On Sunday, March 13, the Historic City of Jefferson’s 33rd Annual Meeting will feature Dr. Debra F. Greene, professor of history at Lincoln University, as its Keynote speaker. Dr. Greene will weave the stories of the founding of the university among the personalities responsible for this remarkable, momentous event that would change the lives of so many - not just the African-American Civil War veterans. No stranger to the history of African-Americans, Dr. Greene’s areas of research and teaching include African-American History, Civil War and Reconstruction, and Women of the American South.

Lincoln Institute (Lincoln University) was established in 1866, 150 years ago, by the 62nd and 65th U.S. Colored Infantries. W. Logan Bennett, buried in the Jefferson City National Cemetery, was the founder of the university but it was through the arduous efforts of Lt. R. Baxter Foster, the first principal, that the idea took hold, thereby creating Lincoln Institute. Dr. Greene will treat us to much more of this institution’s fascinating history!

A music ensemble from Lincoln will play during the traditional wine reception at 4 p.m., followed by a delicious dinner by Argyle Catering. The evening will include a short business meeting when outgoing board members Kevin McHugh, Lois Heldenbrand, and Fred Brown will be recognized. Each has been instrumental in furthering the mission of HCJ. As hard as it will be to replace these valuable individuals, we will welcome new board members as the slate of nominees for 2016 is presented for a vote. Emcee Dick Upcoming Events

February 16 - “The Houses That Sears Built” HCJ program - 6:30pm Scheppers Distributing

March 13 - HCJ Annual Dinner Meeting - 4 to 8 pm McClung Park Pavilion,

April 5 - “Does Your House Have a Secret Past?” presentation by Jane Beetem - 7pm MRRL 2nd floor multipurpose room

May 1 - “Hidden Places, Secret Spaces,” Tour of downtown buildings - downtown Jefferson City

May 14 - Golden Hammer Award presentation - TBA

May 17 - “Capitol Avenue’s Convict-Built Mansions,” presentation by Carolyn Bening - TBA

May 17 - Heritage Awards, Art and Essay Contest Winners, Local Landmark Awards - 4pm City Hall Council Chambers

Lincoln University circa 1900, from “Postcard History Series- Jefferson City” by Dr. Arnold Parks

Preston will introduce the annual review of HCJ’s 2015 activities.

Marilynn Medley will be honored as our 2016 Volunteer of the Year. Marilyn has continued to be an active member with HCJ, volunteering in the planning and execution of several HJC activities, including HCJ Christmas events, the Homes Tours, and the Annual Meeting. She has served as an HCJ Ambassador since 2012. Marilynn is very deserving of this award and we are fortunate to count her among our membership.

The Preservation Pioneer Award will be presented to Carolyn McDowell. Carolyn is one of the founders of the Historic City of Jefferson, an organization that came into being after the unsuccessful fight to save the old city jail. She also took a stand to preserve additional historic buildings, such as the Lohman home (which was demolished) and the Carnegie Library. Through the years, Carolyn has “rolled up her sleeves” to get things done regarding preservation in Jefferson City and, as a result, we have retained several historic buildings today that once faced the wrecking ball. We are excited to present Carolyn with this award.

Invitations will arrive in your mailbox the first week in February. Payment must accompany your reservation. Advance ticket prices are the same as last year: $25 for HCJ members and $30 for non-members, with reservations due by February 26, 2016. Questions? Please email hciﬂ prez@gmail.com or call Jeanette Dulle, 573-893-4910.

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A Message from the President:

Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

Welcome, 2016! This marks the 33rd year since a handful of Jefferson City residents decided it was time to formally organize and actively fight to save Jefferson City's historical buildings. Not all battles were rewarded with the stoppage of the wrecking ball, but some were. This year, we are especially mindful of preservation as our nation celebrates the 50th year of the National Preservation Act. During the 1950s and 1960s, many historic properties and neighborhoods were destroyed during “urban renewal,” which was supposed to equal “progress.” However, it was discovered that this destruction was not really progress at all, but a detriment to communities. As a result, in 1966 the Federal Government enacted the National Historic Preservation Act to provide protection for our historic buildings and neighborhoods. Since that time, there has been more and more emphasis on keeping what exists and rehabbing or restoring spaces to make them vibrant again. The wonderful structures of the past just cannot be replicated today.

On that note, we continue to work with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) in drafting a Historic Preservation Ordinance. When completed, this ordinance is expected to give our city officials the right to deny a demolition permit if the building is deemed of particular historical importance to our city. Many times the owner or requester of the demolition permit may not even be aware that his or her building had a strong historical impact. The Historic City of Jefferson hopes to partner with the HPC to provide this information when requested. If you consider yourself a good, local historian and/or like to research properties, let me or one of the Board members know – we may put you to work!

