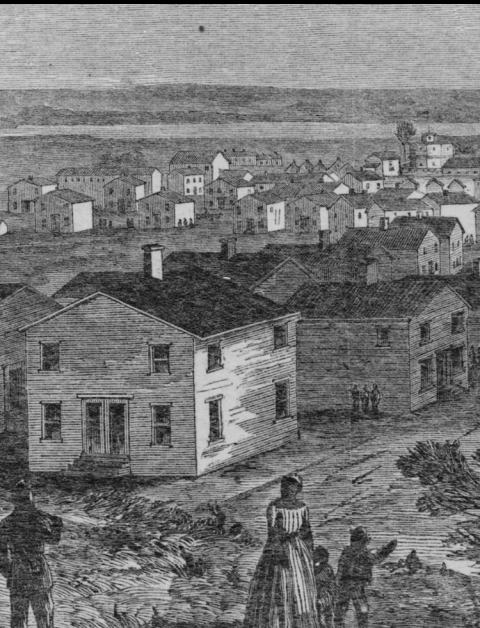


# Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial



# Freedman's Village

**Arlington, Virginia**

**Established: May 5, 1863**

On the Arlington Estate, Freedman's Village was established by the U.S. Army in 1863 as a community for former enslaved persons slaves that provided work, education and training. By 1864 over 1,000 former enslaved, including those of the Custis and Lee families, lived here. For these African Americans, living at Freedman's Village was the first experience of a life out of bondage. It was disbanded in 1900.

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