



FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE TIMELINE

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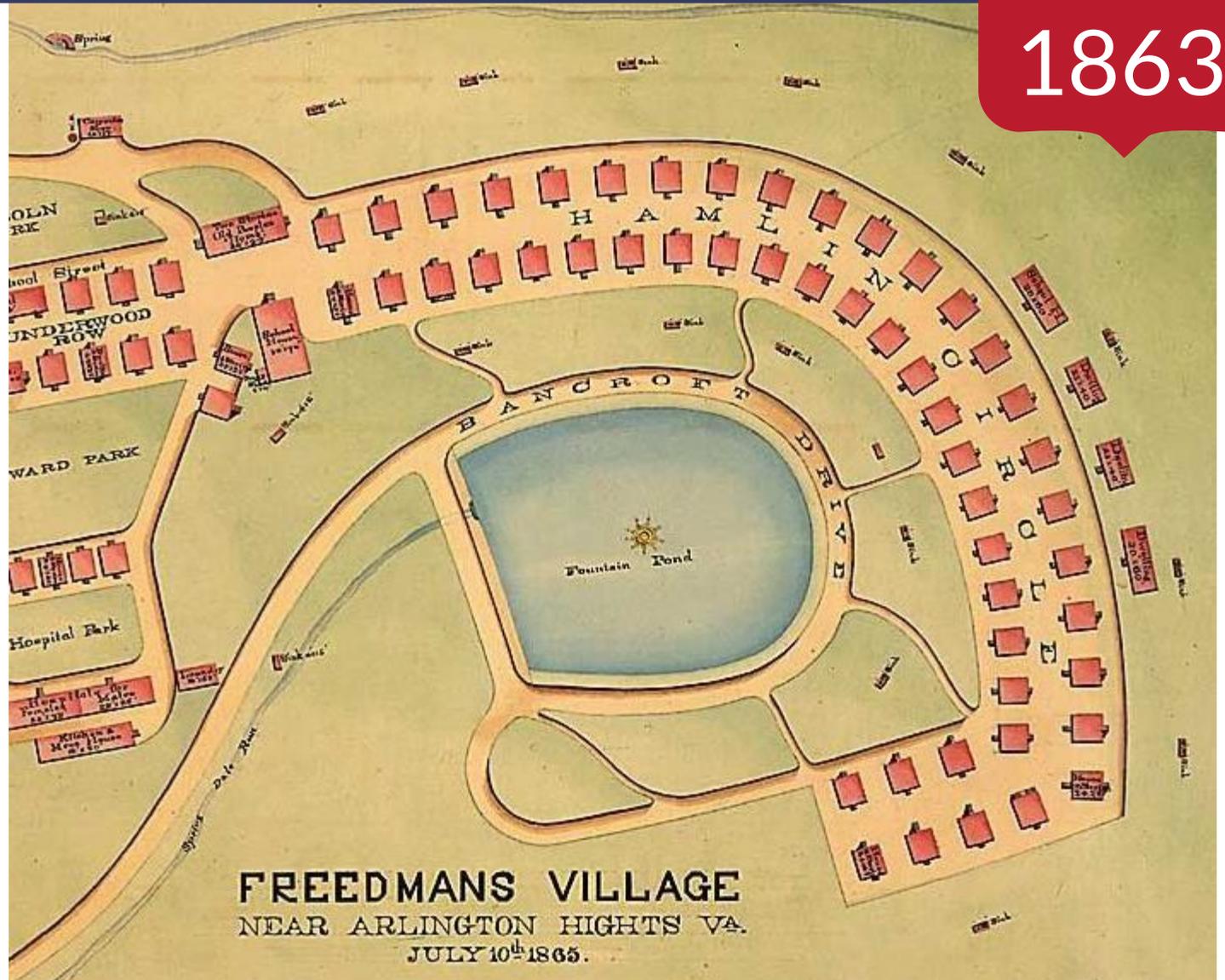


FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE

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JUNE
1863

FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE ESTABLISHED

The village started on the former Arlington estate as a camp for newly freed people. Houses were built later.



