

**Breadth of the Streets.**

THE Grand avenues and such Streets as lead immediately to public places are from 130 to 160 feet wide and may be conveniently divided into foot ways walks of trees and a carriage way. The other Streets are from 90 to 110 feet wide.

The Water of Silver Creek may be conveyed on the high ground where the Capitol stands and after watering that part of the City may be destined to other useful purposes. The perpendicular height of the grounds where the Capitol is to stand is above the tide of Silver Creek, 78 Feet.

**PLAN**  
of the City of Washington  
in the Territory of Columbia  
as ceded by the States of  
**VIRGINIA and MARYLAND**  
to the United States of America  
and by them established as the  
SEAT of their GOVERNMENT  
after the year  
**MDCCC.**

Perpendicular height of the  
West Branch above the  
tide of Silver Creek



Latitude Capitol. 38.53 N.

Longitude. 0. 0.

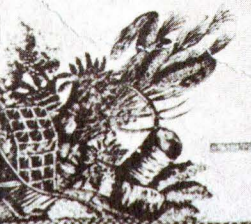
**Observations**  
Explanatory of the Plan.

- I. THE positions for the different Buildings and for the several squares or broad open spaces as they are laid down were first determined on the most advantageous ground commanding the most extensive prospect and the better receptacle of such improvements as other uses or conveniences may hereafter call for.
- II. LINES or avenues of communication have been directed towards the suburbs and most distant objects with the principal and secondary streets to which a connectivity might at the same time have been paid the highest of the existing ground and the most favorable ground for planting and commerce.
- III. NORTH and South lines intersected by others running due East and West, make the distribution of the City into Streets squares and the lines have been so combined as to form a series of squares with their several corners as to be formed in the most judicious manner the different squares of lines.

SCALE OF POLES.



In order to execute this Plan M'ELICOTT drew a true Meridional line by Astronomical Observations which passes through the Area reserved for the Capitol this line being completed by another due East and West which passes through the same Area these lines were accurately measured and made the base on which the whole plan was executed. He ran all the lines by a Transit Instrument and determined the acute Angles by Astronomical Measurement and left nothing to the conjectures of the Surveyors.



