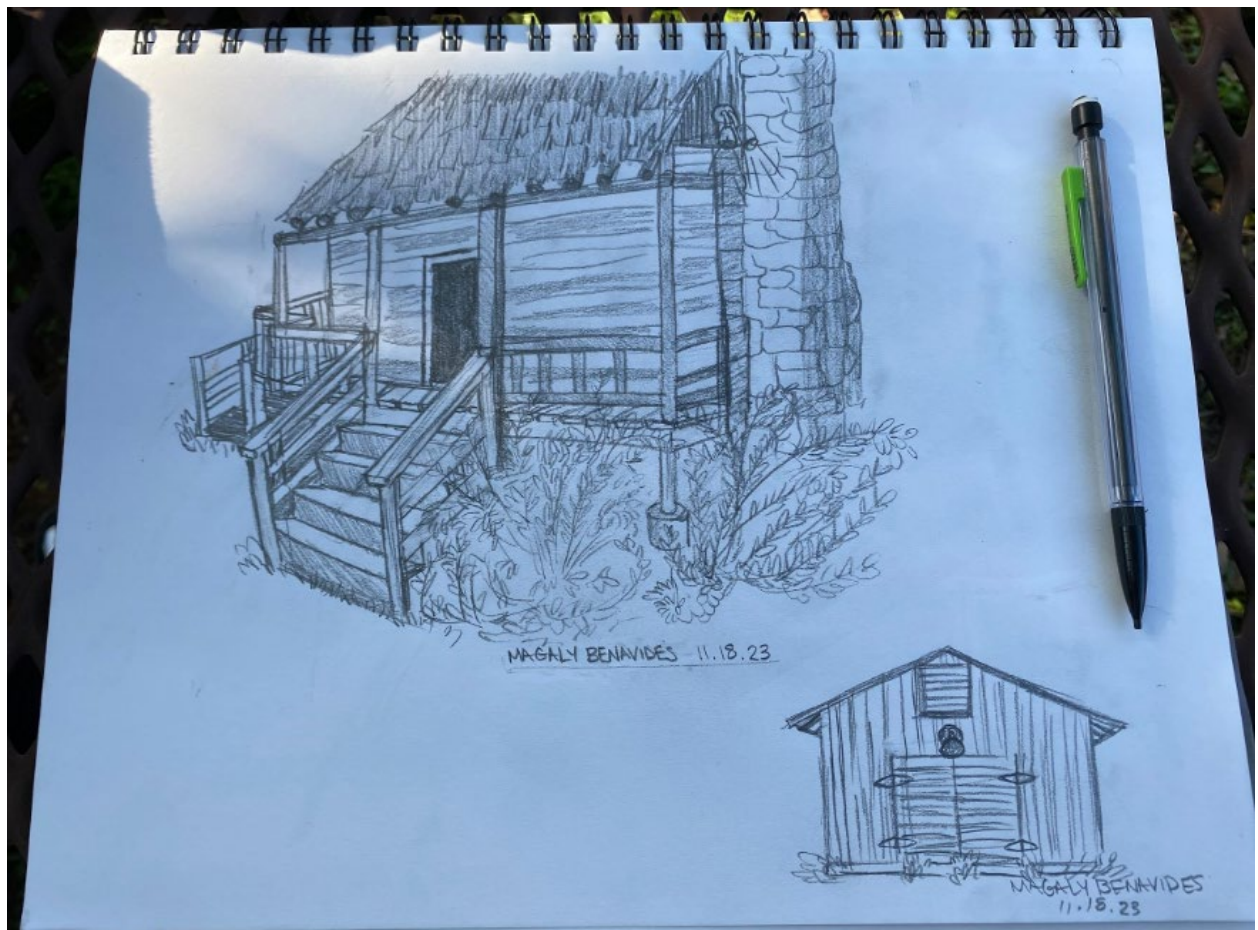




I love both tours as it was a learning experience on both architecture from back in day and a history lesson of the city of arlington itself. I always live leaving about cities and their culture as it gives me much more appreciation for my surroundings everyday. The tour itself was awesome with our guides and the preserved places that were well kept. Some bonus highlights of the trip were in the basement hole, piano and of course the cats(shoutout to blt).

