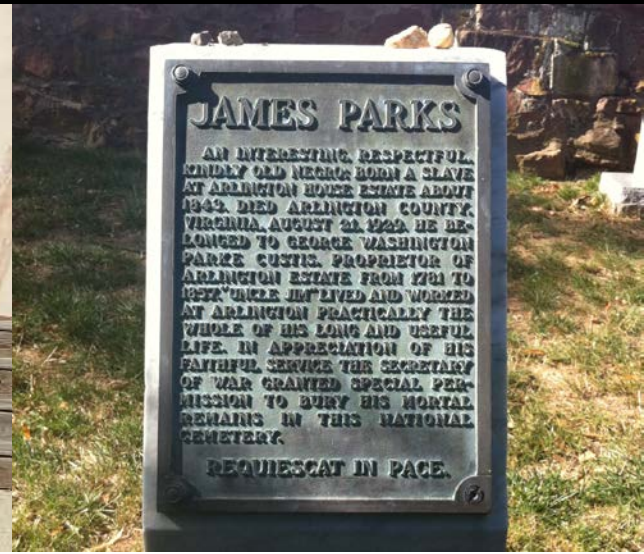




Ethnohistory of Arlington House Descendant Families





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Cooperative

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

- The **Mission** of ASALH is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.
- The **Founder** of ASALH is Carter G. Woodson the founder of Black History Month in 1915.
- **Operates** as local, state, and international branches promoting greater knowledge of African American history through a program of education, research, and publishing.
- The **Organization** collaborates with the national, local and academic partnerships to promote oral, public and local history projects



ETHNOHISTORY



What is Ethnohistory?

• **ETHNOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT**

- Reviews of existing information on park resources valued by stakeholders.
- interviews with families or community members and other constituents—often on trips to specific sites—supply missing data. The information also is derived from archives and publications;

• **WHY ETHNOHISTORY?**

- Much of the information collected through ethnographic methods are often unavailable through traditional sources using conventional research methods.

Hampton Ethnohistory Project

Hampton National Historic Site

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Ethnographic Program
Northeast Region



