



Washington, DC
Federal District: Not in any State.
Pop (est 2019): 705,000.
Metro area pop: 6.2 million.
Area: 68 sq mi.
Highest elevation: 409 feet.
Bordered by: MD to North and East and by VA to South and West.

Major airports
Reagan National: Domestic plus a few to Canada and Caribbean. Taxi. Metro. Very close in.
Washington Dulles: Most international flights, plus domestic. Taxi. Metro under construction.
Baltimore–Washington: Inconvenient for downtown DC.

Winters: Chilly with light snow.
 – Average snowfall 15 inches.
Summers are hot and humid.

Temp (F) Highs & Lows. Inches of rain.

Annual Weather Averages - Washington, DC
 All figures are for average National Airport, which is 4 miles from Washington DC.
 Based on weather reports collected during 1950-2019.

Prior to establishing the nation's capital in Washington, DC in 1800, the United States Congress and its predecessors had met in:

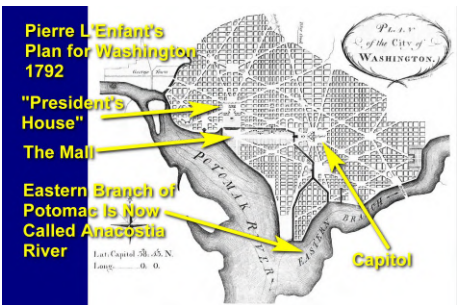
- New York City (Federal Hall) 1789-90.
- Philadelphia (Independence Hall and Congress Hall) 1790-1800.
- Plus the occasional meetings in Princeton, Trenton, Lancaster, York, Annapolis.

Pierre (Peter) Charles L'Enfant planned the new capital city.

- Fought with American revolutionaries starting 1777.

L'Enfant Plan for Washington 1791:

- Jenkin's Hill (now Capitol Hill) as the site for the capitol.
- President's House.
- Grand avenue: Pennsylvania Ave.
- Public space: The Mall.



DC Government - 1
By US Constitution, DC is under control of the US Congress.

1973: DC Home Rule Act:

- Elected mayor.
- 13-member council.

But Congress may overturn local laws. And Congress sets budget.

DC Government - 2

- D.C. residents elect a non-voting, at-large congressional delegate to the House of Representatives.
- No representation in the Senate.
- District voters choose three presidential electors (23rd Amendment to the Constitution, 1961).

Racial Makeup (2017 Census Bureau):

- 47% Black or African American.
- 45% White (37% non-Hispanic White).
- 4% Asian.
- 1% American Indian or Alaska Native.
- 3% Persons from two or more races.

Hispanics of any race made up 11% of DC population.

Population (Census) Nearest 000

1800	8,000
1850	52,000
1900	279,000
1920	438,000
1940	663,000
1960	764,000
1980	638,000 (why the drop?)
2000	572,000
2010	602,000
2019	706,000 (est)

Crime: Concentrated in areas with poverty, drug abuse, and gangs.

- 5% of city blocks account for over 25% of DC's total crime.
- The more affluent neighborhoods of NW DC are typically safe (Downtown, Foggy Bottom, Embassy Row, and Penn Quarter).
- Highest crime: eastern portion of city.
- 60,000 residents are ex-convicts.

Public Schools
 High cost, low performing.

- 123 public schools. Enroll about 46,000.
- 52 public funded charter schools. Enroll 32,000.
- 92 private schools. Enroll 18,000.

Universities in Washington

Name	Type	Level	Enrol.	Found.
George Wash.	Non-profit	Doctoral	25,653	1821
Georgetown	Non-profit	Doctoral	17,357	1789
American	Non-profit	Doctoral	12,904	1893
Howard	Non-profit	Doctoral	10,002	1867
Catholic	Non-profit	Doctoral	6,078	1887
Univ of DC	Public	Masters	4,191	1851
Marymount	Non-profit	Masters	3,480	1950
Trinity Wash.	Non-profit	Masters	2,100	1897
Gallaudet	Non-profit	Masters	1,580	1864
Strayer	For Profit	Masters	1,517	1904

Economy
 25% of the employees in DC are employed by a federal govt agency.
Tourism is 2nd largest employer.
 – 19 million tourists a year. Spend \$4.8 billion.

Top 5 non-govt employers:

- Georgetown U, George Washington U, Washington Hospital Center, Children's National Medical Center, and Howard U.

Museums

Smithsonian:

- African-American
- Air and Space
- American Art
- American History
- The Castle
- Freer Gallery (Asian Art)
- Hirschhorn Gallery
- African Art
- American Indian
- National Portrait Gallery
- National Postal Museum
- Natural History
- Renwick Gallery

- Sackler Gallery (Asian)
- National Zoo
- Arts and Industries

Some of the Others:

- National Gallery of Art
- Women in the Arts
- Phillips Collection
- Intl. Spy Museum
- Madam Tussauds
- Newsroom (now closed)
- National Geographic Soc.
- US Holocaust Museum
- Many others.

Professional Major League Sports Teams:

- Washington Wizards (NBA) - Capital One Arena.
- Washington Capitals (NHL) - Capital One Arena.
- Washington Mystics (WNBA) - Capital One Arena.
- Washington Nationals (MLB) - Nationals Park.
- DC United (Major League Soccer) - Audi Field.
- Washington Redskins (NFL) - FedEx Field in nearby Landover, Maryland.

I had been to Washington as a tourist (mostly as a kid) and for work dozens of times.

But not recently.

A friend from Hong Kong (never been to DC) and I went for nearly two weeks Christmas 2019.

We visited many of the tourist highlights and some lesser places.

Just scratched the surface. Learned a lot!

In a word, it was **FANTASTIC!**
Highly recommended. All ages.

Suggestions:

1. Fly into Reagan National. **\$25 taxi.**
 2. Stay along the Mall or Penn Quarter.
 3. Walk wherever you can.
 4. Use public transit - Metro or buses.
 5. Max 3 (4?) hours at a time in the major museums. Go back another time.
 6. Book tours and concerts in advance.
- My comments and photos follow.**

Buses in DC
400,000 riders each weekday.
City and VA and MD.

Plus DC Circulator (next slide).

Metrobus fare for regular routes is \$2.00 using a SmarTrip® card or cash.

Seniors \$1.00.

Exact change.



DC Circulator Bus \$1. Routes:

- National Mall (all central tourist locations). **Great for tourists!**
- Dupont Circle - Rosslyn.
- Georgetown - Union Sta. **Tourists!**
- Union Station - Congress Heights.
- Woodley Park - Adams Morgan - McPherson Square.
- Eastern Market - L'Enfant Plaza. **Tourists!**



Washington Metro

91 stations. 6 lines.
7 more under construction.
117 miles of track.
Daily ridership 2018:
Over 600,000.
1,126 cars.
Operates in DC, VA, and MD.



Second busiest in United States.
After NYC.

New line now under construction to Dulles Airport.

Also, new streetcar system (light rail) under construction in DC.

Small segment now operating



DC Metro Map
6 Lines:
Red
Orange
Green
Blue
Yellow
Silver



Washington Metro



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US Capitol
 Seat of legislative branch of US Government (Congress).
 House and Senate.
 Original building 1800.
 Burned by British in 1814.
 Restored by 1819.
 – House in South Side.
 – Senate in North Side.

