



Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum

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School Group Information

Arrival:

When you arrive at the Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum you will be met by your docents/guides who will assist in disembarking your group and breaking your group into smaller groups if necessary. (Most groups are split up into 2 or 3 you may call the day before to ask how your group will be broken up and you can assign adults to specific groups. We count on you the teacher to know how your students will best work with each other.)

The museum's general hours are Wed, Sat, Sun. from 12-4pm. Should you arrive during our "off hours" and there is no one here to greet you, please a.) press the button to the left of the main entrance or b.) Call the main # (718) 885-1461. We only expect groups of 10-45 or more with reservations 3 weeks in advance.

Bus Policy:

Buses may remain on the grounds, we ask that they not drive on any part of the grass, and that they not idle their engines. You may ask your docent where the buses may park and turn around. Please check with your docent to confirm what time your, program will end so that your bus driver can return at the appropriate time.

Eating:

The Bartow Pell-Mansion Museum does not have a cafeteria or other eating facility or a maintenance staff, however, you are welcome to have lunch on the grounds when the weather permits. Please bring garbage bags with you as we have a "carry-in/carry-out" policy. Please ask students who are packing their own lunches to be sure that they have food that does not have to be heated, or cooked in anyway, as we also do not have the facility to do so.

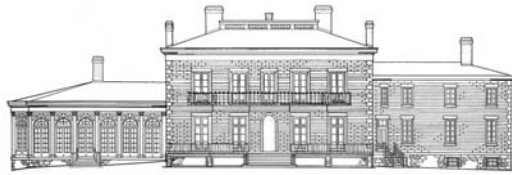
Restrooms:

Please understand that due to the age of our building and septic system we have only 1 restroom available to the public. There may be a wait time to use the facilities. We ask that use of the facilities be done after your tour. All students must be accompanied to the restroom with an adult. Please have any students who need to use the facilities do so before you start your lunch, once your official program is finished the mansion will be locked and closed for the day.

Chaperone Policy:

We request that there be at least one additional adult with the teacher per class.

Lateness/Cancellation Policy: We ask you to be courteous and respectful of our volunteers and staff's time. If your group is going to be late, please notify us at least (1) hour in advance of your expected arrival time to inform the staff of your expected arrival time. If you arrive more than 45 minutes late without calling, you will be charged an additional fee of half the amount of the cost of your tour. If you fail to call and cancel 24hrs prior to the day of your tour, you will be expected to pay the price of your tour.



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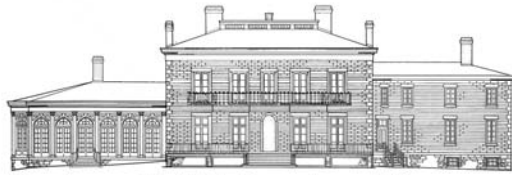
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Bartow-Pell Mansion Site History vs US & NY State History

- 1609 The Hudson River is first explored by Henry Hudson
- 1654 Thomas Pell Signs Treaty with Siwanoy (Lenape) to purchase 9,000 acres in what is now the Bronx and Lower Westchester County.
- 1664 Dutch lose all their North American Colonies to England
- 1666 A land grant is issued to the Manor of Pelham by the first English Governor of New York, Richard Nicholls. Thomas Pell is named First Lord of the Manor.
- 1775 American Revolution begins
- 1776 Signing of the Declaration of Independence
- 1777 New York's first constitution was adopted, George Clinton was elected the first governor of New York State
- 1789 George Washington is elected President, He is sworn in, at Wall Street, New York City, the first US Capital, his term is up in 1797
- 1790 The property is sold to John Bartow, husband of Ann Pell. The original Pell Manor was likely destroyed during the American Revolution but the Bartows had a house on the property.
- 1792 The New York Stock Exchange, founded, and has become the center of World finance.
- 1812 The Americans declared war on Britain on June 18, for outrage at the impressment (seizure) of thousands of American sailors into the British navy, frustration at British restraints on neutral trade, and anger at British military support for Native Americans defending their tribal lands from encroaching American settlers.
- 1813 Property ownership leaves the Bartow-Pell family. Land tracts sold by John Bartow to Herman Leroy, a wealthy merchant.
- 1825 Erie Canal is completed
- 1836 Robert Bartow Purchases the Bartow-Pell property from Herman LeRoy
- 1845 Great Potato Famine in Ireland causes boom of Irish immigrants to the US which continued through the years after the Civil War.
- 1842 Bartow-Pell Mansion construction finishes
- 1861 Abraham Lincoln is elected President, Jefferson Davis, is elected President of the Confederate States of America, Civil War Begins.
- 1863 Emancipation Proclamation becomes effective January 1, 1863
- 1865 Civil War Ends, Jefferson Davis's term as President of the Confederate States of America ends, Abraham Lincoln is Assassinated