TRACING LIVES IN SLAVERY: RECLAIMING FAMILIES IN FREEDOM

AN ETHNOGRAPHIC SOLUTION TO A HISTORICAL PROBLEM



Special Ethnographic Report
Hampton National Historic Site
Towson, MD

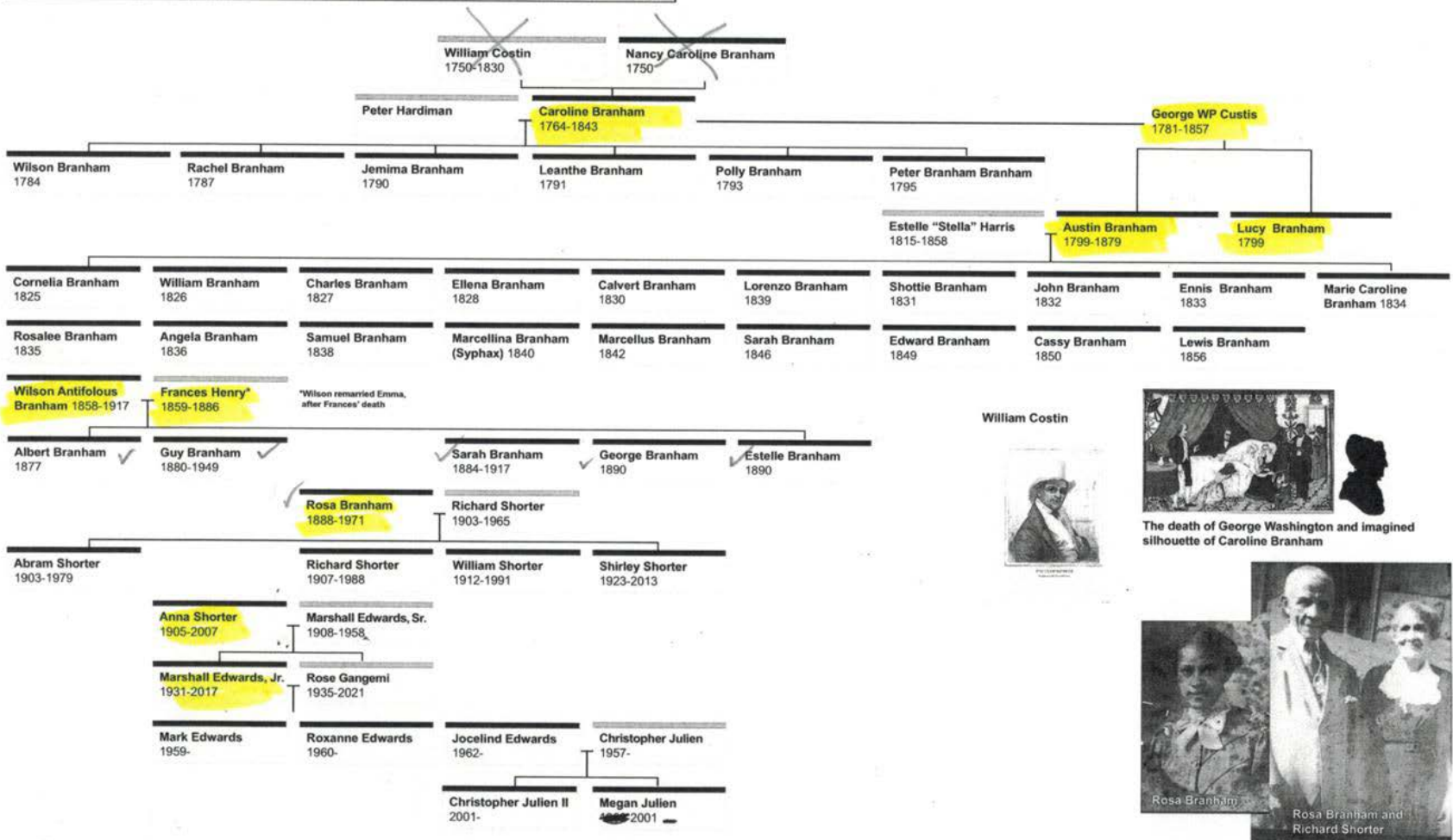


Themes Emerging From Arlington House the Interviews:

- The importance of family
 - Grandmothers holding the secret family history
- The importance of community and home
- Most had no idea of their family's connection to Arlington House
- Life and experiences beyond slavery
- Contributions while enslaved and later in freedom
- Circle of Families
 - Intermarriage of families
 - The Syphax, Norris, Gray, Branham and Parks families all intermarry
- The legacy they left behind
- How families and descendants want to be remembered
- Hopes for the future and interpretation of Arlington House



