



FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE TIMELINE

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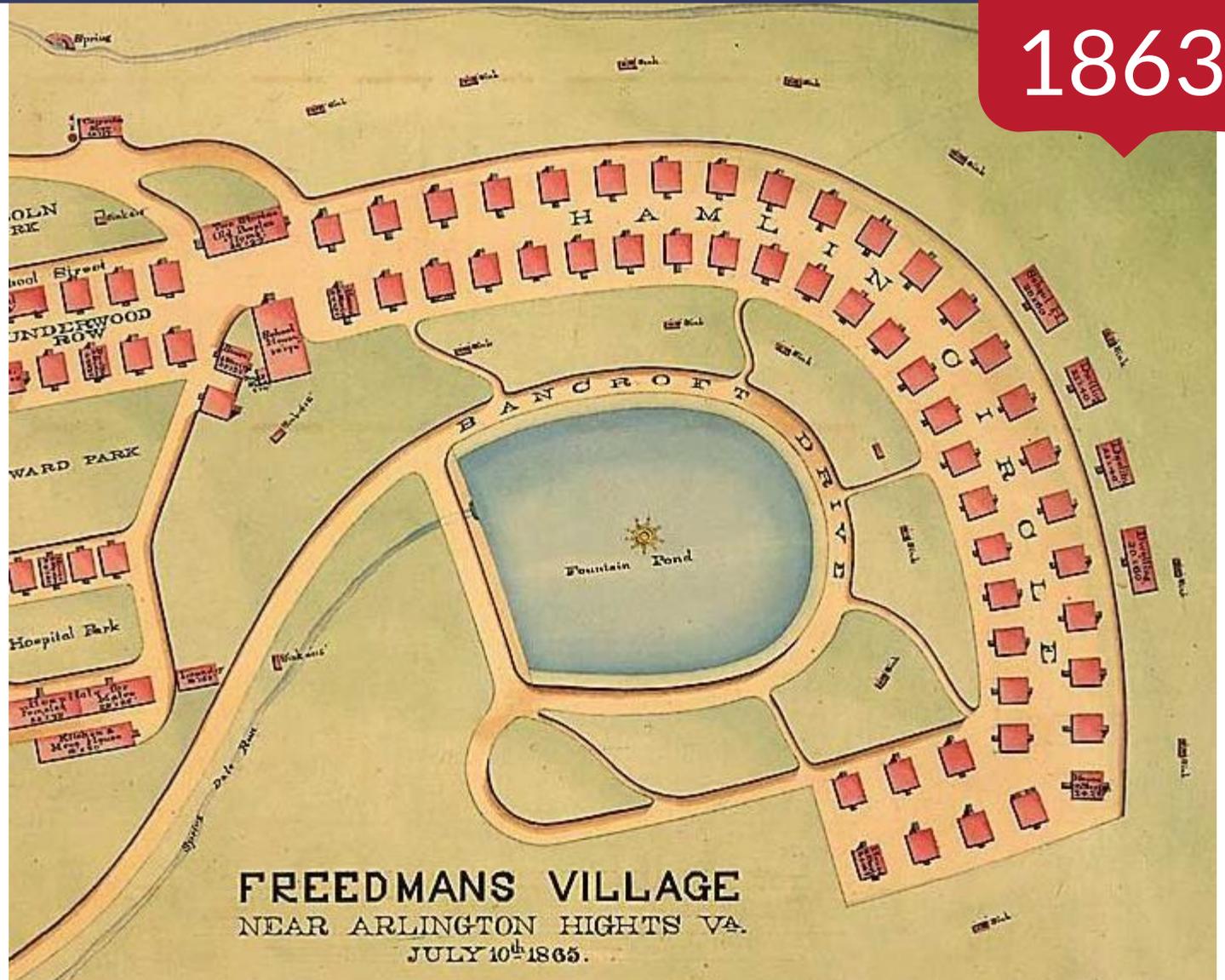


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JUNE
1863

FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE ESTABLISHED

The village was established on the former Arlington estate as a camp for newly freed people. Permanent housing was later built.



