

BE A HISTORY EXPLORER!

**Junior
Ranger
Activity
Book**

Ages 5 to 7



**Hampton National
Historic Site**



(Your Name)

What is a Junior Ranger?

Junior Rangers are special people who help National Park Service Staff and volunteers take care of our national parks.

As a Junior Ranger you will be expected to set an example for your family and other people who visit the park. You will help park rangers protect the park so that it looks the same when you leave as when you arrived.

Here's how to become a Junior Ranger

- Visit the Mansion and the Lower Farm**
- Complete five activities in this book**
- Ask lots of questions!**

When you are done, bring your booklet to the Visitor's Center by 4 p.m. and get an official Junior Ranger badge.

Signs & Symbols



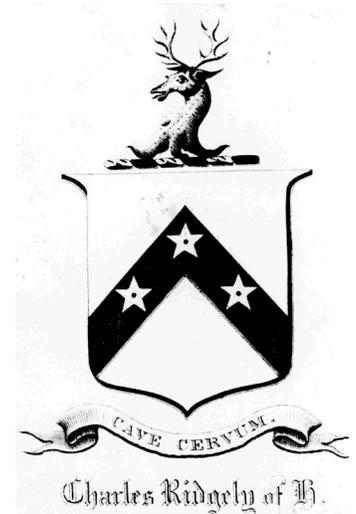
There are almost 400 National Park sites across the United States. You will know you are in a National Park because you will see this symbol. It lets you know that you are in one of America's most special places.

The Ridgely family also had a special symbol, which they used to represent their family. They used it on writing paper, handkerchiefs, and many other things.

Look around Hampton to find where the family crest is still used. You can look while on a tour of the mansion or outside around the grounds.

Name two places where you saw the family crest.