AUSTIN BRANHAM FAMILY TREE



William Costin



The death of George Washington and imagined silhouette of Caroline Branham



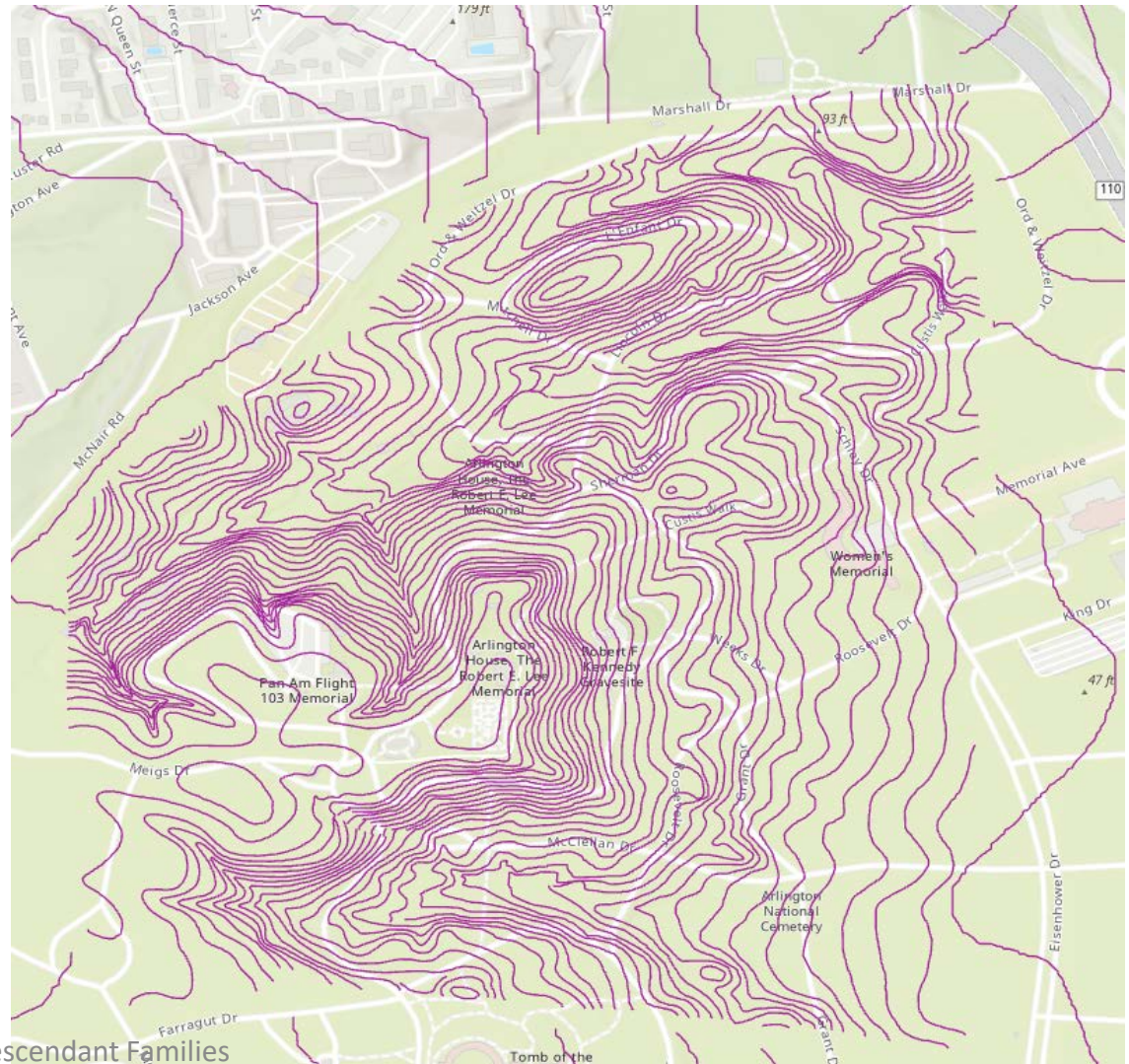


MAPPING



Topographical Maps Foundation

- Followed NPS Standards for GIS Data Collection
- Used NAD 1983 (2011) Projections
- Utilized ArcGIS Tools

