

Drayton Hall Women's Interest Tours

The Women of Drayton Hall

Senior interpreters will discuss the lives of the women of Drayton Hall through the centuries, including first-generation John Drayton's four wives, second-generation Charles' wife and daughters, and sixth-generation Miss Charlotta (1884 - 1969) who inherited the property in equal shares with her brother, Charles, in 1926. One of the most colorful of the Drayton women, Miss Charlotta never married; she spent several weeks at a time at Drayton Hall along with her beloved dog, Nipper, whose name can be seen on the family growth chart and who, in 1929, was the first of the Draytons to be buried on the grounds. Surprisingly, the only modern conveniences Miss Charlotta installed were a wood-burning stove and an ice box in the raised English basement – no central heat or air, no lights or running water. In addition to the women who were here on the plantation there will also be a general presentation of the role of the plantation mistress and the tasks assigned to the enslaved women. The tour lasts approximately one hour. By reservation only. Please contact Debbi Zimmerman, Group Tour Coordinator, at 888-349-0588 ext 2630 or by email at debbi_zimmerman@draytonhall.org

Porticos and Piazzas: Charlotte Drayton Manigault

Drayton Hall and The Charleston Museum have teamed up to create a unique program that focuses on Charlotte Drayton Manigault. Born at Drayton Hall during the American Revolution, she married Joseph Manigault in the early days of the Republic, and they moved into what is today called the Joseph Manigault House. Over the course of her life she lived in one of the most significant Georgian-Palladian buildings in America and one of the most important Adamesque buildings in America. Through her diary entries, paintings, and homes, you'll have access to the same world. While touring both homes, you will compare and contrast architectural styles and ways of life and further explore the connections among families. Please contact Debbi Zimmerman, Group Tour Coordinator, at 888-349-0588 ext 2630 or by email at debbi_zimmerman@draytonhall.org