Name: L'Enfant called the legislative building "Congress House".
 Jefferson disagreed. Insisted on "Capitol", to reference the Temple on Capitoline Hill in Rome.
 Today "capitol" means building that houses the main government institutions whereas "capital" refers to the entire city.

In 1792, the govt held a design competition for the capitol. Winner was amateur architect William Thornton. Plan combined Louvre and Pantheon in Paris.
 North Wing (Senate) completed 1800.
 South Wing (House) completed 1810.
 Burned by British 1814.
 Rebuilt by 1820.



Thornton's Design

1820s-1850s Congress grew because more states were admitted.
 Major expansion of Capitol in 1850 doubled the length. New Senate and House meeting chambers.
 Cast-iron dome added 1863.
 Expanded again in 1904 and 1958.
 All rooms in Capitol are designated "S" or "H" depending on which side of building.
 Supreme Court was in the Capitol until it got its own building in 1935.



United States Capitol



United States Capitol East Side

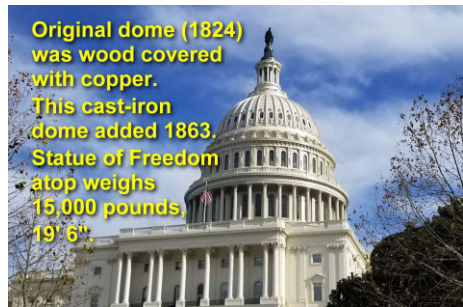


United States Capitol West Side Facing Mall

Senate

House

Book tour In advance.



Original dome (1824) was wood covered with copper.
 This cast-iron dome added 1863.
 Statue of Freedom atop weighs 15,000 pounds, 19'6".



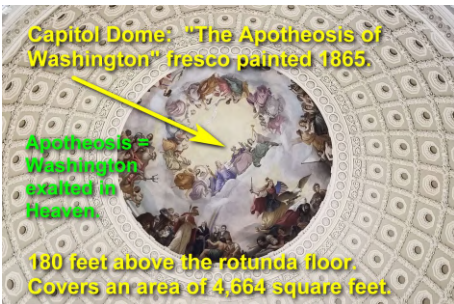
US Capitol - Senate Chambers



Capitol Rotunda (under dome)
 Began 1818
 Finished 1824
 Enlarged 1859



The walls of the Rotunda hold historic paintings and a frescoed band depicting significant events in American history.



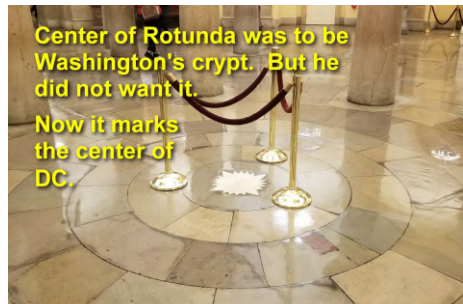
Capitol Dome: "The Apotheosis of Washington" fresco painted 1865.

Apotheosis = Washington exalted in Heaven.

180 feet above the rotunda floor. Covers an area of 4,664 square feet.



Significant Events in American History



Center of Rotunda was to be Washington's crypt. But he did not want it.

Now it marks the center of DC.



The Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown (1781)

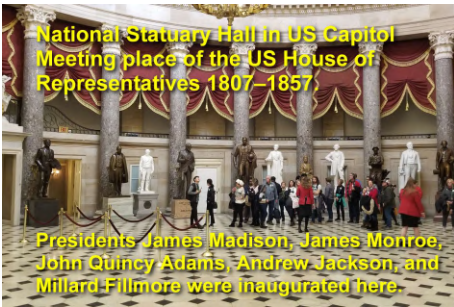
Painting by John Trumbull 1820



Speaker of the House Office Is Directly Off the Rotunda

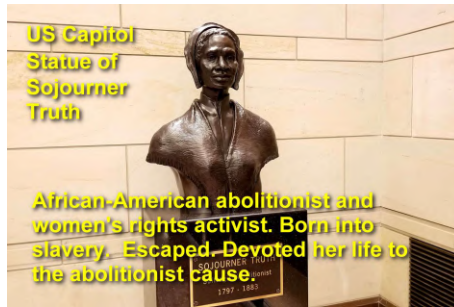


National Statuary Hall Statues of Prominent Americans Each state contributes two statues.



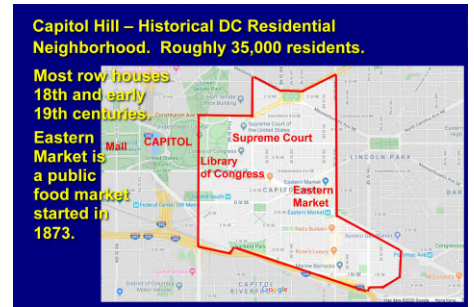
National Statuary Hall in US Capitol Meeting place of the US House of Representatives 1807-1857

Presidents James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, and Millard Fillmore were inaugurated here.



US Capitol Statue of Sojourner Truth

African-American abolitionist and women's rights activist. Born into slavery. Escaped. Devoted her life to the abolitionist cause



Capitol Hill – Historical DC Residential Neighborhood. Roughly 35,000 residents.

Most row houses 18th and early 19th centuries.

Eastern Market is a public food market started in 1873.



Florida House Capitol Hill floridahousedc.org

"The only state embassy in Washington"

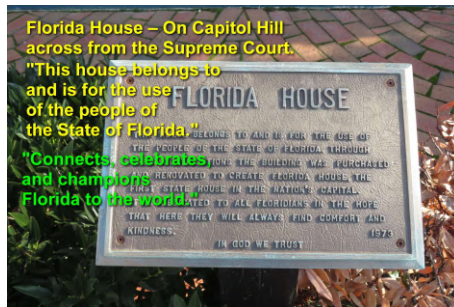
Hospitality center

Victorian furnishings

Free

Plus free orange juice!

9-5 M-F



Florida House – On Capitol Hill across from the Supreme Court.

"This house belongs to and is for the use of the people of the State of Florida."

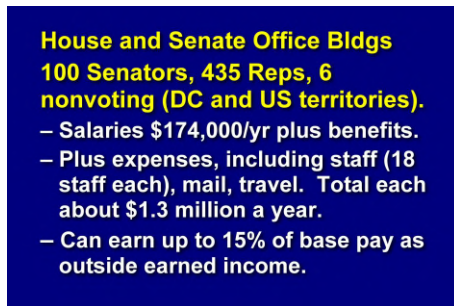
"Connects, celebrates and champions Florida to the world."



Capitol Hill



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House and Senate Office Bldgs

100 Senators, 435 Reps, 6 nonvoting (DC and US territories).

- Salaries \$174,000/yr plus benefits.
- Plus expenses, including staff (18 staff each), mail, travel. Total each about \$1.3 million a year.
- Can earn up to 15% of base pay as outside earned income.



3 Senate office buildings:

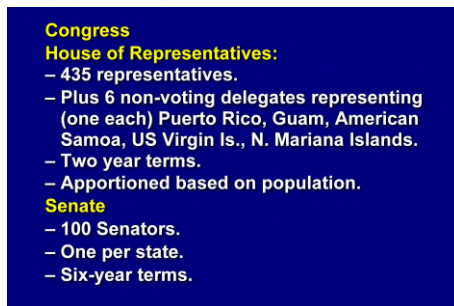
- Russell Building (1908).
- Dirksen Building (1958).
- Hart Building (1982).

