

Harley H. Caldwell  
The Duff Green Mansion  
1114 First East Street  
Vicksburg, MS 39180

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Mayor Willis Thompson, Alderman Vickie Bailey, Alderman T.J. Mayfield  
c/o Kim Nailor, Attorney for the City of Vicksburg

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Duff Green Mansion contributes greatly to the tourism community of Vicksburg. Built in 1856 just 7 years before the Siege of Vicksburg, the mansion constructed to be a private home served as a hospital for both Union and Confederate soldiers. Duff is said to have gotten word to the Union officers that not only was the home a hospital for both sides, but the Union wounded were being housed on the top floor. Amazingly the shelling slowed and many structures surrounding this home were saved. Duff Green, the original owner, quickly moved his alliance from the Confederacy to the Union when the opportunity to rent the home to the United States as a soldier's rest home arose after the Siege. Duff was paid in US dollars two years before the Confederacy fell. Another interesting contribution of the family is that the Green's son, William Lake "Siege" Green was born in a cave during the war in Vicksburg.

Restored by Harry and Alicia Sharp in 1985 The Duff Green Mansion became a successful Bed and Breakfast, a venue center and a tour home. We now house about 4,000 overnight guests per year and bring about 3,000 American Cruise Line guests through the home for a tour each year.

Because the Caldwells, current owners of the historic property, are not willing to own a restaurant we must be designated as a qualified resort area contributing both a venue for leisure activities and an historic tourist attraction to obtain a liquor license. We believe we successfully serve our community as both and ask the mayor and alderman, the governing body of our municipality, to issue a resolution that the Duff Green Mansion s be designated as a resort.

Thank you for your consideration.



Harley H. Caldwell  
Owner, The Duff Green Mansion