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APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE—1965

The Court House Square from the southwest showing, from left to right: The Meeks General Store, the Tavern Kitchen and Guest House, the Tavern Slave Quarters, the Clover Hill Tavern, and the Court House Building.

The
One Hundredth Anniversary
of the
SURRENDER AT APPOMATTOX

April 9, 1865 . April 9, 1965



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Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

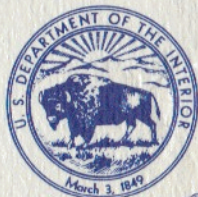
Because of what happened here on April 9, 1865, the Congress set aside this central Virginia hamlet as a place to be preserved and protected for its significance in American history. The Secretary of the Interior proclaimed its establishment as a National Historical Monument on April 10, 1940. Ten years later in 1950—again in April—the late Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman delivered a stirring address to an audience of 20,000, dedicating the McLean House. Furnished with the able assistance of dedicated Virginians, this reconstruction was a major step in the National Park Service effort toward restoring the village to its appearance in 1865 when General Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant.

Gradually turning the “village time” back to 1865, the National Park Service has eliminated newer roads and rebuilt the old ones, repaired old lanes, built fences of rail and picket, removed houses, garages and other buildings that did not belong, and restored the structures that were part of the historic setting—Clover Hill Tavern, the Isbell House, The Peers House, Meeks General Store, Mr. Woodson’s Law Office and others. The most recent reconstruction is the Appomattox County Court House, itself being dedicated today.

Today a village bespeaks a mood of an April day when fate steered Union and Confederate armies to their historic rendezvous.

Tying the village with the history that made it known throughout the world, Grant’s Headquarters at the west end of the park and Lee’s at the east end are marked. These and the Surrender Triangle, where Confederate arms were stacked, the small cemetery where 18 Confederates and one unknown Union soldier rest together, are places you will want to visit.

Today we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of that last day and share a bond of understanding with those who have visited Appomattox in years past—and with those who will stop here in generations to come. Here was the end of the struggle and the reunion of North and South; here a reunited nation began again to move in concert toward strength and world power.



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National Park Service



PROGRAM

*Program begins at Appomattox Court House
National Historical Park at 2:00 p.m., April 9, 1965.*

Band Concert begins at 1:40 P.M.	United States Marine Band Quantico, Virginia
Master of Ceremonies	Hon. John Warren Cooke <i>Chairman, Exec. Com., Virginia Civil War Commission</i>
Invocation	Rev. Robert L. Alderman <i>Liberty Baptist Church, Appomattox, Virginia</i>
Presentation of Colors	Virginia Military Institute
National Anthem	Miss Camille Elias <i>accompanied by Marine Corps Band</i>
Welcome to Virginia	Governor Albertis S. Harrison, Jr.
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Hon. John Warren Cooke
Presentation of Appomattox Commemorative Stamp Albums	William McMillan <i>Assistant Postmaster General</i>
Introduction of Speaker	Elbert Cox <i>Regional Director, National Park Service</i>
Address	Bruce Catton
Benediction	Rev. John L. Suttentfield <i>Fairview Christian Church, Lynchburg, Va.</i>
Taps	Buglers, Virginia Military Institute
Ribbon Cutting for Reconstructed Courthouse	Hon. W. M. Abbitt <i>U. S. House of Representatives</i> Major General U. S. Grant, III Robert E. Lee, IV George B. Hartzog, Jr. <i>Director, National Park Service</i>



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