Site Tour

Before facilitating the guided tour of the home, divide the class into three groups to rotate through the front of the home (architecture/construction), the central hall (family history), and the courtyard (Magoffin, civic leader and businessman).

In the courtyard, direct attention to Joseph Magoffin’s city hall cornerstone. Share with students that while the Magoffins lived in their home, El Paso went through a boom in population and industry.

Focus on a few of Joseph’s occupations and leading roles:
- Between 1880 and 1900, Joseph was elected and served as the mayor of El Paso four times.
- During that same time period, Joseph was one of the founders of State National Bank, the first bank in El Paso.
- The Magoffins farmed and owned acres of orchards around their home.
- Joseph sold plots of his own land and developed the Magoffin addition for other homeowners.

Ask: If you had settled in El Paso in the late 1880s, what talents and skills would you have contributed to help build El Paso?

Activity: Building Application

Ask: If you were selling land for development in El Paso in the late 1800s, what requirements would you have for buyers? Would you allow the land to sit empty after purchase or would you require that a buyer have plans to use the land before you sold it to them?

Distribute the activity resources. Tell students to imagine that they are moving to El Paso in 1885 and that they must complete the loan application for the State National Bank, where Joseph Magoffin is Vice President, for the purpose of building a home or a new business. Will they build a home? A business?

Have students work individually or in pairs to complete the activity.
LOAN APPLICATION

Your Name: ____________________________________________

Your Occupation: _______________________________________

Check the type of loan you are applying for:
  □ $500.00 Homestead Loan—for the purchase of land and building of a home.
  □ $5,000.00 Business Loan—for the purchase of commercial land and building of a business.

How do you plan to pay back the loan to State National Bank?

If you are building a home, how will you support yourself and your family?
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If you are starting a new business, what will it sell or what service will it provide?
What is the name of your business?
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Provide a drawing of your home or building.

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