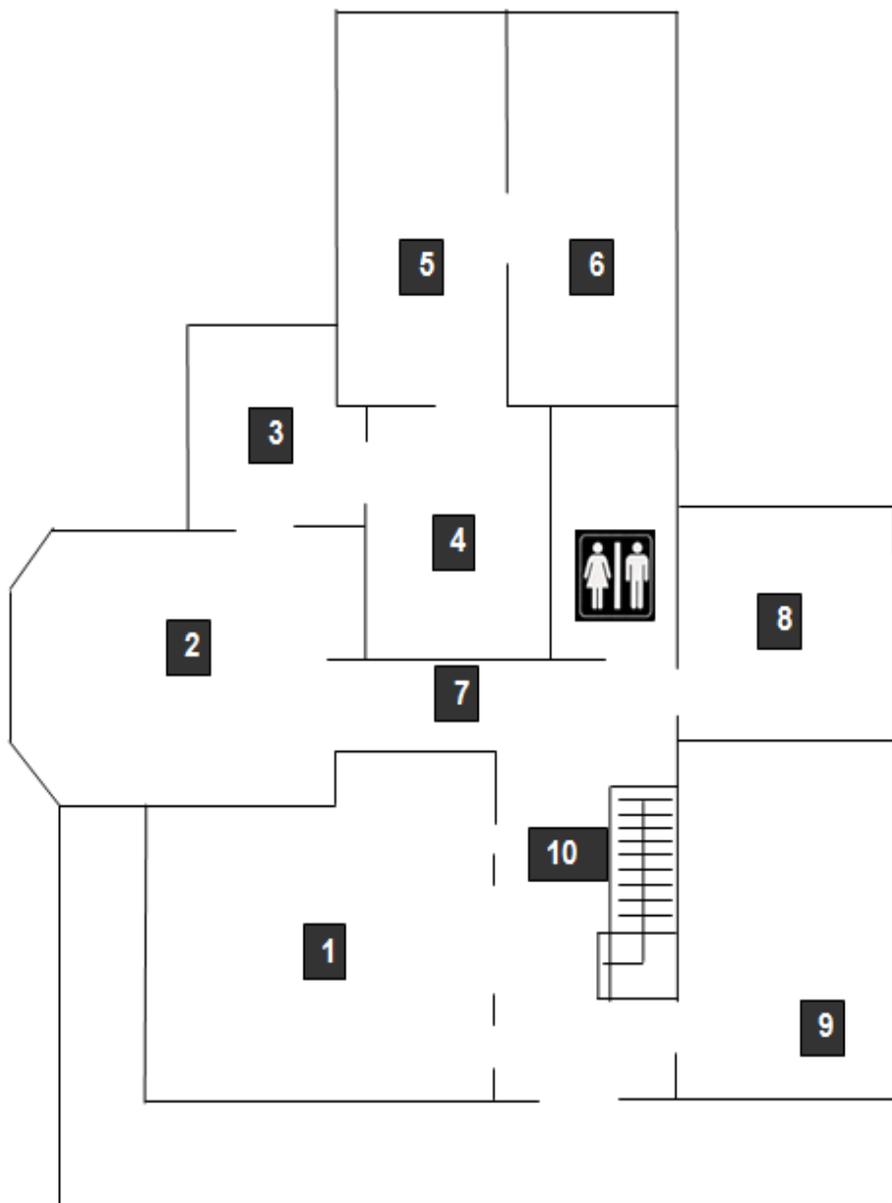


# Kent Historical Museum Bereiter House Self Tour

## Main Floor



- 1** Living room: The focal point of this room is the fireplace with its inglenook boxes on the side for storing wood. The current furnishings are period appropriate and from the area. The light fixture, not original to the home, is an example of one that would have been used during the time. This house had electricity and running water when it was built.
- 2** Dining room: Pocket doors were used for private dining and for holding heat in the room. Exposed wainscoting shows the wood's character. A maid's bell still rings upstairs.
- 3** Kitchen Nook: Includes a Kitchen Queen used for storing baking supplies in a kitchen.
- 4** Kitchen: Modified in the 1950s, has modern appliances so it can be used today for events.
- 5** Back Porch: Where the ice box, pantry and canning jars were kept.
- 6** Laundry Room: Shows period pieces as well as modern machines used today.
- 7** Hall: Pictures and artifacts illustrate Kent's history, the influence of early farming and importance of civic services. Store items for sale. We take cash or check.
- 8** Research Room and Archives: Materials available for investigation and research.
- 9** Museum Staff Office and Lumber Mill Office: A showcase room with wood from floor to ceiling. Mill Office features items Emil Bereiter would have used in his workplace.
- 10** Bookcase holds information and flyers—all free.

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Rotating Display Room: Changed every few months; the room was originally a bedroom.

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Originally the maids' staircase that was removed in the 1950s to accommodate a shower for the downstairs bathroom and the kitchen remodel.

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Original tub, sink and "sanitary" tiles. It was important during this time period to have the kitchen and bathroom very clean and hygienic—matching tiles have been found behind kitchen cabinets.

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Considered the master bedroom with its balcony—originally used for overseeing their 4-acre orchard. All bedrooms have walk-in closets. The quilt on the bed may be either showing a general history of the city of Kent or one from a quilting bee 1800s.

The linen closet in the hallway shows a collection of linens and light globes that have been collected over time. Crochet and tatting are highlighted.

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Display under construction to be a new period room showing a children's bedroom at the turn of the century

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This room may have been a nursery or sewing room because of its size and number of windows.

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This bedroom has become our Community showcase. Businesses and modes of transportation are featured here. Out the window is the Japanese-American Internment garden, *Another Place, Another Time* artwork. Brochures are free to all visitors.



Fire codes do not permit us to open the third floor to the public. The diagram on the right shows the floor plan. At approximately 800 square feet, the attic was originally a game area with a pool table on one side and a card room on the other. Today this space is used for storage.

Second Floor