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



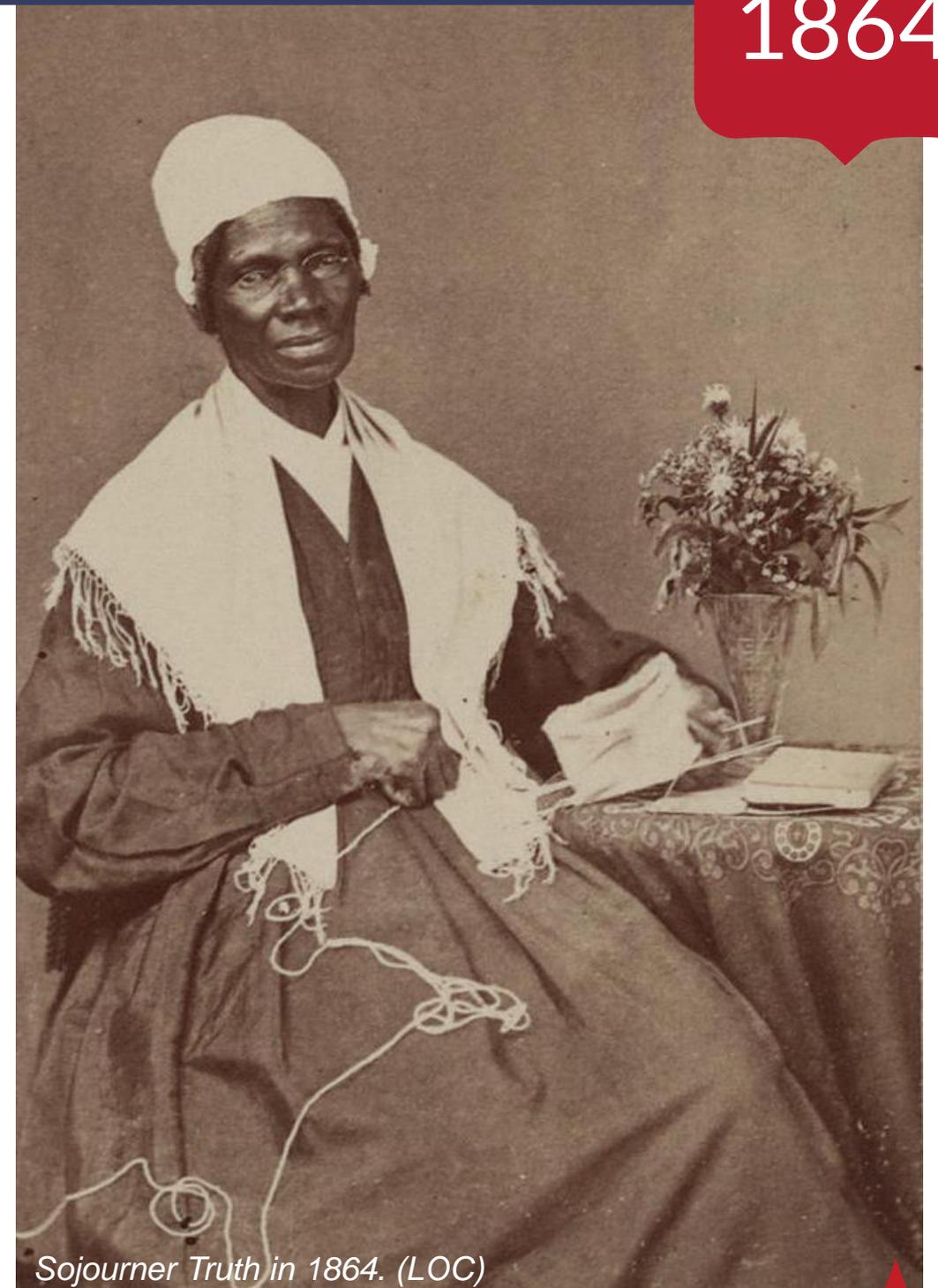


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SOJOURNER TRUTH LIVED IN VILLAGE

Sojourner Truth, a famous American supporter of the rights of African Americans and women, lived in the village for more than a year. She spent time counseling, teaching, and helping residents exercise their civil rights.