5 House office buildings:

- Cannon Building (1908).
- Longworth Building (1933).
- Rayburn Building (1965).
- Ford Building (1939).
- O'Neill Building (2014).



Cannon House Office Building Independence Ave South of Capitol 1908



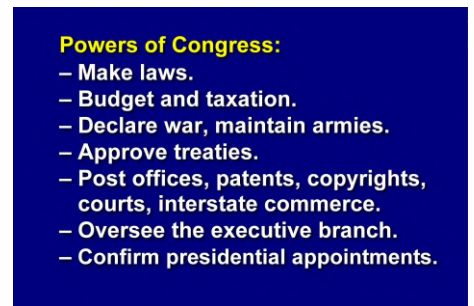
Congress

House of Representatives:

- 435 representatives.
- Plus 6 non-voting delegates representing (one each) Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, US Virgin Is., N. Mariana Islands.
- Two year terms.
- Apportioned based on population.

Senate

- 100 Senators.
- One per state.
- Six-year terms.



Powers of Congress:

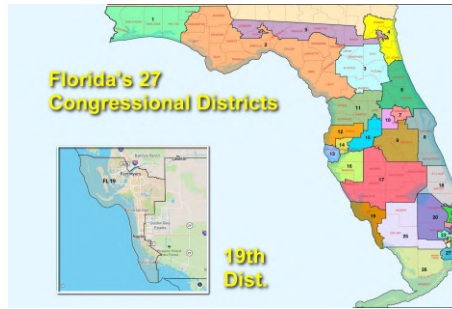
- Make laws.
- Budget and taxation.
- Declare war, maintain armies.
- Approve treaties.
- Post offices, patents, copyrights, courts, interstate commerce.
- Oversee the executive branch.
- Confirm presidential appointments.

Florida's 2 Senators

- Marco Rubio.**
 – Republican.
 – Since 2011.
 – Next 2022.



- Rick Scott.**
 – Republican.
 – Since 2019.
 – Next 2024.



Naples is in 19th District

- Includes Cape Coral, Fort Myers, Naples, and Marco Island.
- Current Rep. is Francis Rooney.
- He announced in October 2019 that he will not run for re-election in 2020.



Contact your Members of Congress to book tours of:

- The U.S. Capitol.
- House or Senate Galleries.
- FBI Headquarters.
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
- The Library of Congress.
- The White House.

Map of the National Mall



Most Memorials open 24 hours.
 Most Museums daily 10-5:30. Some later.

The National Mall - Looking east to the US Capitol



Mall Lincoln Memorial to Capitol 2 miles

The National Mall - Looking west to the Washington Monument



Homeless person on the Mall. There were 6,521 homeless people in DC (streets + shelters) in 2019, third straight year of small declines.

Washington Monument Honors George Washington:

- Commander-in-chief.
- First President of the US.
- Height 555 feet.
- Tallest monumental column in the world.
- Tallest structure in the world between 1884 and 1889.

Construction started 1848.
 Halted 1854–1877 due to lack of funds and Civil War.
 Completed 1888.

- 897 steps or elevator
- One elevator takes 500,000 a year.
- Original steam-powered elevator took 10-12 minutes to top.

The Washington Monument Completed 1888



Book visit in advance.

Smithsonian Institution

1826: James Smithson offered \$500,000 to US to create a national museum. Congress accepted.
 1829: Smithson died.
 1838: Smithson's money delivered.
 1846: Smithsonian Institution began.
 1855: Smithsonian Institution Building (nicknamed "The Castle") opened.
 Today: SI includes 19 museums in DC and two elsewhere.

Smithsonian Institution Museums

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|---|--|
| In DC On the Mall | Elsewhere in DC |
| 1. National Mus. of African American History & Culture. | 1. Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center. |
| 2. African Art Museum. | 2. American Art Museum. |
| 3. Air and Space Museum. | 3. Anacostia Museum. |
| 4. American History Museum. | 4. National Zoo. |
| 5. American Indian Museum. | 5. National Portrait Gallery. |
| 6. Arts & Industries Bldg. | 6. National Postal Museum. |
| 7. Freer Gallery of Art. | 7. Renwick Gallery. |
| 8. Hirshhorn Museum. | Other Parts of US: |
| 9. Natural History Museum. | 1. American Indian Museum Heye Center – NYC. |
| 10. S. Dillon Ripley Center. | 2. Cooper Hewitt Design Museum – NYC. |
| 11. Sackler Gallery. | |
| 12. Smithsonian Castle. | |

Smithsonian Museums

Most are free of charge.
 Daily except Christmas.
 Most 10am to 5pm. Several to 7pm.
 28.5 million visitors in 2018.
 Non-flash photos allowed.
 Note that the National Gallery of Art (on the Mall) is not a Smithsonian Museum.

Smithsonian Collections:

- 155 million artifacts, works of art, and specimens.
- Includes 145 million natural history specimens and artifacts.
- 16 million online digital records.
- 2.2 million library volumes.
- 163 thousand cubic feet of archival material.
- 171 "affiliate" museums.

10 Most Visited Smithsonians 2018

- Air & Space Udvar-Hazy Center 6.2 million
- National Air & Space 6.2 million
- Natural History 4.8 million
- American History 4.1million
- American Art 3.2 million
- National Portrait 2.3 million
- African-American 1.9 million
- National Zoo 1.8 million
- American Indian 1.1million
- Castle 1.0 million

Most daily to 5 or 5:30 pm.
Some late nights.

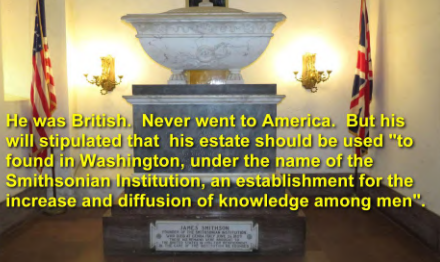
Smithsonian Castle Completed 1855.

Smithsonian Visitor Center.
See collection highlights from each Smithsonian Museum.
Free wifi. Panda-Cam from Zoo.
A good place to start your visit to the Smithsonian Museums.
On the Mall.

Smithsonian Castle - 1855
The First Smithsonian Building



Crypt of James Smithson



He was British. Never went to America. But his will stipulated that his estate should be used "to found in Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men".

Monument to James Smithson



Smithsonian Castle

Dollar bill that went to the moon.
Autographed by the Astronauts.



Dollar bill
Apollo 15, July 1971
This dollar bill was signed by the Apollo 15 astronauts and carried with them aboard the spacecraft Endeavor.
National Air and Space Museum

Smithsonian Castle
Fragments of the Hindenburg - 1937



Smithsonian Castle Great Hall
Exhibits from each of the Smithsonian Museums.



Live Panda-Cam from the National Zoo



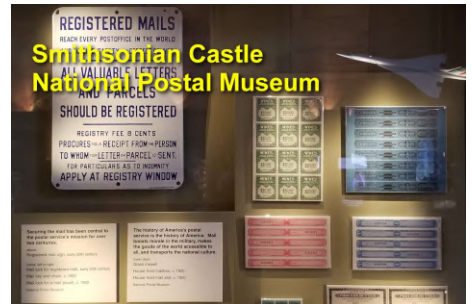
Smithsonian Castle
Museum of African Art



Smithsonian Castle
Museum of the American Indian



Smithsonian Castle
National Postal Museum



Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Devoted to the scientific, cultural, social, technological, and political development of the United States.

Museum traces the American experience from colonial times to the present.

