



A Rip Roaring Yuletide

*A 1920s Christmas with the
McFaddins*



McFaddin-Ward House Museum
Christmas Interpretation
2021



THE
McFADDIN-WARD
HOUSE
Historic House Museum



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Welcome to a 1920s Christmas with the McFaddins and Wards! The 1920s represent a period of great change throughout the United States. Americans eagerly embraced a return to normalcy after experiencing one of the world's greatest conflicts. The 18th Amendment recently passed prohibiting the consumption and distribution of alcohol, while women celebrated their recent right to vote.

Mamie, recently married to Carroll Ward, and her mother, Ida McFaddin, spent much of December shopping, traveling, and preparing for a wonderful holiday. Caldwell McFaddin came home from college, and brother Perry, who spent much of the 1920s working at the ranch, also took time to celebrate with the family. Come and experience a dynamic Christmas through a change in fashion, decorative arts, and lifestyle. Enjoy a merry McFaddin Christmas where our house is your house!



Entrance Hall

- * Tailcoat and trousers, *Cantella's*, Beaumont, Texas, c. 1925
- * Evening gown, c. 1920
- * Mink fur boa, c. early 20th century
- * Pettipoint evening bag, c. 1928
- * Brass sleigh bells, late 1800s (strap replaced for conservation in 2011)





Pink Parlor

- * Mink fur coat, c. 1920
- * Rose colored lace dress, c. 1920
- * Flapper dress, c. 1920
- * Beaded purse with tapestry design, c. 1915
- * White leather gloves with pearl buttons, c. 1915





Dining Room

- * Cut crystal drinkware, c. 1925
- * Porcelain and gilt plates, Tressemanes & Vogt, Limoges, France, c. 1905
- * Porcelain and gilt scalloped plates, Haviland Limoges, France, c. 1920



Sidgboard (East Wall)

- * Sterling silver repousse pheasant salt and pepper shakers, c. 1900
- * Silver "Baltimore Rose" pattern flatware, Schofield Company, Baltimore, Maryland, c. 1910
- * Silver and cut-glass cornucopia epergnes, c. 1900
- * Sterling silver salt bowls with dolphin motif, c. 1890
- * Sterling silver salt spoons, c. 1894
- * Embroidered cotton lace tablecloth, c. 1920



Butler's Pantry

Southeast Countertop

- * Silver serving fork and spoon, Kirk & Son Inc., c. 1910
- * Silver sauceboat, Reed & Barton, c. 1925
- * Sterling silver serving tray, c. 1920
- * Silver and faux ivory carving fork and knife, Landers, Frary, and Clark, c. 1910
- * Silver repousse soup tureen, c. 1900s
- * Prohibition bottle, c. 1924



Southwest Countertop

- * Silver coffee serving set, monogrammed "ICM," c. 1900
- * Teacup and saucer, Dreseden, c. 1900
- * Silver "Baltimore Rose" pattern teaspoons, Schofield Company, Baltimore, Maryland



Northwest Countertop

- * Cake basket, c. 1900
- * Sterling silver spoons, c. 1910
- * Pressed glass bowls, c. 1900
- * Lace doilies, c. 1920s
- * Cut glass nappies, c. 1920



Breakfast Room

Table

- * Silver rimmed glasses, c. 1910
- * Sterling silver repousse punch bowl, c. 1900
- * Silver and cut-glass punch ladle, c. 1910
- * Molded silver tree epergne, c. 1900
- * Silver "Baltimore Rose" pattern teaspoons, Schofield Company, Baltimore, Maryland, c. 1910
- * Sterling silver repousse bowl, c. 1900
- * Sterling silver repousse berry spoon, c. 1900
- * Rosenthal Ivory Bavaria Vienna Porcelain Plates Floral, c. 1920
- * Sterling silver candy dish, c. 1910
- * Silver plated brass compote, c. 1900
- * Molded sterling silver cake knife, Mermod & Jaggard Jewelry Co., c. 1900
- * Molded sterling silver tongs, monogrammed "ICM," c. 1900
- * Sterling silver compote, c. 1920





Breakfast Room



West Sideboard

- * Green glass carafes, c. 1900
- * Blown glass with ruby stained overlay cordial glasses, c. 1910
- * Clear and red crystal champagne glasses, c. 1910

North Sideboard

- * Silver plated tea urn, c. 1900
- * Porcelain and gilt tea cups, monogrammed "ICM," c. 1894