- 1880 Bartow heirs sell the estate and grounds to New York City for inclusion in the future Pelham Bay Park



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- 1886 The Statue of Liberty is presented to the US from the citizens of France in honor of the friendship between the two nations.
- 1892 Ellis island open to accept immigrants to the US from around the World
- 1898 Consolidation of New York City, the cities of Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens and Staten Island become part of New York City.
- 1903 Frank Farrell and Bill Devery purchase the defunct Baltimore franchise of the American League for \$18,000 and then move the team to Manhattan, this team first called the Highlanders become the NY Yankees.
- 1914 The Mansion is leased by the City of New York to The International Garden Club. Mrs. Charles Frederick Hoffman was the club founder and president.
- 1914 World War I begins
- 1915-1918 The Mansion is restored and formal gardens are designed by Delano & Aldrich.
- 1917 U.S. joins World War I
- 1918 The Erie Canal is replaced by the Barge Canal
- 1929 The New York Stock Market Crashes
- 1932 Lake Placid hosts the Winter Olympic Games
- 1936 Mayor LaGuardia uses the Mansion as his summer office & residence.
- 1939 World's Fair opens in New York City
- 1941 Japanese Attack Pearl Harbor, forcing the US to enter World War II
- 1945 World War II ends
- 1946 New York City is chosen the site of the United Nations
- 1946 The Bartow-Pell Mansion is opened three days a week to the public for tours.
- 1954 Ellis Island closes its doors
- 1959 St. Lawrence Seaway Opens
- 1964 World's Fair opens in New York City (again)



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BARTOW-PELL MANSION THROUGH THE YEARS

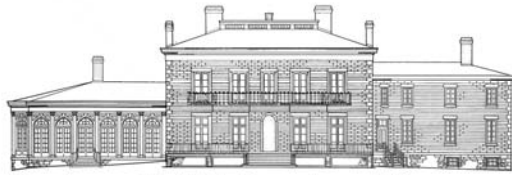
The Bartow-Pell estate's long and noble history began in 1654 when Thomas Pell, an English doctor from Connecticut, bought the land from the Siwanoy Indians as part of a nearly 50,000-acre tract. King Charles II chartered the Manor of Pelham in 1666. This area included Pelham and the Borough of Westchester. Thomas Pell was consigned the land grant and may have begun a house on the property near the marshy banks of Long Island Sound. His heir and nephew, Sir John Pell, completed a house after 1670. The home served four generations of Pells before it was burned during the American Revolution.

The estate, 220 acres by the end of the Revolutionary War, was sold to Herman and Hannah Leroy in 1813. It was restored to the family when it was purchased in 1836 by Robert Bartow, a businessman and Pell descendant. Southwest of the original home, Bartow built the present gray stone mansion with Greek Revival interiors, and moved into the house with his wife and children in 1842. The house remained in the Bartow family until 1888 when the estate was acquired by New York City.

The house and grounds, which include formal terraces, a fountain, and herb and perennial gardens, and an 1840s stone carriage house, are owned by the City of New York, operated by the International Garden Club, Inc.



The tree under which Thomas Pell signed a land agreement with Chief Wampage and the Siwanoy Indians in 1654. With this agreement, Pell purchased a vast area including much of present day Bronx and Westchester. Although the tree has long since passed, the iron fence that surrounded it is still visible in the park.



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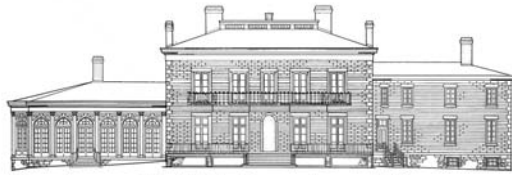
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Possible Vocabulary that your students may hear during their visit

1. Ancestor
2. Architect
3. Consumption (disease)
4. Embroidery
5. Famine
6. Fashionable
7. Gentleman Farmer
8. Immigrant
9. Indentured Servant
10. Mantel
11. Manufacture
12. Parlor
13. Passage
14. Portrait
15. Restore
16. Symmetry