Sojourner Truth in 1864. (LOC)



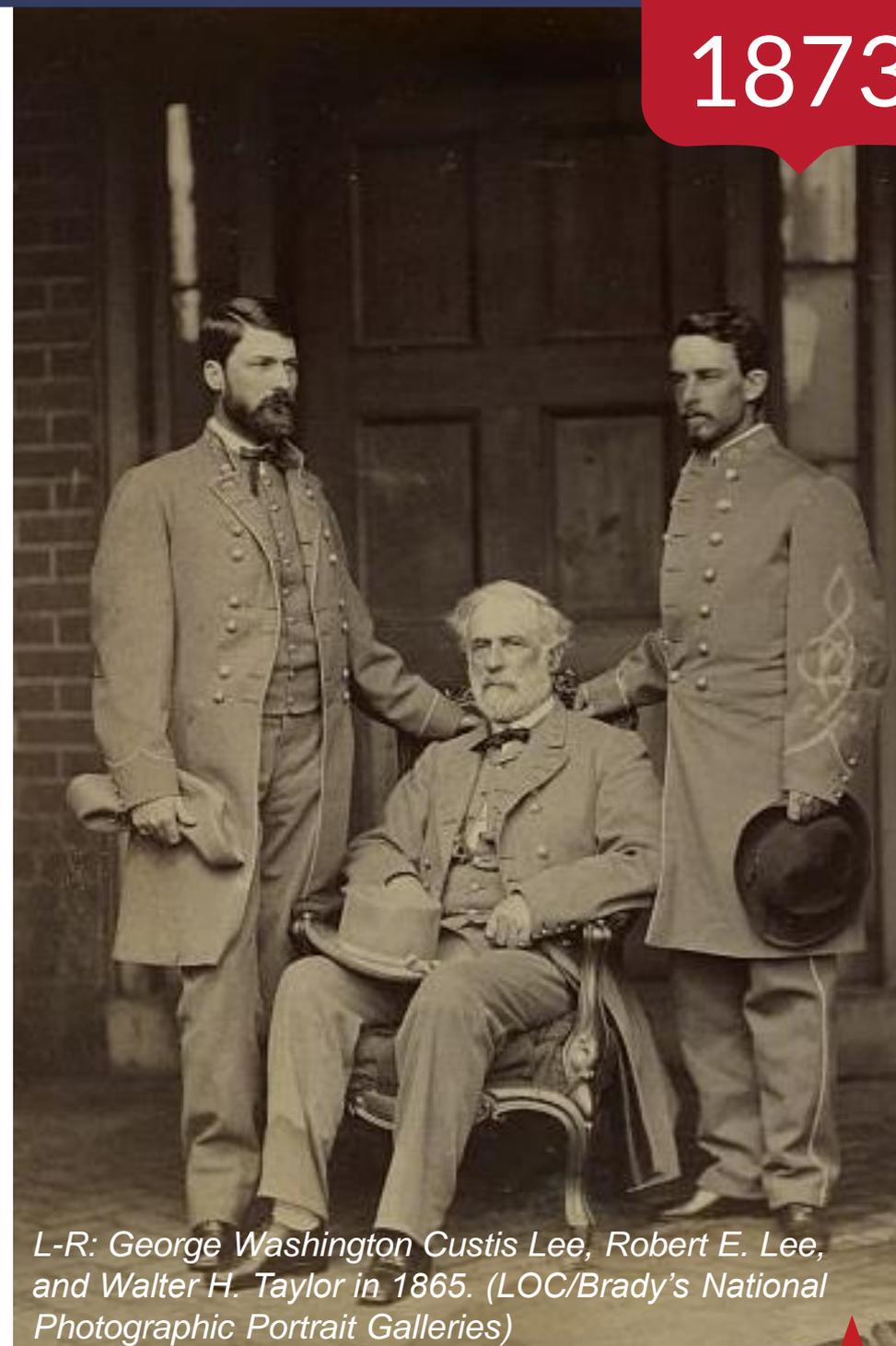


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LEE INHERITED ARLINGTON

The Lee family hadn't lived at the estate since 1861. When George Washington Custis Lee inherited the Arlington estate in 1873, he filed a lawsuit against the government claiming that the land had been seized illegally.



