

Plum Grove Historic Home

❖ Built in 1844 ❖



Enjoy a guided tour of the home of Iowa's first Territorial Governor, Robert Lucas, and Friendly Lucas, his wife. The seven-room Greek Revival house was constructed of local red brick. The National Society of Colonial Dames of America has furnished the home with authentic period pieces, representative of the 1844-53 period. The State Historical Society of Iowa owns and preserves the Plum Grove Historic Site which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. 🍷

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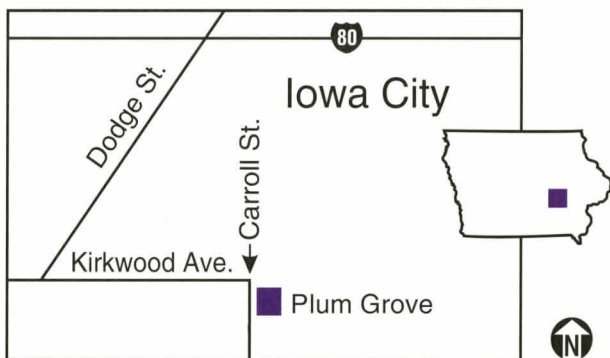
Once on the western frontier of Iowa, the two-story Plum Grove home and its four-acre grounds are now gently surrounded

by bustling Iowa City, featuring the University of Iowa, Old Capitol and a host of historic destinations. In 1844, Robert Lucas – Iowa’s first territorial governor – and his wife Friendly built Plum Grove and established an 80-acre farm.

Free tours offer an introduction to both the home and the vibrant Lucas family, which also included four children and a grandchild. In addition to farm and family duties, the Lucases remained active in state politics, often entertaining guests in the formal front parlor. On the grounds, visitors can see exhibits describing ongoing archaeological excavations. Digs usually take place in late May or early June, and visitors are welcome to watch.



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Plum Grove Historic Home — 1030 Carroll Street off Kirkwood Avenue, Iowa City

Hours: Open 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday, Memorial Day weekend through October 31. Free admission.

Address: For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact the local manager: Johnson County Historical Society, P.O. Box 5081, Coralville, Iowa 52241. Call (319)351-5738.

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