



# FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE TIMELINE

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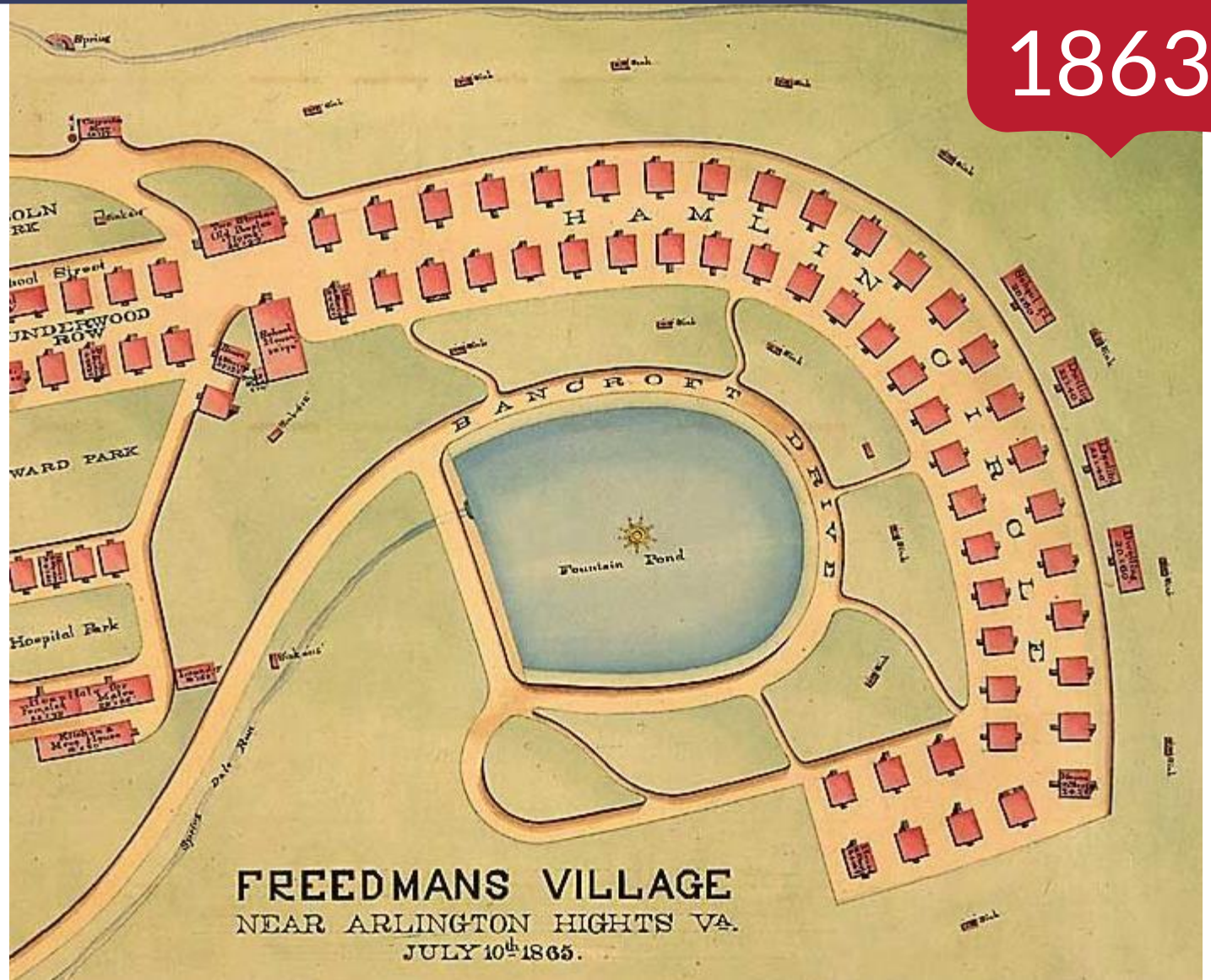


# FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE

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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)



