

Alexander Ramsey House

A Field Trip Social Narrative



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Welcome

I am going to
Alexander Ramsey
House today!



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Overview

I will follow a guide and see many rooms in the house. I will learn about Alexander Ramsey, his family, and his impact on Minnesota.

I will learn what it was like to live in Minnesota in the late 1800s.



Alexander Ramsey



Ramsey's daughter Marion & her children.



Arrival

I will wait patiently outside while my teacher checks us in.

I might hear and see the cars driving by. My tour guide will come outside when it is time for our tour to start.



Storing our backpacks

I will leave all of my items on the bus. I will not bring my backpack, lunch, water bottle, or anything else inside the house. I can let an adult know if I need anything!





Restrooms

I can let an adult know if I need to use the restroom. The main restroom is in the carriage house. To get to the carriage house, I'll need to go outside across the grass. There are emergency restrooms in the Ramsey House.



Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Alexander Ramsey House. I will stay with my group.

I will not bring food or drinks inside the house. It is very important not to touch anything at Alexander Ramsey House. This helps keep old items safe.





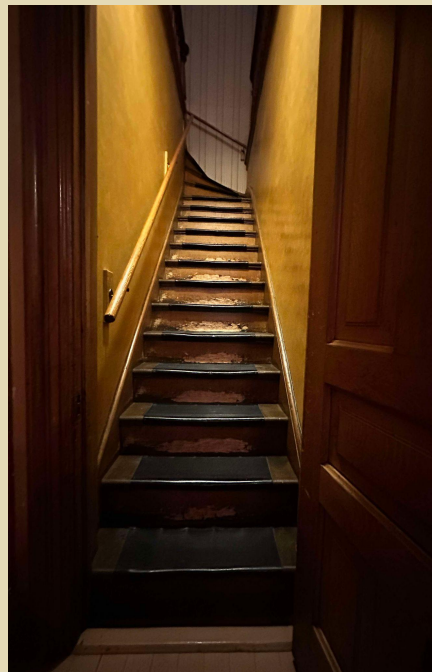
Museum staff

The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip. They can answer my questions. Museum staff wear name tags.



Moving around the house

This house is quite old, so there is no elevator. I will walk up many stairs to see the different rooms. The house has low lighting and can be dim, especially on cloudy days. Most of the floors are carpeted. I will be careful where I walk so I do not trip on the carpet.





Taking a break

If I need to take a break, that is okay! There is a quiet space at the museum for my break. I can also sit on the gold chairs throughout the house.



Changes

The field trip changes sometimes! It is fun to see new things. If something is closed or missing, it may be back next time!



Touring the house

I will follow the tour guide through many rooms in the house. They will tell me information in the rooms and might show me pictures and videos on an iPad. I will see lots of old items, including toys that might look unfamiliar.

I can ask questions and share my ideas. My tour will be one hour long.





Nursery

I will see the nursery. It is on the 3rd floor. This is where Alexander Ramsey's grandchildren would play and sleep. Before it was a nursery, it was the office!



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Ramsey's bedroom

I will see the bedroom of Alexander Ramsey and his wife, Anna, on the 2nd floor. It has a bed and other furniture. It is connected to a bathroom that has a toilet. This is a historic toilet; it is not for us to use now!



Kitchen

I will see the kitchen.

It is on the 1st floor.

The Ramsey family had a cook who worked with other staff in the house to make and serve dinner to the family.





Office

I will see Alexander Ramsey's office where he did his political work. His work impacted people, sometimes in good ways and sometimes in bad ways.

I might sit on the red carpet to learn more.





Parlor

I will visit the parlor on the 1st floor.
Like a living room today, this is where
the family spent time together.

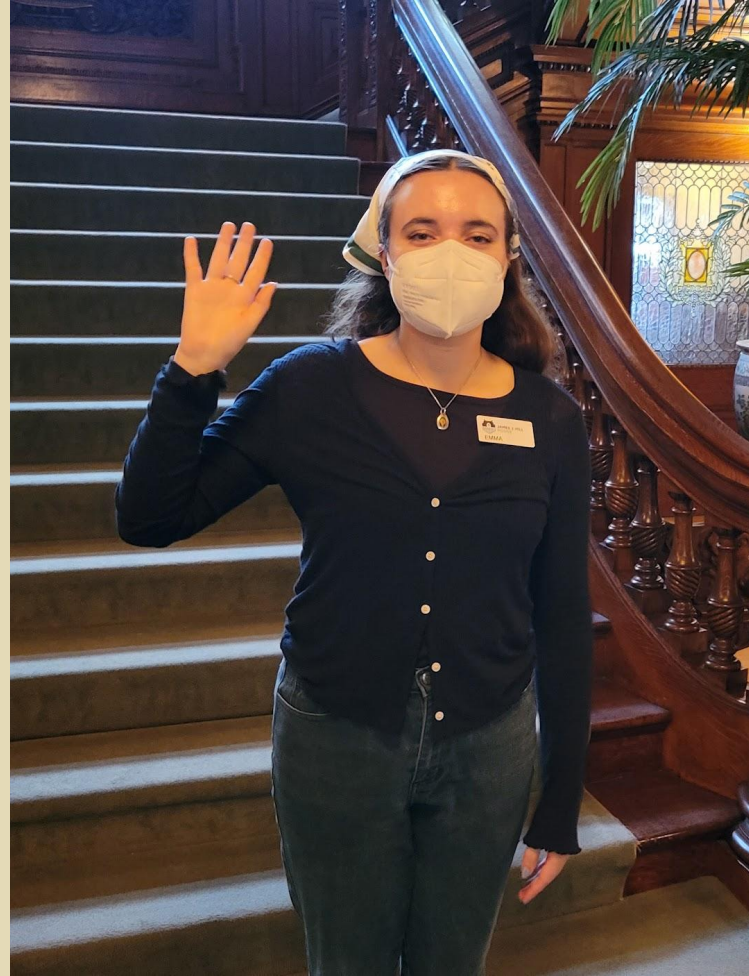
I might do an activity with
a rope to learn about
different sized houses.



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Goodbye!

When my field trip is over,
I will leave Alexander
Ramsey House.



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**We look forward
to your visit!**



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