

KENSINGTON MANSION

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Think carefully before you begin to answer. Use your best writing skills.

1. For someone who has never heard of Kensington Mansion, how would you answer this question: What is Kensington Mansion? Be sure you include some facts to accurately answer this question.

Kensington mansion is a historic plantation house in Richland county. It was completed in 1854. It has 29 rooms and is 12,000 square-feet. It has very designed molding. It was bought in 1981 by Union Camp Corp. They restored it and the Scarborough-Hamer foundation stocked it with antique furniture and gives tours.

2. Explain the importance of Kensington Mansion as it relates to the study of United States history.

Kensington mansion is important because of it's history. It existed during many different time periods. Kensington was once the home of hundreds of slaves. Then it housed tenant farmers. It has stood through the civil war. It has been the home of people during many important times in U.S. history. The house tells the story of many people and different ways of life.

3. Write a personal reflection of your actual visit to Kensington Mansion. Be sure you include examples of what you learned about the site. Share your impressions about what life was like for people who lived and worked at Kensington before and after the Civil War years. (Think of the wealthy, the slave, the sharecropper, and the tenants.)

While I was at Kensington I learned that it once had hundreds of slaves. I also learned that it had tenant farmers after the civil war. I also learned that the house changed owners and was at one point being used for a shed. I thought it was neat how they heated the water with sunlight. I think it would have been neat to have lived there if you were wealthy, and the owners. To be able to live in such a huge house, and not do the work to care for it. To have been a slave on that plantation would have meant hard work to keep that huge place running. I also think the Sharecroppers would have had it bad having to farm that land in the hot sun.