

Film showing in Davenport

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Davenport, IA- The German American Heritage Center will host Bob King of the Classic Film Society as he introduces us to a classic 16mm film, "The State of Scott" on Saturday, August 18th at 2pm. The showing will be at the Center, located at 712 W. 2nd St. Davenport, IA. The admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for children ages 5-17. Members are free. This program is part of our celebration of beer during our exhibition Suds! which runs through October 28th.

The "Free and Independent State of Scott" celebrations had their roots in the Iowa temperance movement of the late 1880s. Davenport did not support the state's efforts to pass a prohibition amendment, due to the large number of taverns and breweries in Scott County. The Kohler and Lange Brewery of Davenport filed suit when prohibition was passed in 1882, overturning the amendment on a technicality.

Seventy years later, the Davenport Chamber of Commerce decided to hold 'State of Scott' celebrations as part of a three year program to promote the city to both residents and tourists. These celebrations, which were held in 1946, 1947, and 1948, included parades, fireworks, beauty contests, and even the election of a 'Governor' and the appointment of 'Senators' from Scott County towns. The "State of Scott" film depicts these activities as well as views of the city from another time. For more information on this program contact Kelly at kelly.lao@gahc.org or 563-322-8844.