

GIBSON HOUSE MANOR (aka, THE MARK TWAIN MANOR)

LOCATION: 210 Liberty Street, Jamestown, PA 16134 (Mercer County)

HOURS: Monday - Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. tour, and 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. tour
Saturday Tours: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.

* Starting March 15, 2025, the Manor is hosting tours every day!

**Tours have limited space; thus, we would strongly advise you to schedule your tour in advance and as soon as possible.

*** For updated information concerning hours of operation or changes to their calendar of events or programs, please check the website and/or call before you visit.

WEBSITE: www.friendsofthemanor.org

CONTACT: 724-456-4983 (or gibsonhousemanor@allfacilities.com) to make a reservation

ADMISSION: Complimentary-up to two (2) adults and six (6) children under the age of eighteen per visit and per one lending time period (which will be approximately one week and per each library's procedures).

DESCRIPTION: Gibson House is an historic site that exemplifies "small town USA." It was built in 1855 by Dr. William Gibson; it was not only the family home, but it was also Dr. Gibson's office. In addition, it was a "safe house" for slaves since Jamestown was an important crossroad for the underground railroad. The Manor contained secret design elements and hiding places to keep runaways. In addition, the Gibson House Manor was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1978 with architectural features of the Greek Revival, Italianate, and Georgian styles.

The Manor was also well known for its special guest, Samuel Clemons, also known as Mark Twain, who was an American writer, journalist, and humorist, as well as a riverboat pilot, journalist, and inventor. Mark Twain often stayed at the Manor when he was in the area.

Special events include Candlelight Ghost Tours, Victorian Christmas Around the World Tour, and "Sundays at the Manor." There is a Scavenger Hunt tour available, a tour led by Mark Twain, Underground Railroad tours, a tour that includes information about the codes that were sewn into quilts during the Civil War, and a paranormal tour in October about the sounds and voices recorded in the house. Check their events calendar for information.

An affiliate of the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh, the Gibson House Manor (The Mark Twain Manor) is very involved in the activities that honor and promote the people, history, and events of Jamestown, PA.