Collection contains more than 3 million historical objects that explore the evolution of the American identity.

Floor-by-Floor Themes:

- 1st East: Transportation and Technology.
- 1st West: Science and Innovation.
- 2nd East: American Ideals.
- 2nd Center: Original Star-Spangled Banner.
- 2nd West: People and Democracy.
- 3rd East: The United States at War.
- 3rd Center: The American Presidency and First Ladies.
- 3rd West: Entertainment, Sports, Music.

Smithsonian National Museum of American History
On the Mall



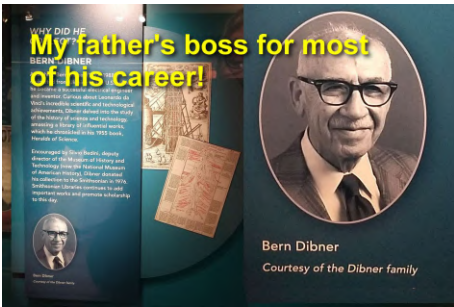


Smithsonian National Museum of American History

My favorite Smithsonian museum!
 I took far more photos of items on exhibit than you would want to see.
 The next 30 or so slides show some of the items that either:
 1. Are most memorable to me, or
 2. Illustrate the diversity of this wonderful museum.
 In the interest of time, I will go through these kind of quickly. If you've not been, do try to go see for yourself.



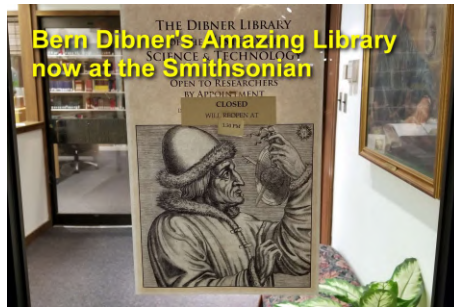
Money
 \$5
 1838
 \$50
 1880



My father's boss for most of his career!



Bern Dibner
 Courtesy of the Dibner family



Bern Dibner's Amazing Library now at the Smithsonian



Exhibit on Advertising
 According to a recent nationwide survey: **MORE DOCTORS SMOKE CAMELS THAN ANY OTHER CIGARETTE**

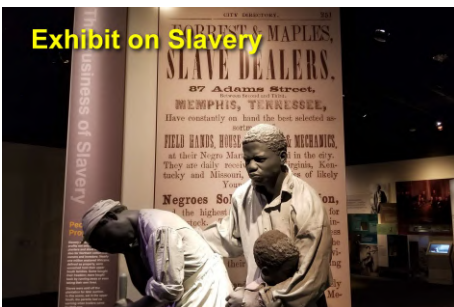


Exhibit on Slavery



Globalization
 Global Era 1980s - Present



Americans at War



Cold War



War of 1812



Civil War Bull Run



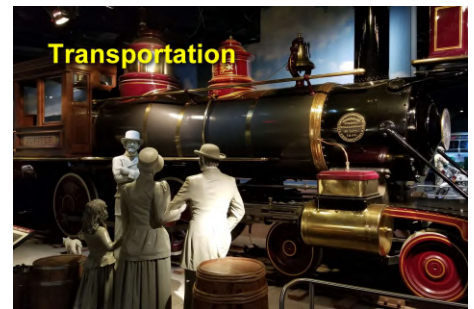
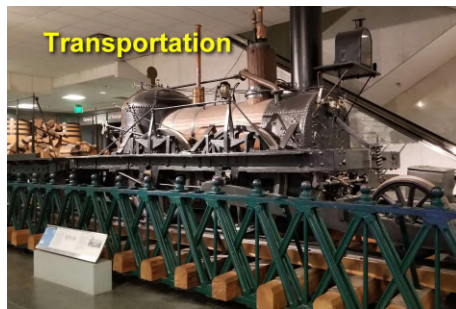
Chairs in which Grant and Lee sat at the surrender at Appomattox

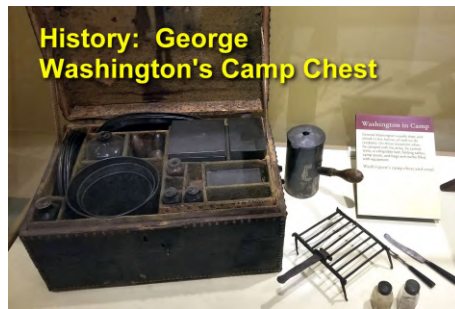
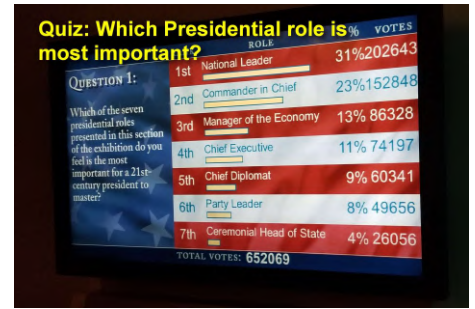


America in World War 1



America in World War 2





Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History
Most visited natural history museum in the world.
 Collections have over 126 million specimens of plants, animals, fossils, minerals, rocks, meteorites, human remains, and human cultural artifacts. Staff has 185 professional natural history scientists.

- Highlights include:**
- Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals.
 - Hall of Human Origins.
 - Dinosaurs/Hall of Paleobiology.
 - Hall of Mammals.
 - Insect Zoo.
 - Oceans Hall.
 - African Voices.
 - Butterflies + Plants.
 - Teleology: Hall of Bones.

- Other exhibits include:**
- Eternal Life in Ancient Egypt.
 - Australia's unique botanical and animal species.
 - Mega-toothed Shark.
- Temporary exhibits such as:**
- Outbreak: Epidemics.
 - Objects of Wonder.
 - Sea Monsters Unearthed.





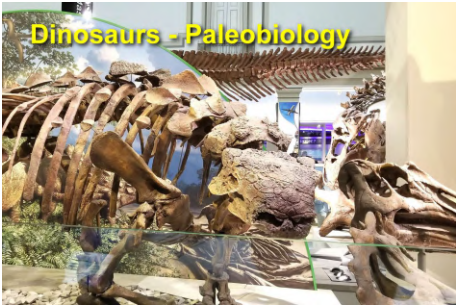
Human Origins



Human Origins



Dinosaurs - Hall of Paleobiology



Dinosaurs - Paleobiology



Easter Island Ancestor Figure



Eternal Life in Ancient Egypt



Teleology: Hall of Bones



Asteroids



Asteroids



Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals



Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals



Gold Found in California



Gypsum Crystals



World-Famous Diamonds



World-Famous Diamonds

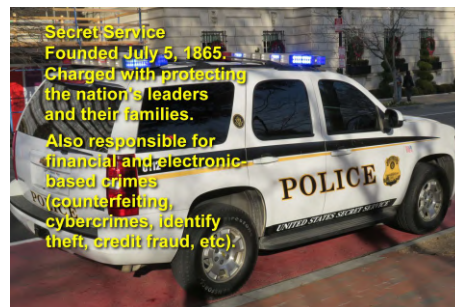
**325 Diamonds
131.4 Carats**



White House
 Official residence and workplace of the President of the United States.
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Residence of every U.S. President since John Adams in 1800.
 Constructed 1792-1800.

In 1814, White House was set ablaze by British troops.
 Only walls survived. All rebuilt.
 Jacqueline Kennedy directed a very extensive and historic redecoration of the house 1961-63.
 She showed her restoration of the White House to the public in a televised tour Valentine's Day 1963.