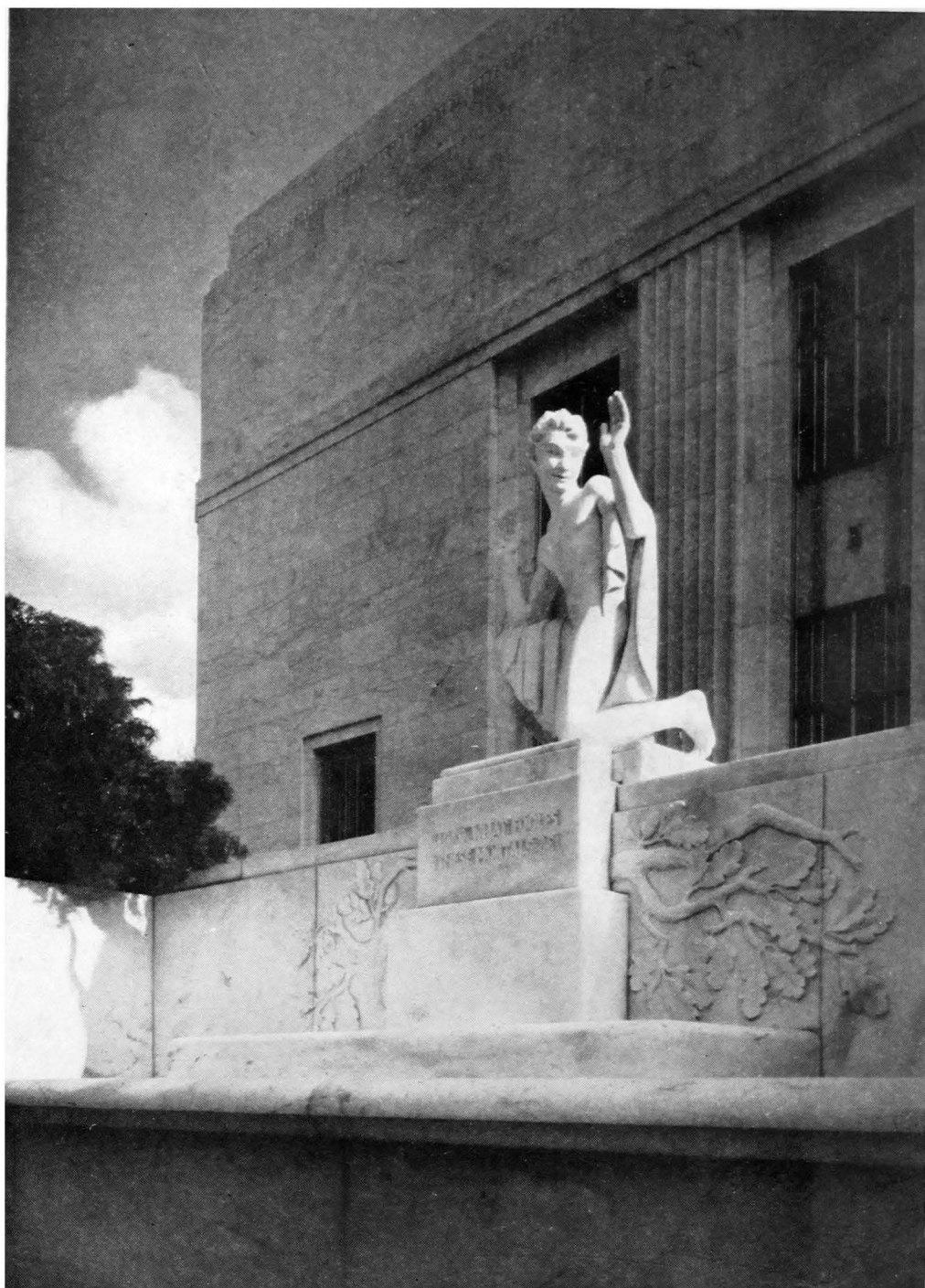


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## PREFACE

**T**HIS VOLUME is one of an extensive series of American Guides, compiled and edited by the Federal Writers' Projects of the Works Progress Administration. In plan and scope, this series goes beyond the general concept of the conventional guidebook. Its objective is to present as complete a picture as possible of American communities, their political, economic, industrial, and cultural history, their contemporary scene, as well as the specific points of interest ordinarily sought out by the tourist.

The main series of regional, State, and local guides will be supplemented and reinforced by a number of separate publications dealing with American folklore, architecture, education, bibliography, Indian culture, and numerous other subjects concerning which a vast store of valuable first-hand information has been assembled by the Nationwide organization of the Federal Writers' Projects.

This organization was formed under pressure of a great national emergency, and included of necessity many persons without previous experience in the sort of specialized research and writing required under the program laid down. To train these workers in the shortest possible time, to organize and direct this work, to sift, classify, coordinate, unify, revise, and condense for publication the results of that work, undoubtedly constitutes one of the largest and most difficult editorial tasks ever undertaken in this country.

The volume on Washington herewith given to the public differs in at least one important respect from the guides to other large cities now being prepared. Washington is predominantly the Capital of the United States. Visitors to the city are commonly interested as much in the machinery of national government as in the great buildings which house that machinery. Therefore, a considerable portion of this volume is given over to detailed accounts of the functional activities of all Government departments, bureaus, and independent agencies. The development of Washington's basic plan has also been treated in detail, since an understanding of L'Enfant's original scheme, its temporary abandonment, and its rehabilitation after nearly a century, is essential to an understanding of the city itself.

Any book descriptive of Washington must necessarily stress the city's notable architecture—its magnificent public buildings and monuments, its many important churches and fine private homes,

some of them dating back to the late eighteenth century. It is believed that a full and adequate account of Washington architecture, both public and private, has been given here, the subject being dealt with as far as possible in language easily intelligible to the layman.

The task of preparing this volume has been carried on under many and peculiar difficulties. The book had to be written while material for State guides, pouring into the Washington office sometimes at the rate of 50,000 words a day, was edited. As a matter of fact, the central staff itself had to search for and find the necessary technique, a combination of painstaking accuracy and a lively appreciation of the colorful and interesting in the American scene, before it could presume to issue correct and effective instructions to the State staffs.

*Washington: City and Capital* has proved more or less the training ground for the editorial staff in the District of Columbia. In compiling the volume they have learned how the job should be carried on throughout the country.

This book is offered to the general public with the hope that it will be generally accepted as a useful and interesting product of the Federal Writers' Projects, as well as a worthy contribution to the wider understanding and deeper appreciation of our National Capital.