Map of Freedman's Village in 1865. (NARA)



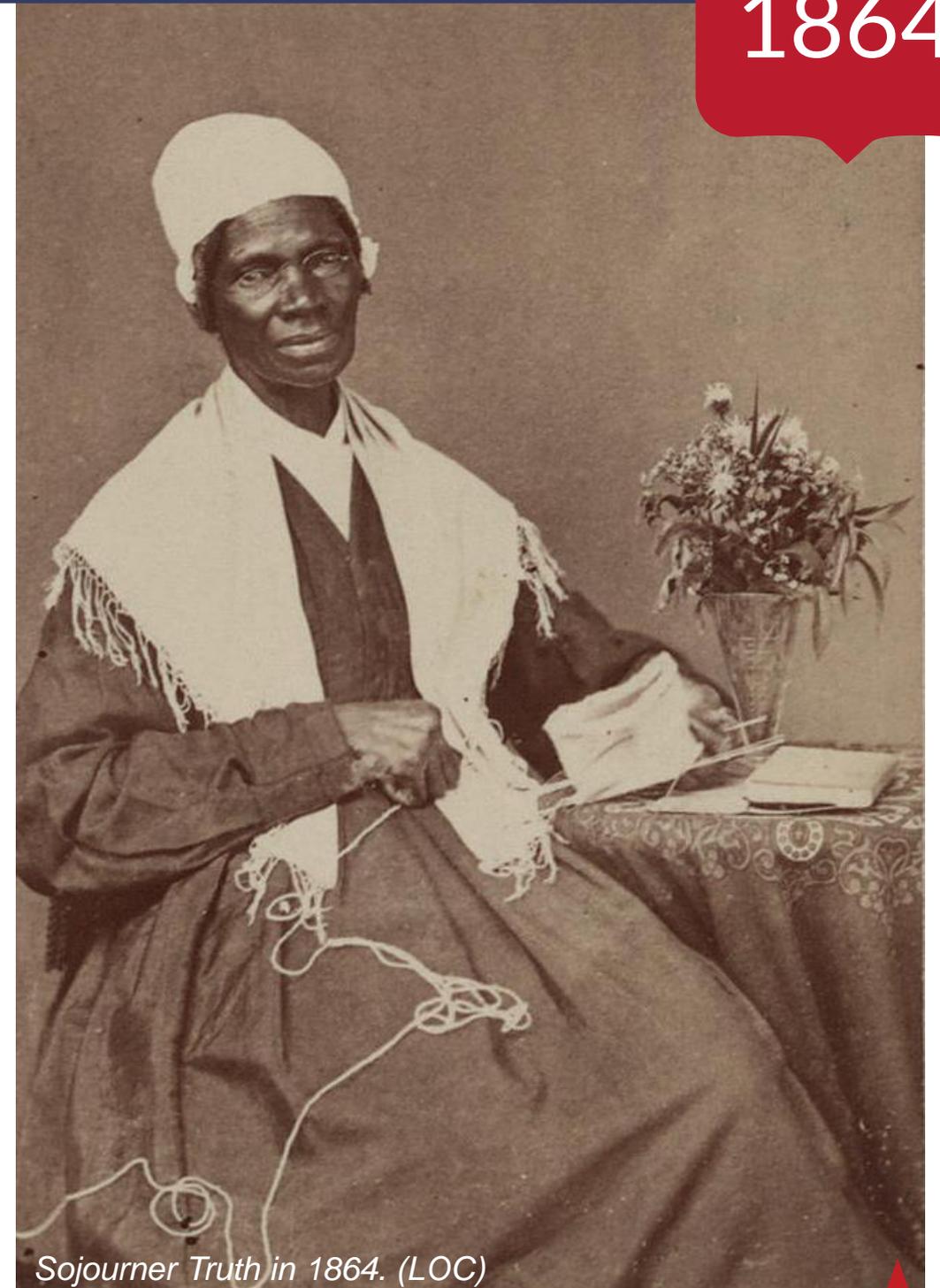


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SOJOURNER TRUTH LIVED IN VILLAGE

Sojourner Truth, a civil rights activist and former slave, lived in the village for more than a year counseling, teaching, and helping residents understand their rights.