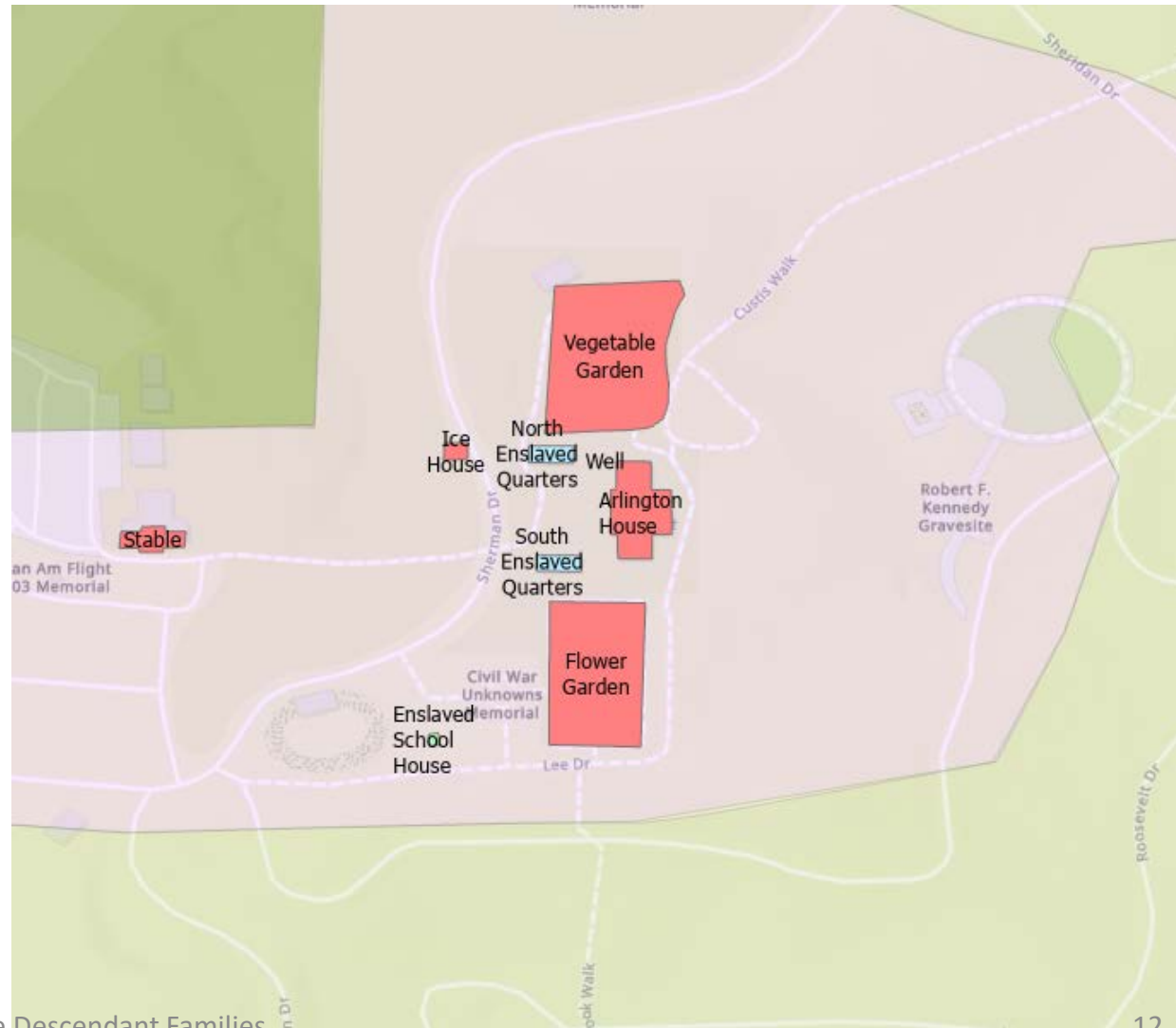






Arlington House

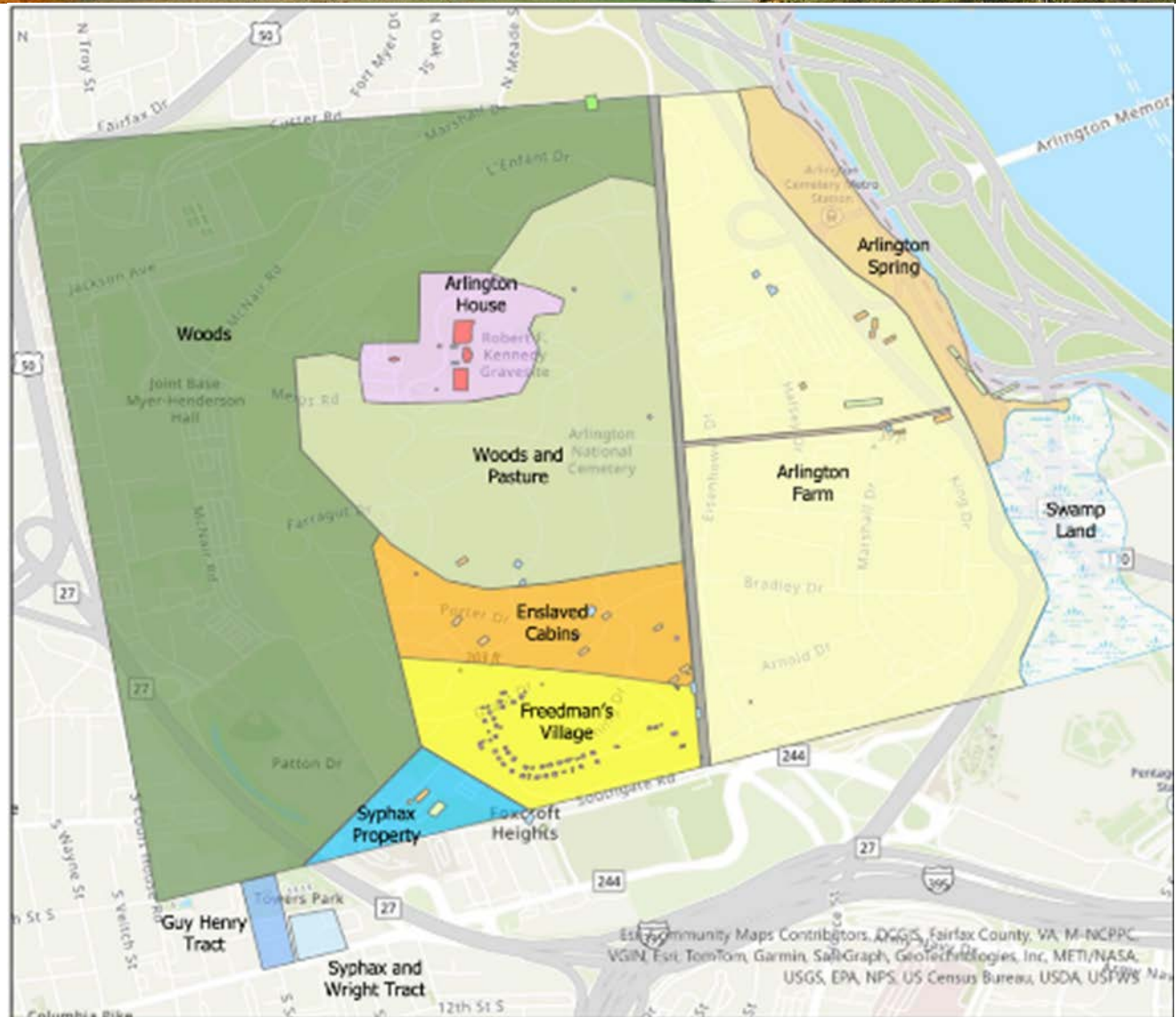
- Mansion
- Enslaved Quarters
- Summer Kitchen
- Gardens
- School House
- Ice House
- Stable