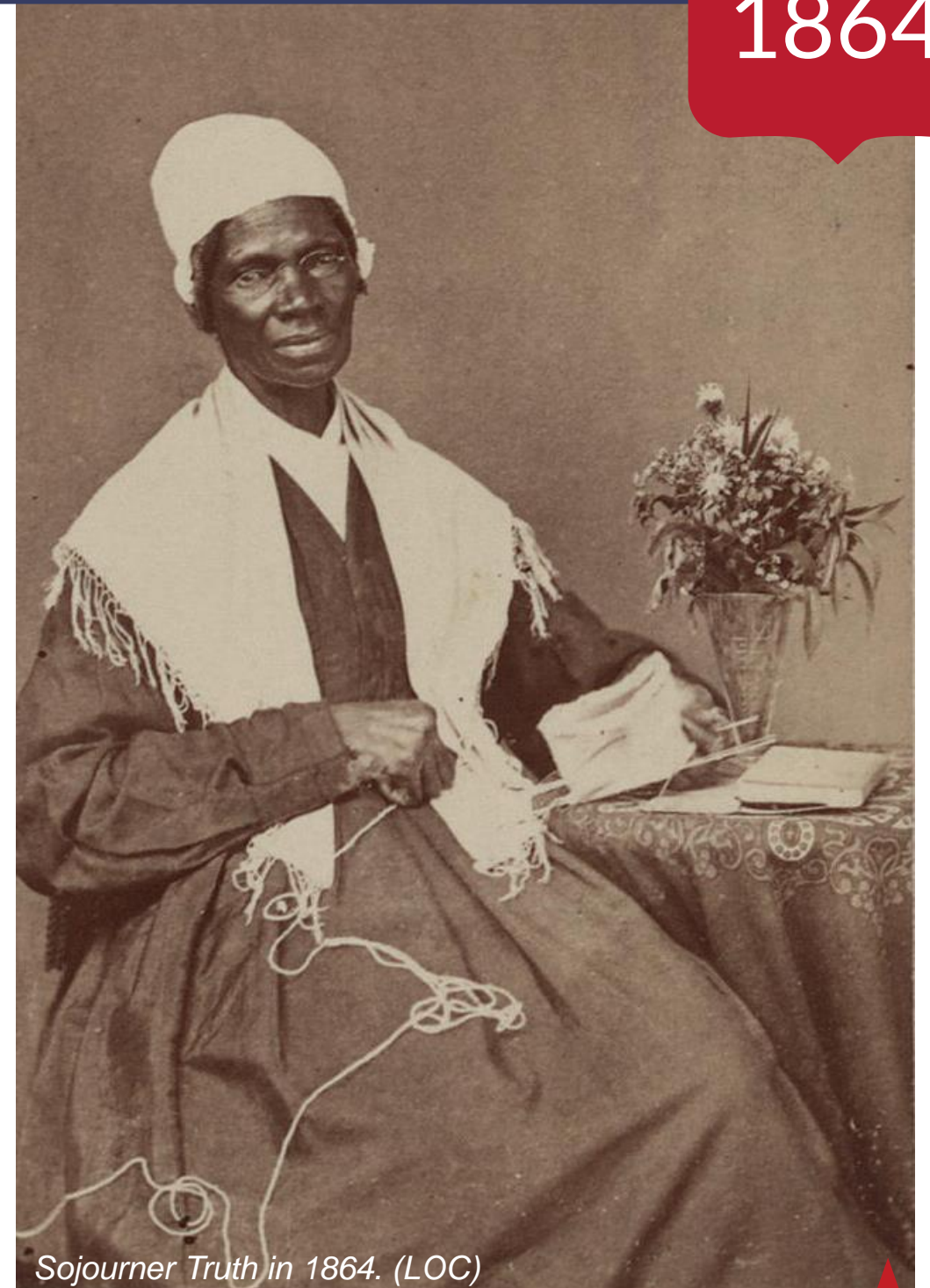


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# SOJOURNER TRUTH LIVED IN VILLAGE