Sojourner Truth in 1864. (LOC)



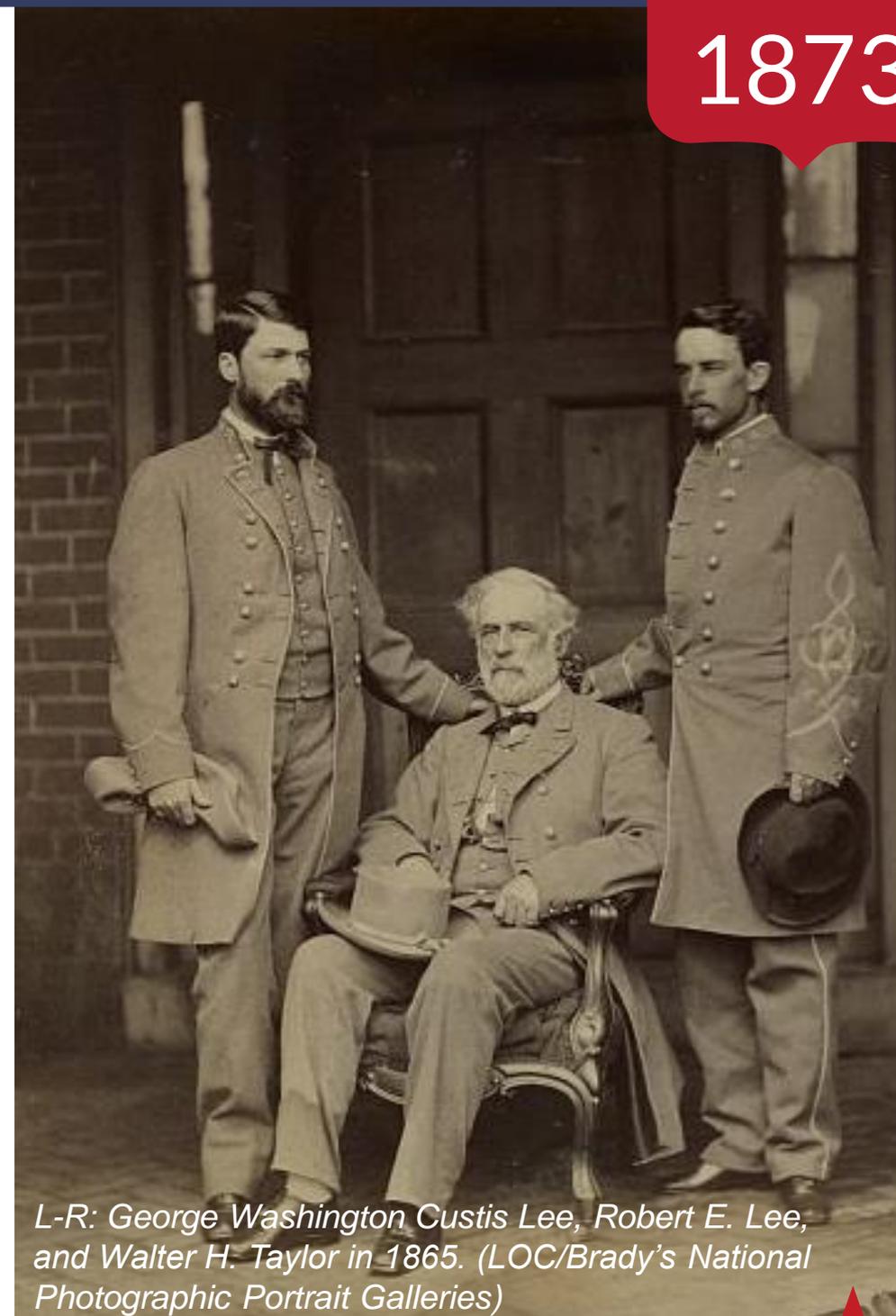


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LEE INHERITED ARLINGTON

The Lee family hadn't lived at the estate since 1861. When George Washington Custis Lee inherited the Arlington estate, he filed a lawsuit claiming that the land had been taken illegally.



