** Raleigh Marcell; **Room Docents:** Ava Burr, Kylan Campbell, Naia Cookson, Lewis Denson, Jeff Freeman, Jennie Garber, Michal Golan, Caroline Jackson, Mali Jones, Jody Leyva, Raleigh Marcell, Anna Smith, Betty Schwarz and Jan Vach.
- **Holiday Goodies** – DH people were (are) grateful for the treats,

cards, and good wishes extended during the holiday season.

- **Friends newsletter** – In the midst of the December rush, we found time to put out a **Friends of the Davenport House** newsletter. Thank you to - Linda Flanagan, Maria Galley, Margaret Highland, Bob Prettyman – for preparing the mailing.

- **2019-2020 Annual Giving Campaign:** Friends were generous to the DH during the holiday season with 114 patrons donating to the Friends of Davenport House since the mailing of our appeal in November. We are close to our budgeted goal. If you have not made a contribution, please do.



New Year's Baby Model: Jasper Claus

Happy New Year! Looking forward to being with you in 2020!!



Volunteer Spotlight

Maria Galley

DH: How did you come to be associated with the Davenport House?

Maria: I visited with my children when they were in town and then later contacted DH via your website as I was looking for a volunteer opportunity.

DH: What do you do outside of the DH?

Maria: We recently moved to Savannah for my husband's job and in anticipation of retirement. I taught kindergarten prior to moving here, but my hobbies include all the cliché hob-

bies - travel, reading, cooking. I was also an active volunteer in our former home of Wichita, KS, primarily with a local soup kitchen two days a week.

DH: What is your favorite thing about the Davenport House?

Maria: The history of the house is fascinating. It's beautiful without being "grand". I love volunteering in the shop because I love meeting visitors from all over the world, and learning more about the house's history as well as Savannah's history.

DH: What's the most unusual thing that has ever happened to you at the DH?

Maria: I haven't been here long enough to have had anything unusual happen...I'm still waiting to meet the cat. ;)

DH: How long have you been in Savannah?

Maria: My husband and I moved here in July of this year, though we lived in Savannah in the mid-90s (and two of our children were born here).

DH: What is your favorite thing to do in Savannah?

Maria: I love to walk around the city. There is always something going on or something to see. We also love to go to Tybee whenever we can.

DH: What are your plans for your future?

Maria: We are nearing retirement, so my plans mostly involve travel, including visiting our four children who are scattered from Arizona to Iowa to Kansas Australia.



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A LOOK AT THE DAVENPORT HOUSE MUSEUM VISITOR REGISTER

During the month of December 2019, the Davenport House saw visitors from 29 states and 13 countries between

Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. Our international patrons came from Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden. Interesting hometowns include Truckee, CA; Grand Junction, CO; Priest River, ID; Vincennes, IN; Avon, IN; Apple Valley, MN; Waconia, MN; Forked River, NJ; Toms River, NJ; Acra, NY; Snow Camp, NC; Triangle Lake, OR and Chester Springs, PA.

How They Heard About Us (in descending order of frequency)

Internet (GroupOn, Google); Trolley Tours (Old Town Trolley, Old Savannah Tours); Tour Guides; Brochures; Relatives; Friends; Visitor Center; Concierges (Kehoe House); Maps; Return Visits; Guidebooks (AAA); Owens-Thomas House.

What They Had to Say

"Beautiful. Enjoyed very much."
"Gracen and Grant did a fabulous job on leading our tour!" "Great tour. Grant and Gracen were fantastic!" "Jennie & Michal were amazing! Loved the tour." "Great job. Thank you." "Hannah & Lewis were fabulous!" "Robin was wonderful." "Great job, new tour guides!" "Mali did a great job! Very knowledgeable guide!" "Ella was fabulous." "Lovely and excellent tour by Joyce." "Great informative tour." "Marty was an excellent docent. Wonderful." "The tour was great. Our tour guide was very informative." "Wonderful tour. Dottie was great!" "John was awesome!!!" "Tour was great! The Philly group." "Gayle was fantastic!" "Lovely tour." "Great service." "Diane was an excellent guide and the tour was very interesting." "Great tour. Our guide was wonderful." "Marty was an awesome guide!" "Wonderful and informative." "Beautiful and good history." "Lovely tour guide." "Es un lugar muy bonito y muy bien conservado." "Amazing visit. The tour guide was really good." "Thanks. We'll be back when the attic is open." "As always, so well done. Thank you!" "Celebrating our 2nd Anniversary!" "Celebrating our 39th wedding anniversary." "Inspiring."

Isaiah, Jr. Tidbits

by Jeff Freeman

Isaiah Davenport's oldest son has always been somewhat of a mystery to us. We don't have war records or personal letters that tell us much about him. The following tidbits were taken from Savannah Newspapers and the website Fold3 and they help us to flesh him out a little more.

Feb. 1815 – Isaiah and Sarah welcome a baby boy that they name after his father.

Oct. 1827 – Isaiah, Sr. succumbs to Yellow Fever. Isaiah Jr. is twelve years old.

May 1832 – “For Rent, And possession given on the first of November, the large Brick Dwelling, fronting on State and Habersham Streets. For further particulars, enquire of the premises. ISALAH DAVENPORT.” Savannah Daily Republican, May 24, 1832. Isaiah, Jr would have been 17 at the time but already he is helping his mother Sarah manage the family's affairs.

