

6TH Grade History Class Visits the Peterson Pioneer Home



January, 2012: “The lot for the Peterson Pioneer Home was purchased for only \$100; five kids grew up in this five room house! Can you believe it?” That was a familiar comment from many of the OABCIG sixth grade Iowa History students who visited the Peterson Pioneer Home.

Each quarter approximately 15-17 students from this class visit when they are learning about pioneer families settling in Iowa. Following are more of their comments along with a few pictures.

“The Peterson house was very interesting.”



“I really enjoyed the tour.”

“It was fun getting to see how they lived back in the olden days!”

“I didn’t realize that they didn’t have heaters, used candles and lanterns for lighting, and had to take a bath in the same water.”

“My favorite part was the kitchen and how they used the different things in the kitchen.”

“I saw the same oven and potbelly stove in our book!”

“The steps going upstairs were steep and small.”

“Their bedrooms were tiny with no closets!”



“I liked the bed warmers.”



“They had to go to the bathroom in a pot. Ew!”

“They used sewing machines to make their clothes.”

“One of the coolest things I saw was the younger child’s fur coat.”

“I would like to thank the ladies who took the time to give us a tour.”



“I would love to go back and see it once it’s moved!”



Speaking of “Once it is moved,”-- there is a dream to move the Peterson Pioneer Home across from the Odebolt Museum and next to the country school house.

Please attend the Omelet Brunch that will be held March 18 at the Odebolt Community Center to help raise money for the moving of the home.

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