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



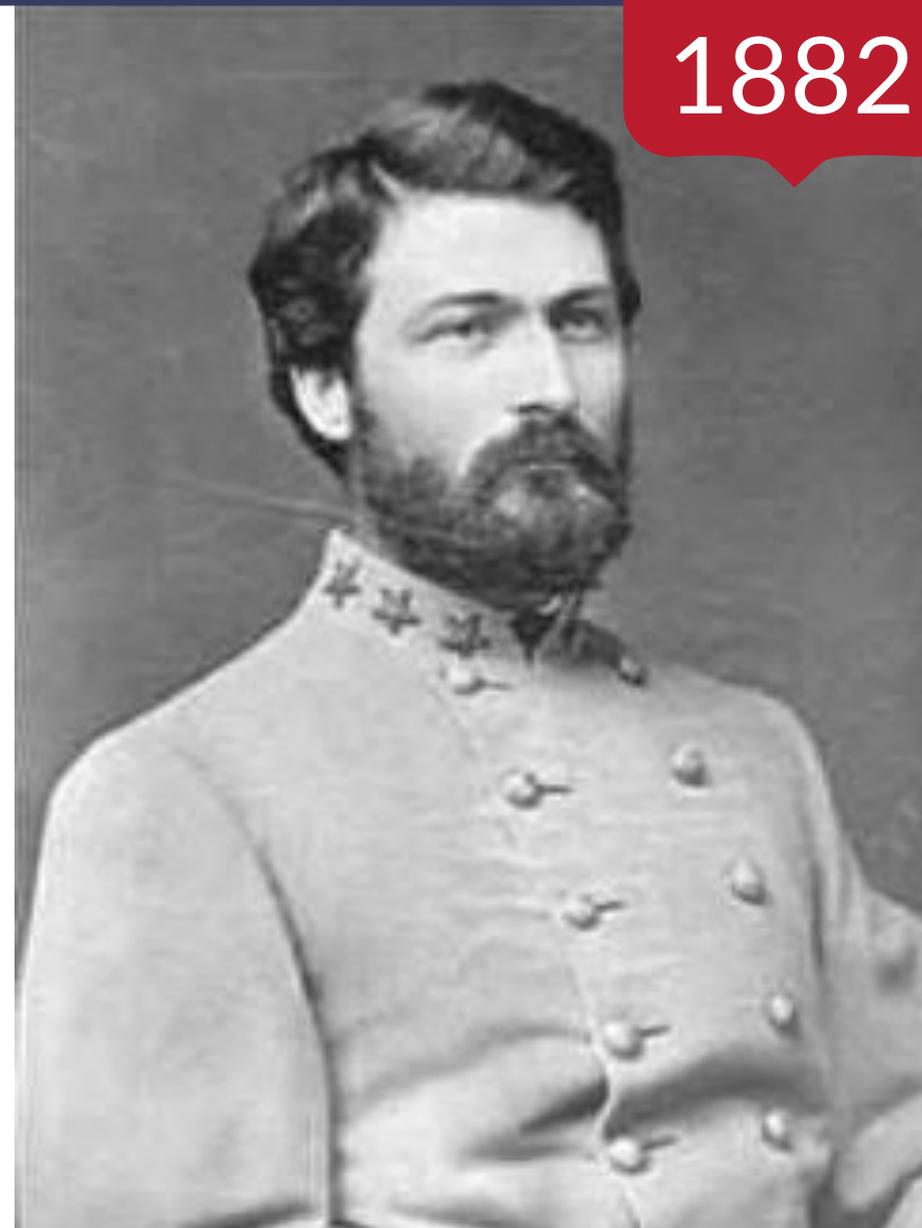


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SUPREME COURT RULED FOR LEE

The Supreme Court ruled that the Arlington Estate was unfairly confiscated from the Lee family. During the War, Mary Custis Lee tried to pay the property taxes, but the county declared the property in default and took it. After the ruling, the government purchased the land from Lee for \$150,000.



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





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NOV.
1887

EVICTI ON NOTICE

The Army ordered the residents of the village to leave, citing regulations 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)*





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OCT.
1890

FINAL EVICTIONS

The remaining 150 families of the Freedman's Village were given 90 days eviction notice.



