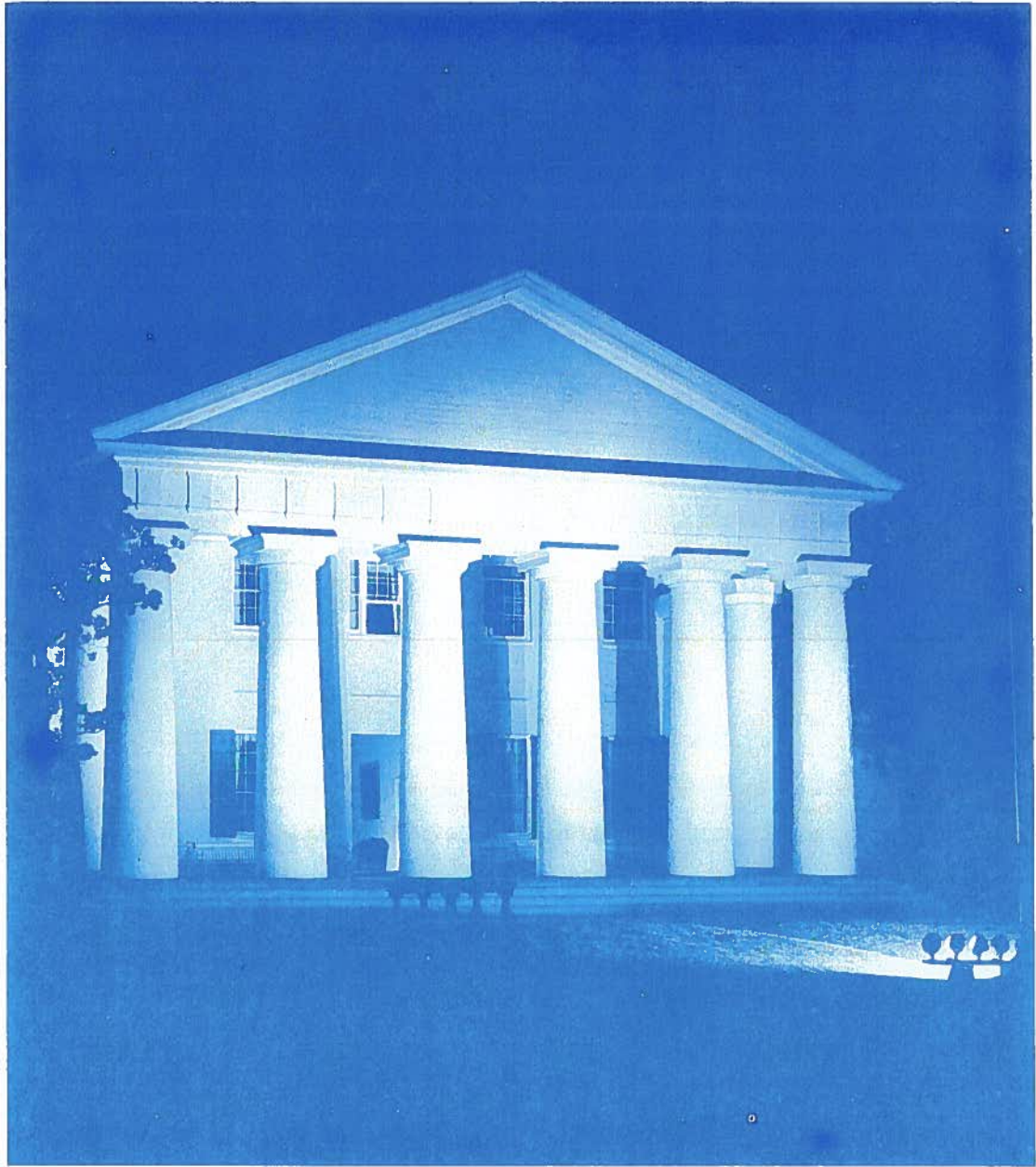


ARLINGTON



*Official Song of Arlington
County, Virginia*

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Verse:

1. There are man - y songs a - bout so man - y pla - ces In the
2. From the man - sion one can gaze a - cross the riv - er In - to

north, south, east and west. But the songs of home are ones we real - ly
Wash - ing - ton, D. C. Whose me - mo - ri - als and mon - u - ments re -

cher - ish, For home is the place we love the best.
mind us Of those who have lived to make men free.