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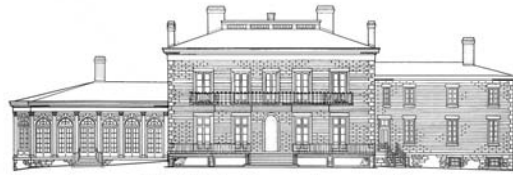
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BUILDING INVESTIGATION

Front Entrance

1. The building was made in large sections. How many sections do you see?
2. Look at the 2 side sections of the building. Compare them. What is different or the same about them?
3. Look at the middle section of the building. What is different or the same about the windows? the door? the roof?
4. Look at the horseshoe shaped area in the center of the middle section. It is not a window. What do you think it was used for?
5. How many chimneys do you see?
Why are there so many chimneys in this building?
6. Do you think that the owner of this building was rich or poor? Why?
7. Look at the basement or foundation of the building. What is different about some of the windows and doors?



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BUILDING INVESTIGATION – ANSWER KEY

Front Entrance

1. The building was made in large sections. How many sections do you see?

3

2. Look at the 2 side sections of the building. Compare them. What is different or the same about them?

SAME: Shape of roof, siding material (stone)

Different: The section on the Right has an extra piece and is 1 story tall, and has a blocked up door. The section on the Left has a door in the foundation (an entrance to the basement)

3. Look at the middle section of the building. What is different or the same about the windows? the door? the roof?

The windows are much larger, it is the tallest section of the house, and it has a rail on top. The door is a double door.

4. Look at the horseshoe shaped area in the center of the middle section. It is not a window. What do you think it was used for?

This is an architectural feature common to the Greek Revival style, and was sometimes used on buildings to hold statues, but not at Bartow-Pell.

5. How many chimneys do you see? 7

Why are there so many chimneys in this building? Fireplaces and stoves were used as heating and cooking before their were oil tanks and a central heating system in the house, which was installed in the 1936.

6. Do you think that the owner of this building was rich or poor? Why?

Yes

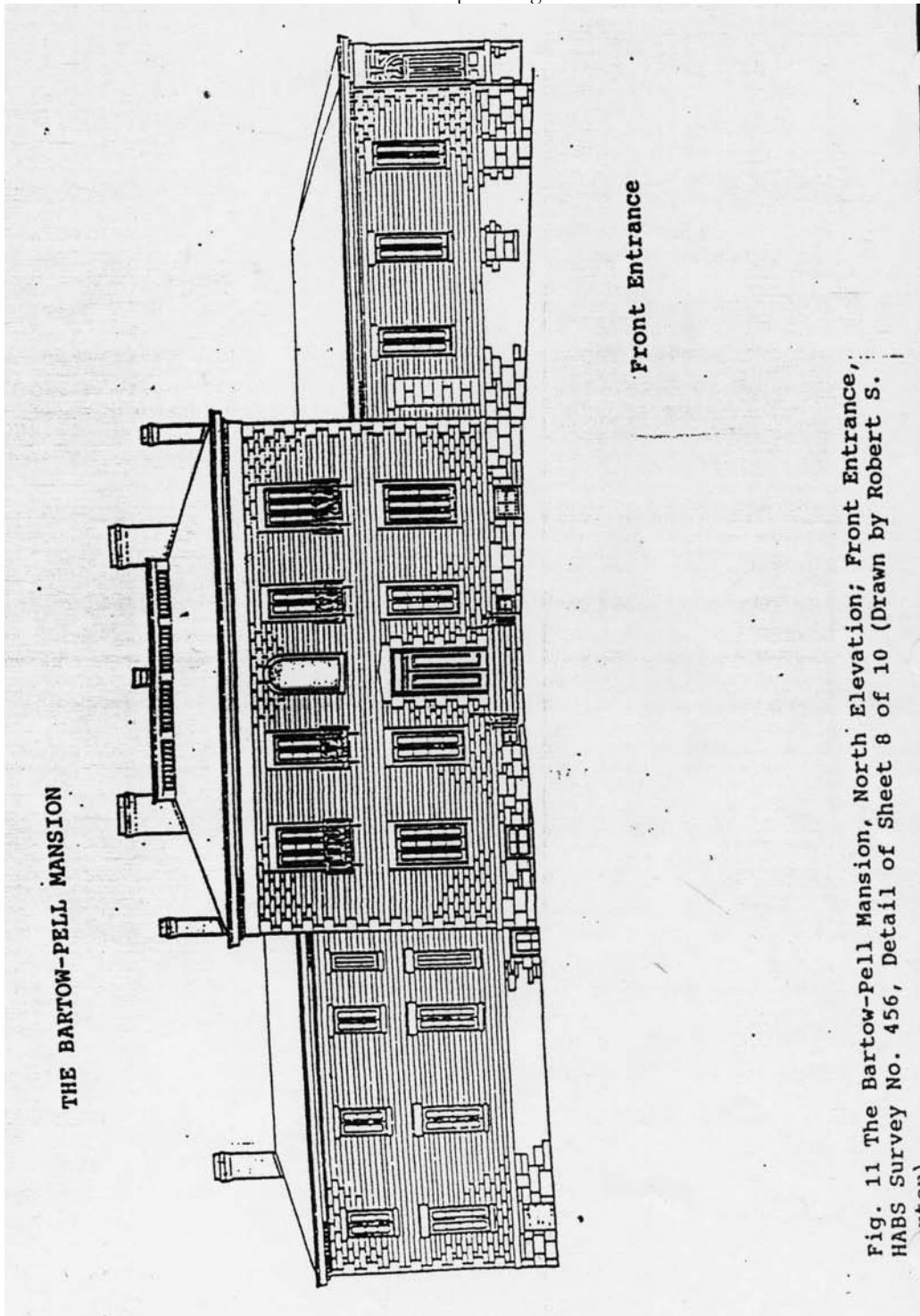
7. Look at the basement or foundation of the building. What is different about some of the windows and doors? ***There are doors and windows in the foundation of the building, some of them have been bricked in over the years and some of the still open.***



