

# MAGOFFIN HOME

— STATE HISTORIC SITE —

*El Paso, Texas*

On Site Guide

High School

## Site Tour

Before facilitating the guided tour of the home, divide the class into three groups to rotate through the front of the home (architecture/construction), the central hall (family history), and the courtyard (Magoffin, civic leader and businessman).

An interesting artifact in the courtyard of the Magoffin Home is the **cornerstone** of the 1899 City Hall. A typical cornerstone would only have a single panel with the names of local dignitaries. Josephine Magoffin Lucker, Joseph Magoffin's great-granddaughter, writes of a story recounted to her by her grandmother, Josephine Glasgow, about the cornerstone. "The Judge requested that his name not be placed on the cornerstone, but the planners followed his instructions in form only and not in spirit. When the Mayor saw the completed cornerstone, to his surprise, his name in large letters was placed on a separate stone immediately above the cornerstone! When the City Hall was torn down in 1960, the cornerstone was given to Octavia Magoffin Glasgow." This separate stone is one of the few material pieces of the old city hall still in existence anywhere.

Focus on Joseph's occupations and leading roles:

- In 1873, while Joseph Magoffin was Justice of the Peace, he swore in the first councilmen for the newly incorporated City of El Paso.
- Between 1880 and 1900, Joseph was elected and served as the mayor of the City of El Paso four times.

**Ask:** Why is it important for citizens to be involved in their local government?

## Activity: Building a Multinational Community in El Paso

Distribute and preview the activity resources and activity worksheet. Tell students they will use these resources to answer questions analyzing the growth of a multinational, post-railroad community in El Paso during the late 1800 and early 1900s. Have students work individually or in pairs to complete the activity. Share responses.

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Hotel Arrivals, *El Paso Daily Times*, 1899

## HOTEL ARRIVALS.

### HOTEL PIERSON.

Cor. St. Louis and Kansas Sts.

J. W. FISHER, Prop.

Rates \$2.50 and \$3 per day.

ARRIVALS—J. M. Payne, St. Louis; A. A. Guardid, New Orleans; A. C. Balty, Denver; H. Stewart, London; Gep. F. Osterlay, London; H. H. Crabtree, London; W. E. Stetzler, Kansas City, Mo.; C. A. Flora, San Francisco, Cal.; Mrs. C. C. Dean, Los Angeles, Cal.; F. Arellaro, Mexico City.

### NEW COMMERCIAL HOTEL.

E. B. WELCH, Prop.

Rates \$1.00 to \$1.25 per day.

ARRIVALS—O. W. Pickering, Deming, N. M.; H. Norton, City; Mrs. E. Starcke, Abeline; R. Woodward, Del Rio.

### LINDELL HOTEL.

CHAS. ZEIGER, PROP.

COR. OREGON AND OVERLAND.

ARRIVALS—P. Bradley, T. S. Cranfield, S. W. Gregory, R. A. Lammers, Harry Nolan, J. H. Whitmore, R. P. Barnes, City; L. Floyd, Jno. W. Barrett, A. L. Taylor, W. A. Fritsche, P. A. Shilly, Mexico City; P. T. Garrett, Jas. Keenan.

### HOTEL ORNDORFF.

CHAS. DE GROFF, Prop.

ARRIVALS—J. H. Simmons, Robt. M. Simmons, G. E. Drury, St. Louis, Fred Griffith, Albuquerque; J. F. Malonsly, Mexico; X. S. Clyre, Silver City; O. R. Oller, Chihuahua, Jas. J. Darcy, Torreon; C. Shed, Chihuahua.

### ST. CHARLES HOTEL.

EUROPEAN.

Cor. El Paso and W. Overland.

MRS. J. H. LOMAX, PROP'T'S

ARRIVALS—A. B. Hardy, Miss L. Wood, Nogales; Fred S. Pope, New York; E. Ford, Denver; J. D. Boid, Clint; Luis Vasquez and wife, Mexico.

### CENTER BLOCK.

W. G. NEWELL, Prop.

El Paso Street and Plaza.

ARRIVALS—O. S. Kelly, C. F. Jackels, S. F. Hall, Dallas; G. A. Richardson, Roswell; W. Parker, F. Hitchcock, Colo.; J. Pruett and wife, Lordsburg.



Parker, Francis F. [*Pierson Hotel*]. El Paso, TX, ca. 1882-1895, DeGolyer Library, SMU Central University Libraries, Southern Methodist University.

