

STATUS REPORT ON FURNISHING
THE HARPER HOUSE
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Harper House Inventory

The format of this report appears to be easily usable.

Mr. Flanagan's suggestions for making the upper portions of the house look more lived-in seem very appropriate. I think if the sketches of the individual rooms were added to the report, it would reinforce his suggestions. Most visitors leave the parlor with a great misconception resulting from the austere impression the room gives.

p. 22--If the articles are not early enough for use in the house what is the purpose of storing them in the chests and shouldn't they just be removed--same with attic items if they can't be used elsewhere in the house.

The problems that exist in the kitchen will continue to exist unless the decision is made to use the room only as an exhibit or completely refurnish it with all reproductions--even if the room is only to be used once a year. If the kitchen is used as a living kitchen, artifacts will be damaged or destroyed regardless of training or careful use by personnel. Normal use itself is damaging. More harm has been done than Mr. Flanagan has observed.

There appear to be a few kitchen items missing from the inventory, which is understandable considering the existing conditions.

p. 43--The use of candles and kerosene lamps presents a far greater fire hazard than the use of the wood stove. Perhaps those battery operated candles could be used whenever light is needed. However, the wood stove does present a safety hazard for visitors as well as personnel.

Another problem not considered is wood storage. The wood must be brought in to dry as the arrangement is now--and this creates a termite situation.

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ABSTRACT

The six furnished rooms and the attic storage area of the Harper House, located in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, have been inventoried in this report. These furnishings are compared with the original 1963 Furnishing Plan for completeness and success. Recommendations are included for some furnishing changes and additions to the present house furnishings.

INTRODUCTION

The Harper House is the oldest existing house in Harpers Ferry National Historical Park having been built between 1775 and 1782 by Robert Harper. It was decided to furnish the house for the 1859-1865 period and a furnishing plan was prepared in 1963 for this purpose by Vera Craig of the National Park Service. The furnishing of the house was undertaken by the Potomac Garden Council and has, to a great degree, been implemented. This report is a verification of the implementation of the original plan for completeness and accuracy.

This report is organized in the following manner. The house and contents are discussed with respect to their overall impression on a visitor. Then contents are inventoried against the Furnishing Plan and this results in three lists. The first (A) is an inventory consisting of items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the room. The second (b) list consists of items called for in the plan, but not yet acquired. The third list (C) is items in the room but not called for in the Furnishing Plan. List C is further subdivided into two categories. The first, C-1, is items that are suitable for the room and may remain as part of the furnishings. The second category, C-2, consists of unsuitable items that should be removed because of age, condition, or authenticity. Recommendations for each room are included after the room inventory lists. The recommendations for the room are listed in order of importance from the standpoint of a visitor's impression of the room.

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GENERAL IMPRESSIONS

A visitor stops at the Information Center and obtains a guide pamphlet for a walking tour which includes a brief history of the Harper House. It says that the Harper House was built between 1775 and 1782 and is now restored and furnished with period pieces. The attractive sign at the edge of the property repeats this message, and a sign on the porch credits the Potomac Garden Council with the furnishing. These signs imply that the house is furnished for the 1782 period instead of the actual 1859-1865 period. A note of explanation is needed in the pamphlet and on the signs that the house is furnished for the 1859-1865 period.

One is impressed with the neatly painted house and well kept grounds as you enter the viewing area for the front parlor and dining room. The front parlor makes a good impression as far as overall authenticity is concerned; what is lacking is a "lived'in" look. The room will be greatly improved when the planned wallpaper is added because the stark white walls give the visitor an impression of a cold, austere room.

The dining room will also be greatly improved when the wallpaper is added. The incorrect and polished Chippendale brass on the side table catch the visitor's eye. These should be replaced with the correct pulls as soon as possible.

The bedrooms on the second floor are also very well done with respect to the major items. There is the same problem with the "lived-in" look. In this respect the children's bedroom is too neat for any active small child.

A sign is needed on the porch to explain to the visitor that the kitchen is to be viewed via the windows. Many visitors try to open the door, and, finding it locked, leave without looking in the windows.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE PARLOR

A. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the Parlor.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
1	Sofa, c. 1840-1860. H 35", L 76 1/2", Seat D 25". Carved back with finger ridge, walnut frame, horsehair upholstery, tufted back and ends.	4463
2	Center table, c. 1830-40. Top 32 1/2" sq., H 30 1/4". Mahogany, octagonal tilt top, hexagonal center post, octagonal base with 4 "S" shaped legs with rollers. Top has eight pie shaped crotch grained veneering pieces and banded with a black inlay line 1/2" from edge. Some veneer chipped off legs and sides.	4988
4	Cornet whatnot (Plan calls for wall type), c. 1860. H 58", Min. shelf W 17", Max. shelf W 27 1/2". Walnut, spool turned, 5 shelves.	4460
6	Foot stool, c. 1850, H 12 1/2", D 15". Brussel carpet, rose design, with cording.	4782
7	2 side chairs, Gothic style, c. 1850-1870. H 45", W 19", Seat D 15 1/2", Seat H 18 1/4", pair walnut solid seat hall chairs.	4455 4461
10	Carpet, c. 1850-1900. L 15', W 13'. Red and green ingrain, strips sewn together.	4472
13	Assortment of bric-a-brac-for whatnot. Dog with duck porcelain figure 5 1/2" multicolor. Virgin and Child porcelain figure gilt trim. Blue Straffordshire pitcher, broken lip, hole in bottom and hairline crack. Baltimore Masonic Hall. Daguerreotype man seated. Daguerreotype of man in coffin. Miniature album, red leather case.	4458 4459 4777 4448 4449
14	Astral oil lamp for center table, c. 1840-1860. H 20 1/2", D of globe 8". Marble base, brass shaft, frosted globe, 9 prisms. Sandwich Astral.	4481
20	Three ferns in unglazed red ware flower pots, c. 1860-1900.	5301
22	Coal and wood stove, c. 1850 - H 51", W 36", D 24". Rock Furnace, Pa.	4471
25	Mantel clock, c. 1840. H 25 1/2", W 15", D 4". Mahogany OG case, reverse painting glass in base with view of Broadway, N.Y. E. Goodrich, Forestville Ct., USA.	4468

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE PARLOR

A. Continued.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
27	Window curtains, sheer with embroidery, reproduction.	-
31	Hat Rack Stand, c. 1850-1880. H 85 1/2", W 30 1/2", D 14". Walnut Gothic spool turned, oval mirror, cast iron drip tray for umbrellas.	4445
34	Man's hat hanging on hat rack, c. 1850-1900.	4443

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE PARLOR

B. Items called for in Parlor Furnishing Plan, but not yet acquired.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	Rocking chair, c. 1850.
5	Overstuffed chair, c. 1850.
8	Side chair, c. 1850, parlor type.
9	Flower stand, c. 1850, 1860.
11	Pillow for sofa (at least 2), c. 1860.
12	Cover for center table, to reach almost to floor, c. 1850-60.
15	Ornamental box or casket for center table, preferably papier-mache, c. 1850-60.
16	~~Catholic~~ Bible for center table, early 1800's.
17	Pair of eyeglasses on center table with case, if possible, c. 1860.
18	Basket filled with knitting needles, wool yarn, etc., on seat of rocking chair, c. 1860.
19	Lady's shawl, c. 1860, hanging over rocker.
21	Lambrequin for mantel, preferably crocheted, c. 1860.
23	Coal scuttle, c. 1850-60.
24	Set of fire tools and stand, 1850-60.
26	Pair candlesticks for mantel, Britannia ware or similar, c. 1850's.
28	Pair mantel vases, white cottage type, c. 1850.
29	Pair portieres, heavy fringed fabric for double doors between parlor and dining room.
30	Wooden curtain pole for portieres, c. 1860.
32	One or two umbrellas and/or parasol in hat rack stand, c. 1860.
33	Two or three canes in hat rack stand, c. 1850's.
35	Antimacassars for overstuffed chair, for back and arms, c. 1860. Preferably white, starched, crocheted.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE PARLOR

