The salient differences and continuities between the families in the Colonial Period and in the nineteenth century.

One of the differences in family life from the colonial period to the 19th century was attitudes about the roles of women and women.

In the 19th century (compared to the colonial period) the sons were leaving the home to go into industry and business. The home and the wife became a "refuge" from the world (the word and the World)

The birth rate fell in the nineteenth century, but at the same time people were living longer. Parents could plan on raising their children and one-spouse mgs. were common.

Women were viewed differently. "Eve" turned to "Mary". Instead of the Husband bringing the wife back to God, the wife was who expected to bring the husband back to God. Woman became the receptacle of purity.

Women were receiving more education, but it was still primarily religious and domestic. She was raised to a "pedestal" of purity and piety, but she was still expected to be submissive to her husband.