

The Mayborn Museum's Educator Guide to **Governor Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village**

WELCOME!

We hope you use this guide to make your visit a special one!

The Governor Bill and Vara Daniel Historic Village was donated to Baylor University in 1985 by the Daniel family. The structures were relocated from Liberty, Texas to Baylor's campus in 1986, where they now reside along the banks of the Brazos River as part of the Mayborn Museum Complex. Today, the nine wood-frame buildings that comprise the Village provide a glimpse into the past, bringing to life a community in the 1890s.



Law Office- Governor Bill Daniel was a lawyer who graduated from Baylor Law School. He and his family donated the buildings to the Mayborn Museum. This office represents a law office in the 1890's. Why don't you see computers or a typewriter in this office?

The Commissary- A commissary is a general store. It had a variety of items one could purchase. It served several other purposes, as well. It was the Village Post Office, stagecoach ticket office and gathering place for people to visit, play a game of checkers and learn about the news of the day. Using your five senses, name two things you can touch, smell, hear or taste in the Commissary.



Schoolhouse-This one- room building is an example of a school of the 1890's. Typically, one teacher would be responsible for teaching grades 1-8. Sit on a school bench. Look around the room. Can you find three teaching or learning tools available to students or the teacher in this class? Other things to wonder about-- where is the cafeteria? Where is the gym? Where is the restroom and water fountain?

REMINDERS FOR FIELD TRIP CHAPERONES:

- Play Waco is closed to groups and chaperones.
- Please refer to your field trip packet for information about your group's lunch plans.

The Barn- This building is an example of a barn that would have been used to store animals and farm tools in the 1890's. Look around the barn. How many tools can you identify? Do you see any tools that might be in a barn today? Be sure to go around to the left side of the barn to see the blacksmith's shop!



The Planter's House- This house is an example of a Texas dogtrot house. It belonged to the landowners, who would have been very wealthy and had many employees working for them. Look inside each room. Can you find a musical instrument, something to play with, something to wear and something to sleep on? Are there any rooms missing from this house?

Tenant Farmer's House- This Tenant House belonged to the landowner. The Tenant Farmer and their family rented this house, land, and farming equipment from the Planter. Tenants made very little money and what was made would be given to the planter. How is this house like the Planter's House and how is it different?



The Cook's House- The Cook lived in this house, which was owned by the Planter. The cook was responsible for preparing the family's meals, tending to the chickens and kitchen garden, and doing the weekly/monthly shopping at the commissary. Why would the kitchen be separate from the home? Where do you think the Cook slept?