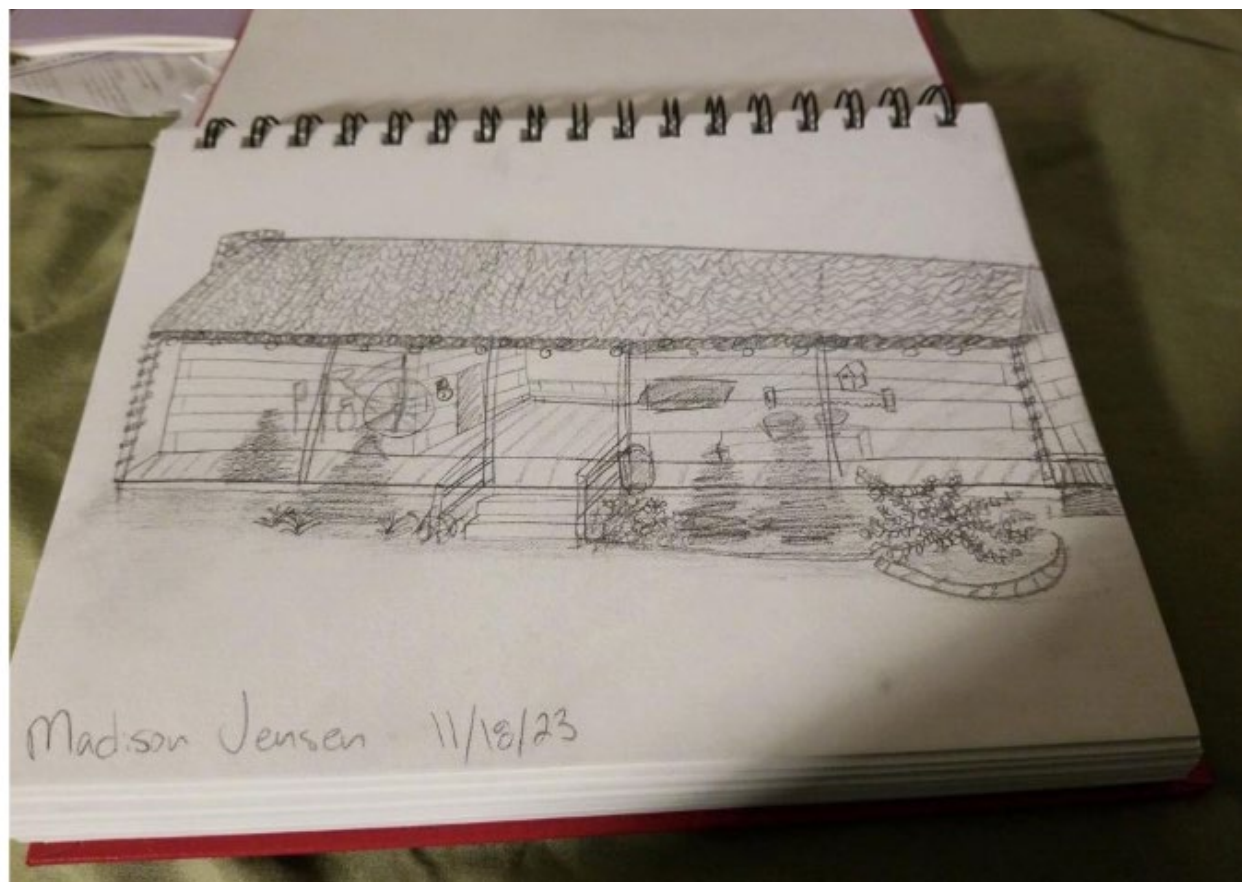
Dharshini Baskar, Nov 18, 2023 at 7:39pm



This trip was satisfying to take, it was nice seeing all the historic items and listening to the stories. I enjoyed sketching the most because I'm content with my drawing. I least enjoyed not being able to find a restroom.



The Fielder House and Knapp Cabin was an AMAZING experience. I got to see things that I've never seen before like a crank telephone, a basement, old clothes and shoes. It felt really special being able to experience these things you don't really experience every day. I also got to see how life was back then before I was born, before technology, and before lights. Everything that I saw was very historical and important and I'm glad that I was able to experience it.



I thought the Fielder House Museum was very fascinating. Not only was the architecture interesting, and being someone who's not originally from Arlington it was fun learning about the history. I took lots of pictures of the house and all of the different rooms.

The Knapp Log Cabins were also cool. I think the school house was my favorite building just because it reminded me of all the old-timey movies I've watched, so it was really cool seeing the real thing in person and not some set design from a movie. Now, architecture wise the P.A. Watson building was my favorite design. The split rooms were interesting to look at.

Overall, the experience was fun, even if I didn't show it on my face, and as an architect in training going to historical places like this not only reminds me of how important history is and how important it is to protect historical lands and properties, but I think history will have a huge influence on the modern designs and structure of buildings that I will create in the future.



Krista Jordan

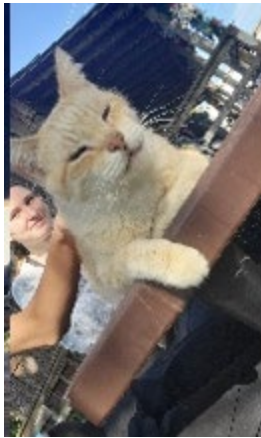
My experience at the Fielder House Museum was very educational. I got to learn some new things about the past in Arlington that I didn't know before. I enjoyed the piano that played a song when you pushed the petals. Overall, the architecture of the building was also very intriguing because of the time period it was built. Knapp Log Cabins were also very beautiful architecture pieces and took me back in time. It was very intriguing to see how people lived in Arlington many years ago compared to how we live now. I also enjoyed seeing the cats, it was a great bonus. This event helped me connect with other people of the RLC that I hadn't before, so it was a really great experience.