C. Items in Parlor of Harper House not called for in Furnishing Plan.

C-1. Items that are appropriate for the Parlor.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Upholstered, half arm finger carved chair, c. 1850-1875. H 38", W 26", Seat depth 18". Walnut ladies chair, upholstered in plastic, looks very much like horse hair.	4781
Spool turned Gothic Victorian Armchair, c. 1850-1860, walnut, padded back seat and arms.	4685
Marble topped sofa table with lyre ends, c. 1840-1860, mahogany veneer, white marble top.	4454
Items on marble top side table:	
Tin tray c. 1840-1860, card tray black, poor condition	4452
Brass Candlestick, c. 1840	4946
Pin cushion and spool rack, c. 1850-1900	4477
Eyeglass case, Winchester, Va., c. 1840-1900	4476
Small silken cushion with fringe, c. 1840-1900	4474
Candle snuffer, c. 1800-1900, steel	4446
Picture of young girl over marble top table, c. 1850-1900. Child holding leaf polychrome lithograph, H 24", W 19 1/2", gilt frame.	4774
Pair engravings over mantel, c. 1850, H 11", W 14".	5030
Color engravings of Harpers Ferry in gilt frames.	5031
Glass lamp on mantel, c. 1830-1860. H 12 1/4", clear pressed glass whale oil lamp, hexagonal base.	4469
Coverlet on sofa, c. 1840-1880. Blue rust and cream wool coverlet, geometric design.	4450

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE PARLOR

- C-2. Items that are not appropriate for the parlor of Harper House due to age, condition, authenticity or intended use.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Childs walker, c. 1850, D of base 27 1/4", H 15 1/2", spring and leather suspension in a pine and hickory frame, on rollers.	4475
Case iron bootjack, c. 1850-1900, "Naughty Lady", figure of a woman, red, cream, tan and black paint.	4478
Mission style flower stand, c. 1900, H 30 1/2", L 38 1/2", D 13 1/2", pine flower box type with slat sides.	4462

FURNISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

Parlor of Harper House

The main items of furniture in the parlor are good examples and very appropriate for the family and house in the 1859-1865 period. The center table, circa 1830-1840, is a fine example of a secondhand item in 1860 that the family might have obtained at auction. The items that have been added to the room but not called for in the original plan are fine with the exception of the child's walker and bootjack.

The main problem with the parlor is to give it a "lived-in" look. This can be best accomplished by adding the missing items called for in the original furnishing plan. Two or three more sidechairs would be a help as there is barely enough to seat the family. Of particular importance is the addition of the table and mantel cloths along with portieres to convey the 1860's feeling to the room. The addition of the planned scenic wallpaper will help reduce the sterile museum appearance of the room.

Specific Recommendations

1. Complete the furnishing plan. The inventory includes a list of planned items that are missing from the room.
2. The mission style flower stand, c. 1900, should be removed.
3. Add more bric-a-brac items to the tables, whatnot and mantel.
4. The child's walker would not be in the parlor but most probably in the kitchen as stated in the furnishing plan.
5. The cast iron bootjack should be removed as it belongs either in the bedroom or kitchen.
6. Instead of the flower stand called for in the Furnishing Plan, a simple bench or low table from an earlier period would be satisfactory. A flower stand of the 1850-1860 period will be difficult to find, and one of the above will be as appropriate.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE DINING ROOM

A. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the Dining Room.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
1	Dining Table, c. 1820-1840, W 45 1/2", L 58", H 30", D shaped mahogany, 8 leg; one end has a swing leg and the other end does not; one drop leaf which does not match. The two pieces are now screwed together. This piece has been extensively rebuilt.	4502
2	5 side chairs, c. 1830-1850, H 31", W 17", Seat depth 16 3/4". Consists of a pair and a set of 3 - very similar chairs. Mahogany, vase-shaped splats, scrolled cresting, saber leg, black haircloth upholstery.	4498 (pair) 4535 4499, 4500, 4501 - Set of 3
3	Sideboard, c. 1830-1850, H 50", D 27 1/2", W 56 1/4", H to serving area 42 1/2". Mahogany Empire style, crotch grain veneering, 2 drawers over 2 doors, paneled ends, splash board in back.	4484
4	Sewing or side table, c. 1849, H 31", W 39", D 28 1/4", walnut and mahogany, turned leg with brass casters, 1 drawer with maker's label - made by Wm. McCracken, New Orleans, in 1849. The Chippendale brass draw pulls are incorrect style and should be replaced. The outside holes appear to have been the original.	4534
5	Ingrain carpet 13' x 15', c. 1850-1900, red, green, rust and cream. Carpet pieces in sideboard for repair of floor carpet.	4540 4472
6	Picture in gold frame over sideboard, c. 1850-1900, 29 1/2" x 25 1/2". Color print of fruit and game, in gold frame.	4990
7	Mirror in gold frame, c. 1850-1870, 40" x 20".	4533
10	Pair white Lambert [?] vases on mantel, H 11", D 4 1/2", c. 1860, white with painted flower decoration.	4524 4525
11	Pair brass andirons, c. 1830, H 18 3/4", depth 16", W 9 1/2", cast, octagonal column with finial above a lemon shaped top.	4528 4529
12	Fire tools: Shovel c. 1830-1860, L 28 1/2", heart shape repair Tongs - to match shovel, c. 1830-1860, L 28 3/4", bears finial Poker - hand forged iron	 4968 4968 4538

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE DINING ROOM

A. Continued.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
12 (Cont'd.) -	Fire tools:	
	Tongs - hand forged iron	4537
	Brass stand to match shovel and tongs #4968 and #4969. Base diameter 9 1/2", H 26 1/4", with curved arms to hold tools.	4970
13	Brass fireplace fender, c. 1860-1900, W 48 1/4", D 11 1/2" H 5 3/4". "Home Sweet Home" pierced in top.	4876
14	Small bellows, c. 1850, W 10 1/4" x L 23 1/2", carved decoration turned on wooden cover of bellows.	4526
15	Silver for display on sideboard, c. 1860-1880, six piece silver tea service marked on bottom MFD & Plated B Reed & Barton #3365.	--
18	Condiment Set, c. 1860, silverplate - plate badly worn; 4 cruets (vinegar, oil, salt and sugar). Three have a frosted flower and leaf design around the center with clipped-glass design around the neck. The sugar cruet has a frosted flower and slipped glass design around the upper portion and has a flip silver top lid.	4967
19	Papier-mache tea tray, c. 1850, two 4 1/2" x 31 1/2" on floor behind sewing table - Chippendale style, black, painted with floral design.	4875
23	Two pair window curtains, sheer with embroidery, reproduction.	4971
24	Fruit dish, c. 1850-1900, semi-porcelain white fruit dish. The bowl is on a 4 1/2" high base. The bowl is weave type design with a scalloped gold trimmed edge. The base bolts onto the bowl portion.	4971

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE DINING ROOM

B. Items called for in Dining Room Furnishing Plan, but not yet acquired.

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| 8 | Pair of candlesticks on mantel, silverplate or similar, c. 1840's, 1850's. |
| 9 | Spill holder on mantel, c. 1850's. |
| 16 | Pair of candlesticks on sideboard, Britannia ware or similar, c. 1850's. |
| 17 | Cloth for sideboard, c. 1850's. |
| 20 | Set of Liverpool dinnerware, c. 1850's. |
| 21 | Liquor case and bottles, c. 1850's. |
| 22 | Round cloth for center of dining room table, preferably white with crocheted edging, c. 1860. |