Arlington House Estate

Land Use and Buildings





Farm

- Fields
- Barn
- Enslaved Cabins
- Overseer's House



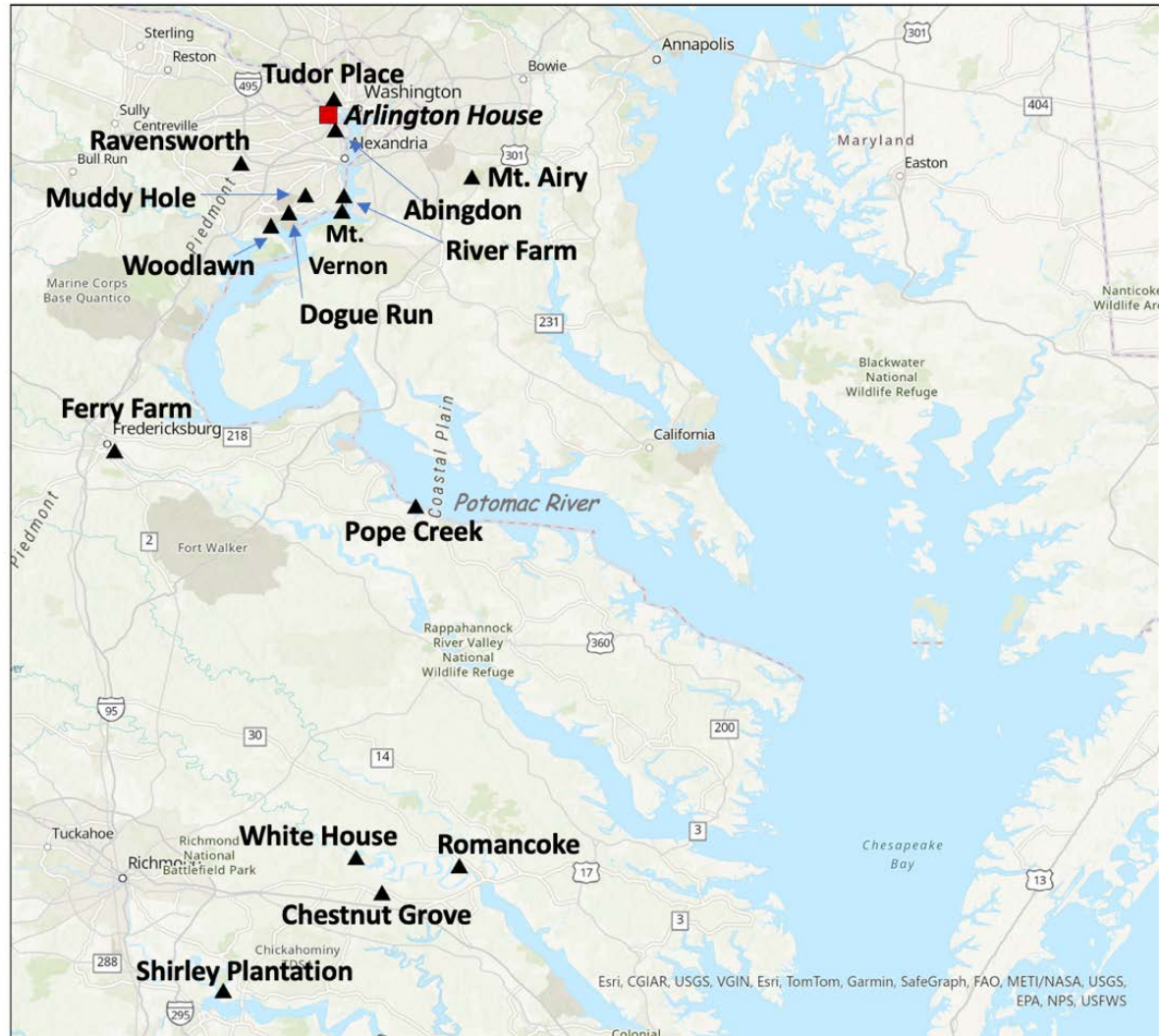




Related Family Plantations

- Custis
- Washington
- Fitzhugh
- Dandridge
- Calvert

Many are points of origination for the enslaved at ARHO.