For generous cooperation in supplying information, offering advice and suggestions, reading manuscripts and proof sheets, and for other invaluable assistance during the preparation of this volume, grateful acknowledgments are due to many persons and organizations, both public and private. Particularly helpful have been the officials of all Government departments, bureaus, independent agencies, etc., and of the District government as well; the Library of Congress and the District Public Library, with their extensive collections of Washingtoniana; and the American Institute of Architects, with its expert facilities and consultation resources in the field of architecture.

In connection with the illustrations, a special word of thanks is due to the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department for making available to the editors its files of photographic material relating to government buildings; to the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for permission to reproduce its fine "porthole portrait" of George Washington, painted by Rembrandt Peale; and to the Library of Congress for allowing the reproduction of its rare example of the so-called "Handkerchief Map" of the Capital.

THE EDITORS.

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# APPENDIX A

## STATUES, MONUMENTS, AND MEMORIALS



THERE are more than 500 works of sculpture in Washington, exclusive of those in public and private collections. A general critical discussion of Washington sculpture is given in the article, Art in Washington. Many of the individual monuments, statues, and memorials are described in the various tours. The following selected list is given here for purposes of convenient reference.

<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Abundance and Energy (pediment).	Sherry Fry-----	Interstate Commerce Commission Bldg.
Adams Memorial ("Grief")----	Augustus Saint-Gaudens.	Rock Creek Cemetery.
Africa, Europe and (pediment)--	Adolph A. Weinman--	Post Office Department Bldg.
America, North (group)-----	Gutzon Borglum-----	Pan American Union.
America, South (group)-----	Isadore Konti-----	Do.
America and Orient (pediment)	A. A. Weinman-----	Post Office Department Bldg.
American Federation of Labor Memorial (see Gompers, Samuel).	-----	
Arlington Memorial Bridge groups:		
Valor-----	} Leo Friedlander-----	} Arlington Memorial Bridge.
Sacrifice-----		
Peace and Arts of Peace (proposed).		
Bas relief buffaloes-----	} Carl Paul Jennewein--	
Eagles (on shafts)-----		
Armillary Sphere (Noyes Memorial).	C. P. Jennewein-----	Meridian Hill Park.
Arsenal Monument-----	Lot Flannery-----	Congressional Cemetery.

**STATUES, MONUMENTS, AND MEMORIALS—Continued**

<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Asbury, Bishop Francis (equestrian).	Augustus Lukeman	16th and Mount Pleasant Sts. NW.
Aztec Fountain (see Pan American Union Fountain).		
Barry, Commodore John (statue).	John J. Doyle	Franklin Park.
Bartholdi Fountain	Augustus Bartholdi	Maryland Ave. and B St. SW.
Blue Aztec Garden Figure (copy).		Pan American Union.
Bond of Postal Union (pediment).	A. A. Weinman	Post Office Department Bldg.
Boundary Stones		Along District of Columbia line.
Bryan, William Jennings (statue).	Gutzon Borglum	West Potomac Park.
Buchanan, President James (statue and ideal figures).	Hans Schuler	Meridian Hill Park.
Burke, Edmund (statue)	Havard Thomas	Massachusetts Ave., at 11th and L Sts. NW.
Buffaloes	A. Phimister Proctor	Q St. Bridge.
Butt-Millet Fountain	Daniel Chester French.	West Executive Ave. and Ellipse.
Canadian War Cross		Arlington Cemetery.
Capitol, Statuary in (see Article on the Capitol).		
Carroll, Archbishop John (statue).	Jerome Connor	Georgetown University.
Cenotaphs to Members of Congress.		Congressional Cemetery.
Center Stone (see Jefferson Pier).		
Cereal (pediment)		Agricultural Adjustment Adm. Bldg.
Ceres (Peace)	Luigi Persico	Capitol.
Civil War Unknown Dead Memorial.		Arlington Cemetery.
Coast Guard Memorial	Gaston Lachaise	Do.
Columbia (pediment)	Edgar Walter	Department of Labor Bldg.
Columbus Fountain	Lorado Taft	Union Station Plaza.
Commerce (pediment)	Edward McCarten	Interstate Commerce Commission Bldg.
Commerce, Department of (pediments), Symbolizing Bureaus.	J. E. Fraser	Department of Commerce Bldg.

