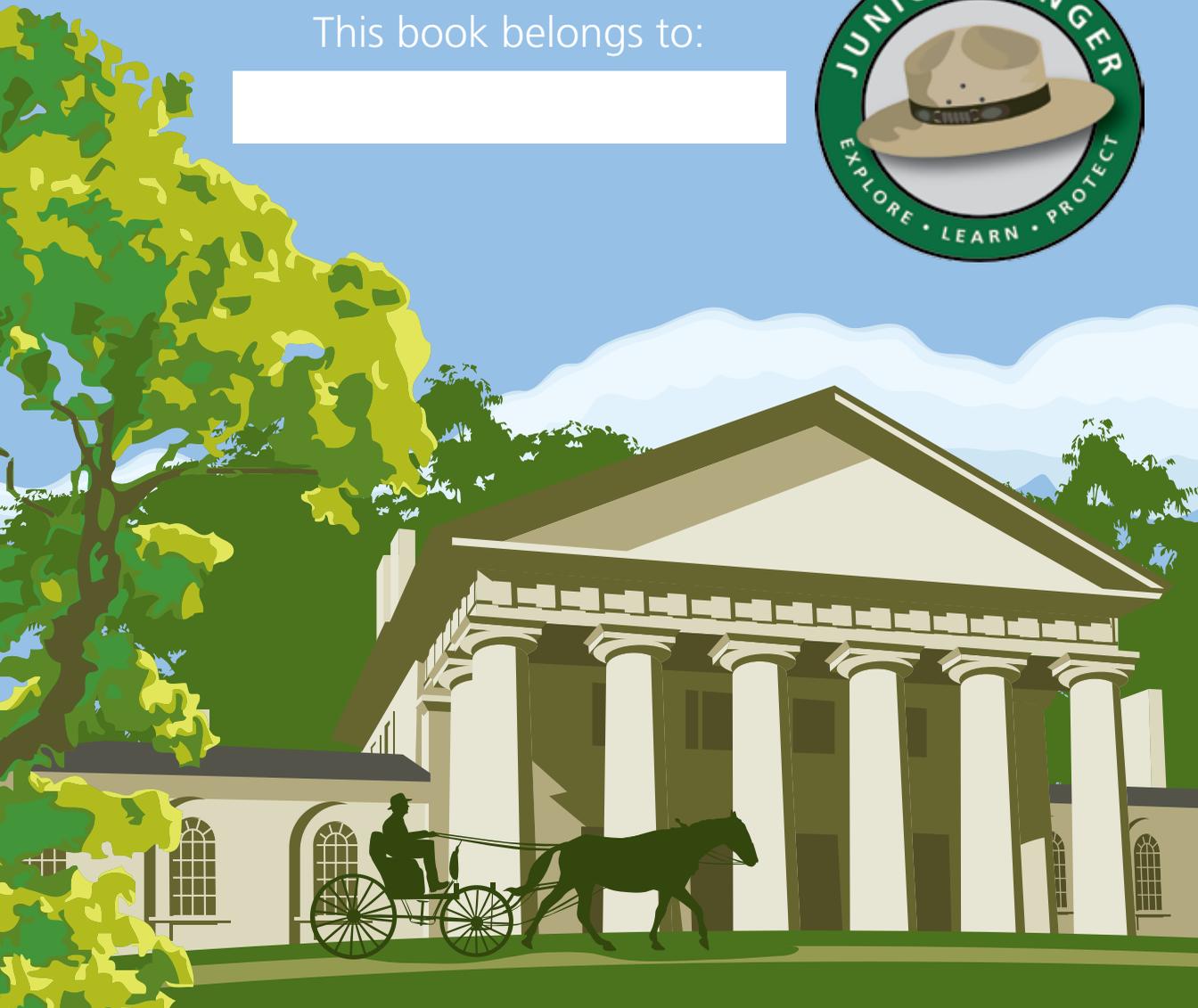




# Junior Ranger Activity Book

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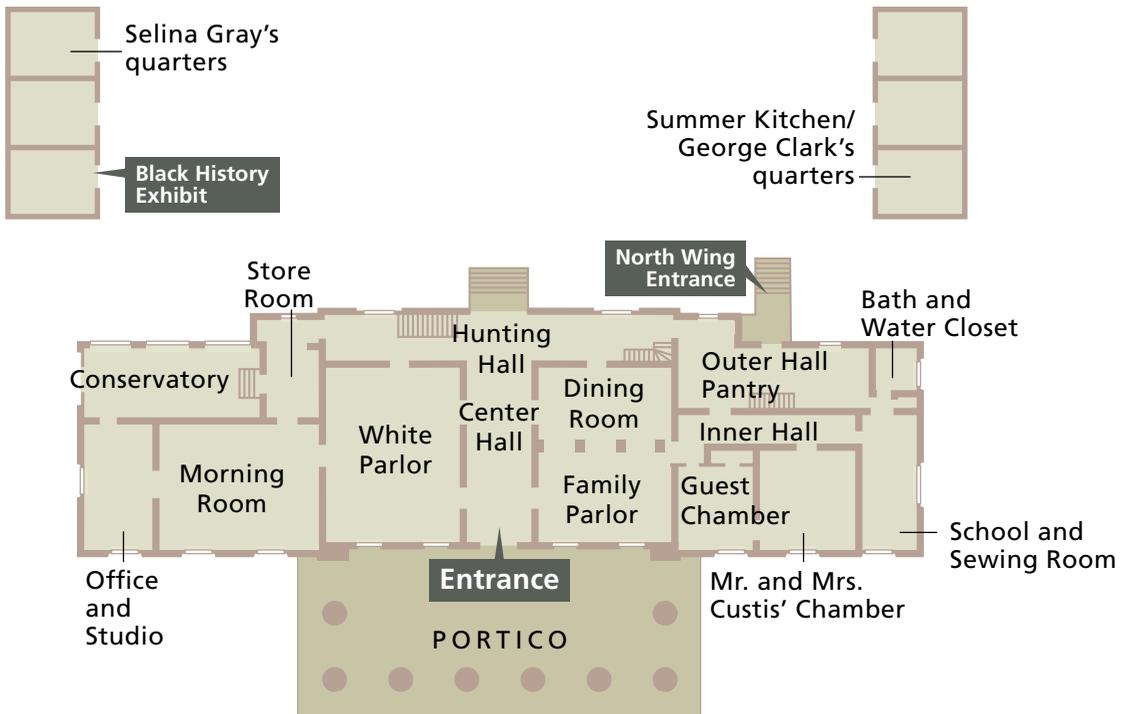
## Welcome to Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial



A *memorial* is a place where we remember and honor a person or something important that happened in our history. Robert E. Lee was a confederate general in the American Civil War. The Civil War divided the United States: the Confederacy (southern states) fought against the Union (northern states). After the war, Robert E. Lee helped bring the United States together again. The Robert E. Lee Memorial exists because of what he did after the Civil War.

## How to become a Junior Ranger

- ❑ Ages 5 - 6, check here and complete at least 3 activities
- ❑ Ages 7 - 10, check here and complete at least 6 activities
- ❑ Ages 10 and up, check here and complete 9 activities



Answers can be found throughout the house and grounds,  
and by asking rangers and volunteers.

## A Presidential Family

Arlington House was built by a man named George Washington Parke Custis. Can you guess who he was named after? His father died when Custis was just a baby so he and his sister Nelly grew up at Mount Vernon with their grandmother, Martha Washington and his step-grandfather and hero, George Washington. They became a close family. At Mount Vernon, Custis was called **Washy**.



William Lee  
(Washington's valet)

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*Fill in the names of each person in the family.*

Custis built Arlington House and filled it with things from the life of George Washington. People came from all over the world to remember and honor the first president.