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JOURNAL INVESTIGATION

1. Look at the handwriting. Do you think a grown-up or a child wrote this? Why?
2. When was this journal entry written? Find the month and year it began and the month and year it ended.
3. Why is there a black spot on this page? What did people use to write with in the 1800's?
4. What form of transportation did the writer tell us that he used to travel in the winter months?
5. In February, 1847, the writer tells us that there was a "great famine in Ireland". What is a famine? Why was that important to someone living in New York in the mid-1800's?
6. Read the entry for April, 1847. How did the writer make his or her living? The word ploughing is a clue.
7. On April 8th, the author wrote, "River open at Albany this day". Why would the River be closed? Why would that be important to someone living in the 1800's?



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JOURNAL INVESTIGATION – ANSWER KEY

1. Look at the handwriting. Do you think a grown-up or a child wrote this? Why?
ADULT
2. When was this journal entry written? Find the month and year it began and the month and year it ended.
December 1846 – April 1847
3. Why is there a black spot on this page? What did people use to write with in the 1800's?
Because the ink pens of the time often left black splotches on the paper, because they were quill pens that were dipped into ink pots and not ball point pens of today.
4. What form of transportation did the writer tell us that he used to travel in the winter months?
Sleigh
5. In February, 1847, the writer tells us that there was a “great famine in Ireland”. What is a famine? Why was that important to someone living in New York in the mid-1800's?
A famine is caused by lack of food availability and it causes starvation of great masses. This is important because many people in the US had friends and family still living in Ireland at the time. This famine also caused a great number of Irish to immigrate to the US, and add to the work force.
6. Read the entry for April, 1847. How did the writer make his or her living? The word ploughing is a clue.
Farming
7. On April 8th, the author wrote, “River open at Albany this day”. **Because the river iced over much as it does today, but without the use of Ice Cutter Ships the River became impassable.** Why would the River be closed? Why would that be important to someone living in the 1800's?
The Hudson and other large rivers were used a means of transport and as a means of getting crops to the city for sale.



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From this time till the 7th December nothing
remarkable; weather fine season of plenty.
Nov. From this time till the end of the month
20th by considerable sleighing
Jan mild spring weather all this month
Feb Mild till the 20th then some gentle
sleighing, some cold to long sleigh
Great famine in Ireland. (Nov. 20th)
March snow & sleighing till 10th all the month
cold winter weather some snow storms. On the
25th sleighing, the days become
cold at winter 20th 31st more snow perfect
morning, sometimes clearing, long from the
Barn
April 1st snow begins to melt 3rd 5th Spring weather
6th Town meeting, Town hall & some sleighing
& Raber open at Albany this day 10th anniversary
of the battle of the Clouds



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Transcript of William Bartow's Journal Entries (brother to Robert Bartow) December 7, 1847 – April 10, 1848

From this time till the 7th December nothing remarkable; weather fine Season of plenty

