



**“Davenport’s First
Neighborhood”**

**The Gold Coast-
Hamburg Historic District
Home Tour**

September 9, 2001

**Sponsored by the Friends of the Gold Coast and
Hamburg Homeowners Association**

"Davenport's First Neighborhood" Shines Again

Welcome to Davenport's First Neighborhood. Please accept our invitation to explore our community and join the effort to preserve historic communities.

The glint of architectural gold shines brighter than ever from the Davenport's historic Gold Coast neighborhood. Within this neighborhood of original settlers, many from the same area of Germany, a variety of architectural styles flourished in spectacular grandeur.

Funded by the resources of the first industrialists, bankers and entrepreneurs, the bluffs overlooking Davenport and the Mississippi became home sites for ornate Italianate, Queen Anne Revival, and Second Empire homes.

Included within the larger Hamburg Historic District, the Gold Coast homes represent the elaborate styles of the era. But significant architectural styles of more modest homes are well represented throughout the Hamburg District. Federal, Gothic and Greek Revival styles are prominent and were among the first built between 1840 and 1870.

This tour is conducted through the cooperative efforts of Friends of the Gold Coast and the Hamburg Homeowners Association. Our mutual goal is to promote the preservation and beautification of historic homes and neighborhoods. Proceeds from the sale of tickets are used to increase awareness and promote a sense of community through neighborhood clean-up days and maintenance of community common areas.



A Very Special Thank You

The residents of the Gold Coast-Hamburg District thank our loyal cadre of volunteers and supporters, without whom this event could not happen.

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The Friends of the Gold Coast and Hamburg Historic District is a non-profit organization whose members are residents and property owners within the twenty-five block historic area known as the Gold Coast. Members of the association are dedicated to the neighborhood-wide projects that not only serve the immediate community but also promote greater awareness of the Gold Coast's unique place among Iowa's most historic neighborhoods.

The Hamburg Historic District Homeowners Assn. will recognize, restore and protect these historic resources. While continuously identifying historic and significant resources within the Hamburg Historic District, HDDHA will encourage single family housing, protect the district from thoughtless demolition or neglect, provide resources for rehabilitation, preservation and encourage adaptive reuse of historic properties to provide economic viability, and maintaining the architectural integrity.



**The Francis Ochs House (1874)
729 West 6th Street**

This Gothic Victorian, Andrew Jackson Downing design was commissioned by Francis Ochs, Secretary of Davenport Savings in 1873. The house features four large bedrooms and a full bath on the upper level and three large parlor rooms including a formal library on the main level with twelve-foot ceilings throughout. This house features one of the few four-turn spiral staircases within the State of Iowa.

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**The John Hellerich House(1860)
810 West 6th Street**

The John Hellerich House, a classic example of Greek Revival 2-1/2 story, the front shows three levels with two exposed at the back of the home. Structural features include arched, key-stoned windows and several original painted-grain doors. A small Juliet balcony graces the third floor with a rare, self-supported balcony with iron Gothic brackets running the length of the building on the second floor is under reconstruction.

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**The Charles French House (c.1840)
529 Western Street**

The history of the Charles French House is still largely unknown, but is believed to have been built sometime around 1840, with additions made in the 1870's. It is known that it served as a boarding house for commercial mussel fishermen working the Mississippi. Mussel shell was used to make buttons and a button factory was located near the house.

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**The Charles Haack House (c.1864)
625 Scott Street**

The Charles Haack House located at 625 Scott Street was the family home of the prominent owner of The Great Western Cigar Manufactory. In 1888, the firm employed 60 men and manufactured 2,000,000 cigars a year.

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**The Henry C. Struck House (1907)
615 North Ripley Street**

A perennial favorite of the annual tour, The Castle as it is commonly known, was commissioned in 1907 by Henry C. Struck as a wedding anniversary gift for his wife. This home, located at 615 North Ripley Street, includes two hand-painted, stained-glass windows depicting valleys and castles along the Rhine River in Germany. Like many of the bluff's home sites, The Castle's view of the Mississippi River valley is spectacular. Significant progress has been made in the restoration of this home over the past year.

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**The Miranda Home (c.1910)
513 West 8th Street**

The Miranda Home is a classic example of American four-square. It features leaded glass windows and fir-wood floors. This home has recently been restored from its previous existence as a three-plex back to a 2200 square foot single family home.

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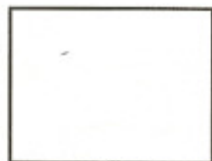
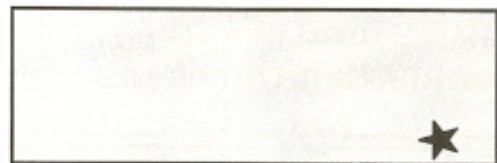
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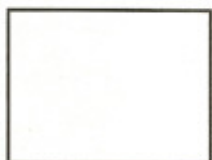
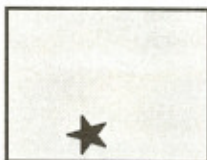
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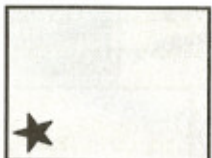
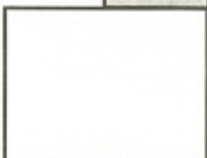


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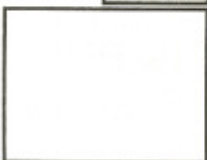
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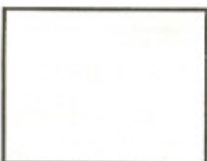
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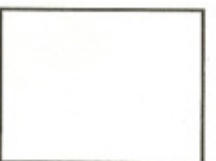
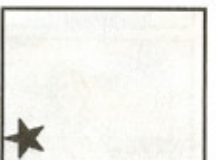


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