*Who is your hero?*

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*Why?*

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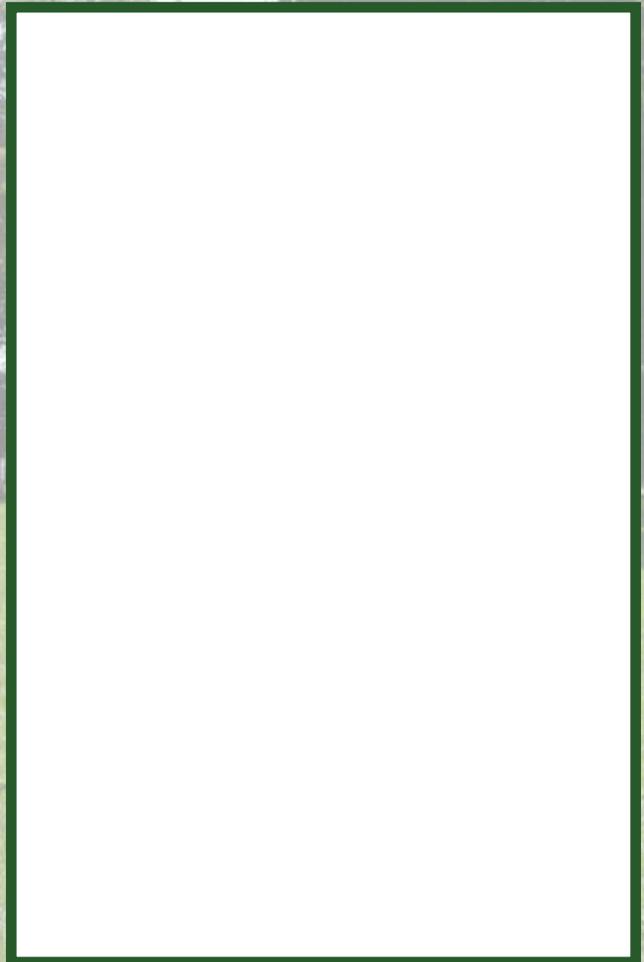
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*Draw a picture of what the monument or memorial to your hero would look like:*



# Family Parlor



The Custis and Lee families enjoyed spending time in the Family Parlor. Today this room would be called the living room. The family prayed together and read the Bible in this room every morning and evening. They also sang songs, made art and wrote letters here. The picture above the fireplace is of a young Mrs. Lee. ***Why do you think she is holding a green parrot? (Hint: Look at the opposite page)***

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# A Symbol of Family

Relatives of both the Lee and Custis families came to America from Europe over 400 years ago. Back then, families had often had a **crest** that represented their family.



The Lee crest includes the motto ***Ne Incautus Futuri*** which is Latin and means ***Never Unmindful of the Future.***

***Why do you think there is a squirrel holding an acorn on the crest? (Hint: What do squirrels do with acorns and why?)***



***Draw a crest that represents your family here. Think about what values are important to you. Is there an animal that would symbolize your family?***



# Dining Room



This family always ate their meals together. Lee often cut roses from the garden and placed them beside his wife's and daughters' plates. The younger women received smaller buds and the older women got large flowers in full bloom. The plates you see on the table today belonged to the Washingtons. Mrs. Lee could not take them with her when she fled her home, so she entrusted them to an enslaved woman named Selina Gray. *If you were Selina or Mrs. Lee, what would you save from this house? Draw the objects below.*

A large empty rectangular box with a green border, intended for drawing objects.

# Let's Get Cooking!

Many of the foods we enjoy today were far more difficult to find in the 1850s. A plantation like Arlington relied on its gardens and what could be obtained from day trips into the city to supply the kitchen. *Write down the foods you have eaten today in the box below. Circle the food you think the Lees would have eaten.*

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

In the 1850s, food was prepared by following *receipts*; today we call them *recipes*. *Try this Civil War-era receipt at home with a parent.*

## Apple Sauce Cookies

2 1/4 cups sugar

1 1/3 cups shortening

3 eggs

2 tsp vanilla

1 cup applesauce

6 cups flour

1 tsp baking soda

2 tsp baking powder

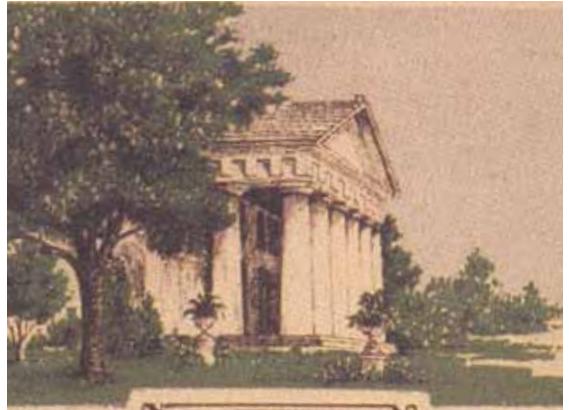
2 tsp nutmeg

1 tsp salt

Cream shortening, sugar, eggs, and vanilla. Add applesauce and mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients and blend. Drop by heaping tablespoon on to greased cookie sheets. Flatten and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 375° for 10-12 minutes (they will not brown).