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE DINING ROOM

C. Items in dining room of Harper House not called for in the Furnishing Plan.

C-1. Items that are appropriate for the dining room.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Paisley shawl - white center, rose-red border, good condition.	4774
Unframed sampler, on Monks-like cloth, background red, blue, brown, lavender embroidery.	4686
Child's crib quilt.	4689
Paisley shawl, green center, rose-red border, fair condition.	4688
Paisley shawl - red, with black border.	4780
E. C. Allen & Co. lithograph - "From Shore to Shore", 22 1/8" x 18 1/2", painted, grained and gilt frame.	4776
First 10 Presidents - nicely framed, 19 1/2" x 24 1/8", printed by W W & W Coles, Chas. Wakefield Co., Pub. 1842.	4527

These items are stored in the sideboard and closet.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE DINING ROOM

C-2. Items that are not appropriate for the dining room of Harper House due to age, condition, authenticity, or intended use.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Pair silverplate candelsticks, c. 1880-1920, now on dining table rather than on mantel as called for in Furnishing Plan. Marked Pairpont Mfg C. Quadruple Plate #2688.	4467 4770
Child's tea set, c. 1850-1900. Blue and white transfer decoration:	
Teapot - broken spout	4512
Sugar bowl	4520
Cream pitcher	4516
5 cups - 4510 (broken handle)	4550, 4514, 4552, 4518
4 saucers	4509, 4515, 4536, 4551
5 plates	4511, 4521, 4517, 4513, 4519
Coal scuttle, black tin with yellow line and flower design.	4989

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DINING ROOM OF HARPER HOUSE

The visitors' impression of the dining room, like the Parlor, is generally good. Attention to some small details will remedy the minor deficiencies. The polished Chippendale style brasses on the side table catches the visitor's eye as a glaring inaccuracy. They should be replaced with the correct drawer pulls as soon as possible. The dining room table is so altered that it should be replaced. A late Sheraton type is satisfactory from the date standpoint. However, the table is the focal point of the room, and a round table as specified in the Furnishing Plan would be more appropriate for the 1860 period feeling.

Specific Recommendations

1. Remove the Chippendale brasses from the side table and replace with glass knobs similar to the ones on the sideboard.
2. Remove the coal scuttle as it is a wood burning fireplace.
3. The child's tea service is inappropriate for 1865 dining room. It should be in the children's bedroom.
4. Complete the Furnishing Plan.
5. Remove the table and replace with a round one similar to the one shown in the Furnishing Plan. It is not listed on C-2 because it is all right for the time being, but should be replaced as soon as a more suitable one becomes available.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE MASTER BEDROOM

A. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the Master Bedroom.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
1	Double Bedstead, c. 1865-1880. Height of head 70", Width 59 1/2", Length 79 1/4", poplar with walnut frame, applied carving on head and footboards.	4397
2	Bedding for Master Bedstead: Pillows are simply "old" feather pillows with modern cases. Folded on bed - handwoven linen sheet embroidered VAECR.	4872
3	Bedspread, c. 1850-1900, white candlewick.	4700
5	Bureau, c. 1845-1865, overall H 79 1/2", H to chest top 42", D 21", walnut, paneled end case drawer frames and mirror are mahogany veneer, four long drawers with three small above, with large rectangular mirror in frame attached, Empire form with spool turned columns.	4409
6	Washstand, c. 1860-1875, overall H 38" to wash surface, 28 1/2", W 30", D 15 1/2", walnut, carved wooden handles, one drawer over two doors with a splash back top.	4404
7	Rocking chair, c. 1860, overall H 38 1/2", H of Seat 13 1/2", Seat depth 17 1/2", width 19 1/4".	4393
8	Toilet china, c. 1850-1900. 5 pieces, white with green decoration in oriental design.	
	Large pitcher, H 12"	4401
	Wash bowl, dia. 16"	4402
	Soap dish dia. 5"	4400
	Mug H 3 1/2"	4403
	Brush vase, H 4 1/2"	4399
9	Mirror over washstand, c. 1860-80, W 11", H 13", brown painted, curved top and round corners, cottage mirror.	46__
11	Towel rack, c. 1860, H 32 1/2", W 24 1/2", D 12 1/2", Victorian Gothic - 4 rods.	4405
12	Towels for towel rack:	
	Pair - handwoven block pattern, white	4704
	Pair - handwoven Birdseye pattern, white	4707
13	Baby Cradle, c. 1860, H 34 1/4", W 21 1/4", L 39 1/4", arched headboard with panel - two sides and foot spindle turned, turned parts.	4410

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE MASTER BEDROOM

A. Continued.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
14	Bedding for crable: Straw tick Blue and white quilt - full size, folded to cover tick, no other bedding.	4697
16	Coal and wood stove, c. 1850-1875, W 28 3/4", H 28 1/2" D 18", Victorian Gothic.	4411
17	Coal scuttle, c. 1850-1900, cast iron with light grey enameled lid, 3 legs.	4944
21	Assortment personal articles for bureau top: Pin cushion - silk bottom, top, beaded, carpet bag with leather handle and back, beige, rose, gold, c. 1860.	4728 4877
25	Tinsel picture, c. 1860-1900, W 10", H 12 1/4", black background with blue and pink flowers, gold paint and red walnut frame.	4947
26	Pictures on mantel: 1 portrait of woman, c. 1860, W 9", H 11", Ferrottype, in gold frame.	4412
30	Razor strap in case with wooden handle, Bery's & Badger Strap Co., Charlestown, Mass., placed on windowsill next to washstand, rather than on washstand.	4406
32	Three pair dimity curtains.	
33	Rag rug - W 68", L 8' 5", pastel colors with knotted fringed ends.	
35	Leather trunk at foot of bed, c. 1850, leather covered, metal reinforcing straps, brass studs, Horn's Balt. Trunk, belonged to D. O. Boyle.	4398

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE MASTER BEDROOM

B. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan, but not yet acquired for the Master Bedroom, Harper House.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	Coverlet, c. 1855.
10	Cushion for Rocking Chair, c. 1860.
15	Baby rattle tied to cradle, c. 1860's.
18	Wood box for fire wood - should only be large enough for kindling to start fire.
19	Fire set and stand, c. 1850.
20	Cloth for bureau - many in drawers, but none in use.
22	Pair earthenware candlesticks on bureau, c. 1850.
23	Two or three pill bottles on bureau.
24	Pair candlesticks on washstand, pewter or earthenware, c. 1850.
26	Two pictures on mantel in period frames, c. 1850 (reproduction lithographs).
27	Figurine for mantel, porcelain.
28	Two side chairs, cane seats, c. 1850, plain ladderback chairs similar to the one used by Living History.
29	Straight razor on washstand.
31	Pair house slippers, man's or lady's, c. 1860.
34	Hooked rug, 2' x 3', c. 1850.
36	Pair candle snuffers on tray on mantel, c. 1850.
37	Slop jar or similar container, c. 1850-1860, to be near cradle for soiled baby clothes.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE MASTER BEDROOM

C. Items in Master Bedroom of Harper House, not called for in Furnishing Plan.

C-1. Items that are appropriate for the Master Bedroom.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
White milk glass candle holder, cruesfix stem, hexagonal base, H 9 1/2", c. 1850-1900.	4945
2 yds. white embroidered edging, 19th century.	4711
Several pieces lace edging, 19th century.	4713
Man's vest, black velvet with silk piping, 19th century.	4718
Small lavender stays.	4714
Pair handwoven linen sheets.	4722
Linen towel or scarf (roller towel?) with crocheting and embroidery dated 1835.	4702
Small pillow case, knitted lace edge, 19th century.	4706
Pair handwoven linen pillow cases with hem stitching.	4705
Small Marseilles Bedspread.	4708
Brown voile woman's dress with ruffles on sleeves and skirt.	4724
Large Marceilles Bedspread.	4703
Bible - open on bed - pub. N. Y. John Doyle, 1833, brown hardback, originally belonged to Ellen A. Wager.	4655 (planned for Living Room)
Sewing box, c. 1850-1875, H 7", W 11 1/2", D 7 1/4", interior painted red, removable tray with two green pin cushions. Outside has raised panel top, 4 small turned legs painted a greenish brown background with floral decoration.	4972
Sewing machine, W 29", D 16 1/2", H to sewing surface 29", overall height 35", walnut and cast iron, manufactured by Grover & Baker SM Co., Boston, USA, patent dates range 1846-1861, attachments in drawer.	4408
Lace border handkerchief.	4715
Two collars, and one cap - embroidered.	4720