- Dec 7 From this time till the end of the month cold, considerable sleighing
- 1847
- Jan mild spring weather this month
- Feb Mild till the 20th then snow good sleighing carting corn sold to long dock great famine in Ireland.
- March snow & sleighing till 10th all the month cold winter weather. Seven snow storms. On the 27th tolerable sleighing. The days remain cold as winter 30 & 31st more snow people moving on sleighs drawing hay from the lower barn
- April Snow, sleighs run yet 3, 4, 5th spring weather – pleasant 1&2
- 6 Town meeting. Rain, hail, & snow no ploughing yet
- 8 River open at Albany this day 10th commenced ploughing for oats this day



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FEDERAL CENSUS INVESTIGATION

1. In what year was this census written?
2. How many Bartow family members lived in the house when this census was taken?
3. How old was Mr. Robert Bartow at the time the census was taken? What was his job (Profession or Trade) at that time?
4. Did Maria, the wife of Robert Bartow, work outside the home?
5. How many of those listed were Bartow children? How old was the oldest child?
The youngest child?
6. How many of those children attended school?
7. Who were the other 6 people listed as members of the Bartow household?
8. Where were most of them born?
9. Could they all read and write?
10. What was the relationship between Mary Berrigan, the Cook, and Julia, the Chambermaid or Bedroom Servant?
11. What did John Cloure, the Coachman, do for the Bartows?
12. How much money was the Bartow house and property worth when the census was written? Do you think that that was a lot of money in the mid-1800's?



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FEDERAL CENSUS INVESTIGATION – ANSWER KEY

1. In what year was this census written? **1860**
2. How many Bartow family members lived in the house when this census was taken? **Eight**
3. How old was Mr. Robert Bartow at the time the census was taken? What was his job (Profession or Trade) at that time? **68, Gentleman**
4. Did Maria, the wife of Robert Bartow, work outside the home? **NO**
5. How many of those listed were Bartow children? How old was the oldest child?
31 The youngest child? **14**
6. How many of those children attended school? **3**
7. Who were the other 6 people listed as members of the Bartow household?
Cook, Chambermaid, domestic, laundress, gardener, coachman
8. Where were most of them born? **Ireland**
9. Could they all read and write? **Only 4 could**
10. What was the relationship between Mary Berrigan, the Cook, and Julia, the Chambermaid or Bedroom Servant? **Sisters**
11. What did John Cloure, the Coachman, do for the Bartows? **Coachman was a chauffeur or driver**
12. How much money was the Bartow house and property worth when the census was written? **\$82,000** Do you think that that was a lot of money in the mid-1800's? **Yes, it was!**



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1860 US Federal Census Report for Pelham NY

Name	Married within the year	Attended School	Over 20 years can not read or write	Age	Sex	Color	Profession or Trade	Value of Real Estate	Value of Property	Place of Birth
Robert Bartow				68	M	White	Gentleman	80,000	2,000	New York
Maria				60	F	Ditto				Ditto
George				31	M	D	Gentleman			D
Clarina				22	F	D				D
Robert*				20	M	D				D
Heber		1		18	M	D				D
Henrietta		1		17	F	D				D
Theodore		1		14	M	D				D
Mary Berigan				26	F	D	Cook			Ireland
Julia				21	F	D	Chambermaid			D
Mary Covat				25	F	D	Domestic			New York
Bridgit Connor			1	35	F	D	Laundress			Ireland
Matthew Hellen			1	55	M	D	Gardener			D
John Cloure				30	M	D	Coachman			D

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1850 US Federal Census Report for Pelham NY

The Name of every Person whose place of abode on the first of June 1850, was in this family	Age	Sex	Color	Profession of all Male persons over 15 years	Value of Property	Place of Birth	Married within the year	Attended School within the Year	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read or write
Robert Bartow	58	M		Farmer	200,000	New York			
Maria R. "	49	F				Ditto			
George "	22	M		None		Ditto			
Clarina "	12	F				Ditto		1	
Robert "	10	M				Ditto		1	
Reginald H "	8	M				Ditto		1	
Henrietta A "	6	F				Ditto		1	
Theodorette "	4	M				Ditto			
Francis Flanningham	50	F				Ireland			1
Jane Haring	34	F				Ditto			1
Margaret Coffee	23	F				Ditto			1
Hannah Kallaha	20	F				Ditto			
William Murray	26	M		Gardner		Ditto			

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1840 US Federal Census Report for Pelham NY

Names of Heads of Families	MALES				FEMALES				
	under 5	10 under 15	30 under 40	40 under 50	under 5	5 under 10	15 under 20	20 under 30	30 under 40
Robert Bartow	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	3

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