



Servants' Hall

In this space, Lucknow's domestic servants would have had their meals and breaks. The cabinetry is original, but the dining table is not. It is likely this room would have featured a long table as well as a rocking chair, to enjoy a moment's rest when they could get it.

Stairs

This narrow set of stairs would have been designated as the servants' staircase, instead of having the house staff use the family's grand staircase in the Main Hall. These back stairs lead to two maids' bedrooms and a bathroom. There was also access to the rest of the second floor from this wing of the house.

Cabinetry

As part of the restoration, layers of modern paint were removed from the original cabinetry in this room to reveal a varnished surface – which is how it would have looked in the 1910s and 1920s. The white china stored in the built-in cabinet is similar in style to that which the servants would have used, while the china and dishware used by the Plants and their guests would have been stored in the butler's pantry.

What's that wallpaper?

This blue and white pine tree design is a reproduction of the original wallpaper in this room, scraps of which were found behind the interphone. To see the original wallpaper, look upstairs on the left side of the Maids' Wing corridor. Notice any differences?