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





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VILLAGE COMPENSATION

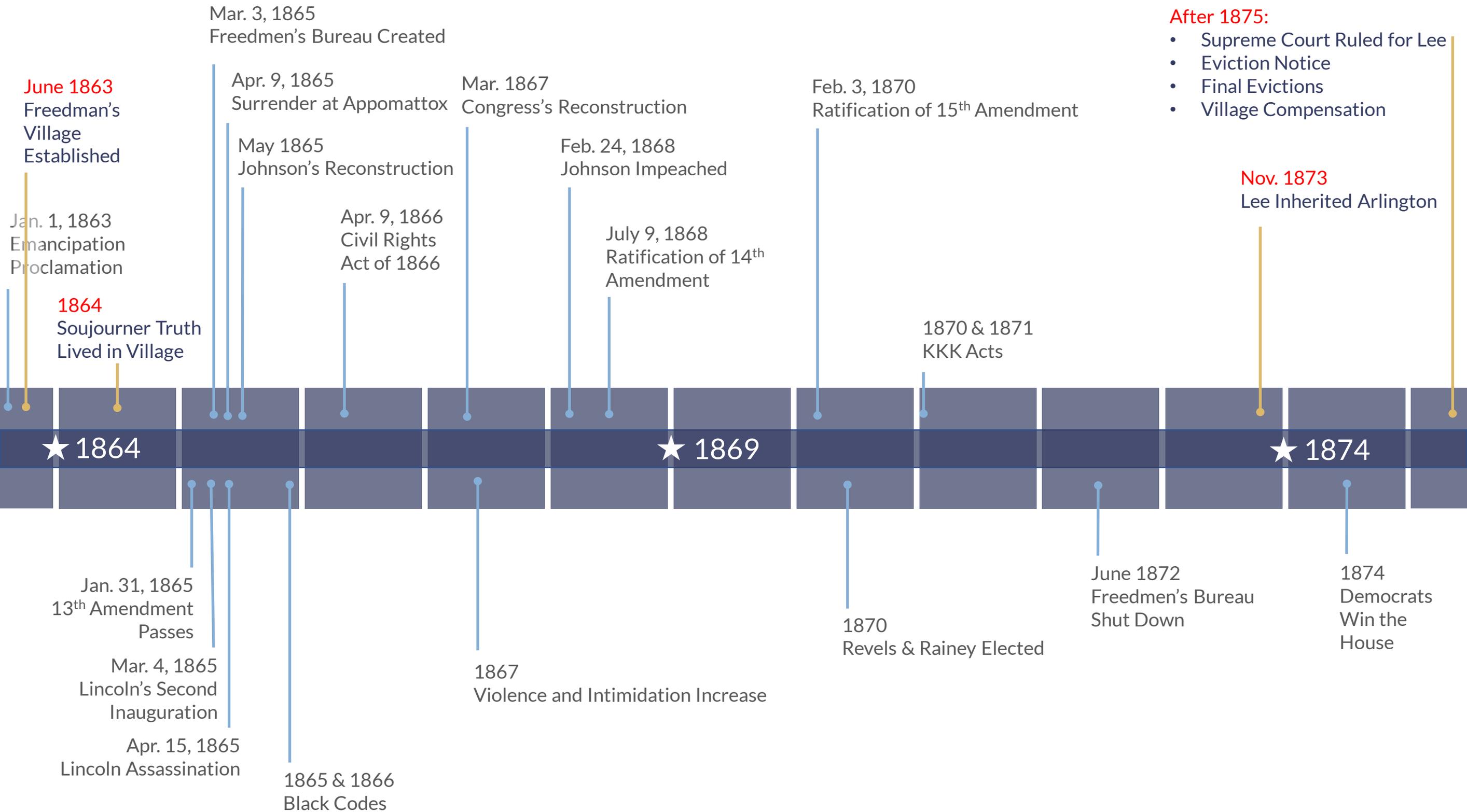
Congress appropriated \$75,000 to compensate the evicted villagers.



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



RECONSTRUCTION: A TIMELINE



1880



1885



1890



1895



1900