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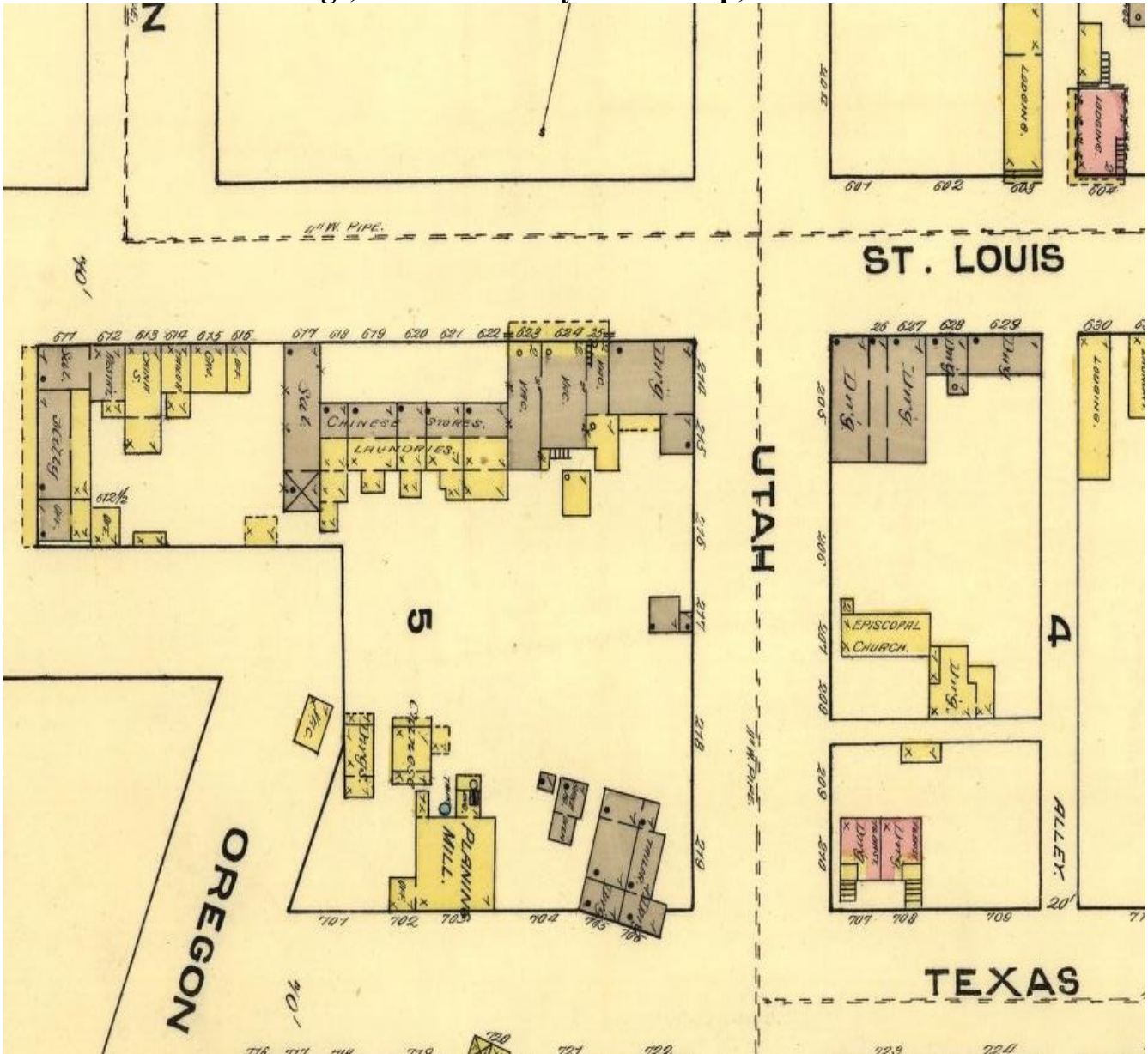


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St. Louis Street buildings, Koch Bird's Eye View map, 1863



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Advertisements, *El Paso Daily Times*, 1899



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and has successfully  
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El Paso Street, 1909 Detroit Photographic Co.



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## Building a Multinational Community

Use the primary resources to complete the activity.

### Hotel Arrivals, *El Paso Daily Times*, 1899

Identify the **states** and **countries** represented in the hotel arrivals lists.

Which **state** had the greatest number of arrivals?

Which **country** had the greatest number of arrivals?

### Koch Bird's Eye View map, 1863

What businesses run by immigrants are identified on this map? What nationality is represented?

### Advertisements, *El Paso Daily Times*, 1899

What clues in the ads identify the businesses as most likely owned by immigrants to El Paso? What nationalities are most likely represented?

### El Paso Street, 1909 Detroit Photographic Co.

What does this photograph tell you about life in El Paso in 1909? How does this photograph record the multinational nature of El Paso at that time?

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