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NAME	SCULPTOR	LOCATION
Communications (pediment)---	Wheeler Williams---	Interstate Commerce Commission Bldg.
Communications (pediments)---	A. A. Weinman-----	Post Office Department Bldg.
Confederate Dead, Memorial to (group).	Sir Moses Ezekial---	Arlington Cemetery.
Contemplation of Justice (figure).	J. E. Fraser-----	Supreme Court Bldg.
Corcoran, W. W., Tomb of	-----	Oak Hill Cemetery.
Cornerstone D. C.-----	-----	Jones Point, Alexandria, Va.
Court of Neptune (group)-----	-----	Library of Congress.
Cuban Friendship Urn-----	From <i>Maine</i> Memorial, Cuba.	West Potomac Park.
Daguerre, L. J. M. (Memorial Sphere).	Jonathan Scott Hartley.	Smithsonian Grounds.
Dante (statue)-----	Ettore Ximenes-----	Meridian Hill Park.
Darlington, Joseph J. (ideal figure).	C. P. Jennewein-----	Judiciary Square.
D. A. R. Memorial (ideal figure).	Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney.	Constitution Ave., near 17th St.
Day (bas relief)-----	A. A. Weinman-----	Post Office Department Bldg.
District of Columbia Employees War Memorial.	Jerome Connor-----	District Bldg.
District of Columbia War Memorial (band stand).	{ Fred H. Brooke----- Nathan C. Wyeth----- Horace Peaslee----- }	West Potomac Park.
D'Arc, Jeanne (see Jeanne d'Arc).	-----	-----
Delano, Jane A. (ideal figure)---	R. Tait McKenzie-----	Red Cross Bldg.
Destiny (pediment)-----	A. A. Weinman-----	Archives Bldg.
Discovery of America (group)---	Luigi Persico-----	Capitol.
Downing, Andrew Jackson (memorial vase).	Calvert Vaux-----	Smithsonian Grounds.
Dupont Memorial Fountain-----	D. C. French-----	Dupont Circle.
Eagle and Condor (reliefs)-----	Solon Borglum-----	Pan American Union.
Early Communications (frieze)---	A. A. Weinman-----	Post Office Department Bldg.
Ericsson, John (portrait and group).	J. E. Fraser-----	Potomac Park.
Ethnological Heads-----	Henry Ellicott and William Boyd.	Library of Congress.

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Europe and Africa (pediment).....	A. A. Weinman.....	Post Office Department Bldg.
Execution of Laws (figure).....	J. E. Fraser.....	Supreme Court Bldg.
Farragut, Admiral David (statue).	Vinnie Ream Hoxie.....	Farragut Square.
ffoulke Memorial, "Rabboni" (ideal figure).	Gutzon Borglum.....	Rock Creek Cemetery.
First Division A. E. F. "Victory" on shaft.	D. C. French.....	South of State, War, and Navy Bldg.
Flower (pediment).....	.....	Agricultural Adjustment Administration Bldg.
Fort Stevens Boulder.....	.....	Fort Stevens.
Founders Monument.....	.....	15th St. and Ellipse NW.
Franklin, Benjamin (statue).....	Jacques Jouvenal (after Plassman).	10th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW.
Frederick the Great (statue).....	T. Uphues.....	Army War College.
Freedom (colossal figure).....	Thomas Crawford.....	Capitol Dome.
Frieze (terra cotta).....	.....	(Old) Pension Office Bldg.
Fruit (pediment).....	.....	Agricultural Adjustment Administration Bldg.
Future (ideal figure).....	Robert Aitken.....	Archives Bldg.
Gallatin, Albert, Memorial (proposed).	J. E. Fraser.....	West of U. S. Treasury Bldg.
Gallaudet Teaching the Deaf Child (portrait group).	D. C. French.....	Columbia Institute for Deaf Mutes.
Garfield, President James (portrait and group).	J. Q. A. Ward.....	1st St. and Maryland Ave. SW.
Genius of America (central pediment).	(Designed by John Quincy Adams) Luigi Persico.	Capitol.
Gibbons, Cardinal James (statue).	Leo Lentelli.....	16th St. and Park Rd.
Goddess of Liberty with Justice (pediment).	Robert Aitken.....	Supreme Court Bldg.
Gompers, Samuel (portrait and group).	.....do.....	Massachusetts Ave. at 10th St. NW.
Grand Army of the Republic Monument (see Stephenson, Grand Army).	.....	.....

