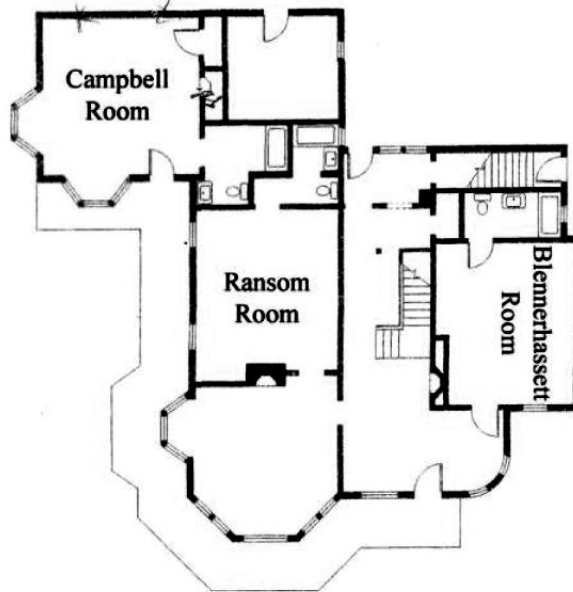


## BLENNERHASSETT ROOM

In 1798, Irish Prince Blennerhassett settled on a four mile Ohio River island between Marietta, OH and Parkersburg, WV. He brought to the area a rich, royal European life-style along with a top-rated, European-educated tutor, Ransom, to educate his children. The way he operated had a tremendous effect on a Dutch-German neighbor, John Dils, Sr.

## RANSOM ROOM

When Blennerhassett's fortune evaporated in the Aaron Burr treason, his belongings were sold at auction. A member of the Dils family was the highest bidder for the highly touted continental slave tutor, Ransom.



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## DILS ROOM

John Dils, Jr., born 1818, was in one of the later classes taught by Ransom. The lessons learned from the rise and fall of Blennerhassett Island along with the education by Ransom had a tremendous effect on John Dils, Jr. In 1836 John Dils, Jr. came to Piketon, KY (changed to Pikeville, ca. 1848-50) to be with his sister. Here he met and married Ann Ratliff. He built a successful riverboat trade, then became a colonel in the Civil War. Later he was part of a group formed to legally quiet the Hatfield & McCoy Feud.

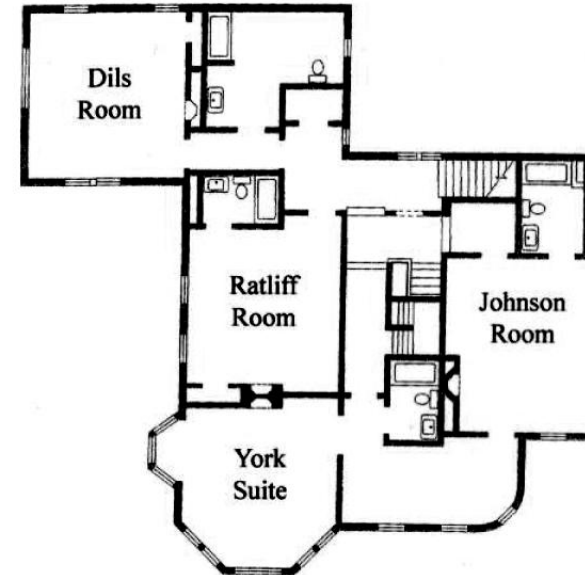
## RATLIFF ROOM

Ann was the daughter of General Ratliff, a veteran of the War of 1812. The Ratliff relatives liked and accepted Dils into their family and were his top supporters in trade, civil and political moves before the Civil War.

## YORK SUITE

John Dils, Jr.'s daughter Augusta married James M. York who worked on the river boats, but became an attorney. In 1900, he was elected Pike County Judge. They built their first home on Main Street. Four daughters of the Yorks would acquire large homes from Dils-York estates. Family historians say the HISTORIC MANSION was designed for Augusta's own second house, but before wedding bells rang for Kate, the eldest, she made a decision to give the house to Kate.

Augusta later designed another mansion for herself, the Augusta Dils York Mansion at 125 Elm Street, which was inherited by daughter Tot Ruth York Creekmore. Daughter Bess York inherited the first York House on Main St.



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## JOHNSON ROOM

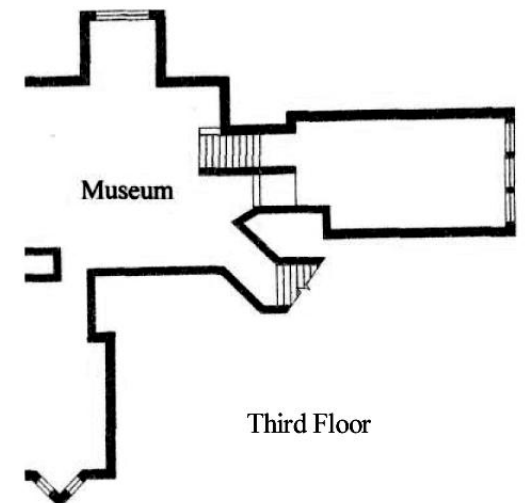
Kate's sister Gypsie married John Richard Johnson II, an attorney from VA. His mother's ancestry included the famous Phleger family of VA which boasted Senators and Judges. Augusta helped Gypsie build the Gypsie York Johnson House, 141 College Street. It was close to Kate, so they could visit daily.

## CAMPBELL ROOM

Dr. Wm. A. Campbell came to Pikeville, KY from Monroe County, WV in 1889. He was a good speaker and fair-minded man dedicated to medical services. He became a friend of James and Augusta, met Kate, and married her on November 8th, 1893. Kate was 16, and he was 31. In 1896, Dr. Campbell was appointed to work in the area of public health for Pike County. The plans for Kate's house quickly were modified to have rooms for a private doctor's office. It is believed that the Campbell Room was the Doctor's office, and had its own private entrance.

## THE MUSEUM

The HISTORIC MANSION MUSEUM is on the third level and features two towers along with turn of the century furniture and relics. Most of the furniture had been in storage for almost a century in the Gypsie York Johnson House.



Third Floor