



## *Adams County Historical Society McGowan House*

*Teacher page*

**Learning Objectives:** After touring the McGowan House and participating in the one-room school simulation, students will be able to:

- describe home life in the late 1800's
- compare schools of the 1800's to today's schools
- describe life of 1800's doctor

### ***Wisconsin DPI Standards: Social Studies***

*B.4.1 Identify and examine various sources of information that are used for constructing an understanding of the past, such as artifacts, documents, letters, diaries, maps, textbooks, photos, painting, architecture, oral presentations, graphs, and charts*

*B.4.4 Compare and contrast changes in contemporary life with life in the past by looking at social, economic, political and cultural roles played by individuals and groups*

*B.4.7 Identify and describe important events and famous people in Wisconsin history*

***One adult chaperone for every 6 students is recommended.***

***Cost: At this time, the Adams County Historical Society is not charging for this program.***

***A sack lunch is recommended.***

***Please have each student wear a name tag with first and last name.***

### **Typical day program:**

9:45 arrive, orientation

10:00-11:30 students (in groups of 6) tour McGowan home

11:30-12:00 lunch, games from the 1800's

12:00-1:30 one-room school simulation in Niebull School

*This is a tentative schedule. It can be adjusted to meet your needs.*

### **Preparing for the visit:**

Review the timeline to give students an historical perspective of when the McGowans lived.

Discuss how life might have been different in the late 1800's from life today.

(no electricity, food preparation and storage, clothing, games, bathrooms, washing clothes, school, no running water, entertainment, doctoring methods, etc.)

Review the McGowan family history

### **After your visit:**

To think about:

How is life different/same today from life in the late 1800's?

Would you like to have lived in the late 1800s? Why or why not?

Dr. McGowan died at an early age. How do you think this affected his family?

Dr. McGowan died of typhoid fever. This is not a common disease today. Why not?

If you could magically be transported back to Dr. McGowan's home, what questions