

The Hoyt Sherman Mansion-Teacher Companion



Lighting was important in a Victorian Home. Electricity was just starting to be used so many houses still depended on _____, _____, _____ (gas, oil or candles) for lighting.

The fixtures hanging from the ceiling in the bedrooms are set up for gas and electricity because electricity still wasn't always dependable. This gave the Shermans the ability to switch between the two light sources. They are not the original fixtures but similar to what they would have had.

_____ (fireplaces) were used in almost every room to provide heat in the cold winter months. Central heating systems just started to be used at the turn of the century (1900).

All of the fireplaces are original to the house except for the one in Helen Sherman's bedroom and the one in the library. How many fireplaces do you see throughout the mansion? 5

There are only a few pieces of furniture that were owned by the Sherman family still in the house. Both are in the diningroom. One is the buffet with the marble top and the other is the dining table. The table had left the home with, Arthur, one of Hoyt's children. He decided to return the table and shipped it back to Des Moines from California.

Many pieces of **furniture** in the art gallery have detailed carvings. As you walk through the mansion and galleries see how many **faces** (animal and human) you can count. I will give you the correct number at the end.
The total is _____ (approximately 25)

