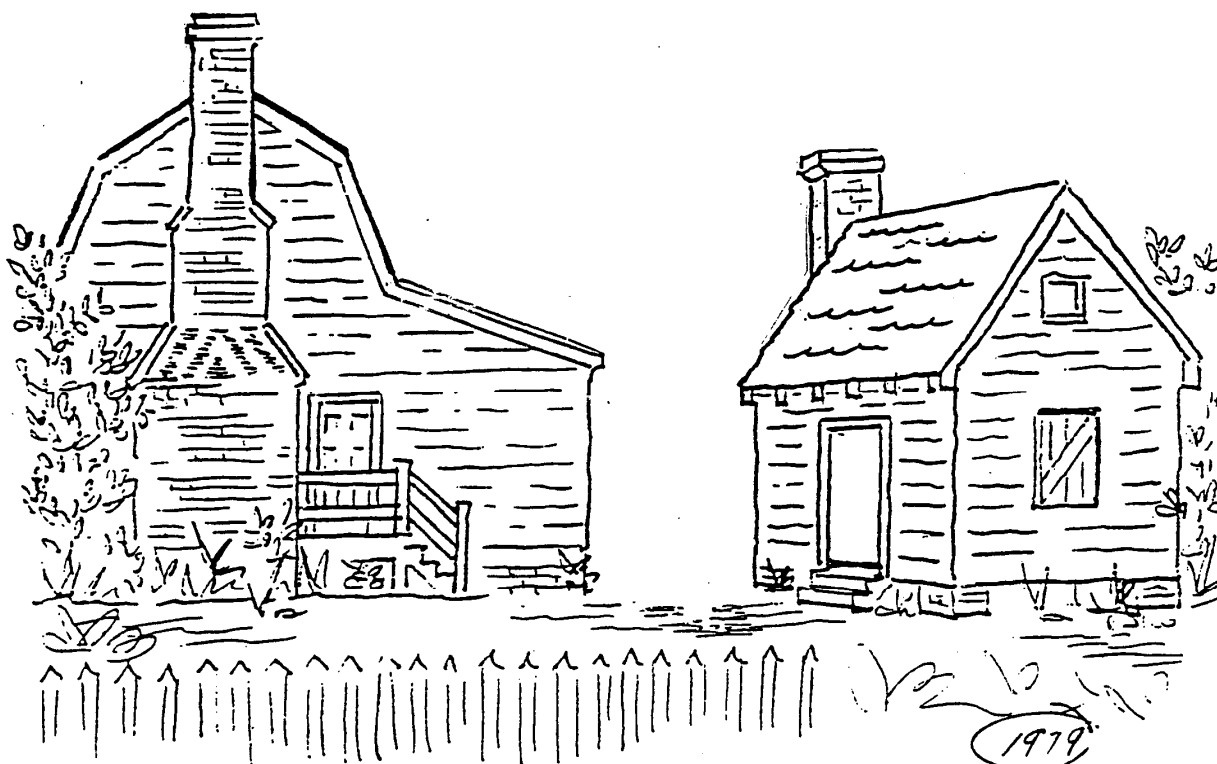


# The Joel Lane Museum House



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The Joel Lane Museum House staff is pleased that you have planned to visit our house museum and/or invited a staff member to visit your classroom. Preparation for the visit by using this packet will enhance students' learning experience, and their knowledge of and appreciation for Joel Lane: a farmer, businessman, politician, patriot, soldier, delegate to the 1788 Constitutional Convention, and "father" of Raleigh and Wake County.

This packet contains background information, vocabulary, people, and concepts that we strongly suggest be presented to your students prior to their participation in the Joel Lane Museum House experience. Lesson plans have been included that should enhance learning and reinforce facts and concepts discovered at the Joel Lane Museum House.

The material in this packet may be copied (for classroom use only).

**Welcome to the Joel Lane Museum House!**

# THE JOEL LANE MUSEUM HOUSE TEACHER HANDBOOK FOR GRADES 3 and 4

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## Logistics for the Joel Lane Museum House Experience

### Pre-visit:

Copy and distribute the background information about Joel Lane, his family, farm, and historical significance of the Joel Lane Museum House. Please make sure your students understand the vocabulary words that they will hear frequently during the visit. A vocabulary list resource is provided that should assist you and your students in understanding the background information and the presentation during the visit. The words in **bold print** will be found in this resource.

### Visit to the Site:

Please divide your class(es) into groups of approximately 12 -15 students. Enter the Joel Lane Museum House property through the large side gate on St. Mary's Street. A **docent** will greet you outside the Visitors Center and give you and your students a synopsis of the history of Joel Lane and the house before the groups begin their tour of the house, kitchen building and garden. Plan on about 55 minutes for your tour.

#### Note:

Please remind your students that the Joel Lane House is a museum and that the objects in the house are **antiques** or valuable **reproductions**. Items are old, fragile, and may be one of a kind, and therefore are difficult or impossible to replace.

Remind your students to listen politely and carefully to the docent conducting the tour. The tour will proceed more smoothly and the docent will be less inclined to forget to mention important details if students refrain from asking questions until the docent requests them. Time will be provided for questions at various intervals during the tour.

If *you* have any questions prior to your visit, please call the curator of the Joel Lane Museum House at: **919 833-3431**

### Staff Visit to School:

Please advise the office that a Joel Lane Museum House representative is coming to visit your class.

Each class visited should have the following available for the presentation:

- **table** at the front of the room  
(on which to display artifacts brought for presentation by the Joel Lane Museum House representative)

- slide projector
- If more than one class is scheduled for the presentation, please provide a list with the teacher's name, classroom number, and the amount of time you wish each presentation to last. (The Joel Lane Museum House classroom presentations can vary from 15 to 45 minutes in length.)
- A teacher must be present during presentations by visiting docents.

**Resources:**

Student and teacher resources are listed at the back of this packet.

See our web site for additional information not included in this packet.

