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).

An interesting artifact in the courtyard of the Magoffin Home is the cornerstone of the 1899 City Hall. A typical cornerstone would only have a single panel with the names of local dignitaries. Josephine Magoffin Lucker, Joseph Magoffin’s great-granddaughter, writes of a story recounted to her by her grandmother, Josephine Glasgow, about the cornerstone. “The Judge requested that his name not be placed on the cornerstone, but the planners followed his instructions in form only and not in spirit. When the Mayor saw the completed cornerstone, to his surprise, his name in large letters was placed on a separate stone immediately above the cornerstone! When the City Hall was torn down in 1960, the cornerstone was given to Octavia Magoffin Glasgow.” This separate stone is one of the few material pieces of the old city hall still in existence anywhere.

Focus on Joseph’s occupations and leading roles:

- In 1873, while Joseph Magoffin was Justice of the Peace, he swore in the first councilmen for the newly incorporated City of El Paso.

- Between 1880 and 1900, Joseph was elected and served as the mayor of the City of El Paso four times.

**Ask:** Why is it important for citizens to be involved in their local government?

**Activity: Building a Multinational Community in El Paso**

Distribute and preview the activity resources and activity worksheet. Tell students they will use these resources to answer questions analyzing the growth of a multinational, post-railroad community in El Paso during the late 1800 and early 1900s. Have students work individually or in pairs to complete the activity. Share responses.
Hotel Arrivals, *El Paso Daily Times*, 1899

Hotel PIERSON.
Cor. St. Louis and Kansas Sta.
J. W. FISHER, Prop.
Rates $2.50 and $3 per day.
Cal.: Mrs. C. C. Dean, Los Angeles; Cal.: F. Arellaro, Mexico City.

NEW COMMERCIAL HOTEL.
E. B. WELCH, Prop.
Rates $1.00 to $1 25 per day.
ARRIVALS—O. W. Pickering, Deming, N. M.; R. Norton, City; Mrs. E. Starcher, Abilene; R. Woodward, Del Rio.

LINDELL HOTEL.
CHAS. ZEIGER, Prop.
Cor. Oregon and Overland.

HOTEL ORNDORFF.
CHAS. DE GROFF, Prop.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL, EUROPEAN.
Cor. El Paso and W. Overland.
MRS. J. H. LOMAX, Proprietress.
ARRIVALS—A. B. Hard, Miss L. Wood, Nogales; Fred S. Pope, New York; E Ford, Denver; J. D. Boyd, Clint; Luis Vasquez and wife, Mexico.

CENTER BLOCK.
W. G. NEWELL, Prop.
El Paso Street and Plaza.
St. Louis Street buildings, Koch Bird’s Eye View map, 1863

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El Paso Street, 1909  Detroit Photographic Co.
Building a Multinational Community

Use the primary resources to complete the activity.

**Hotel Arrivals, *El Paso Daily Times*, 1899**

Identify the states and countries represented in the hotel arrivals lists.

Which state had the greatest number of arrivals?

Which country had the greatest number of arrivals?

**Koch Bird’s Eye View map, 1863**

What businesses run by immigrants are identified on this map? What nationality is represented?

**Advertisements, *El Paso Daily Times*, 1899**

What clues in the ads identify the businesses as most likely owned by immigrants to El Paso? What nationalities are most likely represented?

**El Paso Street, 1909**  Detroit Photographic Co.

What does this photograph tell you about life in El Paso in 1909? How does this photograph record the multinational nature of El Paso at that time?