L-R: George Washington Custis Lee, Robert E. Lee, and Walter H. Taylor in 1865. (LOC/Brady's National Photographic Portrait Galleries)



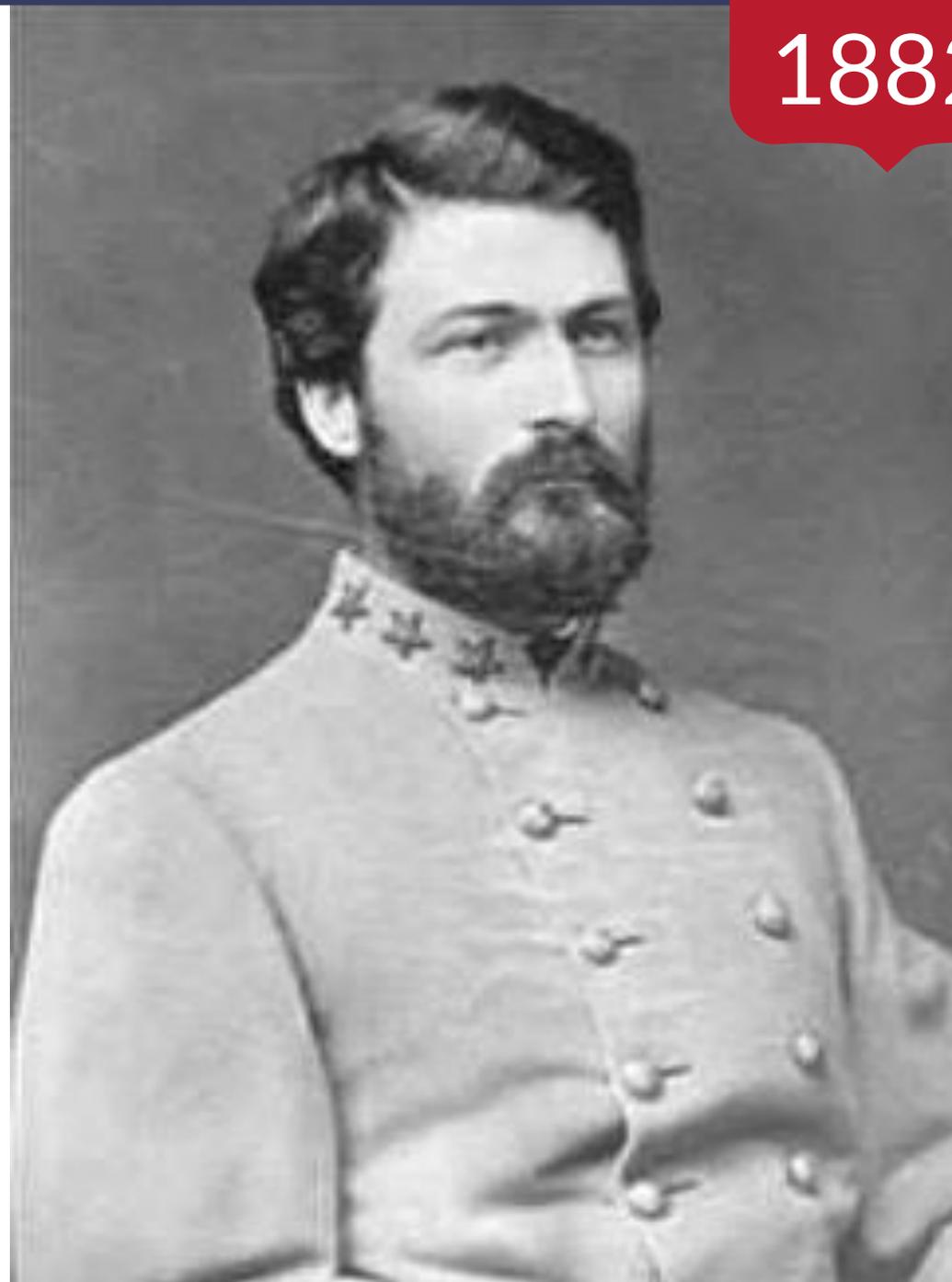


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DEC. 4
1882

SUPREME COURT RULED FOR LEE

The Supreme Court agreed with Lee that the Arlington Estate was unfairly taken by the government. After the ruling, the government purchased the land from Lee for \$150,000.



George Washington Custis Lee, ca. 1865. (Public domain)





FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE

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NOV.
1887

EVICTI ON NOTICE

The Army ordered the residents of the village to leave, because of rules against civilians living on military land.



*Adults and children read books in front of their barracks at the Freedman's Village.
(NARA, ca. 1861-1865)*





FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE

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OCT.
1890

FINAL EVICTIONS

The remaining 150 families of the Freedman's Village were given 90 days to move.