## A Family at Play

Look outside and try to imagine what it looked like before it was a cemetery and before Washington, DC was built. This land was where the Lee children and their friends learned and played.



When Robert E. Lee was home, he loved to play outside with his children. He taught them to ride ponies, ice skate, swim, and fish in the river. They built tree houses in the woods. The family was very close. *Complete the word search below.*

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E N J M Y O U T H B M L X A D

HUNTING  
FISHING  
SWIMMING  
HORSEBACK  
CLIMBING  
READING  
LAUGHING  
YOUTH  
HAPPY

# Leave Your Mark

There are unpainted sections of the walls in Arlington House. The National Park Service left these unpainted to show graffiti left by Civil War soldiers. Graffiti for the Civil War soldiers was a lot like posting a status update on social media today. It was a way soldiers said, "I was here."

***Why does the National Park Service protect graffiti from the Union soldiers, but does not allow you to sign your name on the walls?***

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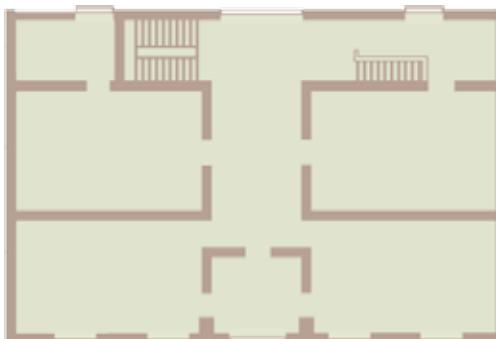
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***Leave your mark above. Think about what message you would leave to friends and future generations.***

## Second Floor



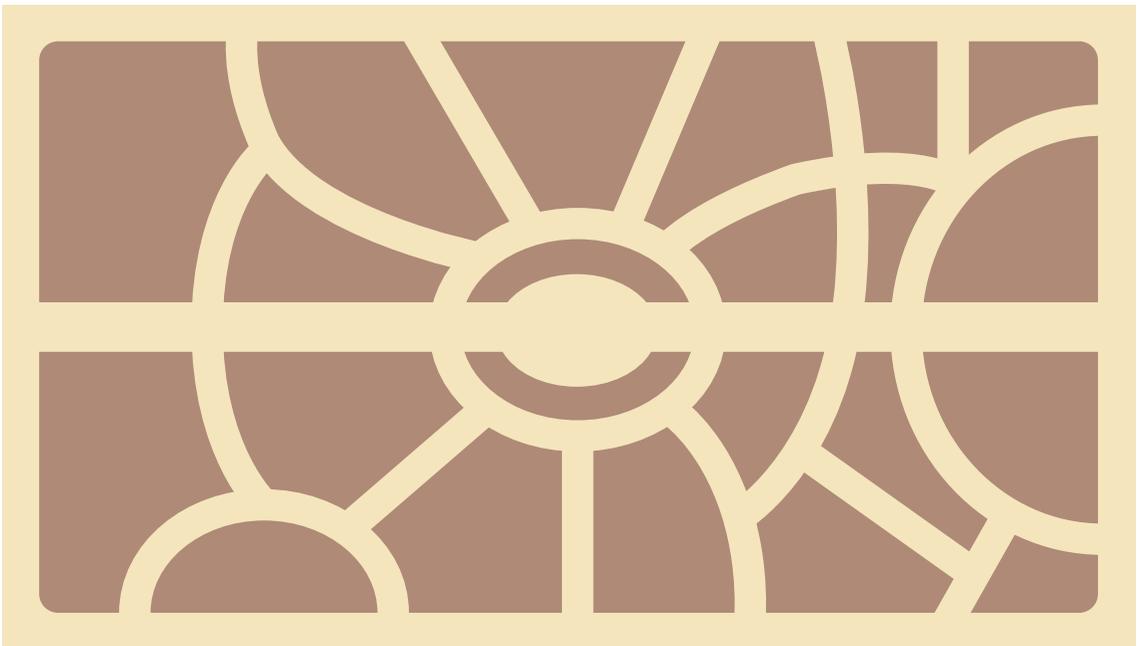
The Lee children shared rooms, sometimes with friends and cousins. At night, the kids loved to crawl into bed with Dad and listen to the sounds of frogs, crickets, and owls. Lee told them stories about his adventures in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. *If you were planning a sleepover at Arlington, where would you assign the Lees? There are 4 Lee girls, 3 boys, 1 girl cousin, and two parents that need rooms and beds. Label each room, some might have to share!*



# The Kingdom of My Childhood

The Lee family loved to garden. The flower garden was a special place for Mrs. Lee, her mother, and her four daughters. Each of the four Lee girls had her own small garden. Mrs. Lee loved all flowers, but liked her rose garden best.