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)*





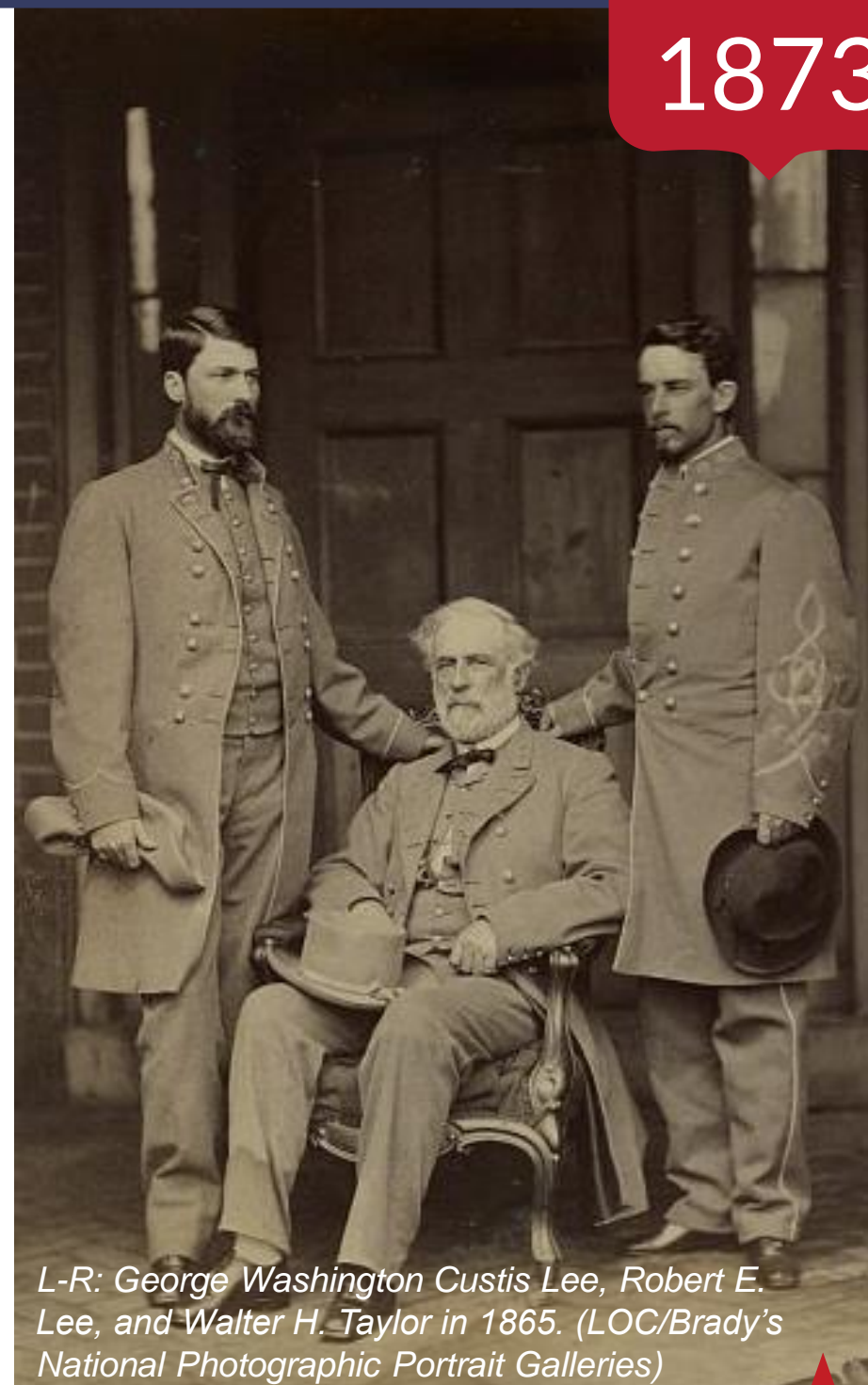


## FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE

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NOV.  
1873

# LEE INHERITED ARLINGTON

The Lee family hadn't lived at the estate since 1861. When George Washington Custis Lee inherited the Arlington estate on the death of his mother in 1873, he filed a lawsuit against the government, claiming that the land had been seized illegally and asking that the military and Freedman's village be removed.