1. _____
2. _____

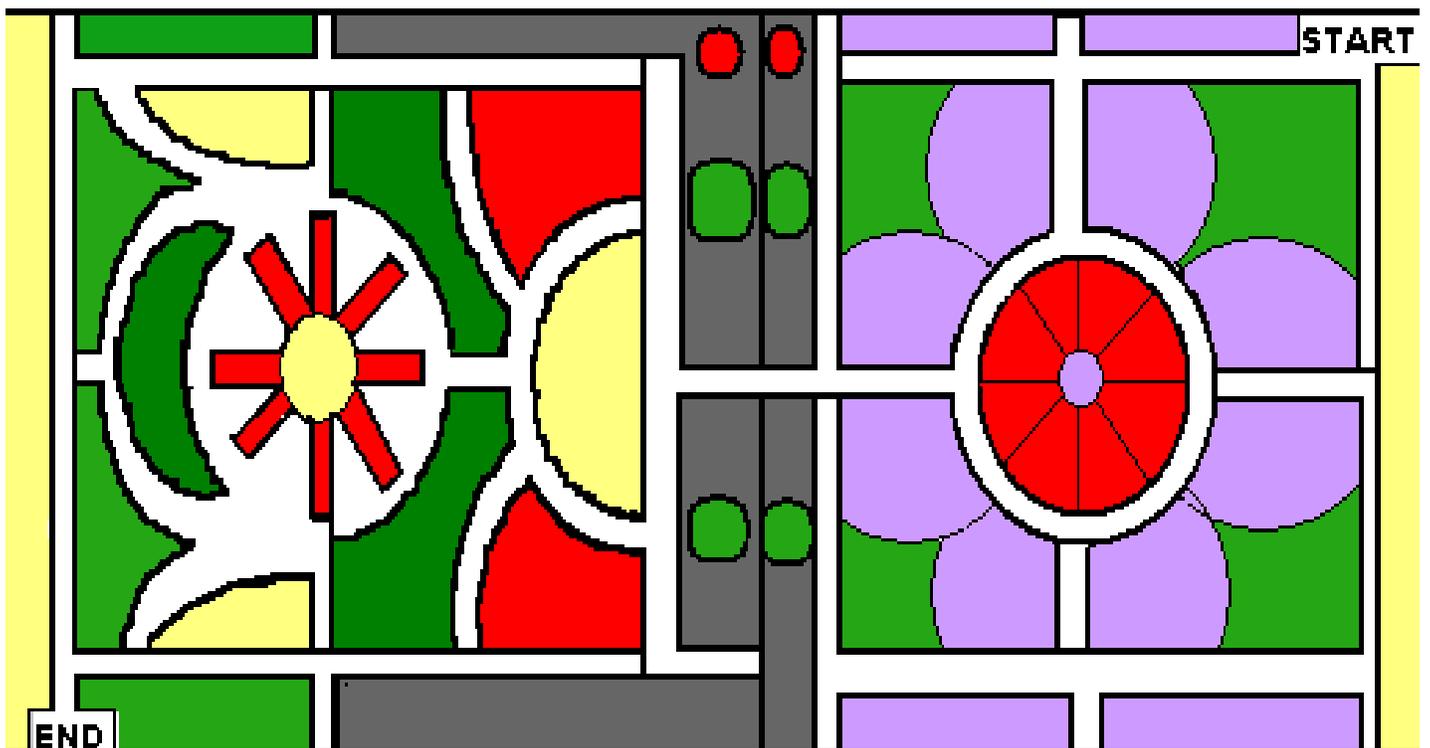


Design a family crest for your family. It can be anything you like that reminds you of your family. Use your imagination!

A-maze-ing Gardens

Hampton National Historic Site has six terraced gardens. They are called parterres (say “par – TAYR”), which is French for “on the ground.” The gardens were not designed to be mazes but to slow people down so that they could enjoy nature.

Find your way through these terraced gardens without crossing any solid lines. If you get stuck, go take a look at the parterres of Hampton, on the South side of the Mansion!



Then & Now

The earlier generations of the Ridgely family lived before televisions and telephones existed. They had different ways of lighting and heating their home and getting from place to place. Match the objects the Ridgelys used with what we use today.



Picturing

Inside the mansion, pictures of the Ridgely family, called portraits, hang on many of the walls.



From the first master, Captain Charles Ridgely, who built the mansion...

