

**THE FIRST AMERICAN:
HIS HOMES AND HIS
HOUSEHOLDS**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649583263

The First American: His Homes and His Households by Leila Herbert

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

LEILA HERBERT

**THE FIRST AMERICAN:
HIS HOMES AND HIS
HOUSEHOLDS**

THE FIRST AMERICAN

91319

HIS HOMES AND HIS HOUSEHOLDS

BY

LEILA HERBERT

ILLUSTRATED



NEW YORK AND LONDON
HARPER & BROTHERS PUBLISHERS
1900



L. LELA HERBERT

Copyright, 1899, by HARPER & BROTHERS.

All rights reserved.

CONTENTS

	PAGE
PREFACE	vii
PART I	
CHILDHOOD AND LIFE AT MOUNT VERNON	3
PART II	
IN NEW YORK	43
PART III	
IN PHILADELPHIA AND GERMANTOWN	77
PART IV	
FINAL DAYS AT MOUNT VERNON	105

D(4D) R M.

Ms. A. 12-2-35

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

ILLUSTRATIONS

MISS LEILA HERBERT	<i>Frontispiece</i>
MOUNT VERNON	<i>Facing p. 4</i>
PLAN SHOWING THE FOUNDATION OF WAKEFIELD HOUSE IN WHICH WASHINGTON WAS BORN	" 6
THE MONUMENT MARKING WASHINGTON'S BIRTH- PLACE	" 10
THE HOUSE ON THE RAPPAHANNOCK	" 12
COLONEL WASHINGTON'S WEDDING RECEPTION	" 16
"THE WOODS ECHOED"	" 22
"MRS. WASHINGTON CAME IN OFTEN TO SEE THE SPINNING NEGRO WOMEN"	" 26
FRANKLIN HOUSE, FRANKLIN SQUARE, NEW YORK	" 44
WASHINGTON AND MRS. GENERAL GREENE	" 52
"MISS MCVIVERS'S FASHIONABLE HEAD-DRESS CAUGHT FIRE"	" 56
"STATELINESS OF CIVILIZATION AND SAVAGE STATE- LINESS CONTRASTED"	" 66
THE OLD McCOMB MANSION	" 70
THE MORRIS HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA	" 76
THE GERMANTOWN HOUSE	" 90
WASHINGTON IN ANGER	" 92

Illustrations

MISS CUSTIS AND HER HARPSICORD	<i>Facing p.</i>	94
HAMILTON ANNOUNCING HIS FREEDOM FROM PUBLIC LIFE	"	95
WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL DINNER—HIS TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT-ELECT	"	100
WASHINGTON'S RESIDENCE AT MOUNT VERNON . . .	"	106
WASHINGTON AS HIS OWN GAME-WARDEN	"	108
RECEIVING HIS OLD FRIENDS AT MOUNT VERNON . .	"	110
WASHINGTON AS HIS OWN SURVEYOR	"	112
WASHINGTON'S LAST FAREWELL	"	116
"THE MOST CARELESS ROOM WAS THE ONLY ONE FROM WHICH SHE COULD SEE HER HUSBAND'S GRAVE"	"	120