*Walk through the flower garden, located on the south side of Arlington House. Trace the path you took on the map below.*



In the 1850s, mostly women gardened. Today, both men and women enjoy working in the dirt. *Do you have a garden at home? Draw some plants you grow, or would like to, on the map above.*

## The Working Yard



There were over 60 enslaved people at Arlington House. *Go to the North Slave Quarters and read about their daily lives. Write an F next to statements of those who worked in the field, and an H next to ones of those in the house.*

- I close up the house every night at 10 p.m.
- I am a nurse for the Lee children.
- I plow the fields and plant oats and corn.
- I get to eat some of the leftovers from the Lee family meals.
- I live in the log cabins down by the river.
- I wear old clothes from the Lee family.



Selina Gray and her family lived in the South Slave Quarters.

When slavery ended, many enslaved people stayed in Arlington, or went to live in Freedman's Village. While there, they learned the skills they needed to start a new life after the war. *Go to the South Slave Quarters and read the stories of some of the people who were displaced after the war.*

*Whose story did you find inspirational and why?*

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*What job would you like to do in Freedman's Village?*

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# Cemetery



The Lee family left Arlington House in 1861 and never returned. Many changes occurred here during the Civil War. Slaves were freed, Robert E. Lee became a confederate general, and Arlington House was occupied by the Union Army. However, the biggest change came in 1864...

# A National Cemetery

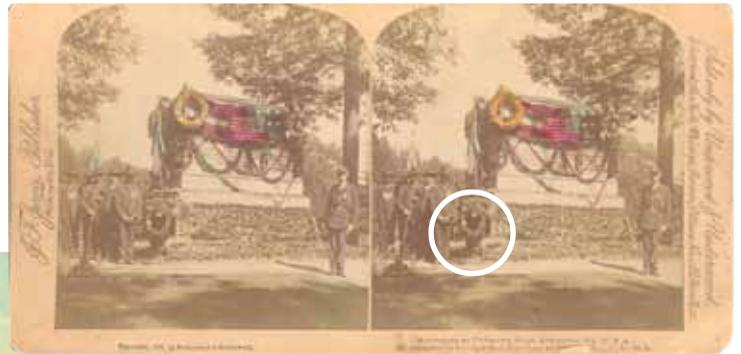
Many people died in the Civil War and by 1863 most cemeteries in DC were full. Union General Montgomery Meigs ordered his men to find land for a new national military cemetery. The Arlington Estate was chosen for its ideal location and significance as the former home of General Lee. 1864 marked the first military burials in what is now Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1866, Meigs ordered that 2,111 unknown soldiers be buried behind Mrs Lee's Rose garden. Find the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns. *What do you think the 4 buried cannons that originally surrounded it meant?*

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# Volunteer!

Arlington House is run with the help of many volunteers. *Look at the jobs below and circle one that you would be good at.*



As part of the Victorian Dance Society, we dance at special Arlington House events.

I help in the garden and grow food for the Arlington Food Assistance Center.



I teach visitors about the history of Arlington House.

## You've Earned It!

As a Junior Ranger, I promise to help preserve Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial, so that some day my children can visit here also.

As I grow up, I will learn about the heritage of the United States and visit other National Parks. I will live by the motto:

**Explore, Learn, Protect**

Find a Ranger to receive your official Junior Ranger Badge or mail your completed book to the address below:

George Washington Memorial Parkway  
Attention: Arlington House  
700 Turkey Run Park  
McLean, VA 22101

Please include your name and mailing address where you would like your Junior Ranger Badge to be sent.



# Certificate of Achievement

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Has completed all the requirements to receive a Junior Ranger badge and has pledged to live by the Junior Ranger Motto:

**Explore, Learn, Protect**

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Ranger

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Date