On that note, don’t miss one of our upcoming events: we have partnered with the Missouri River Regional Library to provide a program on how to conduct research. This is a “part two” to the great article that Jenny Smith wrote in our August 2015 newsletter. The Board has been working hard to provide additional educational opportunities this year as well. We hope you can attend them all!

Our Oral History committee is at work again. Our ultimate goal is to provide the interviews we have been collecting into book form so that others can read and enjoy these wonderful stories! If you know of a long-time resident who could share their recollections, please contact Janet Maurer or myself.

Happy Spring!

SNEAK PEAK at coming events:

CAPITOL AVENUE’S
CONVICT-BUILT MANSIONS
Tuesday May 17th, 2016
Time and Place to be announced

Carolyn Bening presents the legacy of the state prison beyond the stone walls in the 19th-century convict construction of stately mansions in the city’s Historic East End. Stories of intrigue surround the resident families, architects, and construction of these historic Capitol Avenue homes, built by free, but harsh, labor.
The Houses That Sears Built

Tuesday February 16th 6:30pm
Scheppers Distributing- Clydesdale Room
A presentation by Jenny Smith

The kit-home boon was a revolutionary movement that began in the second decade of the 20th century and continued through the 1940s. It marked the beginning of the transition from rural, multi-generational homes to urban, single-family homes and to home mortgages!

The potential home owners could select and order their dream house out of a catalog. The kit came with complete plans and all the materials you would need—down to door knobs, hinges, and light fixtures. You could even opt to buy all the necessary furnishings, including furniture, area rugs and curtains!

Jenny Smith will share with you her passion for these well-built and classic homes, taking you on a pictorial tour of known kit homes in Jefferson City.

Does Your Home Have a Secret Past?

Tuesday April 5th, 7pm
Missouri River Regional Library
2nd floor multi-purpose room
A presentation by Jane Beetem

Navigating through the maze of resources to discover some of the history of our houses can be frustrating, as well as tedious. An upcoming program presented by Jane Beetem is sure to help us uncover the secrets within the walls of our older properties. Partnering with the Missouri River Regional Library, she will guide us through the maze of available resources.

Ms. Beetem recently retired after 25 years with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, where she spent nine years as coordinator of the Missouri Historic Preservation Revolving Fund. As an independent Historic Preservation Consultant, Jane has completed 20 nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, including 171 historic resources in Jefferson City.

She and her husband, work to rehabilitate historic properties on the east side of town, and have completed several total rehab projects.

What is Preservation50?

It is the 50th anniversary since President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act into law. It reads;

“The historical and cultural foundations of the Nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people . . . the preservation of this irreplaceable heritage is in the public interest so that its vital legacy of cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, economic, and energy benefits will be maintained and enriched for future generations of Americans.” National Historic Preservation Act, 1966

Watch for displays at the upcoming HCJ Annual Dinner Meeting on March 13.
Find out more at: Preservation50.org

Remembrance of Things Past

~Taken from HCJ Minutes & Newsletters

December, 1981 to February 1, 1982 ~ Patrick Steele, Director of Missouri Heritage Trust, and local preservationists present proposal to City Council to save the City Jail.

February 1, 1982 10:30 p.m. ~ Unknown to preservationists, City Council votes 5-4 against the lease agreement.

February 2, 1982 6:30 a.m. ~ Demolition of the Jefferson City Jail, East McCarty and Monroe, one of the oldest remaining jailhouses west of the Mississippi (1842) and city’s oldest structure. Reason: The old jail blocked view of the new jail.

February, 1983 ~ Incorporation Meeting of The Historic City of Jefferson City, Inc. held at home of Elizabeth Rozier, serving as first Board of Directors with Carolyn McDowell, Mary Ann Caplinger, Chris Graham, Eldon Hattervig, Jill Johnson, and Gary Kremer.

Purpose of HCJ is “to promote the preservation of Jefferson City’s significant historic, architectural and archaeological resources.”
Our historic cemeteries are silent witnesses to those early pioneer families that first settled Cole County and sometimes the only remaining evidence of these people’s lives here. One such cemetery in Apache Flats in western Cole County was the final resting place of descendants of the Edmund Dixon family originally from North Carolina. Sadly, the only remaining evidence of this pioneer family is preserved indirectly in the names affixed to Apache Flat street signs and in the name of Jefferson City’s newest school, Pioneer Trail Elementary School. As recent as 10 years ago the Dixon family graves rested atop a hill overlooking Apache Flats. The graves were marked with headstones and nestled amongst large cedar trees. No evidence of the graves or headstones can now be found.

Pioneer Trail Drive in Apache Flats directs traffic to Pioneer Trail School. An upscale residential area surrounding the school is served by streets signed with names such as “Settler’s Ridge Drive,” “Covered Wagon Road,” “New Frontier Drive,” “Old West Road,” and others now in the planning and development stage. The area is situated in Apache Flats between 50 Highway West and Rainbow Drive and east of Binder Lake.

