

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.

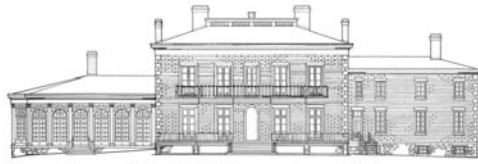
Restrooms:

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 full fee of your program.

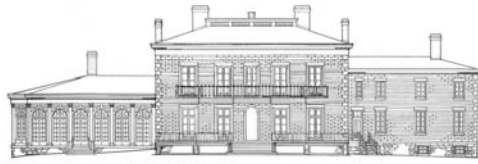


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Bartow-Pell Mansion Site History vs US & NY State History

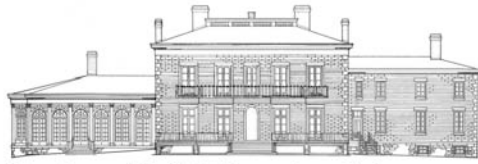
- 1609 The Hudson River is first explored by Henry Hudson
- 1654 Thomas Pell Signs Treaty with Siwanoy (Lenape) to purchase 9,000 acres in what is now the Bronx and Lower Westchester County.
- 1664 Dutch lose all their North American Colonies to England
- 1666 A land grant is issued to the Manor of Pelham 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



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

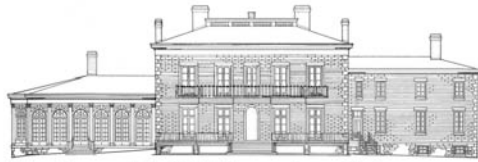
The Bartow-Pell estate's long and noble history began in 1654 when Thomas Pell, an English doctor from Connecticut, bought the land from the Siwanoy Indians as part of a nearly 50,000-acre tract. King Charles II chartered the Manor of Pelham in 1666. This area included Pelham and the Borough of Westchester. 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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Pre-visit activity #1

Title of activity: Talking Buildings

Duration of activity: 40-45 minutes

Materials: architectural and historical information on a building, dictionary, pen/pencil, paper

Goal: To introduce students to architectural elements through the comparison of design elements and facts about buildings.

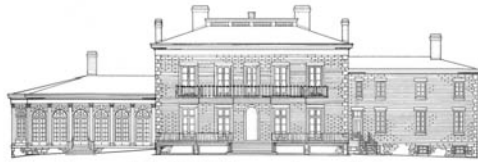
Instructions:

1. Place students in pairs or small groups
2. Chose a public building (your school, a federal building, a library, any old historic building)
3. Each student uses the information he or she found about the building to create a conversation.
4. The conversation can include but is not limited to facts such as:
 - Who built the building?
 - Why?
 - When?
 - materials used in construction of building
 - overall appearance (exterior)
 - specific architectural elements used (exterior/interior)
 - people who lived in building
5. Have students read conversations aloud to the class when completed.

*The subjects can be from any architectural design.

*Each subject should be assigned or approved at least one day prior to activity.

*Remind students that the buildings are the narrator. The conversation should be written in the voice of the building.



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Pre-visit activity #2

Title of activity: Visual Survey

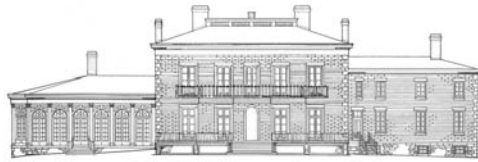
Duration of activity: 30-40 minutes

Materials: Photographs of Bartow-Pell Mansion (provided), worksheet “What is Federal style/Greek Revival architecture?” (provided), ruler, pencil, drawing paper,

Goal: To help students learn to identify elements of both Greek Revival and Federal style architecture in the Bartow-Pell Mansion and to increase student observation throughout the tour.

Instructions:

1. Introduce students to the basis of Federal style and Greek Revival architecture.
2. Introduce students to the Bartow-Pell Mansion photograph.
3. Using prior knowledge of these architectural elements, have students identify the elements in the mansion.
4. After all are identified allow students to sketch their own house using the design elements of these two styles of architecture.