Library



- * Toy train with box, G. C. Co., made in Germany, c. 1900
- * Silver plated coffee serving set, Middletown Plate Co., c. 1875
- * Tea cups and saucers, Victoria, Czechoslovakia, c. 1920
- * Peach silk teddy, c. 1920
- * Floral playing cards, monogrammed "MMW," c. 1920s





Sun Porch

- * Coffee cups and saucers, c. 1920s
- * Sterling silver teaspoons, c. 1910
- * *Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare*, c. 1918
- * *Bird Neighbors: An Introductory Acquaintance with One Hundred and Fifty of Our Common Birds*, c. 1919
- * *Spenser's Faery Queene*, c. 1909



*In order to accommodate guests during Holiday Open House, the Sun Porch will not be set on December 12



Music Room



Teaching Collection

- * Joy to the World sheet music on piano, c. 1908



Primary Bedroom

Vanity

- * Curling iron, c. 1900
- * Jewelry case with purple silk liner, c. 1920
- * Orange and gold colored earrings, c. 1920s
- * Silver cosmetics chate-laine, c. 1920
- * Black Beaded buckles, c. 1900



Front Table

- * Needlework purse, c. 1900
- * Silver plated compact with engraved "I M," c. 1890
- * Magnifying glass, c. 1920



Center Table

- * Molded porcelain tableware set c. 1900



Green Bedroom



Collection

- * Jewelry box with interior mirror and compartments, c. 1920

Props

- * Wrapped gifts
- * Scissors
- * Wrapping paper
- * Ribbon
- * Twine





Blue Bedroom

- * Velvet, silk, and chinchilla fur jacket and dress, c. 1900
- * Travel trunk, c. 1900





Pink Bedroom

Daybed and Desk

- * Ermine and satin cape, c. 1920
- * Hat plume, c. 1925
- * Trinket box, c. 1925
- * Floral hat stand, c. 1910

Vanity

- * Mad nail polish, c. 1921
- * Silver plated hand mirror, c. 1890
- * Mustache curling iron, c. 1900
- * Gold cosmetic chatelaine with lipstick and compact, c. 1900
- * Silver beaded buckles, c. 1900





North Bedroom

- * *The Winston Readers: The Primer*, c. 1900s
- * *Lights to Literature by Grades: Book Three*, c. 1900
- * Boy's pajama set, Best & Co., New York, c. 1905
- * Child's rocking chair, Logeman Chair MFG Co, St. Louis, c. 1895
- * Reproduction snapshot of Ted and Dab with Tom Parker, Jr.



Ted and Dab Caldwell with Tom Parker, Jr., son of chauffer Tom Parker

"...Folks took ride & kids to see Municipal tree..."

-Mamie McFaddin Ward Diary Entry, December 24, 1922

Ida Caldwell McFaddin's brother Dabney Caldwell suffered through an illness in the 1920s. He and his wife, Edna, sent their two sons Dab and Ted to stay with their Aunt Ida and cousin Mamie for the 1922 Christmas holiday. The boys enjoyed a visit to the Municipal Christmas tree, and the McFaddins even put up a tree in the house for them to enjoy.

*"Your letter about the children's Xmas did us both good....
They must have had a most wonderful Xmas, bless their little hearts."*

-Edna Caldwell to Mamie Ward, January 3, 1923



West Bedroom

- * Travel trunk with Waldorf Astoria sticker, c. 1900
- * Gabardine suit, The United Woolen Company, c. 1915

James Lewis Caldwell McFaddin, or Blink as he was affectionately known, came home from Harvard Law School in 1922 to spend Christmas with his family in Beaumont. Ida met him at the train station at the late hour of 3:00am since the train was running 5 hours late.

*"...Went to meet Blink...train 5 [hours] late-arrived at 3 AM
Ma [met] him."*

-Mamie McFaddin Ward Diary Entry, December 23, 1922





Billiard Room

- * Amber and clear cut glass decanters, c. 1925
- * Silver Dollar Rye whiskey bottle, c. 1900s
- * MMW monogrammed playing cards, c. 1920s
- * Red glass Bohemian decanter, c. 1860
- * Red glass Bohemian tumblers, c. 1860





East Bedroom

- * Leather shoes, Ye Olde Tyme, c. 1910s



We wish for you a joyous
holiday and New Year that
is the cat's meow!

-The Staff of the McFaddin-Ward
House



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mont Journal, December 15, 1927*