

Domestic Life – Dining, Parlour, Bedroom, Kitchen and Laundry

In common with most historical societies whose first displays were organised around period room settings, Wingham Museum has an extensive and representative group of domestic history objects relating to the dining room, parlour, bedroom, kitchen and laundry.



The collection has some impressive examples of nineteenth century furniture including a four-poster bed, a chest of drawers, a chaise lounge, and a breakfront chest and wardrobe. This part of the collection shows the transition from heavy mid nineteenth century Victorian furniture, to lighter styles of drawing room furniture that incorporated cane and bamboo.

Furniture in the re-created kitchen includes interesting examples of chiffoniers, food safes, shelves and other items, which were almost certainly made on local farms. Complementing the furniture is a range of decorative ceramics, glass, silver plate, lights and lamps, representative of the types of household items owned by families in the Manning Valley.