*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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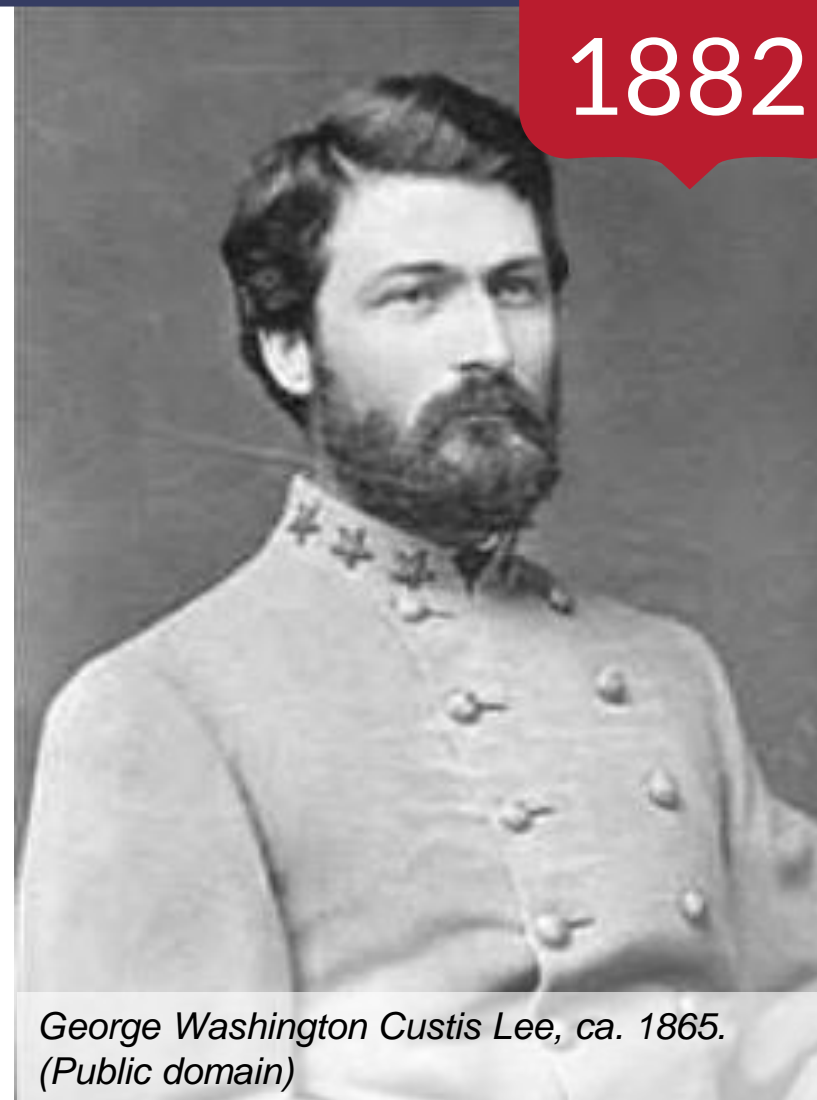


# SUPREME COURT RULED FOR LEE

The Supreme Court ruled that the Arlington Estate was unfairly confiscated from the Lee family. A law passed during the war required taxes on land in rebelling areas be paid in person.

Mary Custis Lee sent her cousin to pay the bill,

but the county declared the property in default and sold it. 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, 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.

