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Civil War Sesquicentennial Commemoration Special Guided Tours “African-Americans at Arlington on the Eve of the Civil War” Sundays and Saturdays throughout February at 1:30pm and Tuesday – Thursday by reservation

In recognition of Black History Month, the National Park Service announces special guided tours of Arlington House and the historic slave quarters, focusing on the enslaved population living at the Arlington estate on the eve of the Civil War. Arlington was a working plantation for sixty years prior to the Civil War, and home to the Custis and Lee families as well as over sixty enslaved people. Learn about the interesting history of their lives and how the Civil War altered their world forever.

Tours will start at the front of Arlington House promptly at 1:30pm on Sundays and Saturdays. Tours are also available Tuesday through Thursday by reservation. Groups of more than ten people please call in advance to schedule a tour. Tours will last approximately forty-five minutes.

Arlington House is located in Arlington National Cemetery, a fifteen minute walk from the Visitor Center, and is accessible via the Blue Line on the Metro. Parking is available at the Arlington National Cemetery Visitor Center (cash only). Vehicle entrance into the cemetery is restricted. Driving into the cemetery will be permitted **only** with a reservation. Visitors must call in advance to request vehicle access.

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial is a unit of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Additional information is available on the internet at www.nps.gov/arho or by calling (703) 235-1530, Monday through Friday.

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