

# CARTHAGE HISTORIC PRESERVATION, Inc.



A non-profit, community-based membership organization focusing on historic preservation.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

CHP's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lobster Boil was one for the books! The best one yet, I think. A HUGE salute to Judy Goff, the board members, spouses, relatives, and friends who volunteered to help put on our event. If you haven't ever attended our Lobster Boil, we encourage you to come check it out next year. It is truly a wonderful time!

CHP has been blessed to receive a grant from the Carthage Community Foundation to fund the plaster and wallpaper repairs to the Brides Room Thank you CCF!

We hope you weren't too affected by the May hail storm, but both Phelps

House and Sweet House did have significant damage. Repairs are in the works and we hope to be whole again in 2018.

If you're interested in taking a Window Restoration Workshop with Bob Yapp, please keep an eye out in an upcoming newsletter and/or a separate email about how you can learn about window restoration from a true master! We plan to restore six more windows at Sweet House next Spring.

As always we couldn't do what we do without the support of our members. Thank you for supporting Carthage Historic Preservation!

~Ron Petersen, Jr.

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## PRESERVE PHELPS HOUSE ENDOWMENT

### Consider a gift to our new *Preserve Phelps House Endowment*

CHP is receiving a \$7,500 donation from a private individual to start an endowment to preserve Phelps House! This donation together with \$2,500 from the Carthage Community Foundation will meet the minimum amount needed to start an endowment. The fund will be called the ***Carthage Historic Preservation Endowment Fund to Preserve Phelps House***. Any donor who wishes to donate to this tax-deductible cause may do so. We have been informed that some retirees who have RMDs (required minimum distributions from their IRA) will use those to donate to this fund; you may wish to do that too.

From this fund, which will be left intact at CCF, only the interest earned will be used each year, as needed, for maintaining the home. As we shared with you previously, it costs well over \$20,000 per year to pay the routine bills at Phelps House. Event rentals, income from the bi-annual Christmas Homes Tour and Tea, and bus tour luncheons and dinners help offset those routine expenses, but *that income stream doesn't go far enough*.

Watch for the letter coming to your mailbox this month explaining more about the new ***Preserve Phelps House*** endowment. We believe preservation of all of the wonderful historic treasures of Carthage is important, and as the owner and conservator of Phelps House, CHP holds its responsibility very dear. Please help us to maintain the wonderful historic Phelps House for many future generations to come!

## Join CHP

Your CHP membership/donation helps us to fulfill our mission to advocate for historic preservation, to maintain the historic Phelps House, and to continue restoration work on the Sweet House.

Your support allows us to have a common voice that says "Keep Carthage historic and beautiful"...which is one of the many wonderful reasons why we live here and tourists come to visit.

To support CHP, go to our website:

[www.carthagehistoricpreservation.org](http://www.carthagehistoricpreservation.org)

THANK YOU!

# PHELPS HOUSE UPDATE

Contributor: J. Goff

We are so very thankful to receive a \$2,500 grant from the **Carthage Community Foundation** which will make it possible for us to install historically appropriate wallpaper in the Brides Room at the Phelps House. This room was originally Mrs. Phelps' chamber (as it is referred to on the servant's call bell).

We call it the "Brides Room" now because it is where brides and attendants dress for weddings. The Brides Room was refinished in the early 1980s when CHP acquired the house, but suffered water damage caused by leaks from a heavy rainstorm in December 2015.



We have just finished restoring the Carthage stone joints on all seven chimneys, the flat roof rail, and all dormers. That work was made possible by another generous grant from **The Kent D. Steadley & Mary L. Steadley Memorial Trust**.

And then the hail storm came, doing more damage! Fortunately, insurance will cover some roof damage expenses.

Now...as soon as the 1980s paper is stripped, the plaster expert will come to repair ceiling and wall plaster, the painter will paint, and the roofer will replace the damaged flat roof, and a beautiful historically appropriate wallpaper will be installed in the Brides Room. We will invite you to come see it!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to **CCF** and the **Steadley Trust**...wonderful supporters who have awarded grants for this work! We will use your money wisely.

## Beautiful memories are made in the Brides Room!



## Some of the damage to be repaired.



# LOBSTER BOIL

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2017 Lobster Boil! Thanks to the Board members, family members, and friends who volunteered...and a special thank you to Judy Goff for organizing another fun event!



Thank you also to our media sponsors:



# CARTHAGE TRIVIA

Have you ever been on the Square and wondered about the names etched on many of the buildings? Here is a look at another Carthaginian immortalized on the Square.



The building at 121 E. 3rd Street was built by Philip E. Hannum in 1880 adjacent to the building owned by Jesse Thacker who operated a hardware store. The Hannum building was initially used as a grocery

business and civic activities in Carthage. He owned real estate throughout the city and county. The Purcell Townsite Company was created in 1903 to sell



lots and establish the town of Purcell with Hannum serving as President and Colonel William H. Phelps serving as a Director. In 1905, Hannum purchased the C. B. Platt & Son mattress factory. Hannum was also active in politics, a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and served on the 1909 YMCA Building Committee.

In 1899, Hannum purchased the home at 1312 South Main Street for \$3,400. Mr. Hannum died at home on January 26, 1919.



store. The building was refaced with Carthage Marble in 1908 at which time the Hannum name was added. The Thacker building eventually expanded into the Hannum building, both of which are currently occupied by Carthage Hardware.

Prior to settling in Carthage, Hannum lived in Carterville where he became a mine owner, founded the Bank of Carterville, and served as a city treasurer. Hannum Street in Carterville is named for him.

Hannum was actively involved in numerous

# JOIN OUR FRIENDS IN JOPLIN—DECEMBER 8 & 9

## Home For the Holidays

... in Murphysburg  
December 8 & 9, 2017  
Joplin, Missouri | on Historic Route 66



### Start with a **Bourbon Tasting**

**Friday | December 8, 2017 | 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

at the **Scottish Rite Cathedral** | 505 South Byers Avenue | Joplin  
National Register of Historic Places | circa 1923 | Beaux Arts Style

- Taste Bourbon where Turn-of-the-Century Capitalists and Entrepreneurs Cultivated Business Deals and Friendships (\$50)
- Nuances of All Things Bourbon Taught by the Proprietor of White Mule Distillery
- Food Parings Included with Bourbon Tasting Ticket
- Non-Bourbon Tasting Tickets Available (\$25)
- Cash Bar and Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres
- Scottish Rite Cathedral Guided Tours
- Surprise Living History Portrayals!

### Stay for the **Holiday Homes Tour**

**Saturday | December 9, 2017 | 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Houses will be on Sergeant | Moffet | Byers-between First & Sixth Streets  
Historic Murphysburg District | National Register of Historic Places

- Private Historic Homes Decorated for the Holidays
- \$20 in advance via website | \$25 at ticket location
- Discount for Bus Tours
- Decorations Range from Homespun to Victorian to Modern
- Living History Portrayals
- Docents will educate visitors regarding the architecture, original homeowners, and tidbits of history
- Take Our History with You in a Commemorative Booklet

**Ticket Purchasing, Location, and Parking Details**  
TBA at [www.Murphysburg.org](http://www.Murphysburg.org)

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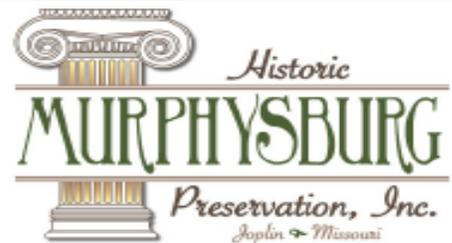
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