

Photo of the Interior of an Immigrant's One-Room Home



ABOUT THE PHOTO This photo was taken in 1909 in the Upper Levee section of St. Paul, Minnesota.



As you examine the photo pay attention to what the objects tell you about the home's inhabitants. Who do you think lives there, a single adult or a family? What kind of work do they probably do? What have they done to try to make their home neat and tidy?



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This photograph was taken by Father Nicolo Carlo, an Italian priest who immigrated to this country and established a church in St. Paul, Minnesota. This photograph is included in a collection of records he kept to document his service to immigrants and the needy in Minnesota.

Source: Father Nicolo Carlo Odone Papers, Box 25, Folder 221, Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

1. What clues does the photo provide about the home's inhabitants?

2. What do you think is behind the curtain at the right, next to the door?
