

Cooke Castle



Members of the Cooke family were musically talented. This image in the parlor shows family members performing. The parlor, the largest room on the south side's first floor, was used for family gatherings and entertainment. The Cooke family visited the island every summer for nearly 60 years and entertained hundreds of guests, including Ohio Senator Salmon P. Chase, General William Tecumseh Sherman and President Rutherford B. Hayes.

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.



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