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE MASTER BEDROOM

C-1. Continued.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
White sunbonnet, sheer muslin.	4709
Long white apron, hemstitched border.	4723
Two long half slips, summer and winter weights.	4719
Ladies white cambric drawers, eyelet cuffs.	4710
Ladies white cambric night dress with hairpin lace.	4717
Calico pocketbook, (hanging).	4721
Three linen red border fringed napkins, 1 pair and one single.	4712
Embroidered round doily with scalloped edge, embroidered flower and leaf design.	4986
Round embroidered doily, white scalloped edge, loop chain design 1/2" from edge.	4981
Square doily, white linen with a scalloped outer edge, with embroidery.	4980
Round linen doily with crocheted edge in leaf pattern.	4982
Pair square doilies with 1" fringe, white, design formed by tying a knot across the center of crisscross threads.	4978 4979
Quilting frame - old blue paint, split seat ladderback chair, in bedroom as part of Living History.	

Note: These two items are also appropriate for the room regardless of their intended purpose.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE MASTER BEDROOM

C-2. Items that are inappropriate for the Master Bedroom.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFHNP Catalogue No.</u>
Oval crocheted doily, 20th century.	4985
Pair crocheted round doilies, star design - same design as 4985, 20th century.	4983 4984
Pair crocheted doily, 20th century.	5030, 5037

FURNISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

Harper House Master Bedroom

This bedroom produces a general good impression on the visitor. Here again some attention is needed with respect to small details. The quilting frame and ladderback chair used by the Living History Program are very appropriate for the bedroom. The bed needs attention in that the modern mattress and springs are too high. Completion of the Furnishing Plan will help to add that "lived-in" feeling to the room. Most of the cloth items on lists C-1 and C-2 are stored in drawers out of sight of visitors. Probably very few of the items are actually as early as 1865, but since they are not visible their exact date with respect to the room is immaterial.

Specific Recommendations

1. Remove either the springs or mattress from the bed so that the bedding is about 6" lower in height.
2. Complete the Furnishing Plan.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM

A. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the Children's Bedroom.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
1	Bed, c. 1820-50, W 49 1/2", H 48", L 47 1/2", bed now has replaced head and foot boards, cannon ball turned parts.	4415
2	Patchwork quilt, c. 1850-1900, yellow, red, white.	4735
4	Patchwork quilt, cl 1850-1900, white, blue, brown and rose, to be used at foot of bed during cold months.	4735
5	Spool turned crib, c. 1850-75, W 31 1/2", H 41 1/2", L 49 1/2", spool turned walnut, hinged side, rolled headboard, paneled end, on casters.	4421
6	Bedding for child's bed: straw tick, brown patchwork quilt, diamond design, full size, folded to fit.	4701
8	Chest of drawers, c. 1830-50, W 43 3/4", D 21 1/2", H 43", Empire, mahogany, paneled end, finely stenciled columns at edges of front painted black with gold leaf design. Four full width drawers with top drawer overhanging bottom 3. Key hole escutcheons have been replaced with ones smaller than originals.	4432
15	Child's doll on large bed, china head, hands and feet, cloth body, brown silk dress with white petticoat and pantaloons.	4416
16	Wood stove, H 41 1/2", W 19 1/2", L 26 3/4", fancy, c. 1840, New England style stove, 4 column style, Phoenix decoration.	4426
17	Tongs, brass finials, c. 1850.	4434
18	Coal scuttle, black tin square with slatting lid, has inside square center for coal.	
22	Small porcelain figurine on mantel, Little Red Riding Hood, 6"; Hunter with gun, bird and dog under tree, broken and repaired, 7 1/4".	4424
24	Child's stool, c. 1860-1900, pine oval top with turned legs.	4420
25	Child's commode chair, c. 1860, H 20", W 12", D 12", softwood, painted green inside, brown outside.	4874

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM

A. Continued.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
30	Porcelain pitcher on bureau, c. 1850-1900, 11 3/4" H, Mellon & Co., and coat of arms on bottom, white ironstone toilet set wash pitcher.	4779
33	1 child's chair, c. 1860, H 19", W 14", Seat Depth 12", oak and soft wood Firehouse Windsor type.	4419
35	Assortment of children's dishes, c. 1850-1900, white with blue Chinese decoration - all same pattern:	
	Bowl 4 1/-" dia., 3" high	4430
	Plate 5 1/4" dia.	4431
	Cup 3" dia.	4428
	Saucer 4 3/4" dia.	4429
36	Assortment of children's toys:	
	Set tenpins	4748
	China head doll, with white linen dress, petticoat and pantaloons	4417
	Child's doll bed, c. 1860, with original mattress, pillow, quilt, etc.	
	Two pair window curtains, dotted swiss, straight. While machine made, the curtains are appropriate to the general impression of the room.	

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM

B. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan, but not yet acquired.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	Bedsread, white Marseilles or similar, c. 1860.
7	Coverlet for child's bed, c. 1850.
9	Washstand, painted cottage type, c. 1850's.
10	Towel rack, c. 1850's.
11	Towels for towel rack, c. 1860.
12	Toilet china, c. 1850's (with exception of large water pitcher on chest of drawers).
13	Two children's toothbrushes, c. 1860, on washstand.
14	Child's hair ribbon, c. 1860, on washstand.
18	Coal scuttle - called for in plan; however, the stove is a wood burner so instead of a coal scuttle a wood box would be more appropriate.
19	Hearth brush.
20	Pair candlesticks.
21	Lambrequin for mantel, c. 1860, may be made of muslin to match curtains.
23	Small mug or tumbler for flowers (in season).
26	Pair young girl's shoes, 2 or 4 yr. old size, c. 1860.
28	Medicine bottle on chest of drawers, c. 1860, 10" long.
29	Tray (papier mache or porcelain) on chest of drawers, c. 1850's.
31	Mug tray for chest of drawers, c. 1850's (mug could be part of the toilet china).
32	Child's table.
34	Set of child's blocks, c. 1860, on floor near table.
37	Hooked rug, 2' x 3', c. 1850's.
38	Length of rug, 6' x 3'.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM

C. Items in Children's Bedroom of Harper House, not called for in Furnishing Plan.

C-1. Items that are appropriate for the Children's Bedroom.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Framed embroidered Sampler, 22 1/4" long, 9 1/2" high. "The Lord Will Provide".	4778
Sampler, dated 1856 by Sara Wilkes.	4727
White quilted child's bib.	4730
Long white baby dress.	4694
Three white children's dresses - one on bed, two in drawers.	4732
Child's white sunbonnet with lace trim.	4731
Two girl's pink print dresses.	4733
Black wool shawl with black embroidery.	4693
Linen sheet.	5324
White "dust ruffle" to match spread used in Master Bedroom	4700
Patchwork quilt with brown print border.	4699
Blue and white check material.	4724
Crib quilt, red, green and white patchwork center with applique type border.	5040
Framed print, c. 1860, 12 1/2" W, 15" H, "Importance of Punctuality", Chas. Ingreys Lord, Pub.	4433
White chalk, child with sheep, racket and shuttlecock - two chips.	4422
Child's table cover, circle of muslin crocheted together.	4435
Pair of miniature chests, c. 1830-50, scrolled front feet, walnut, H 7 1/2", L 13", D 6 1/2", one originally had a lock, #4414 has a loose foot.	4414 4426
Child's potty with lid, c. 1850-1920, ironstone.	4734
Baby carriage, c. 1866, W 25", L 51", H 40", black with gold trim, rose lining, dated Aug. 24, 1866.	--