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What is Federal Style Architecture?

Federal Style architecture was a style of architecture popular in America from 1780-1830, designed to celebrate the birth of America as a new nation. This style represents the conservative and provincial taste American's possessed during this time period.

What elements compose Federal style architecture?

The following elements compose Federal style architecture:

1. rectangular shape building with a symmetrical design
2. subtle pastel colors
3. Palladian windows
4. dentil moldings
5. shutters
6. symmetrical windows around centered door
7. hipped roof
8. elaborate crown over doors
9. spiral staircase
10. decorated pilasters next to doors and windows
11. decorative cherubs/angels

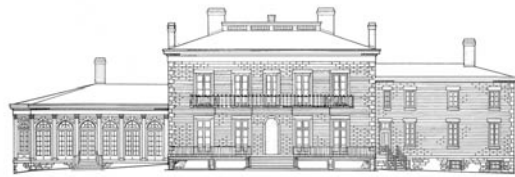
What is Greek Revival Architecture?

Greek Revival Architecture was a style of architecture popular in America from 1830-1870. The designs and elements of Greek Revival architecture emulated elements of Greek temple designs.

What elements compose Greek Revival Architecture?

The following elements compose Greek Revival Architecture:

1. pilasters/columns (Ionic, Doric, Corinthian)
2. thin, plain chimneys
3. pediments
4. floor length windows
5. niches
6. ceiling medallions
7. marble statue
8. iron railings at front steps and second story balcony of south facade



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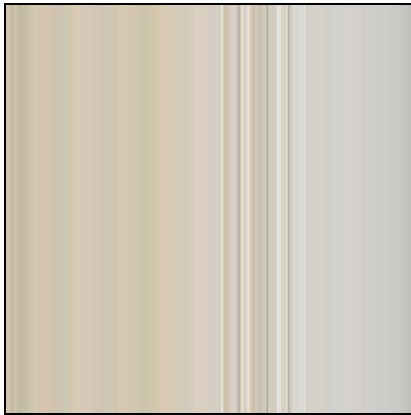
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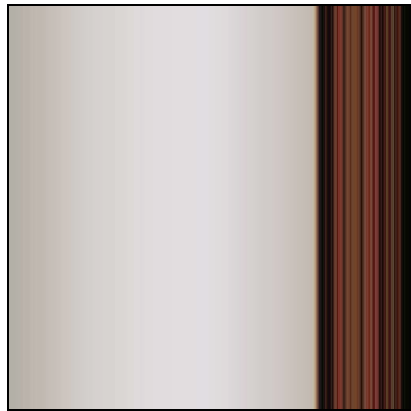
Rear Entrance



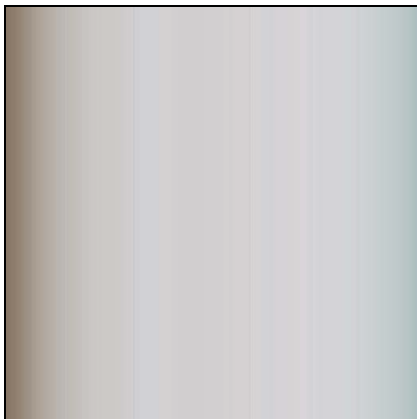
Front Entrance



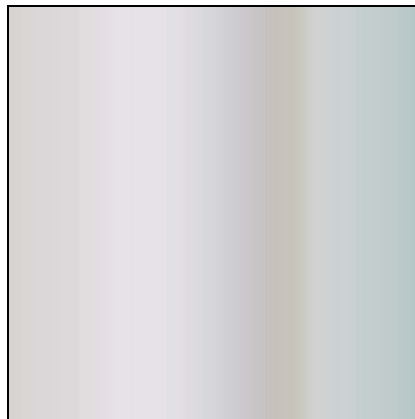
Entrance Hall



Girls Bedroom



Family Parlor



Master Bedroom

Interior Photos taken by Gross Daley