Apr 1836 – He begins his professional career working for Joseph Cumming & Co.

“Notice. The subscriber has associated Mr. ISALAH DAVENPORT with him in his business and it will in future be conducted in the name of Joseph Cumming & Co.”

Savannah Daily Republican, Apr. 8, 1836.

Mar 1837 – Isaiah Jr is performing his state mandated duty as an adult male by serving in State Militia.

“1st REGIMENT GA. MILITIA Savannah, March 16th 1837 ORDERS: - The Commissioned Staff of the Regiment will consist of 1st, Isaiah Davenport, Adjutant. 2d. T. G. Barnard, Quarter Master. 3d. J.H. Burroughs, Pay Master. 4th. M. Myers, Judge Advocate: each with the rank of First Lieutenant.... They will be all respected accordingly. JOSEPH W. JACKSON, Colonel 1st Regiment.” Savannah Daily Republican, Mar. 16, 1837.

Apr 1837 – Isaiah's future wife Miss Martha Fairfax is residing in Savannah – The Post Office lists 2 letters addressed to her that are awaiting pickup. Remember that postage for letters had to be paid by the recipient. Savannah Daily Republican, Apr. 6, 1837.

May 1837 – Isaiah Jr is listed as owning 2 shares of stock in the Central Railroad and Banking Co. of Georgia valued at \$70. Georgian, May 23, 1837.

– Isaiah, Jr still serving as adjutant of 1st Regiment, Georgia Militia. Savannah Daily Republican, Jan. 18, 1838.

Jan. 14, 1838 – Isaiah Jr. marries at age 24. “Married, On Wednesday evening, 10th inst. by the RE. Jo-

seph L. Jones, Mr. ISALAH (sic) DAVENPORT, to Miss MARTHA E. FAIRFAX, all of this city.” Daily Georgian, Jan. 14, 1838.

Also in 1838, Isaiah and Martha Davenport welcome the birth of a baby girl on December 2nd. They christen her Isabella McNeil Davenport.

1839 – Martha gives birth to a boy, Donald Fairfax, who dies in infancy in 1840.

Mar. 1840 – Isaiah fails to show up for duty as a Grand Juror for the December term and is fined \$40 by the Court of Common Pleas and of Over and Terminer, for the city of Savannah. Daily Republican, Mar. 31, 1840.

1842 – Isaiah renting a brick house on Orleans Square as noted by the following ad.

“FOR RENT – The two Brick Houses nearly facing Orleans Square – the eastern occupied by Isaiah Davenport, and the western by Wm. I. Way, Esqs. The Rent will be reduced fifty dollars on each. WILLIAM A. CARUTHERS.” Savannah Daily Republican, Aug. 13 1842.

Jan 1842 – Isaiah Jr is a member of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce and is serving on the arbitration committee for the month of January. Savannah Daily Republican, Jan.5, 1842.

Jul. 1842 – Martha gives birth to another girl that they name Sarah Rosamond after Isaiah’s mother. Unfortunately, the baby does not live out the year.

Isaiah Jr is conspicuously missing from Savannah newspapers from 1843 to 1853 which may indicate that he had left the city. During this period the family does welcome another girl into the family. In 1846 Anna Matilda Davenport is born and she will survive to adulthood and marry.

Mar. 1852 – With a daughter of 14 and another of 6, the Davenports finally have a boy who they name Joseph Jackson Davenport.

By 1854, Isaiah Jr is back in Savannah.

Aug 1854 –Isaiah Jr. is serving on the Board of Health representing Jackson Ward. Savannah Daily Georgian, Aug.15, 1854

May 1855 – Isaiah has changed his residence and is now representing Heathcote Ward on the Board of Health. Daily Morning News, May 5, 1855.

Dec. 1856 – To balance out their family, Martha Davenport gives birth to another boy – Joseph Porter Davenport.

March 1857 – Isaiah Jr. has once again ignored a summons to do his civic duty. “Chatham Superior Court. January Term, 1857. ...

And whereas, Joseph Lippman, Robert McIntire, and Isaiah Davenport, summoned to attend the present January Term of Chatham Superior Court as Talesmen of the Grand Jury, have made default on the twentieth day of February, and subsequently, it is ordered that they be fined each in the sum of forty dollars, unless they file good and sufficient cause of excuse, on or before the first day of the next term of this court.” Daily Morning News, Mar. 13, 1857.

By 1858, much has changed. Isaiah Jr is listed in the City Directory as a commercial merchant operating out of 75 Bay Street, upstairs (75 Bay St would today be in the 100 block of East Bay between Abercorn St and Drayton).

There is no further mention of Isaiah Jr in Savannah. Four years later he is listed in the City Directory of Cincinnati, OH as a commercial merchant residing at 168 Barr Street.

In the 1865 City Directory, his profession is that of a clerk at the Cincinnati Custom House and his home is now located at 80 West 7th Street.

Isaiah Jr. lives for another 3 years and dies at the age of 53 in Cincinnati.



Direct descendant Isaiah Davenport visited in December. See the family resemblance!



College girls returned to take part in Holiday Evening Tours



DH Dancers—December 2019



Girl cat settling down for a winter’s nap. Your turn!