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## First Lady and Family Visit Monticello

First Lady Michelle Obama and members of her family paid a visit to Monticello on Thursday, August 12. The party, which included Michelle and Sasha Obama, the President's maternal half-sister Maya Cassandra Soetoro-Ng, her husband Konrad Ng, and their daughter, Suhaila, arrived in the afternoon and stayed for two hours. While at Monticello, the Obamas and their family took a private tour of the house, including the restored Dining Room, the Kitchen and Crossroads exhibit.

In the May 2010 issue of *Condé Nast Traveler*, Mrs. Obama talked about her 2009 visit to Monticello. She said, "It is just incredibly beautiful, and that beautiful garden that he planted that is three times the size of anything that you'd ever do. It brings it to life, not just for my kids but for me."

"We are pleased the Obama family chose to visit Monticello for the second summer in a row. We hope they enjoyed their time here. If any other members of the Obama family want to visit in the future, we'd be happy to have them," said Leslie Greene Bowman, president and CEO.