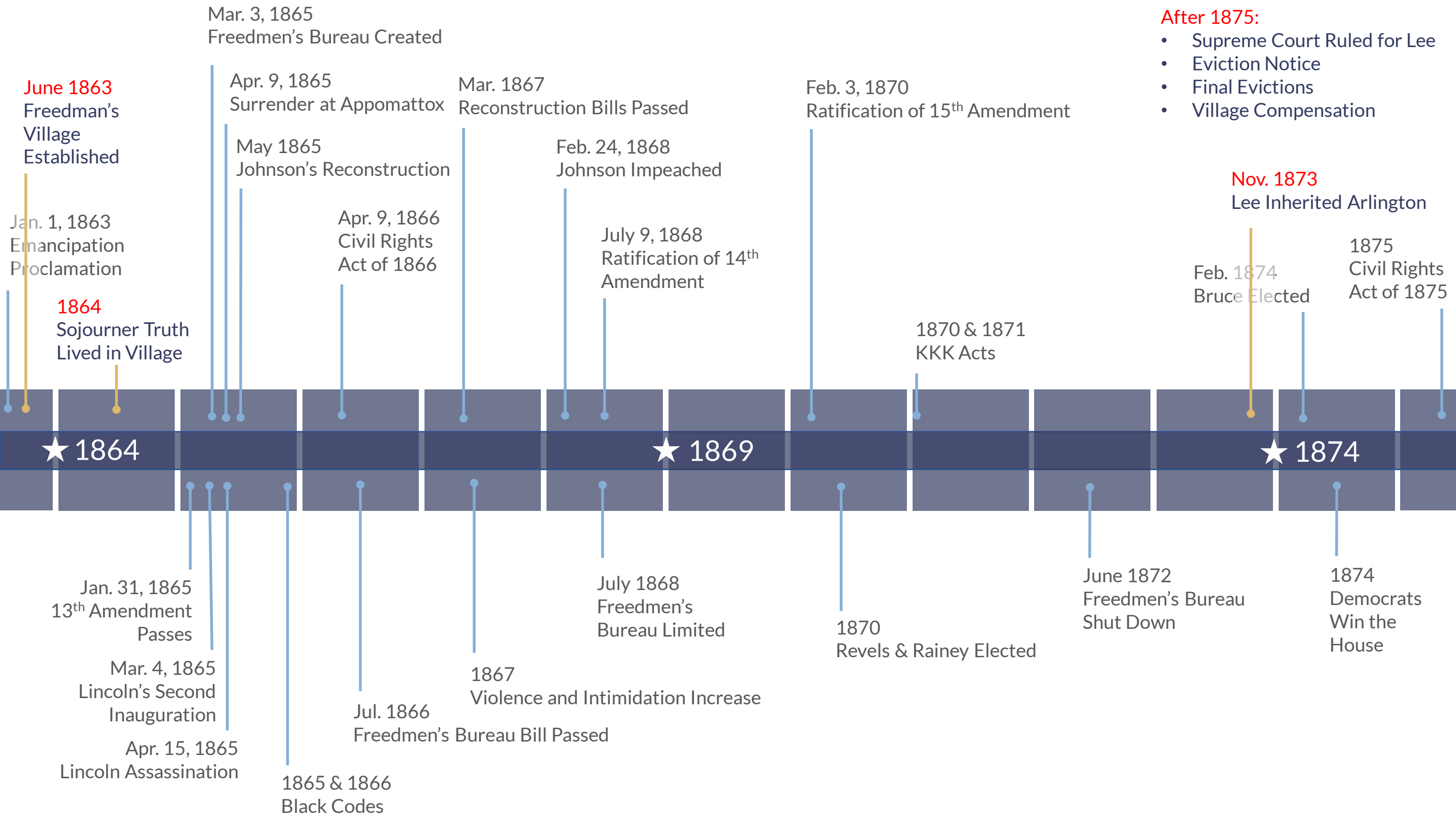


*U.S. Capitol, ca. 1920-1950. (LOC/Theodor Hrydczak)*





# RECONSTRUCTION: A TIMELINE



**After 1875:**

- Supreme Court Ruled for Lee
- Eviction Notice
- Final Evictions
- Village Compensation



# 1880



# 1885





# 1890



# 1895



# 1900

