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Take the Official **BEHIND THE SCENES** Tour

New Rooms, New Stories!

Monticello is described as Jefferson's three-dimensional autobiography, but it was also a family home. During the early 1800s, the second and third floors were often filled to capacity, accommodating what one family member described as "an almost perpetual round of company."

On the Behind the Scenes tour, visitors can explore the bedroom of Martha Jefferson Randolph, who ran her father's house, and the nursery where Priscilla Hemmings helped raise Martha's youngest children.

"This tour shows us what it was really like to live here," says Steve Light, Monticello's Manager of House Tours. "When you climb the steep stairs, you enter into the family quarters. As with all families, there were challenges...including being in debt, living in cramped spaces, and inter-family conflict. It's not the 'public' Jefferson of the first floor. Just think about the complexity of life here. It's the 'Downton Abbey' of American life in the early 19th century."



Offered six times daily, the **Behind the Scenes** tour costs \$55 per person and lasts 1 hour 50 minutes; this intimate program, available to only 14 people at a time, includes a first-floor and upstairs tour of the house. Reserve your spot today to gain insight into what one of Jefferson's granddaughters described as "the bustle and hurry" of life at Monticello.