The White House
 132 rooms. Tennis court.
 35 bathrooms. Bowling alley.
 412 doors. Movie theater.
 147 windows. Jogging track
 28 fireplaces. Swimming pool.
 8 staircases. Putting green.
 3 elevators. 30,000 visitors
 5 full-time chefs. each week.



Blair House
 Presidential guest house.
 Across Pennsylvania Avenue from White House.
 – 4 connected houses.
 – Constructed 1824 and later.
 – 4 floors.
 – 119 rooms.

Blair House Notable guests:
 Vyacheslav Molotov, Emperor Akihito, Queen Elizabeth II, Charles de Gaulle, François Mitterrand, Vladimir Putin, Boris Yeltsin, Hosni Mubarak, Margaret Thatcher, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Aung San Suu Kyi, Narendra Modi, Lee Hsien Loong, Hamid Karzai, Benjamin Netanyahu, and Justin Trudeau.
 Also incoming Presidents during week prior to inauguration.



US Treasury Dept Building
 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue
 Right next to White House.
 On back of \$10 bill.
 HQ of Treasury Dept.
 Built 1836-1842.

Treasury
 – Prints all paper currency.
 – Mints all coins.
 – Collects all federal taxes.
 – Manages US government debt.
 – Licenses and supervises banks.
 – Advises the legislative and executive branches on matters of fiscal policy.

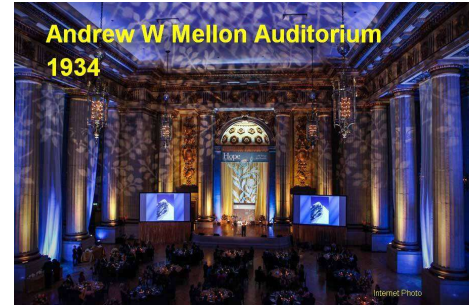


Andrew W Mellon Auditorium

- 750-seats.
- Neoclassical style. 1934.
- 1301 Constitution Avenue NW
 - Across from American History Mus.
- Owned by US government but available for use by the public for rental.
- Rentals start at around US\$22,000 for a 12-hour event.



Andrew W Mellon Auditorium
1934



Andrew W Mellon Auditorium
1934

Dept of Agriculture Administration Building

- Built 1904 to 1930
- The only building on the Mall not intended for use by the general public.
- Modeled after the 1774 Hotel de la Marine, Place da la Concorde, Paris.



Dept of Agriculture Building



Dept of Agriculture Building was modeled on Hotel de la Marine, Place da la Concorde, Paris

Herbert C Hoover Building

- HQ of Dept of Commerce
- Built 1932
- Hoover was Secy of Commerce 1921-1928.
- Then President 1929-1933.
- White House Visitor Center is on first floor.
- Huge: 3,300 rooms.



Herbert C Hoover Building
Dept of Commerce - 1932

Bureau of Engraving and Printing

- Tours M-F only at 8:15 am and 8:45 am. April through August, also 4 pm-4:45 pm.
- Sole producer of all United States currency.
- Has not printed postage stamps since 2005.
- Does not make coins (US Mint).



Bureau of Engraving and Printing
14th and C Sts SW

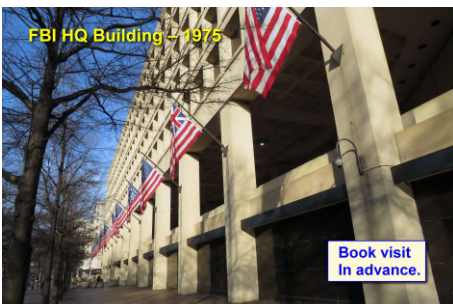
Book tour
In advance.

FBI Building

- 1908-1975 FBI was in Dept of Justice Building.
- Current building opened 1975.
- HQ. Also 56 field offices, 350 US satellite offices, and 60 overseas offices in embassies.
- National security agency, not a national police force.

FBI's roles - Protect US from:

- Terrorist attack.
- Espionage.
- Cyber-based attacks and high-technology crimes.
- Public corruption at all levels.
- Transnational/national criminal organizations and enterprises.
- Major white-collar crime.
- Major violent crimes.



FBI HQ Building - 1975

Book visit
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FBI have their own police force.
Crimes against FBI people and property.



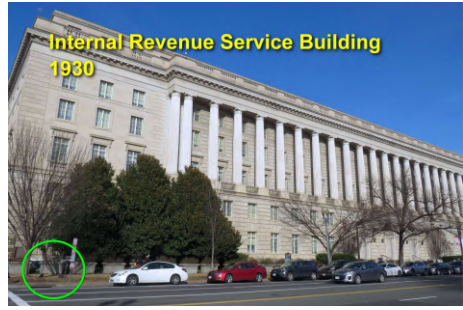
Federal Trade Commission Building completed 1938

- Consumer protection
- Enforcement of US antitrust laws.
- Enforcement of credit laws.



Sculpture outside FTC:
"Man Controlling
Trade"
1942

Internal Revenue Service Building
16th amendment to Constitution (1913) authorized an income tax.
Built 1930.
Constitution Avenue.
Not open to public.

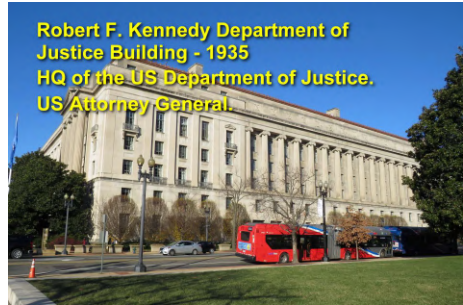


Internal Revenue Service Building
1930

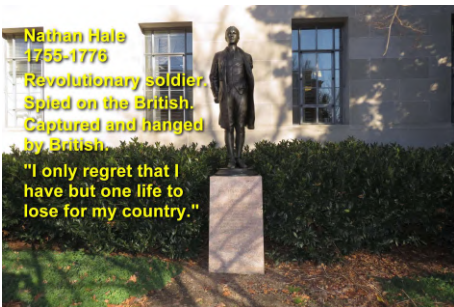
Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center
Largest building in DC.
3.1 million sq feet. 1998.
Conferences, trade shows, cultural events.
HQ here include: USAID, Customs and Border Protection, Woodrow Wilson Center.



Ronald Reagan Building International Trade Center
1998



Robert F. Kennedy Department of Justice Building - 1935
HQ of the US Department of Justice, US Attorney General.



Nathan Hale 1755-1776
Revolutionary soldier. Spied on the British. Captured and hanged by British.
"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

US District Courthouse George Meade Statue
General George Meade is best known for defeating Confederate General Robert E. Lee at the Battle of Gettysburg in the American Civil War.
Then led the main Union army in Virginia until the end of the war.



US Courthouse and Gen. George Meade Statue

Government Accountability Office
Legislative branch agency that provides auditing, evaluation, and investigative services for Congress.
Headed by Comptroller General of the United States.
– Financial and performance audits.
– Audit of financial statements of US Government.