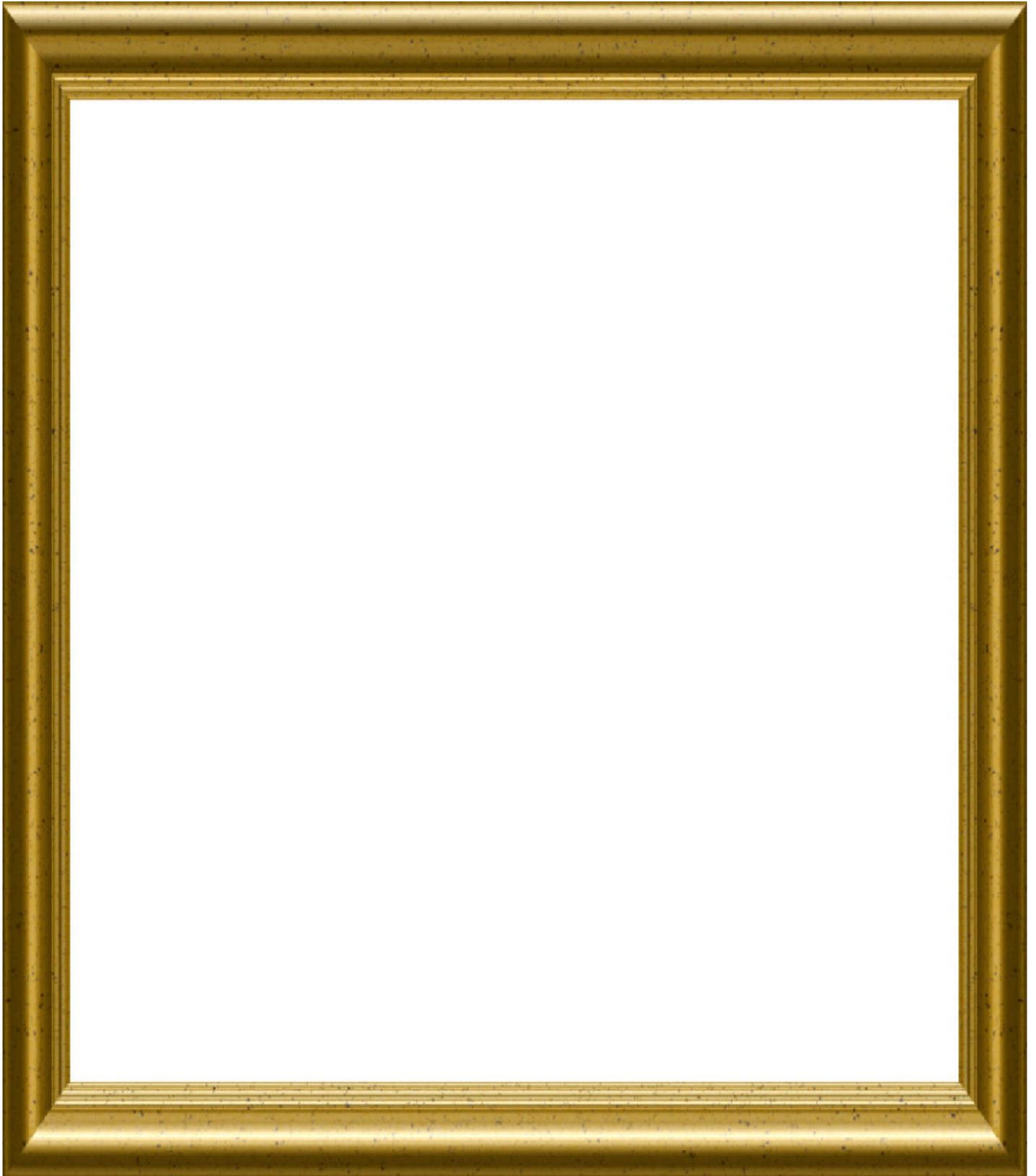
To the wife of the fifth master, Helen Stewart Ridgely, who was the first to drive a car...



The portraits act like photographs, showing the images and history of the family. Just like the Ridgelys, you and your family are also part of history.

Draw a portrait of yourself or your family that could be used to tell the story of your life.

History



I Spy: History Detective

This is a picture of the drawing room in the mansion taken by the Ridgelys. It shows us what they had in the room when they lived here. What can you find in the picture?

