

## Journey to the Ancient Peel Mansion

The first activity we had to do was apple bobbing. The kids were excited, and we started walking toward the station. Two women were waiting for us. They gave us instructions and how to play. So far, the girls hadn't got a single apple, but then, we heard loud cheers from the other side. The boys had already got one apple, and the person succeeded in it was already reaching. It was my friend's brother's friend who started eating, and in ten seconds, my friend had got the apple in no time. Apple bobbing ended with all of us eating happily in the fruits. We arrived at the mansion. We were toured around the house, then discovering a secret hiding place at the staircase. We passed bedrooms, a parlor, and even in a school room! We were seated at the school room, and a woman told us about everything about learning in the old days. Children were even punished for misbehaving. Eventually, another woman presented herself and started reading a letter from a child who lived a hundred years ago. I wanted to point out that we already rode cars in the present day when the child wrote that she hoped every child will get a horse for themselves. We went down the mansion, and stopped by

a huge porch where a woman wearing old clothes taught us how to make butter. The procedure was easy. Buy milk and heavy whipped cream, mix them together, shake them together until powder appears. Then separate.

I was going to tell my mother all about this. We went on, and we

stopped by an old man wearing World I Uniform. On his table were gruesome things that I took interest in. He talked about the World War I, and the weapons the soldiers used. I was particularly interested in his subject. As we went by, we listened to

a man talking about how to grind corn to making lard. He talked about a ship and how it survived endless fires.

We had a carriage play, and I got to be one of the children in the play. The people who brought it told us how hard it was to travel to one place to another in the old times. We also heard from a

herb healer, and told us all about pines and discovering medicine in their travels.

Rosemary was one of the herbs she talked about. We had lunch, and we were surprised that it was Kernel Peck's

birthday. We sat at the gift shop a woman telling us amazing tales about men who built the cabin just used a wagon and three tools. It was plain unbelievable.

When I got home, I told everyone about my journey at Peck Mansion. And I'm telling the tale to you!

# Peel Mansion

Everybody was rumbling chatterboxes at Peel Mansion. There were a 1,000,000 people at Peel Mansion. There were 12 stations but if I had to pick 2 it would be apple bobbing, and the mansion. Apple bobbing was fun because we learned while having fun. Did you know that they used to have 180 dancers of warm, juicy, big, and shiny apples. The mansion was fun because we got to learn that the boy had their own staircase, room, parlor, and library, and the girls had their own staircase, room, parlor, and library. One other thing that was exciting was Colonel Peel's 170 birthday, we also got cupcakes. If you didn't know Colonel Peel was the guy who lived in the house 170 years ago. Isn't that amazing! The mansion has attractive cream-color walls, pretty pink girl parlor, deep blue boy parlor, color ful harvest kitchen, and a beautiful staircase.

The day I went to Peel Mansion,  
was the day when I was the  
happiest girl ever.

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This is reporter Camden Croff reporting from the Peel Mansion in Bentonville, AR. I am joining a group of R.E. Baker fourth graders today. One fourth grader Graham Harrell said his favorite part was battle field surgery he saw a rifle that that soldiers would use during the Civil War. The group also got to go apple bobbing. I tried to get an apple, they were really good. After lunch we sang happy birthday to Colonel Peel. We went to a party for Mr. Peel, we got cupcakes. All the students were happy about that. The R.E. Baker students also got to make corn bread mix with two rocks the smashed the corn and rubbed on it to make the corn bread mix. The Mansion was built in 1875, it was made on 180 acres of apple trees. It is now on highway 71 by Wal-Mart, and a Panda Express. Some of the features of the Mansion are The plate that Mr. Peel used in Washington D.C. and Mr. Peel's Office and it has been standing for almost 200 years. So come and visit the Peel Mansion again.

# Some Facts About the Peel Mansion

Watch out there is some breaking news out at R.E. Baker. Fourth grade went to the Peel Mansion on September 13 in front of Walmart. Well, you see Walmart was not there as long as the Peel Mansion.

The Peel Mansion was built 1875 right after the Civil War. His real name was Samuel Colonel West Peel. He found his wife Mrs. Mary Emilin in a corner of a barn starving. With five out of nine kids (some born later). The Peel Mansion used to have about 108 acres but Walmart was built. Mrs. Peel planted a very big garden and four rooms in the basement because she never wanted to starve again. The inside of the house was restored but they tried their best to make it look like it was.

About fifteen years ago it looked like a haunted house. September 13 is Mr. Sam Peel's 170 birthday so we had vanilla cupcakes with white icing and red and blue sprinkles. My favorite was grinding corn with a big rock so you can make corn bread or something out of corn.

My other favorite was apple bobbing because you get your face all wet. I was the thinned girl to get an apple. So if you want to learn more about the Peel Mansion then go to the Peel Mansion.