

**The General...**

General Grenville M. Dodge has been called “the greatest railroad builder of all time” because he was instrumental in developing the Transcontinental Railroad, linking the nation’s east and west coasts.

In addition to his history-making role as a military leader and railroad builder, Dodge

was a banker, politician, author and advisor to presidents and generals.

The General and his wife Ruth Anne had three daughters. The eldest, Lettie Dodge Montgomery, had two sons and one daughter.



N.P. Dodge, the General’s younger brother, remained in Iowa during the war to look after the family businesses. The NP Dodge Real Estate company bears his name to this day.

The Dodge family loved to entertain and built this grand home with that in mind. The spacious dining room and large Ballroom lend themselves to lavish dinners and festivities. Several presidents and generals visited the home and were entertained by the Dodge family.

**The Mansion...**

The Dodge House was the Victorian home of one of Iowa’s most famous citizens, General Grenville M. Dodge. Designed by W. W. Boyington, a prominent Chicago architect, it was built in 1869, for the then lavish sum of \$35,000, and housed the Dodge family until 1950. In 1964 it was made into a museum.

The fourteen room, three-story brick mansion stands on a high bluff overlooking the Missouri River.

The home contains many original Dodge pieces as well as fine antiques and artwork of the period. The beautiful woodwork, marble fireplaces and light fixtures enhance the grandeur of the home.

Since 1964, a Board of Trustees has been preserving the home and restoring it to its Victorian roots. The home is maintained as a house-museum and is a treasured local and National Historic Landmark. Your rental dollars go towards the continued preservation of this important home.



*The Dining Room decorated for the 130th anniversary of Lettie Dodge Montgomery’s wedding*

# The Historic General Dodge House RENTALS

An intimate, unique and historic setting for your special event



605 Third Street  
Council Bluffs  
Iowa



### **The Ballroom**

Located on the top floor of this well-appointed house-museum, the ballroom is ideally suited for festivities of all kinds.

The west windows overlook the Missouri river valley and the cities of Council Bluffs and Omaha.

The room itself offers an intimate atmosphere for a small reception or dinner party.

The adjoining caterer's kitchen is easy to work in and the adjoining maid's room is available for coat check.

Seating capacity is 60 with more room for stand-up only events.

### **The Grounds**

The spacious gardens surrounding the Dodge House are beautiful any time of the year. Small receptions and stand-up parties of any kind are ideal for this area.

Outdoor rentals are for daytime use only and do not admit renters into the house. The rental is for a 2-hour period. Renters are responsible for tables and/or chairs.

### **The Dining Room**

Located on the main floor, adjacent to the library, the dining room is stunning at night in the light of the chandelier. The room is enhanced by many original Dodge family furnishings.

Evoking its Victorian past, the menus and furnishings bring back an era long gone.

Up to ten people may rent the dining room. The food is included in the rental price. Wine is extra.

For more information please contact the Director at 712-322-2406.



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### **Rental Fees**

The ballroom can be rented for \$400 during the day (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and \$500 for nights (5 to 11 p.m.). The grounds can be rented for daytime use for \$100. The Dining Room may only be rented in the evening after 5 p.m.

All food served must be prepared by an approved caterer. Five caterers are approved for functions in the ballroom. Any changes must be arranged through the Director.

Tables, chairs, china, flatware and linens must be rented from an outside source. (The Dodge House rents some tables and chairs for a reasonable fee).

Our website contains the rental regulations and a form to fill out ([www.dodgehouse.org](http://www.dodgehouse.org)). A deposit of \$150 is required at the time of booking and is non refundable

Groups are limited to 60 for a sit-down dinner and 80 for a reception without tables and chairs. Outdoor events are limited to 150 people.

The ballroom can be used for business dinners and



receptions, bridal or baby showers, teas, family dinners, birthday parties, card parties, holiday events, anniversary parties, rehearsal dinners or almost any event for a small group.