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM

C-1. Continued.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Child's rocking chair, c. 1850-1900, Seat H 10 1/2", overall H 29", W 15", Seat depth 13", cane back and seat, brown, scrolled arms.	4456
Child's red vest with bells (on back of rocker).	4716
Jacquard loom coverlet, blue and ivory, Reading 1837, Eagle and willow tree border.	3863

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE CHILDREN'S BEDROOM

C-2. Items that are inappropriate for Children's Bedroom.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Set of children's blocks, c. 1890-1900, 6 childrens circus blocks, made by McLaughlin Bros., N.Y., assorted sizes.	4436-4441
Coverlet for child's bed: wool blanket, white with black lines, late 19th century, early 20th century.	4993
Child's table, c. 1900, H 19 1/2", oval top 23" x 24"; child's extension table, softwood, no leaves.	4427
Cloth for top of chest, 20th century, embroidered rectangular doily.	5015
Hand knit black stockings, 20th century.	4696
Pair black knit legging wool, 20th century.	4695

FURNISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

Harper House Children's Bedroom

The children's bedroom, like the master bedroom, produces an 1860 period feeling on the visitor. However, some attention is needed with respect to small details. The bed should have the head and foot boards replaced with ones appropriate in style. A headboard similar to the one shown in the Furnishing Plan would be correct for the bed. Either one of the beds now stored in the attic would be appropriate for the children's bedroom after it is repaired.

Specific Recommendations

1. Remove the obvious late items on List C-2 that are visible to the public.
2. Replace the head and footboards of the bed or replace the bed with one of the ones now in storage in the attic. The bed should also be roped and used as a rope bed with only a thin mattress instead of the present thick bedding.
3. Complete the Furnishing Plan.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE SECOND FLOOR HALL

A. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the Second Floor Hall.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
1	Wardrobe, c. 1840-1900, W 46", H 67 3/4", Dia. 16 1/2", two raised panel doors with three shelves inside, walnut.	4442

B. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan but not yet acquired.

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| 2 | Perambulator, c. 1855-60. |
| 3 | Bedding for perambulator, c. 1860. |
| 4 | Items to store on top of wardrobe such as hat boxes, small
traveling cases, etc. |

C. Items in Second Floor Hall not called for in the Furnishing Plan.

None.

FURNISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

Harper House Second Floor Hall

The only item in the hall is a plain walnut wardrobe. While the Furnishing Plan listed typical hall furnishings, security problems prevent the plan implementation. The only possible recommendation for the hall is for it to be maintained in its present condition. As long as the public has access to the hall, nothing else should be placed in the hall.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE ATTIC

The attic has not been furnished as an exhibit area, but is instead used as a storage area. The following items are presently stored in the attic area.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
3 Rainbow carpets, c. 1850-1900.	4964-4966
Iron fireplace fender, c. 1880-1900, L 37", W 11", H 6 3/4".	4530
Washstand, c. 1850, H 33", W 20", D 16 3/4", walnut and poplar, hole in top for washbasin.	4396
Pitcher, c. 1900, H 12", Dia. 9", white with red and gold band, gilt neck, no name, crazed finish.	4396
Bowl (matches above pitcher), Dia. 15 1/4", H 5", stamped Stone China, Wedgwood & Co., crazed finish.	4395
Umbrella, sealed in container marked "Man's black cotton umbrella with crook handle, badly damaged.	4444
Flower vase, c. 1890, H 13 1/4", hand blown, pink painted, lithograph on interior, lithograph damaged.	4451
Footstool, c. 1850-1900, H 12", Dia. 16 1/2", 6 wedges covered with Burssels type carpet, two casters missing, remaining one not original, badly moth damaged.	4783
Chip carved comb case, c. 1880-1910, H 10", W 10 3/4", D 5 1/4", labeled North Pole, white porcelain knob.	4948
Stored in sealed plastic bags are a number of linen table- cloths, felt items, velvet items cotton bedspreads, some clothing, many of the items are 20th century.	4991-5020
Bed, spool type, c. 1850, W 50 3/4", H 35", L 47", softwood covered with faded black paint, needs restoration.	4737
Bed, spool type, c. 1850, W 53 1/2", H 51 1/2", L 78", triangle headboard, painted white.	4738

FURNISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

The attic has been restored but is not used as an exhibit area at this time. It is doubtful if it can be developed into a successful exhibit area due to the steep narrow stairs and the extremely high summer temperatures encountered in the attic. Also, there would be difficult security problems in protecting the exhibits. In view of the above problems, it is doubtful if the attic area should be developed into an exhibit area. However, if it is decided to develop the exhibit area, simply follow the Furnishing Plan.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

A. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the Kitchen.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
1	Cookstove, c. 1865-1900, L 41", H 29 1/2", W 29", marked Susquehanna 8 Pat June 1865, Raymond & Campbell, Middletown, Pa., coal or wood type.	--
2	Poker, c. 1850-1900, L 25 1/2".	--
3	Coal shovel, c. 1850-1900, L 10 1/4", W 3".	5501
6	Woodbox, c. 1850-1900, L 19 1/2", W 12", H 9 1/4", labelled Stewart's Acorn.	4628
8	Side work table, c. 1810-1830, L 29 3/4", W 20 3/4", H 29", tapered square legs, one drawer, poplar, painted brown.	4742
9	Cupboard, c. 1830-1850, L 43", W 22", H 83", one piece cupboard with two shaped flat painted panel doors in the top, two drawers over two doors in the bottom, scalloped skirt.	4622
10	Four assorted kitchen sidechairs: One pair, c. 1840-1860, 5 spindle plank bottom with brown paint, H 32 1/2", W 19", seat H 15 1/4", seat depth 13 1/3".	4629 4630
	One 4 spindle plankbottom, c. 1830-1840, H 32 1/2", W 19", Seat depth 13", dark brown paint.	4483
	One late Sheraton Fancy chair, c. 1830-1840, H 31 1/2", W 17", Seat H 17 1/2", Seat depth 12", reddish brown paint.	4627
11	High chair, c. 1830-1860, H 34 3/4", W 13 1/4", Seat depth 10 1/2", fruit stencils on back, needs repair.	4586
13	Assorted pots and pans, c. 1850-1900, tin saucepan with long handle, 7" Dia., H 4 1/2".	551?
	Saucepan with pouring spout, Dia. 7", H 5 1/4", long handle.	5509
	Bread pan, L 9", W 6", H 2 1/2".	--
	Cast iron cornbread pan.	4647
	Pair of tin baking pans.	5648, 5649
	Fluted sponge cake pan, Dia. 9 1/2", H 2 1/2".	4573
	Sheet iron pan, 9" Dia., H 2", sloping sides.	6183
	Sieve, Dia. 10 3/4", H 3", marked Masons.	5509
	Lid with steam spout, Dia. 6 3/4".	5510
	Cast iron waffle iron for cookstove (revolving type), marked Warnick & Lesbrandt 8, 9 Phila.	4581
	Tin cup, Dia. 3 1/2", H 2 1/2".	5790

