

Cabinteely House



A trail suitable for 2nd class
upwards.

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What you need.

Clipboard

Pencil

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1. Look at the front of the house.

This is Cabinteely House. It was built for Robert Nugent in 1769 but he never got to live there. Different families have lived in it since then. They included the Byrnes , the Pims, the Holloweys and the McGraths. Its first name was Clare Hill.

1. How many windows can you see ? _____
2. Is the house symmetrical or asymmetrical? _____
3. What shape can you see over the downstairs windows? _____
4. Are the columns spheres or cylinders? _____
5. What do the urns on the roof remind you of? _____
6. Can you think of the reason why Robert Nugent never lived here? _____

Did you know?
The columns and the steps are both made of granite. Do they feel the same?
Think about why.

I wonder why the lions are looking in different directions?

Sketch the house here.



2. The Dining Room.

This room was used for large dinner parties. If there were only a few people for meals they ate in the breakfast room beside the library. Look at all the mirrors on the walls. They are there because the servants - called **flunkeys**, had to stand with their backs to the table during the meal. They used the mirrors to see what was happening at the table. There was always a lot of food for dinner. The people didn't have to eat it all but were expected to try a little of everything.

1. If the table was full, how many people could sit for dinner? 10 12 16 20
2. What were the servants called? _____
3. Were the serving dishes silver or gold? _____
4. Why do you think the servants had to stand with their backs to the table? _____
5. Why did they need to see what was happening at the table?

6. Circle the foods that might have been eaten at that time.



7. Do you think the people who ate at this table were rich or poor? _____



The Entrance Hall and the Library.

Only important people came in through the front door. People who came on business were shown straight into the library. More important guests were brought upstairs. The library had a beautiful wooden **parquet** floor and was full of furniture, paintings and books to show how rich and clever the master of the house was.

1. Look around the entrance hall. Can you spot where the carved musical instruments are? _____

2. What type of floor is in the library? Stone, Tile or Parquet _____

3.

Draw the pattern on the floor here.

4. Would you be able to use the phone in this room to send a text? _____

5. How do you think workmen and deliveries got into the house?

Did you know?

The owner was the master of the house.



The Washroom, the Kitchen and the Kitchen Corridor.

The washroom is where clothes and bed linen were washed. The kitchen is where food and drink was prepared and cooked. There is a small room off the kitchen where food was stored. This was called the **pantry**. Outside the kitchen is a corridor leading to the rest of the house.

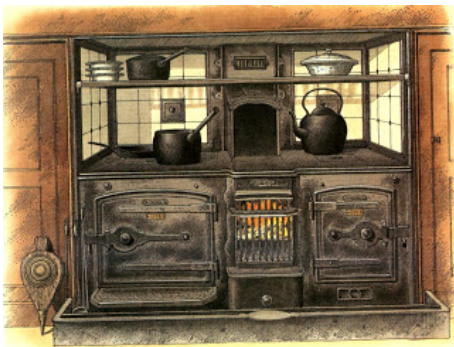


The Washroom



This washboard was used to scrub the clothes.

Look at this lady beside the mangle. Can you guess what the mangle was used for?



This is a range . Why do you think there was a range in the washroom?

Why don't we use these things anymore?



The Kitchen

Look carefully around the kitchen and then answer these questions.

1. How many places to cook food can you see? 1 2 3
2. What is the large black door on the wall? _____ (Open it and see.)
3. How do you think the oven was heated? _____
4. Discuss the type of food being prepared in the kitchen
5. Can you find the cook's shopping list? What is it called? _____
6. The pantry was used to store food and keep it fresh. Draw what you use in your house.



Did you know?

Hot water bottles and bed warmers were used to make the beds cosy and warm.

Look around the kitchen .Find and count them. Which is which?







The Kitchen Corridor.

Look in the first glass cabinet.

1. Tick the bottles you can see.

Coca Cola	
Pepsi Cola	
Sprite	
Ribena	
Lucozade	

2. How are these bottles different from those sold in the supermarket?



Look at the wall above the second cabinet. Can you see the line of bells?

1. What do you think they were used for? _____
2. Each one made a different sound. Why was that?

3. The most important rooms of the house had a bell. How many important rooms were in Cabinteely House? _____



The Ballroom and Withdrawing Room

The master of the house always loved to show how rich he was so when important guests came to visit the ballroom was used. In this room they would chat, listen to music and even dance on special occasions.

Towards the end of the evening the ladies would leave and go into the small room next door called the withdrawing room. The beautiful furniture in this room was made by a famous Irish cabinet maker called James Hicks. He made furniture for wealthy people.

1. What musical instruments can you see in this room? _____
2. How do you listen to music at home? _____
3. Look at the view. What is the name of the bay you can see? _____
4. What princess did Mr. Hicks make furniture for? _____

Did you know?

Inlaid furniture is usually wooden furniture with a design or pattern of a different material or colour.



5. What designs are inlaid on the furniture in this room?



The Bedroom

This is one of the many bedrooms in the house. It always had beautiful and very expensive furniture. This room has a cradle but originally it would have been in a special room called the nursery. There were no bathrooms in the house and they used the jug and basin for washing.

1. What is the bedframe made of? wood plastic metal
2. What item of furniture was not normally kept in this room? _____
3. What do you think was kept in the boxes on top of the wardrobe? _____

Did you know?



This is a chamber pot.

4. Do you know what a chamber pot was used for? _____