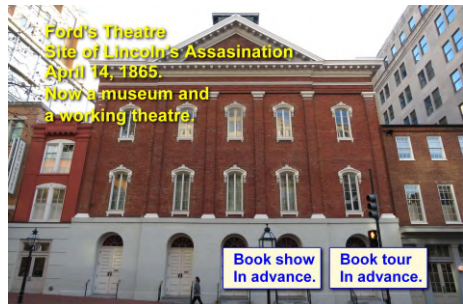


Government Accountability Office HQ
441 G St NW
1954

Ford's Theatre
Originally a church (1833).
Converted into a theatre 1863.
It is famous for being the site of the assassination of United States President Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865.
Just 5 days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Private but administered by National Park Service.
Also Petersen house, across the street – where Lincoln died.
After assassination Theatre became a warehouse.
Renovated as a theatre 1962.
The presidential box is never occupied.

Ford's Theatre Museum beneath the theater contains multiple items related to assassination, including the Derringer pistol used to carry out the shooting, Booth's diary, and the original door to Lincoln's theater box.
Exhibits about the assassination. And about the Civil War.

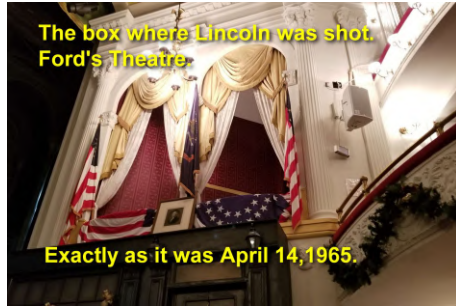


Ford's Theatre
Site of Lincoln's Assassination
April 14, 1865.
Now a museum and a working theatre.

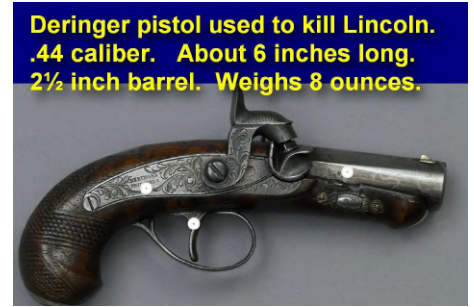
Book show In advance. Book tour In advance.



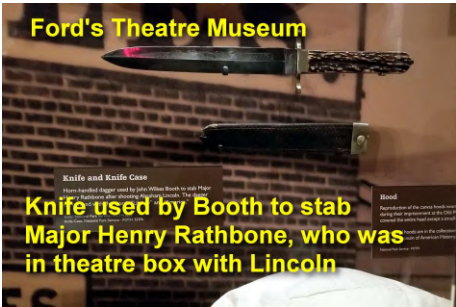
Ford's Theatre Interior. We saw a wonderful production of A Christmas Carol Dec 26, 2019.



The box where Lincoln was shot Ford's Theatre
Exactly as it was April 14, 1965.

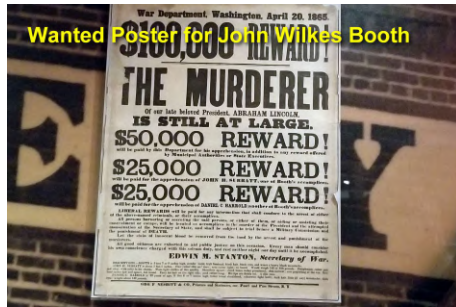


Deringer pistol used to kill Lincoln. .44 caliber. About 6 inches long. 2 1/2 inch barrel. Weighs 8 ounces.



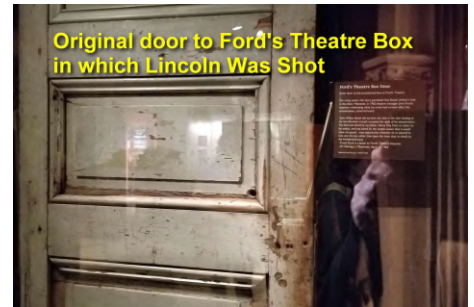
Ford's Theatre Museum

Knife used by Booth to stab Major Henry Rathbone, who was in theatre box with Lincoln

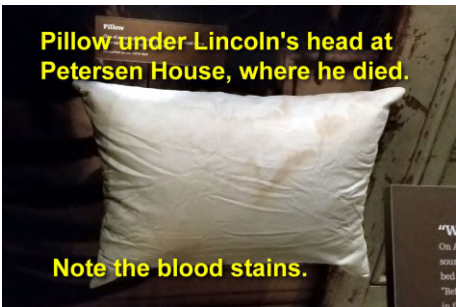


Wanted Poster for John Wilkes Booth

War Department, Washington, April 20, 1865
\$100,000 REWARD!
THE MURDERER
IS STILL AT LARGE.
\$50,000 REWARD!
\$25,000 REWARD!
\$25,000 REWARD!
EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

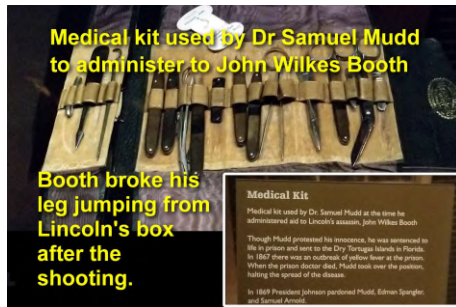


Original door to Ford's Theatre Box in which Lincoln was shot



Pillow under Lincoln's head at Petersen House, where he died.

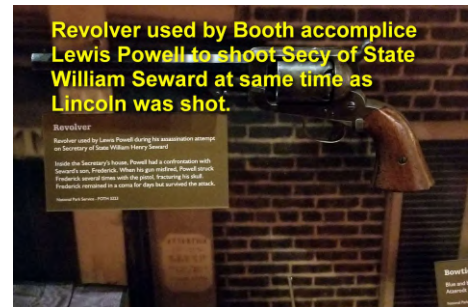
Note the blood stains.



Medical kit used by Dr Samuel Mudd to administer to John Wilkes Booth

Booth broke his leg jumping from Lincoln's box after the shooting.

Medical Kit
Medical kit used by Dr. Samuel Mudd at the time he administered aid to Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth.
Though Mudd professed his innocence, he was sentenced to life in prison and sent to the Dry Tortugas islands in Florida. In 1867 there was an outbreak of yellow fever at the prison. When the prison doctor died, Mudd took over the position, halting the spread of the disease.
In 1869 President Johnson pardoned Mudd, Edwin Spangler and Samuel Arnold.



Revolver used by Booth accomplice Lewis Powell to shoot Secy of State William Seward at same time as Lincoln was shot.

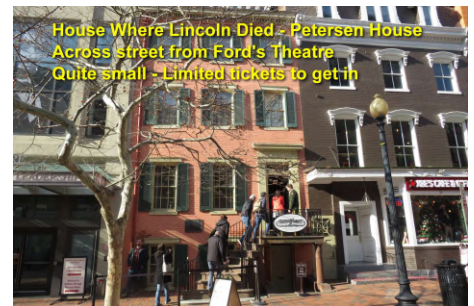
Revolver
Revolver used by Lewis Powell during his assassination attempt on Secretary of State William Henry Seward.
Inside the Secretary's house, Powell had a conversation with Seward and, Frederick, when he got outside, Powell struck Frederick several times with the pistol, "forcing" his skull. Frederick survived a couple of days but never the shock.



Ford's Theatre Museum Civil War History



Ford's Theatre Museum Lincoln's White House China



House Where Lincoln Died - Petersen House Across Street from Ford's Theatre Quite small - Limited tickets to get in



Petersen House Bed in which Lincoln died.

