

Make Your Own Portrait

During John Jay's lifetime people had portraits painted of their loved ones as a way to remember them. Photography hadn't been invented yet, so portraits are one of the main ways we know what people from 200 years ago looked like.

Below are a few portraits from the collection at John Jay Homestead. After looking at them, try making portrait of someone in your home, or sit in front of a mirror and do a self portrait .

Once you're finished, take a picture of you with your portrait and tag us on Instagram #johnjayhomestead

We can't wait to see what you come up with!



William Jay by John Vanderlyn



Sarah Jay by Daniel Huntington



John Jay by Gilbert Stuart



Eleanor Kingsland Field by Giovanni Battista Canevari