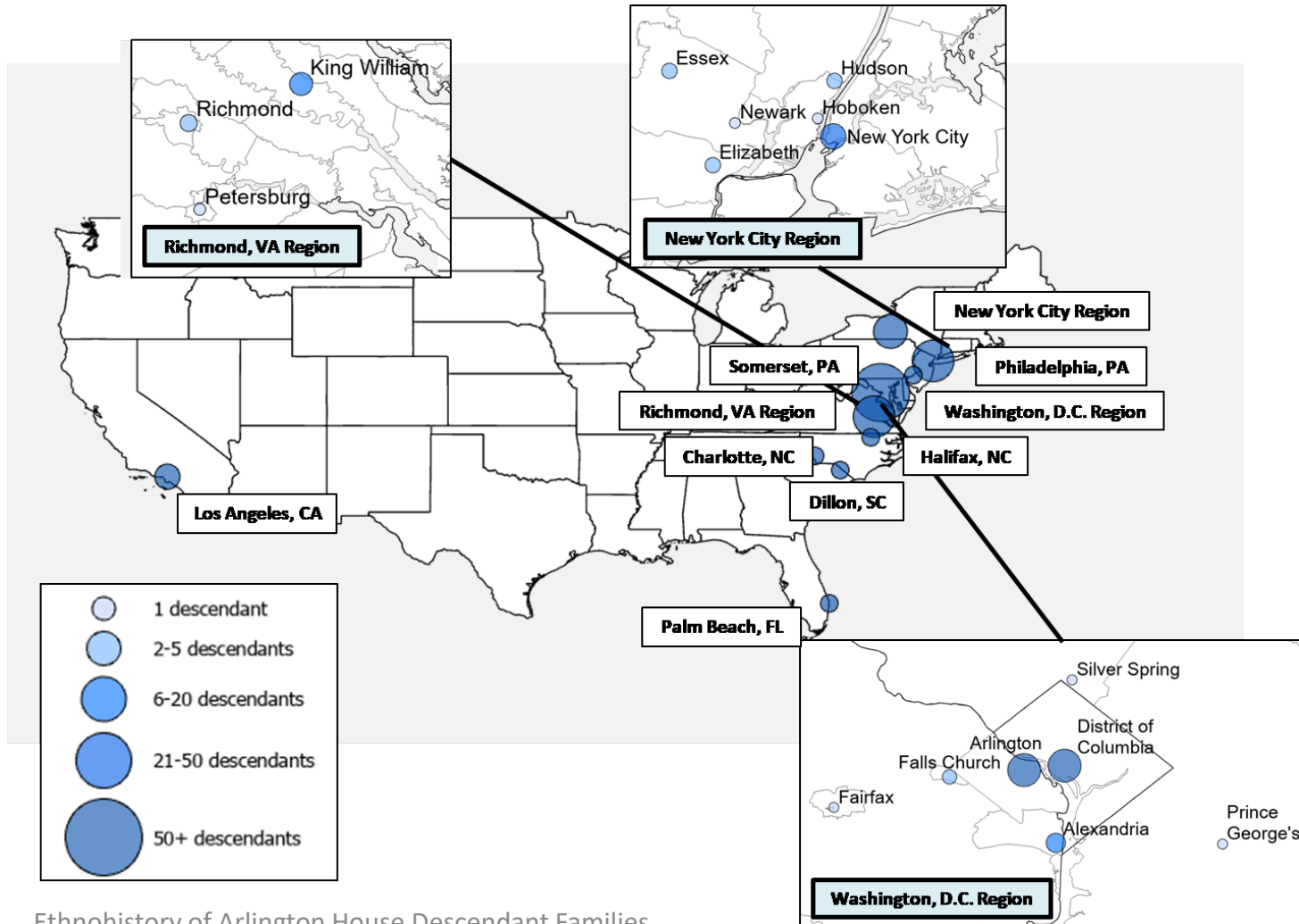




GENEALOGY



ARHO Enslaved Descendants Migration/Destination Map





In conducting genealogical research

**...it can take months,
if not years and decades**



Methodology

As genealogical experts and consistent with the standards of the **Board for Certification of Genealogists**, the research team divided the process into six steps:

- review the known information
- plan the research
- search the records
- analyze the records
- make conclusions based on the facts
- data storage for future descendant research

The Board for Certification of Genealogists is a certifying body for genealogists founded in 1964 by Fellows of the **American Society of Genealogists**, the genealogical field's academic honorary society.



Affiliated Families at Arlington Plantation

Bingham Family

Austin Bingham
Louisa Bingham

- Harrison Bingham
- Reuben Bingham
- Parks Bingham L
- Edward Bingham
- Henry Bingham
- Austin Bingham (son)
- Leathe Bingham
- Lucius Bingham
- Caroline Bingham
 - Jem (her child)
 - Louisa (her child)
 - Baby (her child)

Norris Family

Len Norris
Sally (Gray) Norris (his wife)

- Wesley Norris
- Mary Norris
- Sally Norris (child)

Grey (Gray) Family

Thornton Grey
Selina Grey (his wife)

- Emma Grey
- Sarah Grey
- Harry Grey
- Annie Grey
- Ada Grey
- Selina Grey (child)

Check Family

Julia Ann Check

- Catherine Check
- Louis Check
- Henry Check

Burke Family
Catherine Burke
Fanny Burke
Mary Ann Burke
Agnes Burke

Taylor Family

Margaret Taylor

- Dandridge
- Richardson
- John Richardson
- Billy Taylor
- Quincy Taylor

Parks Family

Laurence Parks
Patsey Parks (his wife)

- George Parks
- Amanda Parks
- Perry Parks
- Robert Parks
- Martha Parks
- Laurence Parks
- James Parks
- Magdalena Parks
- Leanna Parks
- Matilda Parks
- William Parks

Other Families or Individuals

Austin Grey
Austin Branham
Charles Sifax [Syphax]
George Clark
Daniel Dotson
Ephraim Derricks



United States Census Records

With the limitation of time and scope of the project, and the primary generations to be researched, the genealogists relied heavily upon the United States Census records for the period of 1870 through 1950.



Ancestors Database

- Enslavers
- Ancestors
- Descendants

SharePoint Search this site

AAHGS NPS Ancestor Database Home Enslaver Ancestors Descendants Recycle bin Exit

Private group Not following 23 members

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ANCESTOR'S DATABASE

AAHGS
Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society

Welcome and Overview.

Thank you AAHGS Prince George's Chapter for helping us with this very important project.

Introduction to Tabs.

At the top of the home page to the right of the blue box you will notice four separate tabs. Each tab will take you to a different web portal where you can enter distinct information. The information that you add will correspond to the title in bold at the top of each column.

Tab #1 Enslaver: Most of our ancestors were enslaved and it is important to capture information on the enslavers. Information on each ancestor's enslaver will be entered into to this tab. The enslaver's data will be connected to each enslaved ancestor.

Tab #2 Ancestors: The Ancestors tab will allow you to enter pertinent

Waiting for login.microsoftonline.com... The initial project Ancestor's Database was designed to easily add



Questions and Answers