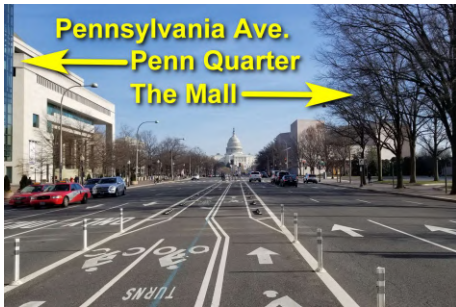
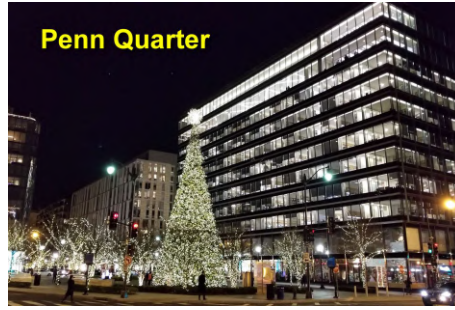


Former Masonic Temple - 1869 Now preserved as offices Penn Quarter 9th at F St

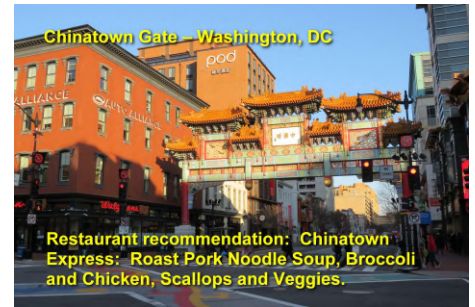
"Reunion Dinner" with my cousins at The Smith, Dec 2019.



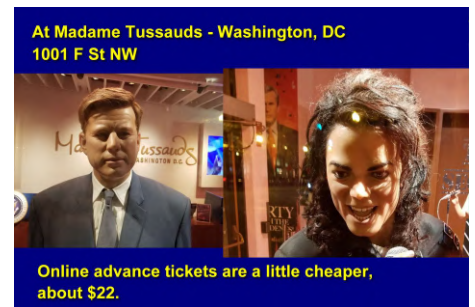
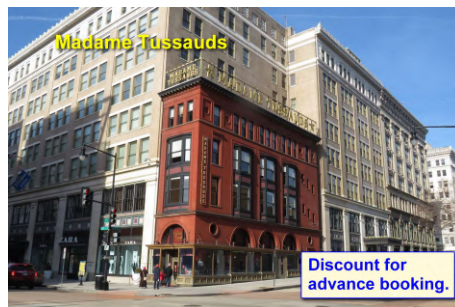
My Cousins and Me



Washington, DC's Chinatown
Small, historic area.
Downtown along H and I Streets
between 5th and 8th Streets,
Northwest.
Once home to thousands of
Chinese immigrants. Now just a
few hundred. A dozen or so
Chinese restaurants.



Madame Tussauds
Wax museum. Opened 2007.
12th Madame Tussauds.
Wax sculptures of famous
figures from politics, culture,
sports, music, and television.
Across from Ford's Theatre.



National Building Museum
Building completed 1887.
15 million bricks.
75 foot high Corinthian columns.
Was former Pension Building (US
government pension bureau).
Hosts exhibits on architecture,
urban planning, and design.



Scooter Rental – Electric Scooters:
6,000 “dockless” scooters for rent.
Parked anywhere on sidewalks.
Each brand has its own app.
Download app. Provide credit card.
\$1 unlock. 29-34 cents a minute to use.
\$2 to \$3 a trip.
Economical for trips of 1 to 2 miles.
Scooters go 10 mph.
Cannot ride on sidewalk (but many do).

Scooter Firms in DC:
Bird – 600 electric scooters.
Bolt – 600 electric scooters.
Jump – 975 electric scooters/bikes.
Lime – 600 electric scooters.
Lyft – 720 electric scooters.
Razor – 600 electric scooters.
Skip – 720 electric scooters.
Spin – 720 electric scooters.
Revel – 400 electric mopeds.





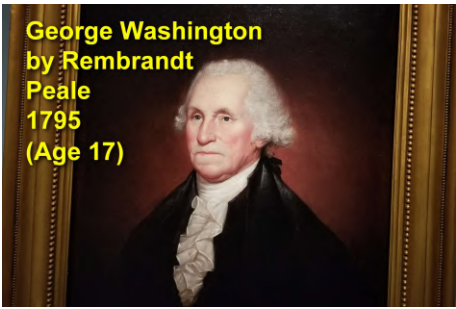
DC Scooter Rentals

Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery
 Over 21,000 portraits and other works of art.
 The Gallery presents the people who have shaped the country: "poets, presidents, actors, activists, visionaries, villains, and everyone in between".
 Pre-colonial to modern times.
 Presented with biographies.

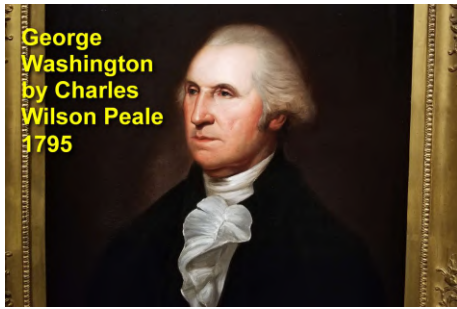


Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery
 Building is Old Patent Office, 1836
 Includes Gallery of American Presidents

Open to 7pm.



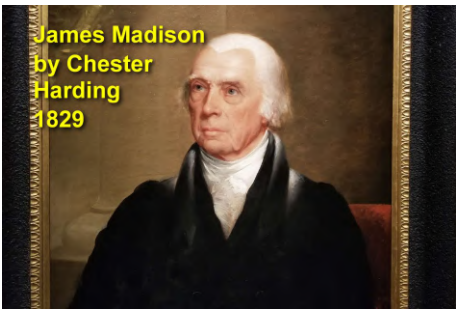
George Washington
 by Rembrandt Peale
 1795
 (Age 17)



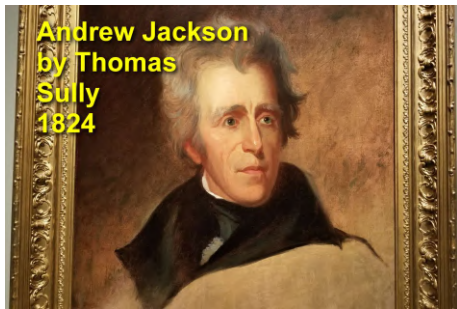
George Washington
 by Charles Wilson Peale
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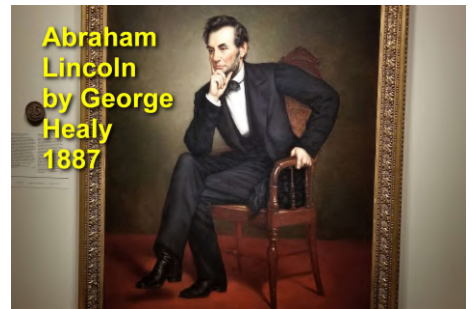
George Washington
 by Gilbert Stuart
 1796