A group of free people outside a home. (LOC, 1862)





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VILLAGE COMPENSATION

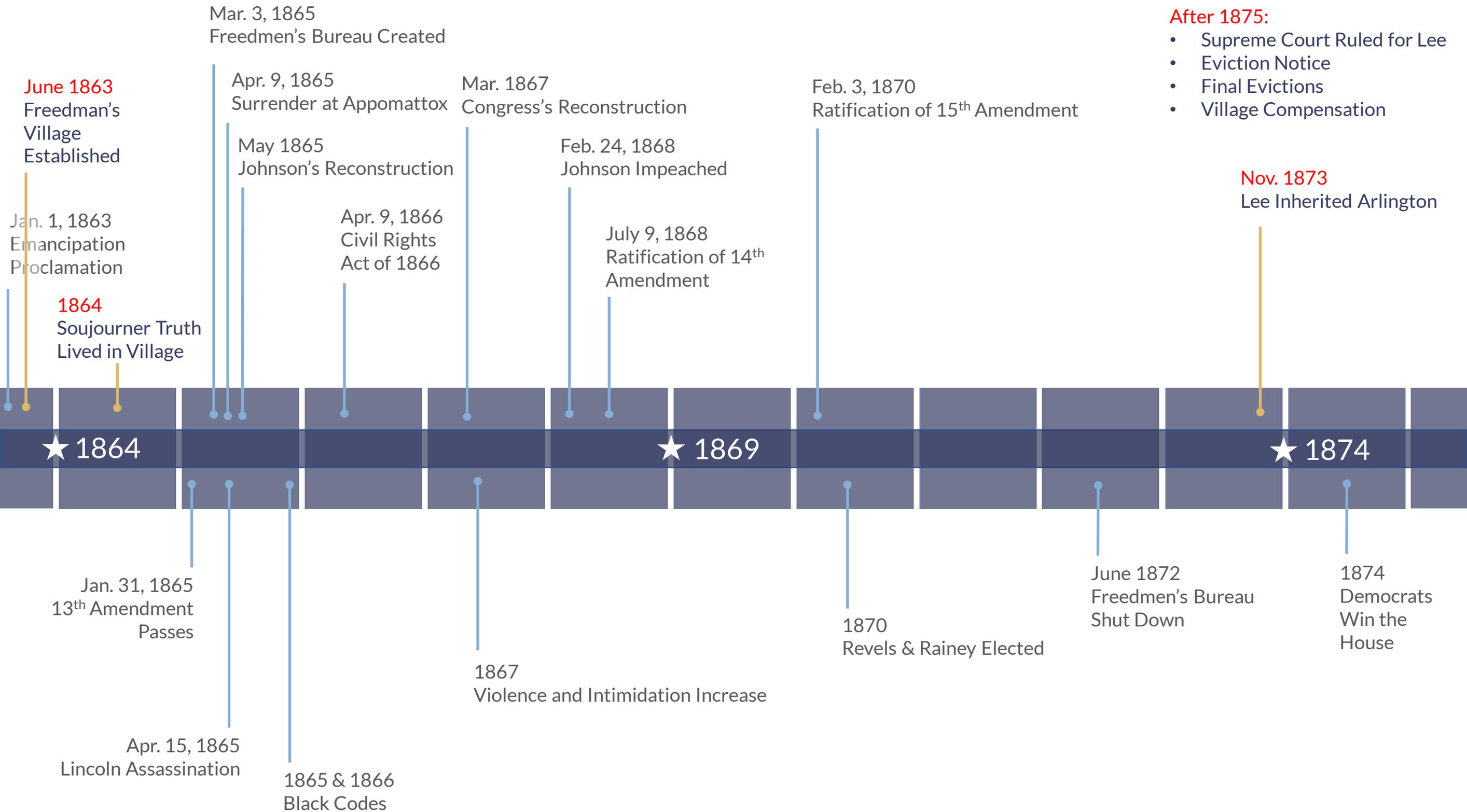
Congress approved \$75,000 to pay the evicted villagers.



U.S. Capitol, ca. 1920-1950. (LOC/Theodor Hrydczak)



RECONSTRUCTION: A TIMELINE



- After 1875:**
- Supreme Court Ruled for Lee
 - Eviction Notice
 - Final Evictions
 - Village Compensation



1880



1885



1890



1895



1900