The history of the founding of Apache Flats and its pioneer legacy derives from a family that migrated here from Virginia and North Carolina in the late 1820s and early 1830s. Catherine Dixon at age 70 came first with her youngest son Levi and his family. Catherine was the widow of Revolutionary War veteran Edmund Dixon who served under General George Washington. Edmund survived and trained at Valley Forge during that terrible winter of 1777-1778 that saw 2500+ men starve to death and more than 700 of their horses for lack of sustenance to keep them alive. Yet those surviving resolved later to fight for and establish this – then – new nation.

Edmund died in 1834, a wealthy slave holding landowner in Person County, North Carolina where he was buried. His youngest son, Levi, married Sarah Waller Bolton, whose father was Thomas Meriweather Bolton from Person County, North Carolina. A daughter Phoebe was born to this union in 1830 while the family tended to Dixon land holdings in North Carolina.

After Edmund’s death, Levi and Sarah made a decision to become part of the growing pioneer movement moving westward as the new nation experienced growing pains and advertised new western frontiers to be settled. Catherine, Edmund’s widow, made the arduous trek west with her youngest son and his family, including her grand-daughter Phoebe. They bought land that virtually encompassed the entire Apache Flats area on the western boundary of today’s Missouri State Capitol, Jefferson City. Their land holdings also included most of what today is Jefferson City’s largest park, Binder Lake.

Levi Dixon brought some of the family’s slaves west with him to clear and farm the land they opted to settle. Local resident Lloyd Klosterman showed this reporter several structures still standing on the opposite side of Rainbow Drive from the Erhart Centennial Farm that allegedly housed slaves. Graves of some of the Dixon family slaves are reportedly disbursed in this same area.

Levi focused on raising tobacco over much of the tilled area estimated at approximately 2200 acres. The farm is also given credit for producing much of the food for the growing settlements surrounding the farm — including the heart of what became Missouri’s capital.

Levi’s wife was born a Bolton in North Carolina. Her family ties are

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This 2015 Google satellite aerial photo shows the new school and road in Apache Flats. The new round-about on Pioneer Trail Drive appears to be where part of the cemetery was located. There is no evidence that the graves were relocated. There are indications of more development planned in the area.

The family tree above shows the marriage of three of the Dixon children to three Bolton children. Both families migrated from North Carolina. Dr. William Bolton built the “Bolton-Kelly” house on Greenberry Road. Col. Lewis Bolton built the house outside of Wardsville. The red asterisks indicate those known to have been buried in the Dixon cemetery, although there were others. The discrepancy in the spelling of some names reflect the spelling in different sources.

reported to join with the bloodline of the family settling in the area and tied to the antebellum historical Colonel M. Lewis Bolton Home overlooking the Osage River valley, now operating as a bed and breakfast in the Wardsville area southeast of Jefferson City proper.

The matriarch of the family, Catherine Dixon, died in March 1838. Catherine was the first of her family to be buried in the family cemetery on the Apache Flats farm. Then, at age 12, Phoebe’s grave followed her grandmother’s four years later.

Levi and Sarah eventually migrated further west to Vernon County and spent the rest of their lives in that vicinity. But other members of the Dixon family arrived to tend to family holdings in Apache Flats. Later, some were also buried in the family plot.

Henry “Hal” Edmund Dixon married Nancy, another daughter of Thomas Meriwether Bolton in Person County, North Carolina. Henry brought his family to Apache Flats. Both Henry and Nancy, allegedly, are buried in the family cemetery. Martha Dixon, Catherine Dixon’s daughter, married Charles Bolton, a son to Thomas Meriwether Bolton, and they eventually followed Martha’s mother and brother to the Apache Flats land holdings. Both died in Cole County and were also allegedly buried in the family cemetery.

Jefferson City’s News Tribune reporter Michelle Brooks published two outstanding articles dealing with the disappearance of the resting places of people who made significant contributions to this state’s historical past and their efforts to settle an area that eventually became part of our Capital city. Brooks’s first article was published February 8th, 2015, followed by the second on May 12th, 2015. Brook’s articles sought to discover what happened to the graves and stones interred in the old pioneer cemetery.

Brooks’s research showed that 205 acres of the Dixon
According to the 1992 Jefferson City Historic East Architectural Survey Report, the abandoned historic structure at 413 East Capitol is one of only two examples of French Second Empire style in the city's Historic East neighborhood, the other being the National Cemetery Caretaker's House. By the late nineteenth century, this neighborhood had been transformed from strictly single-family and duplex residential to light commercial, providing grocery stores, bakeries, churches, and a drug store.