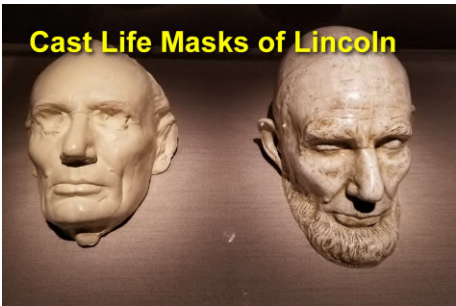
James Madison
 by Chester Harding
 1829



Andrew Jackson
 by Thomas Sully
 1824



Abraham Lincoln
 by George Healy
 1887



Cast Life Masks of Lincoln



Franklin Roosevelt
 by Douglas Chandor
 1945



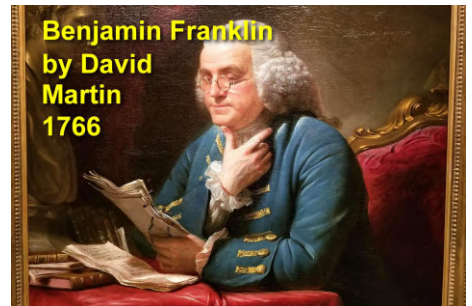
William Clinton
 by Chuck Close
 2006



Barack Obama
 by Kenilde Wiley
 2018



Pocahontas
 1616



Benjamin Franklin
 by David Martin
 1766



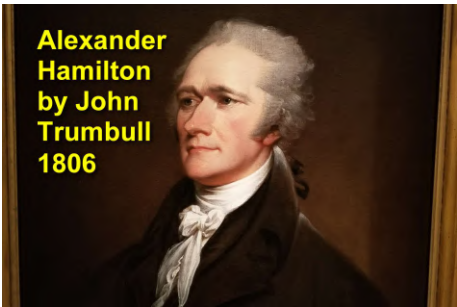
Francis Scott Key
by Rembrandt Peale
1796
(before the Star Spangled Banner)



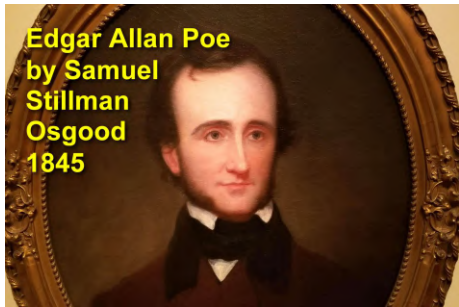
DeWitt Clinton
by John Wesley Jarvis
1816



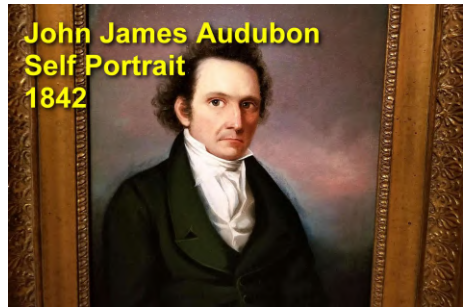
John Jay
by Gilbert Stuart
1784



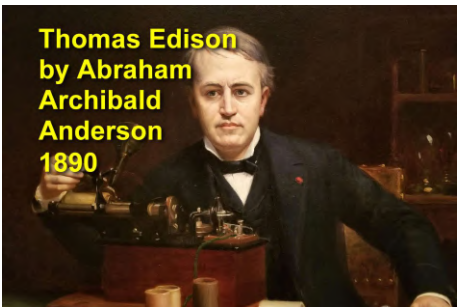
Alexander Hamilton
by John Trumbull
1806



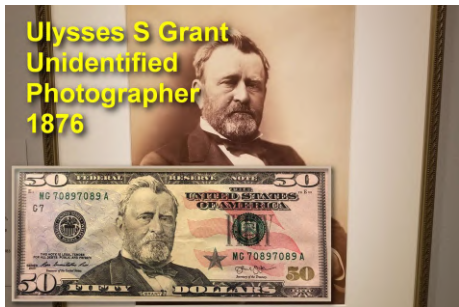
Edgar Allan Poe
by Samuel Stillman Osgood
1845



John James Audubon
Self Portrait
1842



Thomas Edison
by Abraham Archibald Anderson
1890



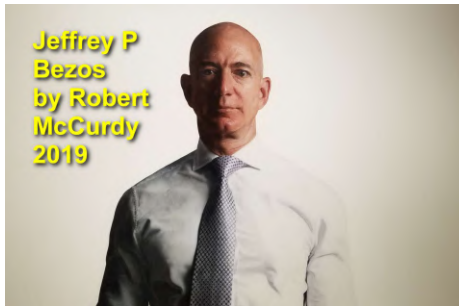
Ulysses S Grant
Unidentified Photographer
1876



The Four Justices
by Nelson Shanks
2012



Composer Philip Glass
2016



Jeffrey P Bezos
by Robert McCurdy
2019



Indra Nooyi Pepsi
2019

Smithsonian American Art Museum
One of the largest and most inclusive collections of American art in the world.
Works by 7,000 artists, including John Singleton Copley, Winslow Homer, and Georgia O'Keeffe.
Housed in one of the oldest buildings constructed in early Washington (Patent Office, 1836).

American Art Museum Highlights:
Early American Art. 19th and 20th Century Art. Contemporary Art. Photography. Modern Folk and Self-Taught Art. African American Art. Latino Art. New Deal Art.
And an interactive public study center.
Open till 7pm.
Penn Quarter.

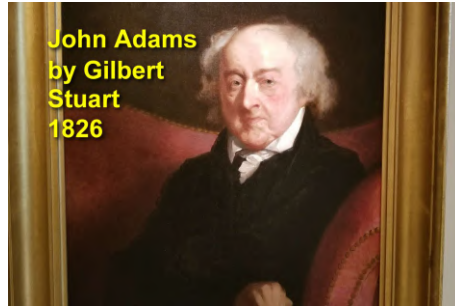


Smithsonian American Art Museum
in the Old Patent Office Building
Penn Quarter - 1836.

Open to 7pm.



Smithsonian American Art Gallery



John Adams by Gilbert Stuart 1826



Frederic Remington 1905



Stained Glass by John LaFarge 1882



Mary Cassatt 1902



John Singer Sargent 1893



Shaker Furniture Mt Lebanon, PA - 1860s



Washington Resigning His Commission by Ferdinand Pettrick 1841



Self-Taught Art



Folk Art



The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone by Thomas Morgan 1872

Old Post Office

- Begun 1892, completed 1899.
- Washington's main post office until 1914.
- Thereafter was a federal office building.
- Starting 1970s various proposals to tear it down.
- Saved by renting it as a hotel.

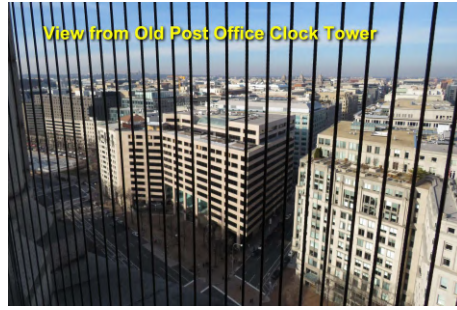
2013: Government leased the property for 60 years to "DJT Holdings LLC", owned by US President Donald Trump.
 2016: Luxury hotel opened.
 Hot issue: Lease says "no elected official of the government ... shall be admitted to any share or part of this Lease, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom."

Good news for visitors to DC:
 The building's 315-foot clock tower is open to the public.

- Run by Park Service.
- Observation deck offers panoramic views of the city and its surroundings.
- Plus exhibits on history of the building.



Old Post Office - 1899



Willard Hotel
Historic luxury Beaux-Arts hotel.
Current structure built 1901.
Replaced older structure from 1816.
Every president since Franklin Pierce (1850s) has either slept in or attended an event at the hotel at least once.
Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in his hotel room at the Willard in 1963.

