



Chariton Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Friends,

We would like to introduce to you an opportunity to become a part of working together in establishing our community's great pride and value.

Constructed just after the turn of the century in 1904, the CB&Q Freight House proudly stands near what is now the the BNSF railroad and was used extensively for railroad commerce in our community. Renovation of the structure received enthusiastic support from the community, the Lucas County Arts Council, the City of Chariton and the Chariton Historic Preservation Commission. Enclosed are pictures of the Freight House, past and present.

In 2002, the Freight House was in the process of a major restoration with the help of dedicated volunteers and a committed Lucas County Arts Council. Monetary grants through various state and local organizations were pursued and received. Licensed and skilled professionals were required to complete the restoration, which increased the need for larger grants. So to ensure completion, cash matching funds for those grants were needed. Contracts with a local bank and the City of Chariton were established. We need your help to pay down this resulting debt.

Would you be interested in making a tax-deductible donation toward this project? Contributions may be pledged over a three year period, and any contribution, large or small, would be genuinely appreciated. The Lucas County Arts Council meets the criteria established in the IRS Code 501(c)3.

The Chariton Historic Preservation Commission and the Lucas County Arts Council appeal to you to consider a gift to the Freight House. As in the past and present, with your support, it will continue to be a great value to our community in the future. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please complete the attached information on the second page and return to:

Lucas County Arts Council
P.O. Box 145
Chariton, Iowa 50049



C B & Q Freight House Renovated and Restored



C B & Q Freight House in 2000



Work in progress

Name _____

I will contribute to the Freight House:

Amount \$ _____

I will contribute over a 1____2____or 3____ year period.

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