My experience at the Fielder House Museum and the Knapp Log Cabins was very positive. I learned a lot about the history of Arlington and the evolution of architecture throughout the years. The Fielder House was a great example of architecture in the 20th century and the Knapp Log Cabins were a great example of architecture in the 19th century. Seeing these examples of historic architecture was very eye opening. I also enjoyed hearing about the history of Arlington and how people used to live. However, I'd say my favorite part was spending time with the cats. Overall, my experience on this trip was extremely positive and I would love to go again.





Fielder House Museum

We started the tour by going to the fielder house museum. When you first enter you see a wall right in front of you with a door slightly to the left and to your right is a room and directly next to the door in front is a large room. Each room is filled with artifacts from different aspects of Arlington's history. My group started the tour by heading upstairs and immediately there was a big glass wall to our left filled with objects from the Arlington Downs race track. Also, upstairs was a room showcasing the local doctor, a barber shop, a previous resident's room, toys, and other places in Arlington. I learned a lot from upstairs, like Arlington had a race track and it was very popular. We next went into the basement where they had train-related items and an old water pipe. We finished the inside tour by heading back to the main level and learning about different men from Arlington who served during WWII. The final part of the tour was looking at the exterior of the house and an old wagon.

Knapp Log Cabins

The second, and best part, of the tour was at the Kapp log cabins. I was immediately greeted by three cats. We then feed the cats... I mean ate lunch. I fed the orange cat almost half of my sandwich and was well worth the pets I was able to give her. My group then took turns petting her as she walked around the table looking to see who would give her food. Then another, older and white, cat came over to us looking for some snacks. We all gave in and fed him too. After a while, two black cats and a grey one started watching us closer but whenever anyone would walk over to them, they would run. After lunch the tour started, and we were taken to what used to be the old general store. We then went into an old school building and two different log cabins multiple families would live in. During each building, three sweet old ladies would tell us different information about the area and buildings. After the tour was over, we had to draw one of the cabins (both the drawing and image below) and we went back to West Hall. This portion of the trip was overridden by the cats and was definitely my favorite part.

Jackson Roth



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RLC Participation Reflection

Today, the RLC was taken on a field trip to both the Fielder House Museum and the Knapp Log Cabins, each being a significant historical landmark in Arlington. During the tour of the Fielder House Museum, we were given information on the past of the house and what each separate room was used for, as well as shown various artifacts from Arlington's history, like the uniforms of a few of the soldiers from Arlington who fought in some wars. The Fielder House Museum was very interesting, and even came equipped with a strictly utilitarian basement, something that is very unusual for the state of Texas.

The highlight of the fieldtrip was the Knapp Log Cabins, which was the home of multiple friendly cats for us to interact with while we were taught about the history of the site. An interesting part of this site was the school, which is a relic of its time and is still in pristine condition, something very unexpected as it is made of mostly wood. Something that one of the tour guides showed us at this site was what the beds were made of back then, which consisted of a rope frame placed under the cornhusk filled mattress. Overall, the experiences at both of these sites was wonderful and very enjoyable, and I would love to visit both of them again in the future.



I really enjoyed the tour, the people who gave it
clearly enjoyed what they presented. It was fun to
pet all the cats and hear about the stories of all the
people tied to the cabin.

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Samantha Siegler, Nov 18, 2023 at 2:36pm



I found touring the Fielder House Museum and the Knapp Cabins to be a very enjoyable experience. It was intriguing to learn some history about Arlington and to see the architecture of things back then. I'm very grateful to have had this opportunity to see and sketch my environment around me with the people in the Architecture RLC.

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Maeson Wilcox

November 18, 2023

Fielder House and Knapp Heritage Park

Although we had to get up too early on a weekend, at least for me, I had fun on this trip. Seeing the old house and hearing some of old Arlington's history was neat. I liked the ladies who gave us the tours; they seemed super sweet. I think it was a good experience to learn more about the history of Arlington, not just historical architecture. When we went to the park, I thought it was cool. My town has something similar, but I have never visited it. I liked seeing all the old things gathered together in one park. I found the old buildings moved together so that people could see them at once interesting. Seeing how people would have lived back then is interesting to me. I like learning about historical buildings, living environments, and communities. So this trip, especially to the park, was fun and engaging for me. Honestly, my favorite part of the trip was seeing and playing with the cats. I miss my pets back home. But I did enjoy the entire trip and learning about historical Arlington.