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Grant, Gen. Ulysses (equestrian and groups).	Henry M. Shrady	Mall at 1st St.
Greene, Gen. Nathanael (equestrian).	Henry Kirk Brown	Stanton Park.
"Grief" (see Adams Memorial)		
Gross, Dr. Samuel D. (statue)	A. Sterling Calder	Smithsonian Grounds.
Guardians of the Portal (bas-reliefs).	Robert Aitken	Archives Bldg.
Guardianship (eagles)	J. E. Fraser	Do.
Hahnemann, Dr. Samuel (portrait and monument).	Charles Henry Niehaus.	East of Scott Circle.
Hamilton, Alexander (statue)	J. E. Fraser	South of Treasury Bldg.
Hancock, General Winfield Scott (equestrian).	Henry Ellicott	7th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW.
Henry, Prof. Joseph (statue)	William Wetmore Story.	Smithsonian Grounds.
Heritage (ideal figure)	J. E. Fraser	Archives Bldg.
Hitt Memorial	Laura Gordon Fraser	Rock Creek Cemetery.
Hoxie, Vinnie Ream, Memorial (bust and ideal figure).	C. T. Zolnay and Vinnie Ream Hoxie (herself).	Arlington Cemetery.
Jackson, Gen. Andrew (equestrian).	Clark Mills	Lafayette Square.
Jeanne d'Arc (equestrian)	Paul Dubois (copy)	Meridian Hill Park.
Jefferson Pier (center stone)		Washington Monument Grounds.
Jones, Commodore John Paul (statue and monument).	C. H. Niehaus	Potomac Park.
Journey Through Life (ideal figures).	J. E. Fraser	Rock Creek Cemetery.
Joyce, John J. (bust)	Jerome Connor	Oak Hill Cemetery.
Jusserand Memorial (bench)		Rock Creek Park.
Justice, Guardian of Liberty (pediment).	Herman A. MacNeil	Supreme Court Bldg.
Kaufman Memorial "Memory" (ideal figure).	William O. Partridge	Rock Creek Cemetery.
Kearny, Philip (equestrian)	Edward Clark Potter	Arlington Cemetery.
Keystone Heads (50) and Wall Escutcheons (4).	Leon Hermant	Interstate Commerce Commission Bldg.
Kosciusko, General Thaddeus (statue and groups).	Antoni Popiel	Lafayette Square.
Labor and Energy (pediment)	Albert Stewart	Department of Labor Bldg.

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Lafayette, General Marquis de (statue and groups of compatriots).	Alexandre Falquierre and Antoine Mercie.	Lafayette Park.
L'Enfant Memorial-----	Welles Bosworth-----	Arlington Cemetery.
Lincoln, Abraham (marble statue).	D. C. French-----	Lincoln Memorial.
Lincoln, President Abraham (statue).	Lot Flannery-----	Judiciary Square.
Lincoln, President Abraham (group).	Thomas Ball-----	Lincoln Park.
Lincoln, Robert Todd (sarcophagus).	J. E. Fraser-----	Arlington Cemetery.
Lions-----	Roland Hinton Perry-----	Connecticut Ave. Bridge.
Lions-----	Canova (copy)-----	Steps of Corcoran Gallery.
Logan, Gen. John A. (equestrian).	Franklin Simmons---	Logan Circle.
Longfellow, Henry W. (statue)	William Couper-----	Connecticut Ave. at 18th and M Sts. NW.
Luther, Martin (statue)-----	Rietschel (copy)-----	Thomas Circle.
Maine Memorial-----	Nathan Wyeth-----	Arlington Cemetery.
Mars (War)-----	Luigi Persico-----	Capitol.
Marshall, Chief Justice John (statue).	W. W. Story-----	Do.
McClellan, Gen. George B. (equestrian).	F. W. MacMonnies--	Connecticut Ave. and California St. NW.
McMillan, Gen. James (fountain).	Herbert Adams-----	McMillan Park.
McPherson, Maj. James B. (equestrian).	Louis T. Rebisso-----	McPherson Square.
Meade, Gen. George Gordon (statue and group).	Charles A. Grafly---	Union Square.
Navy and Marine Memorial (gulls in flight).	Ernesto Begni del Piatta.	West Potomac Park.
Neptune, Court of (group)-----	R. H. Perry-----	Library of Congress.
Newlands Fountain-----	Edwin W. Dunn-----	Chevy Chase Circle.
New York Volunteers—25th Cavalry (memorial).	-----	Battlefield National Cemetery.
New York Volunteers—122d Infantry (memorial).	-----	Do.
Night (bas reliefs)-----	A. A. Weinman-----	Post Office Department Bldg.
Nuns of the Battlefield (bas reliefs and ideal figure).	Jerome Connor-----	Rhode Island Ave. and M St. NW.