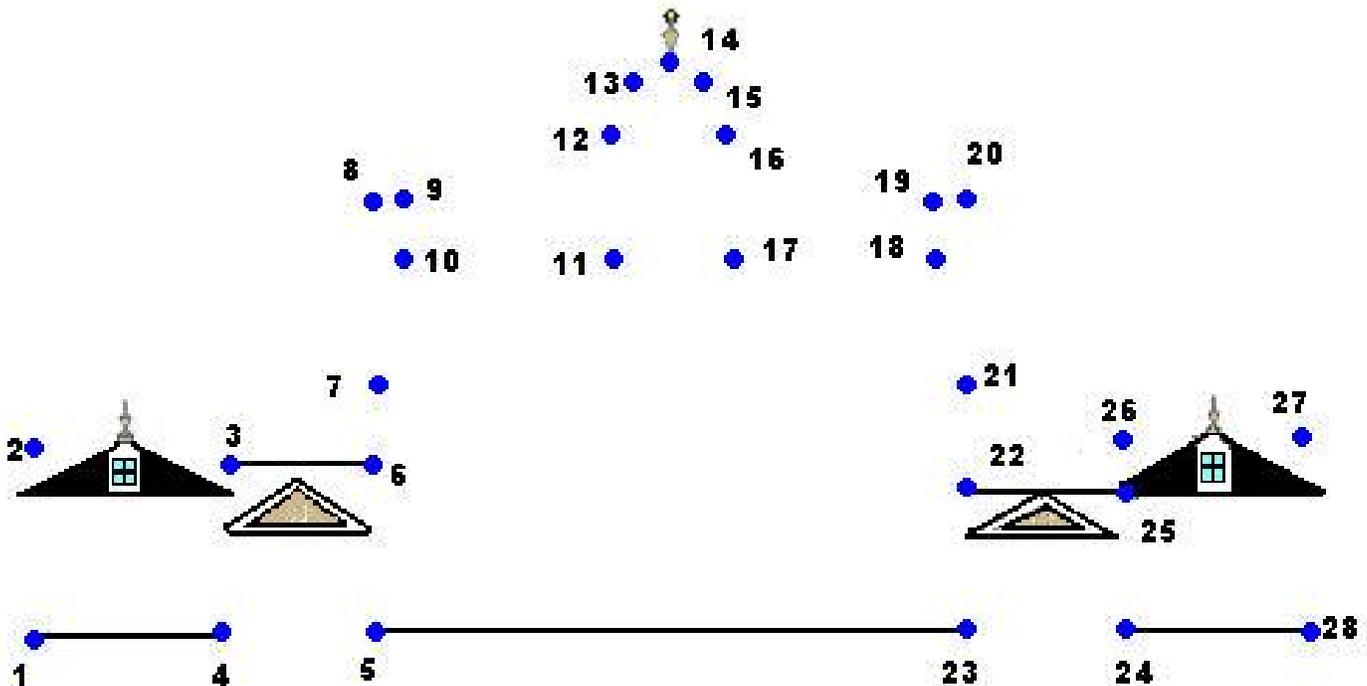
In this picture, you can spy
A table with feet and a bird that can't fly
Painted window shades, lit candles,
An open fire place, and a pretty china bowl.
Circle the objects, did you find them all?



Connect-the-Dots Symmetry

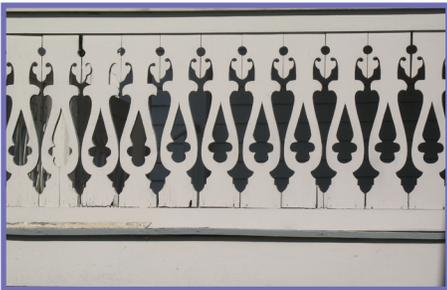
The building you are making by connecting the dots has symmetry. That means if you folded it in half all the windows and doors and other pieces would match up.

Connect the dots to make the building, then try to figure out which building it is.



Farm Search

The photos below are from the Hampton Home Farm. Explore that area and match the photos to the buildings they belong to. *(Hint: more than one may match to the same building.)*



Escape from Slavery

The Ridgely family owned enslaved African-Americans at Hampton. In the United States, enslaved people were African Americans who had to work for their owners without getting paid. They were sometimes mistreated and never free, so some slaves ran away from their owners.

Imagine you are getting ready to escape to freedom. You might have to travel far. Circle the items you would take with you. Why would you take them?



Trophy



Chair



Candle



Fruit Tart



Apples



Boots



Clothes



Doll



Congratulations! This certifies that



is an official Junior Ranger at

**Hampton National Historic Site
Towson, Maryland.**

**As a Hampton National Historic Site Junior Ranger,
I promise to learn as much as I can about our National Parks,
to help the Rangers protect the cultural and natural resources
of our parks, and to obey regulations so that
the parks will be here for future generations to enjoy.**

(Date)

(Park Ranger)

Thank you for visiting Hampton National Historic Site. We hope that you enjoyed learning about the estate, how it worked, and the many people, slave and free, that lived here. We also hope that you understand the need to preserve original objects, buildings, and landscapes to use as clues when exploring the past.

Hampton National Historic Site is one of almost 400 parks in our National Park system. Please look for the Junior Ranger program at some of the other National Park sites that you visit.

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system for the enjoyment, education and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service cooperates with partners to extend the benefits of natural and cultural resource conservation and outdoor recreation throughout this country and the world.