

3. Dragoon Barracks

The soldiers stayed in this building. They ate here, worked here, and slept here. Go upstairs to see where they slept. Take a look at the beds. Then answer some questions.

How many names do you see on each bed?

Counting just the bunk beds, how many beds are there? (Bunk beds count as two beds each)

Bonus question. How many soldiers slept in this room? Times the number of bunk beds by the number of names on each bed. Then add two for the single beds by the fireplace and write your answer below.

Laundress Quarters

Downstairs is a room for the laundresses. Laundresses washed the soldiers' clothes. They also fixed tears in the clothes and sewed on buttons. Circle the items below that laundresses used to do their job.



Thread



Saddle



Iron



Gun



Washboard and Bucket

Haversack Alert

Take the shirt out of your haversack. Pretend to scrub it on the washboard that's in the bucket. Imagine doing that every day. That was hard work.

4. Officers' Quarters

This is a fancy home. Officers and their wives lived here. They had a lot of space. Come with me and explore this house. There are three floors.

As you explore this house, look for the three things you see here. Match these things to the room you found them in by drawing a line from the item to the room. There are six rooms listed starting at the top of the house.



Master Bedroom-3rd Floor
(the room with the fireplace)

Children's or Guest Room-3rd Floor

Parlor-2nd Floor

Dining Room-2nd Floor

Morning or Sitting Room-1st Floor

Kitchen-1st Floor

5. Wilson Home

This is my house. My dad bought this house after the soldiers left Fort Scott. My dad became a leader in the town. There were some scary things that happened in town while we lived here.

One time some angry men attacked Fort Scott. They captured my dad. Can you help him escape? You'll have to find your way out of the maze.



Sutler Store

Before my dad became a town leader, he was the sutler. That means he ran a store where soldiers could buy things. He sold many things that they liked-harmonicas, tin cups, combs. Look at one of the sutler exhibits. What's your favorite thing that he sold? Write it in the space below.



NPS Note: you can look at the items at the sutler counter in the visitor center or you can visit the sutler exhibit, if open, in Officers' Quarters No. 4.

6. Kansas

Before Kansas became a state, people in Fort Scott argued and fought. Some people wanted to have slaves. Some did not. The people who did not want slaves won. Kansas became a state in 1861.

Haversack Alert

Find the Kansas flag in your haversack. Look at the flower on it. Do you know what kind of flower that is? If you said sunflower, you're right. Color the picture of the sunflower.



Tallgrass Prairie

If you liked the sunflower, you might like looking at other flowers. Walk with me through the tallgrass prairie. Count how many flowers you can find and write the number on the line below. Please don't pick any of the flowers.

Below are some pictures of some flowers that can be seen in the prairie at Fort Scott. Circle any of these flowers that you saw today.

If you saw a different flower, then draw it in the space to the left.

If you came when there were no flowers, then draw your own flower in the space to your left.



Compass Plant



Purple Coneflower



Butterfly Milkweed