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<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Ohio National Guard, 150th Infantry (memorial).	-----	Battlefield National Cemetery.
Orient, America and (pediment).	A. A. Weinman-----	Post Office Department Bldg.
Pan American Union Fountain.	Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney.	Constitution Ave. at 17th St. NW.
Past (ideal figure)-----	Robert Aitken-----	Archives Bldg.
Payne, John Howard (bust and memorial).	-----	Oak Hill Cemetery.
Peace (Ceres)-----	Luigi Persico-----	Capitol.
Peace Naval Monument (ideal figures).	Franklin Simmons--	Pennsylvania Ave. and 1st St. NW.
Peace and Arts of Peace (group) (proposed).	J. E. Fraser-----	Arlington Memorial Bridge.
Peace Protecting Genius (House pediment).	Paul Bartlett-----	Capitol.
Peary, Admiral, Memorial to--	Davis Sculpture Co--	Arlington Cemetery.
Pennsylvania Volunteers Memorial.	-----	Battlefield National Cemetery.
Pieta-----	Edward Berge-----	St. Patrick's Church.
Pike, Gen. Albert (statue and monument).	G. Trentanove-----	Indiana Ave., 3d and D Sts. NW.
Pinkney, Bishop William (statue).	-----	Oak Hill Cemetery.
Progress of American Civilization (Senate pediment).	Thomas Crawford---	Capitol.
Puck (ideal figure)-----	Brenda Putnam-----	Folger Library.
Pulaski, Gen. Count Casimir (equestrian).	Kasimir Chodzinski.	Pennsylvania Ave. and 13th St. NW.
Rawlins, Gen. John A. (statue)	J. Bailey-----	Rawlins Park.
Recorder of the Archives (pediment).	James E. Fraser-----	Archives Bldg.
Rescue, The (group)-----	Horatio Greenough--	Capitol.
Rochambeau, Comte de (statue and groups).	F. Hamar-----	Lafayette Park.
Roosevelt Memorial (proposed)	John Russell Pope---	Roosevelt (Analostan) Island.
Rough Riders Memorial-----	-----	Arlington Cemetery.
Rush, Dr. Benjamin (statue)---	R. H. Perry-----	Naval Hospital.
Sacrifice (group) (proposed)---	Leo Friedlander-----	Arlington Memorial Bridge.
San Martin, Gen. Jose de (equestrian).	Dumont (copy)-----	Judiciary Square.

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Scott, Gen. Winfield (equestrian).	H. K. Brown-----	Scott Circle.
Scott, Gen. Winfield (statue)---	Launt Thompson-----	Soldiers Home.
Second Division A. E. F. Memorial.	J. E. Fraser-----	Constitution Ave. near 17th St. NW.
Serenity (ideal figure) Memorial to Lieutenant Scheutz.	José Clara-----	Meridian Hill Park.
Shakespearean Bas Reliefs-----	John Gregory-----	Folger Library.
Shepherd, Alexander R. (statue).	U. S. J. Dunbar-----	Plaza of Municipal Bldg.
Sheridan, Gen. Philip H. (equestrian).	Gutzon Borglum-----	Sheridan Circle.
Sherman, Gen. William T. (equestrian and group).	Carl Rohl-Smith-----	Sherman Plaza.
Sousa, John Philip (memorial bench.)	-----	Congressional Cemetery.
Spanish-American War Monument.	-----	Arlington Cemetery.
Sphinxes-----	A. A. Weinman-----	Scottish Rite Temple.
Spirit of Progress and Civilization (pediment).	-----do-----	Post Office Department Bldg.
Stephenson Grand Army Memorial.	J. Massey Rhind-----	7th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. NW.
Straus, Oscar A. Memorial (statute and group) (proposed).	A. A. Weinman-----	Grand Plaza, Commerce Bldg.
Taft, William Howard (stele)---	J. E. Fraser-----	Arlington Cemetery.
Temperance Fountain-----	-----	Pennsylvania Ave. and 7th St. NW.
Thomas, Maj. Gen. George H. (equestrian).	J. Q. A. Ward-----	Thomas Circle.
Tigers-----	A. Phimister Proctor-----	Piney Branch Bridge, Connecticut Ave. NW.
Unknown Soldier, Tomb of-----	{ Thomas H. Jones, sculptor. Lorimer Rich, architect.	} Arlington Cemetery.
Valour (group) (proposed)-----	Leo Friedlander-----	Arlington Memorial Bridge.
Van Ness Mausoleum-----	A. Phimister Proctor-----	Oak Hill Cemetery.
Von Steuben, Gen. Baron (statue and groups).	Albert Jaegers-----	Lafayette Park.
War (Mars) (ideal figure)-----	Luigi Persico-----	Capitol.

