



Discover Portage Road Lesson Plan

Trafford Mansion
Subject Area: Social Studies
Grades 6-8

New York State Social Studies Learning Standards

Standard 1 **History of the United States and New York**

Students will:

- Use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in the history of the United States and New York
- Distinguish between near and distant past and interpret simple timelines.
- Investigate key turning points in New York State and United States history and explain why these events or developments are significant.
- Gather and organize information about the important achievements and contributions of individuals and groups living in New York State and the United States,
- Prepare essays and oral reports about the important social, political, economic, scientific, technological, and cultural developments, issues, and events from New York State and United States history.

History

Located at 65 Center Street in Lewiston, New York, the Trafford Mansion was built in 1840 by James Trafford, Maryann Cornell Trafford and her father, Nelson Cornell. Followed by his son Hiram Cornell was a resourceful merchant, hotel keeper and owner of one of the stage coach lines.

An excellent example of Greek revival construction, The Trafford Mansion is one of Lewiston's most outstanding landmarks. As well as a residence at various times, the mansion has been the St. Elmo Hotel, a tavern, The Wilson Inn and a restaurant. The tavern was opened in the lower level on the river side in what was possibly the original stable. As a tavern, it was known as The Bucket of Blood. It was also known as Ma Jumps, because Ma had to jump and grab the coins tossed on the bar before Pa could pocket them for his own use. At the tavern, men were known to be often "shanghaied" there for service in the Merchant Marine.

Initially, the kitchen was probably in the basement where a fireplace, was discovered in later years behind the wall of the tavern. This fireplace apparently was the only working fireplace in the house. The decorative fireplace in the living room is surrounded by built in bookcases. The central chimney remaining, but an additional chimney on the back of the mansion was later removed. Currently, the Trafford Mansion serves as a salon and spa for the Barton Hill Hotel, located across the street.

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| 2 | Basement | B. To enroll or obtain a sailor for the crew of a ship by unscrupulous means, as by force or the use of liquor or drugs. |
| 3 | Builders of the Trafford Mansion | C. Probable location of the kitchen |
| 4 | Location of the Trafford Mansion | D. St. Elmo Hotel, |
| 5 | One of the Names of the Taverns that occupied the Trafford Mansion | E. James Trafford, Maryann Cornell Trafford and her father, Nelson Cornell |
| 6 | Greek Revival | F. Salon and Spa |
| 7 | Ma Jumps | G. Barton Hill Hotel |
| 8 | Current use of the Trafford Mansion | H. 1840 |
| 9 | Name of the hotel now located across the street from the Trafford Mansion | I. Name of one of the taverns located in the Trafford Mansion that indicates that the owner's wife had to jump and grab the coins tossed on the bar before the owner could pocket them for his own use |
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Images and Pictures of Lewiston, NY at <http://www.historiclewiston.org/pictures.html>