

Artifacts.

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Instructions. Look at the following pictures of artifacts and read the descriptions. Use your research tools to answer the questions.

1. Carriage. A carriage was how some people traveled from place to place. It needed at least one horse to pull it. Most farm families had a horse, but not everyone had a carriage.

Imagine a life where everyone got around either walking, riding a horse, or riding in a carriage.

What are three ways life would be different than today?

What invention replaced carriages?

Who invented it? When?



2. Large Entry Hall. James Dinsmore designed this entry hall so that in the summer he could open both the front door and the back door and get a breeze flowing through the house (even when it was 90° outside). He did not put any stairs in the hall because that would have blocked the air flow.

What invention made this kind of entry hall unnecessary?

Who invented it? When?

Screen doors were not invented until 40 years after the Dinsmore family moved to this house. What two ways your life would be affected by not having these two inventions.

Extra. Who was the woman who invented the modern screen door?

3. Woman's dress. This is a photograph of Julia Dinsmore wearing the kind of dress many women wore 170 years ago. In the summer, a dress might have short sleeves but that would be the only difference. Young girls' dresses were like this, too; but they were shorter, stopping between the knees and ankles. What are two ways life would be different for women and girls who dressed like this?

Extra. When did women and girls start wearing pants?



4. Privy/Outhouse. This was the bathroom for the Dinsmore family. This privy or outhouse was outside, about 20 yards from the main house. It did not include a toilet that flushed, a sink, a shower, or a bathtub. Their bathtub was inside the house and was only used one time each week, Saturday nights. To fill the bathtub it took about 20 trips to the water well; so everyone in the family used the same water.

1. What made it possible to have a bathroom inside?

2. When did people begin to have flushing toilets inside the house?

3. Imagine living in the 1840s. In what ways would your life be different without our modern bathrooms?