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<i>NAME</i>	<i>SCULPTOR</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
Washington, George (equestrian).	Clark Mills.....	Washington Circle.
Washington and Aides (pediment).	Edmond Amateis....	Interstate Commerce Commission Bldg.
Washington National Monument.	Robert Mills.....	15th St. and the Mall.
Ward, Gen. Artemas, Memorial (proposed).	Leonard Crunelle....	Nebraska and Massachusetts Aves. NW.
Webster, Daniel (statue and relief).	G. Trentanove.....	West of Scott Circle
Witherspoon, John (statue)....	William Couper.....	Connecticut Ave. and N St. NW.
Women's Titanic Memorial (ideal figure).	G. V. Whitney.....	Potomac Park.
World War Cross.....	.....	Arlington Cemetery.
Zero Milestone.....	.....	Ellipse.

# APPENDIX B

## CHRONOLOGY



- Ante } Indian Town of Nacotchtant on Anacostia flats, first human settlement of  
1600. } record in D. C.
1608. First Potomac excursion—Capt. John Smith sails past the future D. C. as far as Little Falls. (Fact questioned by historians.)
1622. Henry Fleet involuntarily becomes D. C.'s first white resident. Captured by Indians and held several years.
1662. George Thompson gets first D. C. land patent from Maryland.
1669. John Howsing gets first D. C. land patent on Virginia side of Potomac.
1742. Bladensburg established as a town.
1749. Alexandria laid out.
1751. Georgetown organized.
1787. Constitutional provision for an independent national capital—exact location undetermined.
1788. Maryland cedes to Congress territory north of Potomac for site of future capital.
1789. Virginia cedes to Congress territory south of Potomac for site of future capital.  
George Washington (1732-1799) inaugurated.
1790. Congress authorizes Washington to choose exact site for the "Federal City."
1791. Washington selects present D. C. site for permanent capital. L'Enfant chosen to lay out city.  
Congress creates first District administrative body of three Commissioners.  
District land proprietors draw up their first agreement for sales to the District. "In an evil hour somebody proposed for the purpose of raising revenue that they sell town lots in the city of Washington. That is where our troubles began." *Congressional Record*.  
Name "City of Washington" first officially used.
1792. Ellicott replaces L'Enfant.
1793. Cornerstone of north wing of Capitol laid.
1794. Tudor Place, old Georgetown residence, erected.

1797. John Adams (1735–1826) inaugurated. First bridge over the Potomac, near site of present Chain Bridge.
1798. Construction of White House under way.  
“Octagon House”, old Washington residence, erected.
1800. Population 14,093.  
Post Office Department opens in Washington, first Government Department to arrive from Philadelphia. Others follow—also Congress, which opens first session in November.  
Abigail Adams dries the Presidential wash in the East Room, and the White House enters upon its official destiny.  
Washington Navy Yard established.
1801. First New Year’s Day Reception at White House.  
Thomas Jefferson (1743–1826) inaugurated.  
Congress assumes jurisdiction over District.  
First Marine Band Concert (on present Naval Medical Center site).  
Captain Tingley, Navy Yard Commandant, sings the latest smash song-hit *Hail Columbia, Happy Land* in Lafayette Square festival.
1802. Original Board of Commissioners abolished.  
City of Washington incorporated; Mayor-Council government established.  
First District buildings erected; a jail among the foremost.
1805. First school-board meeting. Among first rules for children: “Every scholar on entering the school shall take off his hat and bow to the preceptor.”
1806. First two white public schools opened.
1807. Three negro freedmen open first colored public school at their own expense.
1808. Tiber Canal, along site of present Constitution Avenue, begun.
1809. James Madison (1751–1836) inaugurated.  
Washington-Alexandria bridge opened.
1810. Population, 24,023.
1814. British under General Ross and Admiral Cockburn burn Washington.
1815. First appropriation to maintain District trees.
1816. St. John’s Church opened on Lafayette Square.
1817. James Monroe (1758–1831) inaugurated.  
President Monroe occupies the reconstructed White House, burned by the British in 1814.
1819. Ship-of-the-line *Columbus* launched at Navy Yard.  
Decatur House built.
1820. Population 33,039.  
Congress authorizes popular election of Mayor, instead of appointment by President.  
First District Court House completed.  
First Board of Health established.  
First White House Wedding—Maria Monroe to Samuel L. Gouverneur.  
(Circa) Dolly Madison House built.