Chorus: Slowly ; stately

On a north - ern Vir - gin - ia hill - side, Where Po - to - mac's wa - ters

flow, And where he - roes lived, oth - er he - roes lie 'Neath the

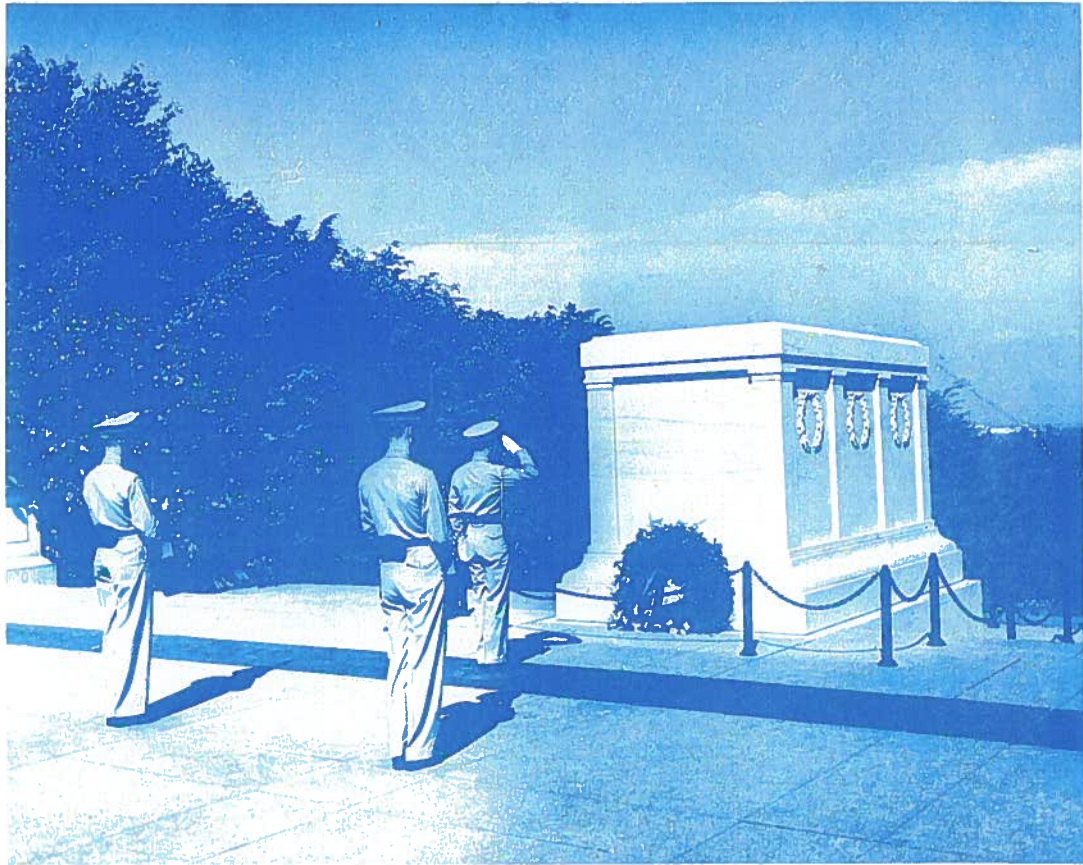
cross - es row on row; And a man - sion of state - ly

splen - dor, Tells of bat - tles lost and won; And

adds her name to the na - tion's fame, The — name of AR - LING - TON.

ARLINGTON was built by George Washington Parke Custis, grandson of Martha Washington and foster son of George Washington. It was begun in 1802 and completed in 1817. Mary Ann Randolph Custis, the only child of the builder and his wife, was married to Lt. Robert E. Lee at Arlington on June 30, 1831, and six of their seven children were born there. Federal troops occupied Arlington in 1861 and the grounds were set aside for a national cemetery in 1864. Lee's son Custis was later compensated by the government for the estate, whereupon he gave the United States a clear title to the property, Congress having appropriated the necessary funds in 1883. By an act of Congress in 1955, Arlington was made a permanent memorial to General Lee. The national cemetery is also the site of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, "Known But To God", and the graves of President Taft and President Kennedy.

On September 7, 1846, President James K. Polk signed a "Document of Recession" whereby that portion of the original Federal City grant south of the Potomac River was retroceded to Virginia. The original name, "Alexandria County," by which the area was first known, was changed to "Arlington County" in 1922, in honor of the county's most famous landmark, the Lee Mansion. In 1969 Arlington County had a population of 173,000 people.



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