

Welcome to the historic William Henry Ferguson house. It is a special privilege to share this exquisitely designed and preserved home with you and we hope that you will enjoy your experience here while helping us maintain the beauty and quality of the home.

### *The Ferguson Family*

William Henry Ferguson came to Nebraska in 1879 by covered wagon. He married Myrtle Likes of Aurora, Nebraska on Sept. 20, 1887. Ferguson helped introduce winter wheat and alfalfa to Nebraska as cash crops and became owner of 85-90 grain elevators and farms with over 6,000 acres. He was Vice President of the Tri-State Land Company, which owned 30,000 acres in Scottsbluff County. The company set a precedent in Nebraska by constructing a 56 mile long irrigation ditch for its farms. William was the owner of Capitol Beach Amusement Park, Yankee Hill Brick Works, Western Brick & Supply Co., Ferguson Grain Co., Woodlawn Dairy and Lincoln Traction Co. He was the President of Beatrice Creamery. Between 1909 and 1911, the Fergusons built their home near downtown Lincoln across from the Nebraska State Capitol. The cost of construction was approximately \$38,000. At that time an average two-story, 3 bedroom house cost \$3,000-\$4,000.

Mr. Ferguson died in 1937. The State purchased the adjacent Kennard House and the Ferguson House in 1961. Mrs. Ferguson resided in the house until her death in 1972 at an age of 103. Today, the Ferguson House contains the offices of the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the first floor can be rented for meetings and events.

The Ferguson House may be reserved for private parties, receptions and meetings. For more information, contact, Event Coordinator at (402) 471-5417.

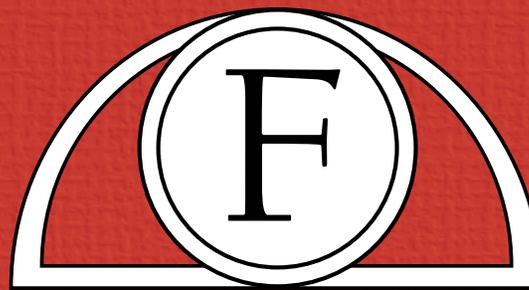
Contributions to support the restoration and preservation of The Ferguson House are gratefully received to help keep the building available to the public.

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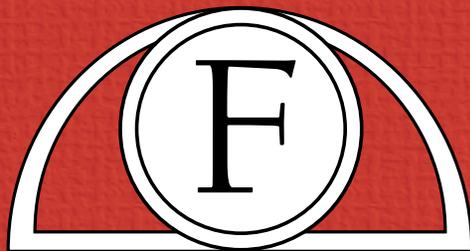


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# Hosting Your Event at the Ferguson House



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*Turn your next meeting or event into a special affair by hosting it at the Ferguson House. This historic landmark is the perfect setting for business meetings, social events and wedding receptions. The Ferguson House offers:*

- *Multiple rooms to accommodate up to 100 people*
- *Audio visual needs*
- *Flexible catering and bar arrangements*

*All this in a historic home located across from the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln.*

*Built between 1909 and 1911, the Ferguson House is a treasure of Nebraska's past and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*

*Today, the Nebraska Environmental Trust manages the Ferguson House and maintains offices on the second floor. Rooms available for rent at the Ferguson House include the first floor Living and Dining Rooms.*

*Contact Event Coordinator, at (402) 471-5417 to start planning your special event at the Ferguson House.*

## Ferguson House Rental Details

### Available Rooms

Living Room: seating capacity 50  
Dining Room: seating capacity 12  
Cocktail Style Reception: 100

### Bar Service

Cash bar service should be coordinated through your caterer or a licensed liquor service. You may not sell alcohol on the property without a liquor license.

### Catering

The Ferguson House maintains a list of caterers that have provided services at our facility. You may choose from this list or select your own catering service. All food must be prepared off site and delivered on the day of the event. A kitchen is available to facilitate food set-up but on site cooking is not allowed.

### Docents

Trained volunteer docents are available to give tours for weekend and evening events.

### Equipment

The Ferguson House can provide tables, chairs, projector, laptop, presentation screens, easels and tabletop podiums to suit your needs.

### Parking

Visitor parking for the Ferguson House is located on the east and south sides of the facility. Other parking arrangements can be made depending on the amount of spaces required.

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