

Cooke Castle



The parlor, the largest room on the south side's first floor, was used for family gatherings and entertainment.

Members of the Cooke family were musically talented. This image in the parlor shows family members performing.

Note the large photo portrait of Jay Cooke in the corridor to the right. That photo is displayed at the South Bass Island Lighthouse, which is also owned by the university.



(1910) Seated at the writing desk on the first floor library, Henry Cooke, son of Jay Cooke, makes a July 1910 entry in the Gibraltar Records. The Cooke family and their guests kept extensive records of their visits to Gibraltar in six volumes of journals. The original journals are kept in The Ohio State University Archives.



(1896) Jay Cooke Jr., his wife, Clara Moorhead Cooke, and family are shown during dinner in the first floor's large north side room, which was used for dining.



(1891) The Barney family performs a concert outside the castle. Laura Barney was Jay Cooke's daughter.

