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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 2014 Newsletter

Hello Members:

We continue to look for an editor for our newsletter. If you are interested, please contact any of the board members.

Our October 2nd program will be given by Angie Snook, Executive Director of the Geneseo Historical Museum. She will be talking about "The Orphan Train". The name associated with a period of 1853-1930 when between 150,000 to 200,000 children from New York came to the Midwest to new homes with some of them ending up in Henry County.

The program will follow dinner served at 6:00 p.m. at the Arsenal Island Golf Club. The menu will be Plantation Salad, Roasted Top Sirloin with Natural Gravy Mashed Potatoes and Medley of Vegetable and Chocolate Vanilla Pudding Parfait all prepared by the Golf Club kitchen, all for \$14.00, including tax and tip. Please have your check or cash ready to give to **Dick Hochstetler** or **Linda Miller** when you arrive.

Reservations are due by noon on Monday September 29, 2014. You may call **Monica Holeman** (563) 650-4349, or **Linda Miller** (563) 355-6165 or you may email Linda at: chiicaliinda@aol.com. Dinner cancellations must be made by the reservation deadline or you will be liable for costs incurred and billed accordingly.

Our meetings are open to both members and non-members. Those who wish to skip dinner and attend just the program portion of the meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m., may do so free of charge.

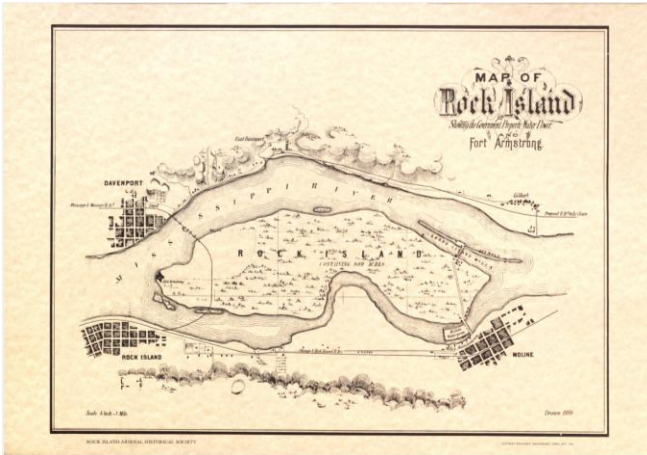
Drivers and passengers entering the Arsenal must have a valid picture I.D. Let the guard know you are attending a function at the Arsenal Island Golf Club. Remember, those coming across the Government Bridge from Iowa need to proceed to the Rock Island Gate as the Davenport Gate will be closed for inbound traffic.

Of interest - Gold Coast & Hamburg Historic District Association 2014 Homes Tour, September 20-21, 12-4 PM. For more information: 563-326-3290, marion_meginnis@msn.com or at <http://davenportgoldcoast.org>. Digital photos of homes are available on request.

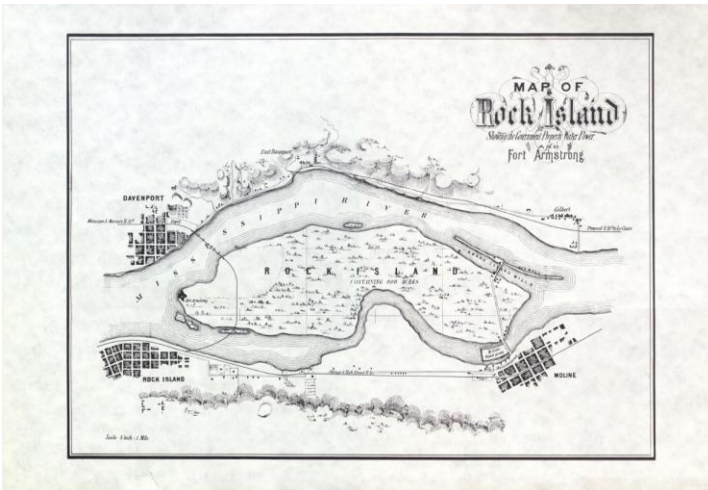
Note:

The Rock Island Historical Society/Rock Island Arsenal Museum website is up and running. Please take some time and visit - <http://www.arsenalhistoricalsociety.org>. Feel free to forward the link.

Our website is selling the maps below. The price is \$10 each which includes postage and handling.



20X14 inch Peach Parchment Map of Rock Island Showing Government Property, Water Power and Fort Armstrong Drawn in 1859 and included the 1861 Appeal to Congress



21x14.5 inch Antique White Parchment Map of Rock Island Showing Government Property, Water Power and Fort Armstrong Drawn in 1859 and included the 1861 Appeal to Congress



20X14 Map Showing Historical Spots in Vicinity of Rock Island from the Rock Island Daily Union July 25 1915

**Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Volunteers
August 2014**

- Judy Belfer - Board business
- Dick Hochstetler –Board financial business
- Monica Holeman - Historical Society dinner reservations
- Anne Jochum - Board business and publicity; newsletter
- Jim Jochum – Board business; newsletter
- Linda Miller – Historical Society dinner reservations

**Thanks to our Rock Island Arsenal Museum Volunteers
August 2014**

- Kyle Dickson - Photographic archives project
- Anne Jochum – Photographic archives project; Vietnam War Commemoration project
- Jim Jochum – Information Requests
- Alan Larsen – Historic tour of island
- Morris Merle – Historic tours of island
- Tessa Pozzi - iBook project
- Ed Reiter – Photographic archives project
- Krista Sellers – Museum storyline project
- Greg Shelangouski – Photographic archives project

Rock Island Arsenal Museum August 2014 Activities

Saturday, 9 August 2014 - Kris Leinicke provided a professional development tour of the museum to 63 Reservists and their families. The Reservists were with First Army USAR Support Command.

Tuesday, 26 August 2014 - Volunteer intern, Krista Sellers, started her practicum at the museum. Krista is graduate student in the Museum Studies Program at Western Illinois University.

Wednesday, 27 August 2014 - Kris Leinicke was interviewed by Channel 4 for an episode of Inside the Gates. The episode, "Arsenal Converting Humvees to Ambulances", aired on Thursday, 29 August. Kris spoke about the conversion of the M151A1 Jeeps into ambulances during the Vietnam War.

Saturday, 30 August 2014 - Museum volunteers and Rock Island Arsenal Historical Society Board President and Secretary, and Jim and Anne Jochum along with Board Member Judy Belfer, hosted an information table for the Historical Society and the Museum at the Credit Island 200th Memorial Event.