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

A. Continued

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
13	Sheet iron pan, Dia. 10 1/2", H 2 1/2".	6182
(Cont'd)	Tin Lid, Dia. 8", perhaps for bucket.	--
	Tin box, L 5", W 3", H 1 1/2", lid missing.	5508
	Wire grill, L 21 1/2", W 9".	4757
	Tea caddy lacquered tin, H 6 1/2", Dia. 4 1/2".	5498
	Tin canister, H 6", Dia. 3".	4608
	Tin sugar bucket with lid, Dia. 3 1/2", H 3 1/2".	4558
	Square cake pan, H 1", 10" square.	--
	Castiron popover pan marked L.H. & F Co., New York, USA #12.	4541
	8 cup tin muffin pan.	6181
	Tin bread pan #3, L 11 1/2", W 6 1/4", H 3 1/2".	--
	Castiron frypan, Dia. 10", H 2 1/2", original had 3 legs, which have been ground off for use on a stove.	--
14	Assortment of cooking utensils, c. 1850-1900:	
	Rolling pin, 17 1/2" L, Dia. 2 1/2", maple.	4542
	Rolling pin, L 22", Dia. 2 1/2", oak or chestnut.	4543
	Rolling pin, L 18", Dia. 2 1/2", maple.	4637?
	Coffeepot, damaged lid.	--
	3 legged castiron cookpot, Dia. 8 1/2", H 8".	4758
	Dough board, L 26", W 16", 3/4" thick, maple and oak with hole to hang.	5934
	Cake mold, octagon, Dia. 11", H 4 3/4", tube in center.	4574
	Bowl, wooden, dia. 21 1/2", H 6".	6350
	Wood flour sifter, dia. 14", H 14", screen rusted away.	4755
	Wooden scoop, L 9", W 5".	6351
	Wooden Mortar, H 7", Dia. 6".	4549
	Pestle, L 11", Dia. 2".	4548
	Wood spoon, L 12 3/4".	515?
	Hickory stirrer, L 14 1/2".	5503
	Butcher knife, L 17 1/2", clipped point.	4640
	Wooden bowl, L 22", W 11 3/4", H 4".	569?
15	Assortment of kitchen crockery and dishes, c. 1850-1900:	
	Plate, 9 1/2" Dia., green transfer printed, marked Broughan & Mayer.	5505
	Plate, Dia. 10 1/2", grey, marked Ironstone Cyprus Davenport.	4487
	Cookie cutter, spade shape, 4" tin.	4545
	Cookie cutter, diamond shape, 3 1/2" tin.	5511
	Spatula, 16 1/2" L, hand forged.	4567
	Sugar scoop, 4 1/2" L, 2 1/2" W, tin.	4644

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

A. Continued.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
15	Wicker covered bottle, H 16", Dia. 7".	4560
(Cont'd)	Redware jar with lid, Dia. 5 1/4", H 6 1/4".	4594
	Pottery pitcher with grape and basket design, H 9 1/2", W 5".	--
	Slaw chopper, 6" blade, H 5 1/2", cast handle.	4636
	Butter churn, H 14", Dia. 9", overall H 34", 4 qt., cracked, lid chipped.	--
	Preserve jar, Redware, H 6", Dia. 5 3/4".	4550
	Pottery mold, Turk's head, Dia. 9", H 3 3/4", orange and red glaze.	4653
16	Coffee Grinder, c. 1860, pewter top, dovetailed box, brass pull on drawer.	4607
17	Scale, tin, cl 1850-1900, overall H 30", pan dia. 13", brass scale with tin pan marked Lancers improved, circular spring balance - 60 lbs.	4568
18	Ironing board, c. 1850-1900, L 65", W 15", Flat poplar board 1" thick without a stand and appears never to have had one.	4562
19	Assortment of flat irons (fluting, etc., c. 1850-1960): One flat 7" long, W 4 1/2", H 5 1/2".	4620
	One flat 6" long, W 4", H 5".	4570
	One fluting base 5 1/2" L, W 3 1/4", H 3/4".	4639
	top 3 1/2" H, L 4 3/4", W 3".	
	Marked The Best Pat. 1866.	
24	Broom, c. 1860-1900, L 49", handmade.	4743
26	Flower pot, c. 1860-1900, 6 1/2" dia., H 5", drip pan attached, decorated with blue.	4531
28	Mirror, cottage type, c. 1860-1880, H 18", W 14", painted green.	4563
29	Large tin wash basin, c. 1850-1860.	
32	Tin sconces, c. 1850-1900, H 9 1/2", W 5", fluted top and base.	5044
34	Spill holder, c. 1860, W 5 1/2", D 2 1/2", H 12", poplar.	4604

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

B. Items called for in Kitchen Furnishing Plan, but not yet acquired.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	Brush for hearth.
5	Tea kettle (two in storeroom).
7	Kitchen table.
12	Baby walker (in living room).
20	Flat iron holder.
21	Roller towel holder, c. 1850-1860.
22	Dry sink, c. 1840-1850.
25	Assortment of trays.
27	Baby's bib, etc., on high chair.
29	Tin basin.
30	Lady's apron near stove.
33	Pewter candlestick and candle, c. 1850, on mantel.
35	Wooden box made up as cat bed.
36	Small bowl for cat.
37	Pallet for servant girl on floor.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

C. Items in the Kitchen of Harper House not called for in the Furnishing Plan.

C-1. Items that are appropriate for the Kitchen.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Basket, c. 1850-1900, L 16", W 13", H 11", round bottom.	4473
Basket contains:	
1 ivory crochet hook.	
2 wooden crochet hooks, one modern, one old.	44"
1 small knitting needle.	4451
3 large handmade needles.	4451
Wash bench, c. 1840-1860, L 55", W 11 1/2", H 18", nicely molded sideboard in front only.	4741
Bellows, c. 1850-1900, L 23", W 11", oak.	4691
Boot jack, c. 1850-1900, L 26 1/2", W 7", walnut.	4619
Sewing basket, c. 1860-1900, 8 1/2" x 8 1/2", H 4 1/2", wicker with ribbon woven through sides, silk pin cushion.	5864
Lantern, wood, c. 1850, H 11 1/2", base 6"x7", door missing.	4873
Carpet beater, c. 1850-1900, L 24 1/2", W 6".	4601?
Steelyards 200 lb. capacity, c. 1800 - yard weight	4577
(stop is missing off yard).	4576
Grinder, c. 1800, L 13", W 10", H 6", oak, probably foreign, presently assembled incorrectly.	5166
Wooden handle, L 6 1/2", Dia. 3/4".	6352
3 tine wooden handle forks, c. 1850-1900.	504?
2 tine forks (4), c. 1800-1805.	387?
5 knives, staghorn handles, c. 1850, marked I.B. Botson Globe Works.	387?
Rocking chair, c. 1850-1900, H 43", W 18", Seat H 13", Seat depth 14 1/2".	5520
Candle mold, c. 1850, edge missing on one side.	4623
Candle mold for 6 candles, c. 1850, L 10 1/2".	4613
Candle mold for 12 candles, 10 1/-" x 10 1/2".	4624
Candle holder (chamber stick), c. 1850-1900, Dia. 5", H 1 1/2".	5297

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

C-2. Items that are not appropriate for the Kitchen of Harper House.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Metal spice box, c. 1900, L 9", W 6 1/4", H 3", contains 4 round tin canisters, Dia. 3", H 2", No. 4556 missing lid.	4552 4553-4556
Pottery bottle, c. 1900, German, H 11 1/2", Dia. 3", marked George Kreuzberg Rheinpreussen.	4606
Preserve jar, c. 1880-1900, Dia. 6", H 7 1/2".	6341
Stoneware jug, c. 1880-1900, H 12", Dia. 7".	4625
Pottery jug, c. 1880-1900, H 12", Dia. 9", brown.	4626
Lantern, kerosene, c. 1900, H 14", W 8".	4745
Lantern, kerosene, c. 1900, H 13", Dia. 5".	6118
Castiron soap dish, c. 1900.	4566
Platter, c. 1883, L 10 1/2", W 7 3/4", marked H. Alcock English. Date mark is 1883.	4496
Butter mold, c. 1900, rectangular, factory made.	6352
Jar, c. 1870-1915, 1 qt. Mason 1858.	4596
Jar, c. 1870-1915, 1 qt. Ball.	4599
Jar, c. 1870-1915, 1 pint Mason.	4597
Jar, c. 1870-1915, 1 qt. wire spring for lid.	5781
Lamp, kerosene, c. 1900, clear glass.	--
Jar, mustard, c. 1900, used as sugar bowl.	--
Sugar bucket, c. 1900, Dia. 12", H 11 1/2", includes lid.	5516
Wooden bowl, c. 1900-1950, Dia. 12".	5503
Wooden bowl, c. 1900-1950, Dia. 10 1/2".	5505
Crock, stoneware, c. 1880-1900, Dia. 8", H 8 1/2", blue decoration.	--

