

Alexander Ramsey House

# A Social Narrative



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RAMSEY  
HOUSE**



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# Welcome

I am going to  
Alexander Ramsey  
House today!



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# Overview

I will follow a guide through the house. I will 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 check in at the carriage house for my tour. The carriage house is across the lawn from the Ramsey House. The accessible entrance is on the right side of the building. Once our group is ready, I will go to the Ramsey House with my tour guide.



# Restrooms

There are restrooms in the main house and the carriage house.

I can step away from my group to use the restroom if I need to and rejoin the group when I am ready.



# Museum manners

I will follow the rules at Alexander Ramsey House. I will move carefully through the house and stay with the people I came with. I will not bring food or drinks inside the house.

It is very important to not touch anything at Alexander Ramsey House; this helps keep old items safe.





# Museum staff

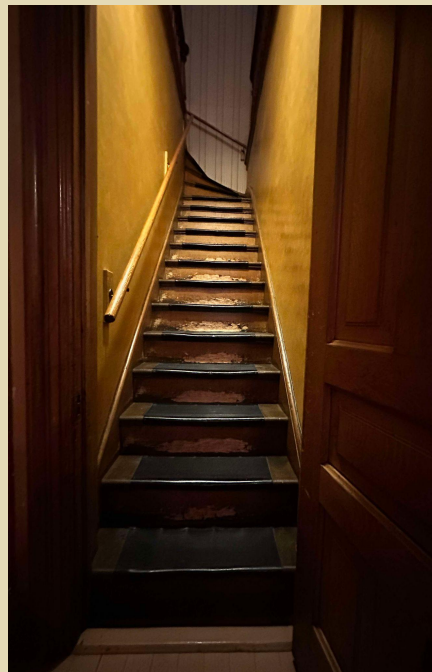
The museum staff will be there to help me on my field trip.

They can answer my questions.  
Museum staff wear name tags.



# Moving around the house

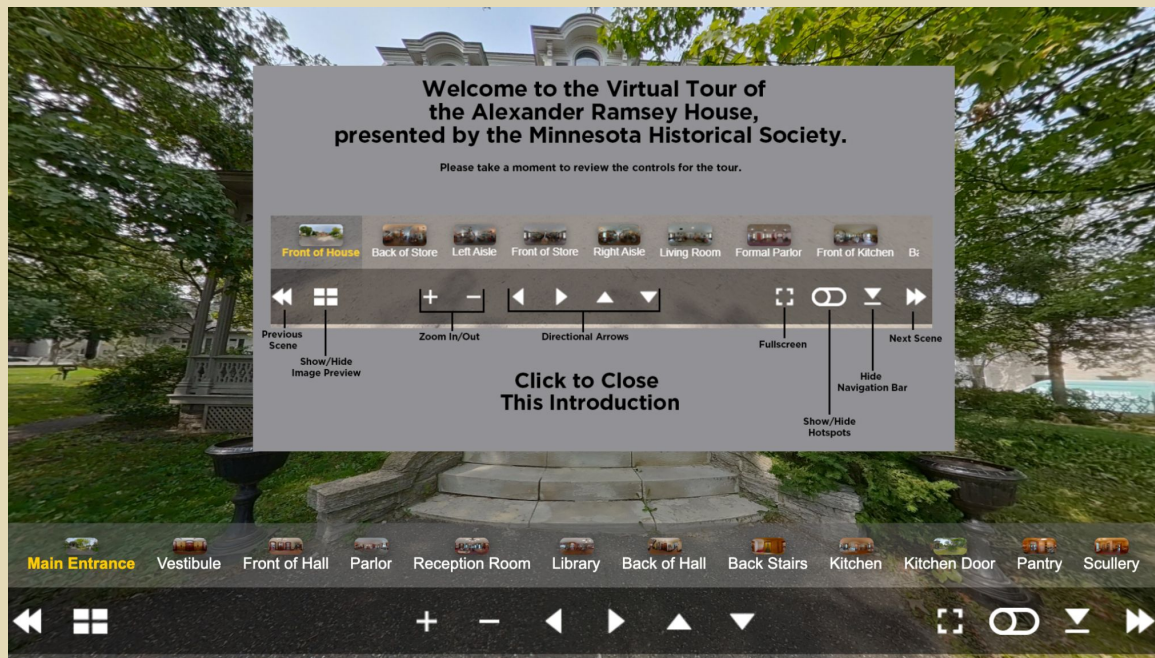
This house is quite old, so there is no elevator. I can climb up many stairs to see the different rooms. The house has low lighting and can be dim, especially on cloudy days. Most of the floors are carpeted. I will be careful as I move so I do not trip on any of the carpets.





# Virtual tour

If I only visit the first floor of the Ramsey House, I can use the virtual tour to look through the rest of the floors. I can find the virtual tour on the Ramsey House website at [mnhs.info/virtual-tour-ramsey](https://mnhs.info/virtual-tour-ramsey). The tour includes interesting facts throughout the experience.



# Taking a break

If I need to take a break,  
that is okay!

I can sit on the gold chairs  
throughout the house.



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# 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.

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



# Nursery

I will see the nursery.  
It is one of the rooms on  
the third floor I will visit.  
This is where Alexander  
Ramsey's grandchildren  
would play and sleep.  
I may see dolls or toys in  
this room.

Before it was a nursery, it  
was the office!





# Ramsey's bedroom

I will see the bedroom of Alexander Ramsey and his wife, Anna. The bedroom is one of the rooms on the second floor I will visit. 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!





# 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.



# Kitchen

I will see the kitchen. It is one of the rooms on the first floor I will visit. The Ramsey family had a cook who would work with other staff in the house to make and serve dinner to the family.





# Parlor

I will visit the parlor on the first floor.

This is where the family would spend time together.





# Goodbye!

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



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**We look forward  
to your visit!**



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# Questions?

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