

V is for Victorian. When the old Stone Fort became a museum in 1889, the time period was known as the Victorian Era because Queen Victoria of England (1837-1901) influenced attitudes about such things as history and fashions. The exhibits on the second floor of the fort look like they would have during that era- a lot of interesting things from all over the world. It is almost like looking at the 19<sup>th</sup> century version of the Internet! Below are everyday things used by people during the Victorian-era: a porcelain doll, a gas lamp, and a hair wreath. A hair wreath? That's right! Hair was saved from brushes or cut off in locks and made into wreaths, which were made to help remember loved ones at funerals.

