

Frontier Life at Fort Humboldt

The Surgeons Quarters

This replica of the original one-and-a-half story building housed many of the surgeon's families.

Harriet St. John Simpson was the wife of Assistant Surgeon Josiah Simpson. From 1854-1857, Mrs. Simpson lived in this house with her husband and two children. Much of what we know of the daily life on this frontier Fort comes from the lively letters Mrs. Simpson wrote to her family back East. She was fond of entertaining and would often throw parties for the officers and their families. The cold and damp climate led Mrs. Simpson to move into the front parlor where she cooked, slept and played her melodeon near the warmth of the fireplace.

Harriet St. John Simpson

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