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

C-2. Continued.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Churn, c. 1900, base dia. 10 1/2", H 24", overall 39", poor condition.	4750
Butcher knives (4), c. 1900. <i>separ</i>	--
Jar, c. 1870-1915, 1 qt. Mason 1858 (broken).	--
Pottery pitcher, c. 1900-1950, H 6 1/2", Dia. 5", modern factory made in mold.	6744
Pottery preserve jar, c. 1900, Dia. 6", H 7 1/2", Brown and cream color.	4610
Crock, butter, c. 1900, Dia. 8", H 7 1/2", used as a flower pot.	4848
Barrel, c. 1850-1900, large wooden storage barrel.	5493
Copper Apple Butter Kettle, c. 1800-1850, Dia. 20", H 13", hand forged iron handle, castiron handle holder.	--
Basket, c. 1850-1900, L 20", W 13 1/2", H 20", handmade.	6086
Caster set, missing bottles, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 6", H 8".	5621
4 Tublers with gold edge, c. 1880-1900.	5904
Water pitcher for above, c. 1880-1900, Dia. 5", H 8".	5902
Andirons, castiron, c. 1850-1900.	4617, 4618
Lard press, c. 1900, L 38 1/2", H 21", W 9", oak and pine	4582
Pottery Bowl with lid, c. 1900, broken with tin repair.	4862
Pair of boy's boots, c. 1900.	4587, 4588
Pair of men's boots, c. 1900.	4589, 4590
Silverware tray, c. 1890, L 12", W 7 3/4", H 2 1/2", poplar, 2 compartments for flatware.	4633
Silverware tray, c. 1890, L 12", W 7 3/4", H 2 1/4", pine, broken handgrip.	4547

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

C-2. Continued.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Tin spice box, c. 1900, painted brown with red trim, contains 6 labled tins:	5733
Cloves - 5739 Ginger 5735 All Spice 5738	
Nutmeg - 5737 Mustard - 5736 Cinnamon - 5734	
Pouring jar with wire handle, c. 1900, H 10 1/2", Dia. 8".	4591
Basket, c. 1850-1900, L 17", W 14", H 12 1/2", inc. handle.	5756
Platter ironstone, c. 1890, L 17", W 11 1/2", marked Maddock's American China.	5090
Four 3-part molded goblets, c. 1870, H 6", D 3".	---
Picture frame, c. 1880, H 11", W 16 3/4", back out.	---
Stoneware jar with lid, c. 1880.	4592
Cake stand, c. 1880-1900, clear glass, Dia. 8 1/2", H 6 1/2".	4584
Spun tin basin, c. 1880-1900, Dia. 12 1/2", H 2 1/2".	4753
Bottle (Iodine), c. 1900, Lable Wheaton, N. J.	5899
	5044
Cattle Cane, 20th century.	---
Apron, brown and white gingham, badly worn, c. 1900.	---
Kitchen table, c. 1900, L 54 1/4", W 42", H 29", oak extension table.	4642
Dry sink, c. 1880, W 18 1/2", L 50 1/2", H 42".	---

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN

The furnishing recommendations for the kitchen of Harper House are complicated by the Living History Program.

There are some fundamental problems with using an historic structure and contents for the demonstration of arts and crafts of the past. The main problem from the standpoint of preservation is wear and tear on the building and contents. Valuable objects should not be subjected to the errors of untrained Living History personnel. The breakage of even utilitarian antique objects at this time represents a significant financial loss as well as the loss of the object for the future. These problems are amply demonstrated by the contents and use of the Harper House kitchen for Living History demonstrations.

The best example of a decorated stoneware butter crock has been broken by placing it in the deep freeze filled with an unidentified substance. An early 20th century crock has also been broken in the same manner. The bone handled knives have been broken and some are missing. The 19th and early 20th century canning jars have been used for preservation of food. These jars, aside from possible breakage, are not suitable for use as they have damaged openings and cannot be properly sealed. This can be seen by the spoiled food in some of the jars. This presents a significant health hazard if it is intended to use any of this food.

The open 1860 storage of food such as sugar, flour, etc., should not be practiced in 1975 as it attracts vermin. The barrel (HFNHP 5493) has a vigorous colony of cockroaches living in it. The mice and rats the storage of food attracts will damage the food containers and furniture by chewing to reach the food as well as nest building. This problem is aggravated by the over winter storage of food in the building. There are

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two open containers of what appears to be rancid lard in the storage room at this time.

The use of the stoves, candles and kerosene lamps presents a significant fire hazard to the structure and contents. Major damage to an historical building due to an accidental fire could easily result from a Living History program.

Aside from the preservation problems the Living History demonstration create, there is one of demonstration quality.

The quilting, although an appropriate activity, is of the poorest quality. It would behoove the National Park Service to properly instruct the Living History personnel in some domestic arts fundamentals. Activities for the public and of which the public has some basic knowledge should be of higher standards than the present Harper House Living History activities.

Specific Recommendations

The recommendations for the kitchen depend on the resolution of the conflict between the Living History program and preservation of the objects. When the Living History program is present all of the period objects in use or liable to be damaged should be removed from the area. Only reproduction or modern adaptations should be used to cook, store, serve or clean.

If the kitchen is to be a museum, some changes are necessary to give it an 1860 atmosphere.

1. Replace the oak kitchen table with a typical turn leg farm table or 6-leg drop leaf as pictured in Figures 1 and 2. Both types are very typical of the area and still fairly common.
2. Replace dry sink with an 1860 period one.
3. Add more chairs of the type already present.

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4. Replace late pottery with items of the 1850-1860 period or earlier.
5. Close all cupboard doors as no housewife would leave them open as they were at the time of the inventory. Rather than leave the doors open to show the utensils, a meal in preparation could be shown. The table could also be set for the family.
6. More redware kitchen utensils of the 1830-1860 period are needed to help create an 1860 period feeling for the kitchen.
7. The present arrangement of fireplace and stove should be changed to the arrangement shown in the Furnishing Plan.
8. The kitchen contains too many items that would be only used occasionally. Remove the following items from the kitchen and place them in the kitchen storeroom.

