

## *Historic Ramsey House*

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2614 Thorngrove Pike  
Knoxville, TN. 37914

The Historic Ramsey House is one of the very few 18th century homes still standing in East Tennessee. It was constructed for Col. Francis Alexander Ramsey, a surveyor, who was among the first settlers of East Tennessee. He helped found Blount College, now the University of Tennessee, and Lebanon-in-the-Forks Presbyterian Church.

The Ramsey's home was very innovative for the time and region. It was the first stone house in this area with one of the first attached kitchens. Thomas Hope, regarded as Knoxville's first architect, designed the house. The A.P.T.A. has furnished the house based upon the inventory taken at the death of Col. Ramsey in 1820.

### **Interactive Learning Experiences**

In addition to a tour of the house, special programs are offered to enrich your visit to the Ramsey House. All programs integrate social studies, science, and math. The programs allow you to see and experience how people lived in the 1800's.

#### **Butter Churning**

(Grades K and up)

Using stoneware butter churns; participants will experience the time and effort it takes to make butter. Participants will be able to taste their butter.

#### **Candle Dipping**

(Grades 4 and up)

Participants will make candles as was done in the 1800's. They will experience what it takes to make candles, as well as some secrets of candle making. Participants can choose from a variety of colors and take their candles home.

#### **Cornhusk Dolls**

(Grades K and up)

Using cornhusks, students will make dolls from the 1800's. They will experience how children of the past had to make their own toys. Participants will be able to take their handmade cornhusk dolls home.

#### **Surveying**

(Grades 7 and up)

Participants will be surveyors for a day. In groups, they will determine the best place to build certain buildings. They will mark off the dimensions and should be able to explain why they choose that area. Participants will learn the importance of building placement while employing math skills.

#### **Slavery**

(Grades 3 and up)

Participants will learn about the slavery and the slaves who worked for Colonel Ramsey. Students will see where the slaves worked, slept, and what they did at the Historic Ramsey House.

Toys and Games  
(Grades K and up)

Participants will play with toys and learn games children had and played in the 1800's.

**Visiting:** For more information or reservations please contact Sandy at the Historic Ramsey House at 865-546-0745 or email at [sandy@ramseyhouse.org](mailto:sandy@ramseyhouse.org)

**When:** Tuesday - Friday Time: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

**Cost:** Children Fees: \$6.00 (\$3.00 for the tour and \$3.00 for the activity)

Adults Fees: \$5.00 for the tour and an additional \$3.00 for optional activity.

**Lunch:** Picnic and indoor eating facilities and restrooms are available.

**Shopping:** Ramsey House has the Swan gift shop with period items.

Due to the structural limitations inherent with a 200-year-old home, we regret that Ramsey House is not wheelchair accessible and may present problems for others with physical limitations. Therefore, when making reservations, please provide us with information regarding any participants with special needs, so we may provide them with an alternate tour experience appropriate for their needs.