



**Horace Rockwell**  
American, 1808-1877

**Samuel Hanna Family**  
Oil on canvas, 1843  
Gift of the Hannah Family Heirs



## LOOK AND LEARN

What can we learn about the Hanna family by looking? Notice how the figures are arranged and their relationships shown. Some look out towards us, the viewers, while others are busy or distracted—one family member even reads a book! What might this tell us? We know that Samuel Hanna had little, if any, formal schooling, so he was probably proud of his children's education and wanted to show it off in the family portrait.

**What other details do you notice?**  
**How would your family pose for a portrait?**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The artist, Horace Rockwell settled in Fort Wayne in 1836 and is considered to be the city's first professional painter.

Samuel Hanna (top right in the painting) was a businessman who was very important in Fort Wayne's early history. He supervised the first plank roads in and out of the city and was instrumental in the construction of the Eerie Canal and rail lines.

Though eight children are depicted here, the Hannas were known to have had *thirteen!* The last child and only girl was born the year this portrait was painted, so Mrs. Hanna is probably pregnant here.



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