Copper apple butter kettle

Barrels

Churn

Apple butter stirrer

Lard press

Baskets

Storage crocks

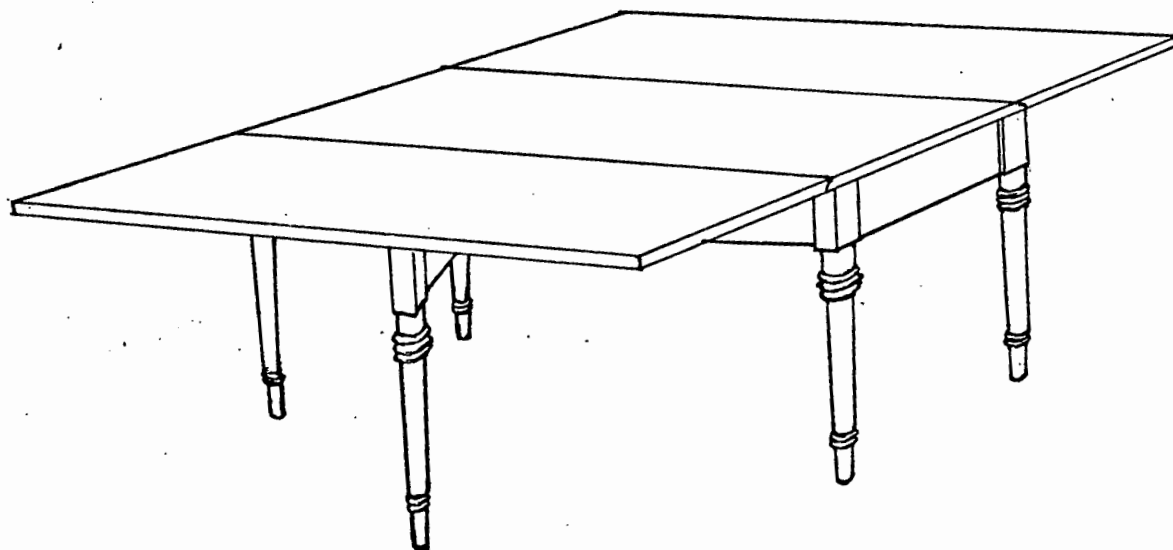


FIGURE 1. 6-Leg Drop-Leaf Table, c. 1840-1860

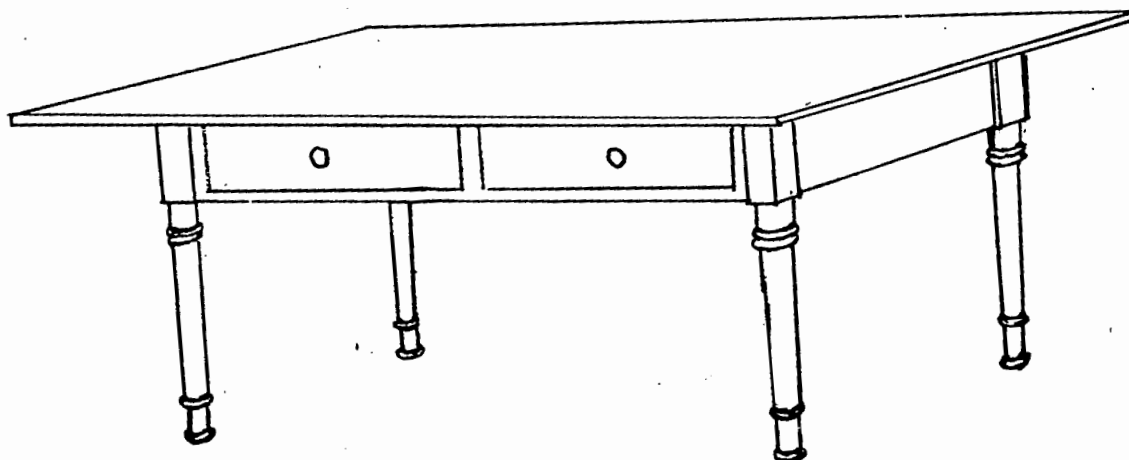


FIGURE 2. Farm Table, c. 1830-1860

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN STOREROOM

A. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan and now in the Kitchen Storeroom.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
4	Three reproduction water buckets.	--
15	Wood laid in fireplace.	--

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B. Items called for in the Furnishing Plan, but not yet acquired.

<u>Furnishing Plan No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Tin paneled food safe, c. 1840-1850.
2	Assortment of preserve jars, c. 1850-1860.
3	Assortment of ch-ese baskets.
5	Old kitchen table, c. 1830-1840.
6	Assortment of preserve jars, c. 1850-1860, filled.
7	Two wash tubs.
8	Nail hooks and wooden pegs.
9	Assortment of work and/or foul weather clothing to hang on hooks.
10	Pair men's boots, c. 1860.
11	Men's umbrella, c. 1860.
12	Supply of loose coal.
13	Coal pail and shovel, c. 1850.
14	Pair old andirons, c. 1800.
16	Poker, c. 1800.
17	Assortment of flower pots, c. 1850-1860.
18	Assortment of garden tools, ca. 1850-1860.
19	Tin Candle molds.
20	Lantern, c. 1850.
21	Lantern, c. 1850-1860.
22	Butter churn, c. 1840-1850.

INVENTORY OF HARPER HOUSE KITCHEN STOREROOM

C. Items in the Harper House kitchen storeroom not called for in the Furnishing Plan.

C-1. Items that are appropriate for the kitchen storeroom.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Stoneware crock, c. 1850, dia. 8 1/2", H 8" (broken due to placing in freezer).	4595
Andirons, hand forged reproduction, poor style for c. 1800.	--
Fireplace crane, c. 1800, H 34", 41" long.	--
Hand forged tongs, c. 1850-1900, L 26 1/2", W 4".	--
Axe, c. 1850-1900, 6" x 5", head, 27" handle (new).	--
Water bench, c. 1850-1900, L 48", W 20 1/2", H 31", pine.	4740
Castiron tea kettle with lid, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 11", H 8 1/2", marked #9.	4751
Castiron tea kettle with lid, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 10", H 9", marked #8.	--
Stoneware crock, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 7", H 11", Blue leaf design.	4602
Oval wooden dish, c. 1850-1900, L 17 1/4", W 9 1/2".	4641
Tin baking pan, c. 1850-1900, L 14", W 9 1/2", H 3 1/4".	--
Two fluting irons (no bases), c. 1850-1900, both marked Geneva Hand Fluter, L 4", W 3", H 4".	4638, 4646
Tin pan, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 7 1/2", rusted and full of holes.	4760
Tin colander, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 10 1/2", H 3", damaged.	5515
Three small griddles with handles, c. 1850-1900, 2 - 10" Dia., 1 - 9" Dia.	--
Castiron broiler for cookstove, c. 1860-1900, L 17 1/2", W 8", H 3 1/2", marked pat. July 24, 1860.	4756
Round bottom sheet iron pan, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 7 1/2", H 6", badly rusted with holes.	4769
Shallow sheet iron fry pan, c. 1850-1900, Dia. 9", lid c. 1850-1900, Dia. 8".	4759

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C-1. Continued.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Tin dipper, c. 1850-1900, flatten cone shape.	4549
Cast griddle, c. 1850-1900, L 22", W 9 1/2", H 1 1/4".	4643

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C-2. Items that are inappropriate for the kitchen storeroom.

<u>Description</u>	<u>HFNHP Catalogue No.</u>
Food safe, c. 1900, 8 punched tin panels, softwood, built with modern nails.	4593
Assortment of preserve jars, c. 1870-1915:	
9 - 1/2 gallon	Only numbers
6 - quarts	visible - 4974,
1 pint	4598, 4596, 4077
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Assortment of filled preserve jars, c. 1870-1915:	
2 1/2 gallon tomatoes (spoiled).	--
1 spring type lid jar, c. 1900-1960	5897
pint jars - 6 number	5789
1	5782
Stoneware crock, c. 1900, dia. 8", H 7 1/2", (broken due to placing in freezer).	--
Stoneware crock, c. 1870-1900, Dia. 7 1/4", H 9", brown glaze inside.	4851
Crock, c. 1900, Dia. 9 1/2", H 9 1/2", white outside, brown inside.	--
2 1/2 pt. baskets, c. 1970.	--
4 apple butter stirrers, c. 1900-1940.	--
Pottery jug, c. 1900, H 9", Dia. 6", cream colored.	5099
2 Modern axes.	--

FURNISHING RECOMMENDATIONS

The problems with the storeroom are that most items are later than 1860-1865 and the Furnishing Plan was not followed. Some of the items called for in the storeroom are now in the kitchen where they do not belong. This may be due to the Living History program. The badly rusted items should be removed as no self-respecting housewife would have them, even in a storeroom. Instead of actual preservation of food in 1860 period jars (when obtained), perhaps it could be simulated. This would solve problems of spoilage.

Specific Recommendations

1. Implement the Furnishing Plan.
2. Remove items from kitchen that belong in storeroom.
3. Remove items that are not of the period.
4. Correlate the Furnishing Plans and Inventory items of the kitchen and storeroom so that the kitchen appears neat and orderly while the storeroom looks cluttered. Items such as the apple butter kettle while not specifically called for, are fine for the storeroom.