

SOCIAL EXPERIMENT IN ONEIDA, NEW YORK

In the nineteenth century there was a village called Oneida in New York State where a "family" of 300 members lived together in a large beautiful house where they shared everything.

A man named John Humphrey Noyes, and a small group of people moved there in 1848. They wanted a place where they could live according to their particular beliefs in their efforts to create a more equal society.

Today, this place is touristic and, like me, many visitors come because they had relatives among those 19th century dreamers. Others just want to see for themselves the building where this successful social group in American history lived. "I don't know of anywhere else where you can live in a historical place," said the director of the Oneida site. "Its very unusual". The present owners share the building with guests who stay in large comfortably furnished bedrooms with private baths. There are eight guest rooms in the hotel area, and each guest pays \$100 for a big bedroom, a simple breakfast and a private tour of the 10,300-square-meter building, which also contains 35 apartments. The library and the building's grounds are also open to guests, as well as several of the public rooms. The 170-year-old library, unchanged from the original construction, holds a rich collection of 19th century books and magazines, which learners used to study Latin, Greek, algebra and astronomy.

This place is open for everybody and it's worth a visit.

1. Something unusual about the Oneida village place is that

- A. everybody slept under the same roof.
- B. people were very independent
- C. everyone had their own room

2. Jhon Humphrey Noyes travelled to New York State

- A. to visit his family
- B. to change his way of life
- C. to know more about his country

3. Nowadays Oneida is

- A. a hotel
- B. a display
- C. a school

4. The writer visited the place because he

- A had a particular social belief
- B. had a family who had lived there
- C. had interest in in historical buildings

5. if you want to see the building

- A. you have to pay to have a guided visit
- B. had relatives who had live there
- C. had interest in historical buildings