The eight-bedroom, four-bath home was built around 1915 for attorney and newspaper owner Joseph R. Edwards. The Edwards family name was deep in newspaper ink: Owner and editor Gen. E. L. Edwards, circuit court judge, established in 1836 The Enquirer. Around 1885 Harry E. Edwards purchased with John G. Leslie the Jefferson City Tribune, later merging with the Cole County Democrat, established in 1884 by our home builder Joseph R. Edwards. By 1921, the home at 413 E. Capitol was being rented by Joseph R. Edwards's son, Joseph H. Edwards and his wife Mary Carter. Joseph H. was correspondent for the St. Louis Star and K.C. Journal.

It is most likely that the Edwards home was designed and built by Charles Opel, architect for the city's elite and many Historic East homes, such as Ivy Terrace; Postmaster George Robinson's home; the John Tweedie, Sr. home at 601 East High; and part of the Missouri State Penitentiary complex.

The Empire-style duplex of yellow brick front combined paired rectangular “towers” on each end with a steep mansard roof. The roof “cresting” was often topped with an iron trim. Sculpted details around the doors, windows, and dormers, added to wide-overhanging eaves, complete this elaborate late turn-of-the-century style.

This Place, 413 East Capitol, Matters because of the community-minded families who developed these historical neighborhoods, and also because of the rare architectural features of this impressive, now vacated home. It presently joins the City's Abandoned Building Registry.

THIS PLACE MATTERS!

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property on which the cemetery was located was sold in 1845 to George Erhart. The land, designated a Centennial Farm by the University Extension Service, remained in the family until 2004. In the last ten years, a housing development and the Pioneer Trail School have been built on the land. Google maps and aerial photographs in 2002 of the area showed the cemetery's fenced enclosure was still there but the graves are now probably partially located under what is now a round-about on the newly constructed Pioneer Trail Drive. At the time the county survey for the final extension of Pioneer Trail Drive was completed, signs of the family graves no longer existed.

According to the Missouri Revised Statutes, it is a class A misdemeanor to “knowingly destroy” a tomb or gravestone regardless of whether it is on public or private land. Many questions have arisen and remain unanswered. Despite investigations by the Cole County Sheriff’s office and referrals to the Prosecutor's office, prosecution of the offenders is uncertain due to the statute of limitations. Justice may not be served, but local residents hope that, at the minimum, a memorial to Dixon family members and others buried and “Lost in the Grass” nearby be erected and prominently displayed in the roundabout.

The Bolton and Dixon families together formed a considerable force laying the foundations of an up-and-coming community whose economical development was supported by a steamboat landing that made it possible for the Dixons to market their 2200-acre tobacco crop to distant markets from St. Louis south to New Orleans down the Mississippi River.

Jefferson City resident Cliff Keeler is a free-lance writer who earned back-to-back Pulitzer nominations for an expose’ of boating issues in Missouri. His syndicated column, “Cliff’s Outdoor Notes,” ran in Missouri for 13 years. He was co-founder of the Missouri Outdoor Communicators (MOC). For comments or questions he can be reached at: keelerphoto@yhti.net.
The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met in December and again Jan. 12 to go through the proposed new preservation/demolition as proposed by Historic City of Jefferson. They have been going through the draft ordinance comparing the language we gave them with the current ordinance, and includes line-by-line critiques from city attorneys and staff.

The good news is the process that we started has been taken over by the HPC, and what emerges will ultimately be their “baby,” rather than ours. Since they are the official governmental body focused on historic preservation, their adoption of this should provide the City Council with additional cause to ultimately take up the bill and pass it. The other good news is that the gist of what HCJ proposed appears to be surviving the microscopic review that is taking place.

- **The 50-year threshold** for consideration of a property as historic remains.
- **The 60-day waiting period** after an HPC vote to not approve a demolition remains.
- **Major change:** The City attorney says the HPC cannot deny an application for demolition, but it can advise that an application be denied. The HPC has accepted this and under the new ordinance, **if the HPC advises the City to deny the application, that application then will automatically go the City Council for its review and appeal.** While this is not as straightforward a system as HCJ proposed, it is effectively the same thing. This finally gives the HPC some teeth, currently lacking under the old ordinance.
- **The HCJ proposal would have required that a “comprehensive plan” be submitted** with a demolition application. While an indication of the proposed new use must be stated, a comprehensive plan will not be required.
- **Good news, the new ordinance would require widespread notification of demolition applications.** The HPC will establish an electronic database to inform interested individuals and groups; it will mail notices out to property owners located within 185 feet of the place being demolished; and it will publish notices of the demolition application in the newspaper. If an application is denied, the applicant must be notified by certified mail. This notification section is going to be revisited by the HPC at its next meeting and possibly further tweaked.
**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

To proactively preserve our historic resources and create an environment that makes preservation a central focus for the future development in the City of Jefferson.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**HCJ Annual Dinner Meeting**

Sunday March 13, 2016, starting at 4:00pm

McClung Park Pavilion

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