1821. Decatur-Barron Duel. Decatur killed.
1823. Clay-Randolph duel.
1824. Lafayette has grand reception at park now bearing his name.
1825. John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) inaugurated.
1826. President Adams installs a billiard table in the White House.
1828. Peggy O'Neale Eaton becomes a national issue.
1829. Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) inaugurated.
1830. Population, 39,834.
1835. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reaches Washington.  
Harriet Martineau brings her silver ear trumpet to Washington. She does not like the city.
1836. Treasury Building begun. Smithsonian Institution founded.
1837. Martin Van Buren (1782-1862) inaugurated.
1838. Captain Marryat visits Washington; says it reminds him of a General without an army.  
Cilley-Graves duel—last important American duel over the “freedom of debate” issue.
1840. Population, 43,712.
1841. Wm. Henry Harrison (1773-1841) inaugurated.  
President Harrison dies of pneumonia, contracted, it is said, at his own inauguration.  
John Tyler (1790-1862) inaugurated.
1842. Charles Dickens, another dissatisfied visitor, says Washington consists of “spacious avenues that begin in nothing and lead nowhere.”
1844. Accident on Cruiser *Princeton*, first screw steamship to visit Washington. Its biggest gun explodes, killing cabinet members, Congressmen, and prominent citizens.  
First telegraph message sent—Washington to Baltimore.  
John Gadsby holds slave auctions in Decatur House.
1845. James K. Polk (1759-1849) inaugurated.  
National Theater burns.
1846. District territory south of Potomac retroceded to Virginia.
1848. Seventy-six Washington house-slaves carried off by abolitionists on a small vessel, later recaptured.  
The *National Era*, an Abolitionist weekly, mobbed.
1849. Zachary Taylor (1784-1850) inaugurated.
1850. Population, 51,687.  
Millard Fillmore (1800-1874) inaugurated.  
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal completed.
1853. Franklin Pierce (1804-1869) inaugurated.  
Jackson statue dedicated in Lafayette Square.  
Lafayette Square loses its “Wishing Tree” during a wholesale tree-felling.



1857. James Buchanan (1791-1868) inaugurated. National Theater burns again. "Know-Nothing" riots; six persons killed, many injured.
1859. Shooting of Philip Barton Key by Representative Daniel Sickles, afterwards Civil War General, in Lafayette Square.
1860. Population, 75,080.  
Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, visits Washington but diplomatically makes no comment.  
First Japanese delegation ever to reach America visits Washington. Their comments never translated.
1861. Metropolitan Police force organized.  
Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) inaugurated.  
Lincoln orders Washington militia into Federal service.
1864. Early's repulse in skirmish at Silver Spring, north of Washington, saves the Capital from the Confederacy; President Lincoln under fire at Fort Stevens.
1865. Victorious Federal troops take more than twelve hours to march down Pennsylvania Avenue past the White House.  
Assassination of Lincoln. Attempt on Seward's life.  
Andrew Johnson (1808-1875) inaugurated.
1866. National Training School for Boys founded.
1867. Hanging of members of the Lincoln conspiracy.  
Systematic development of Washington's park system begins, under supervision of War Department.
1868. Impeachment of Andrew Johnson. Much local excitement.
1869. U. S. Grant (1822-1885) inaugurated.  
Treasury Building completed, after 33 years of waiting.
1870. Population, 131,700.
1871. District of Columbia goes under territorial government.  
Alexander R. Shepherd begins physical regeneration of Washington.  
State, War, and Navy Building begun.
1872. Carnival on Pennsylvania Avenue to celebrate its first wood-block pavement.  
National Theatre burns again.
1874. Territorial Government abolished; temporary Commission Government instituted.  
Chain Bridge completed.
1877. Rutherford B. Hayes (1822-1893) inaugurated.  
Public reception in Lafayette Square to ex-President Grant, returning from world tour.  
Peace Monument unveiled.
1878. Temporary Commission Government becomes permanent.  
Col. Robert G. Ingersoll's immortal funeral oration over his brother. (1402 K St., June 2.)  
Chin Lin Pin, first Chinese envoy to Washington, arrives.

1879. Old Tiber Canal filled.  
First electric lights in the Capitol.  
First apartment house erected.
1880. Population, 177,624.  
Work recommenced on Washington Monument. A cat jumps 165 feet from the uncompleted job, and lives.
1881. James A. Garfield (1831–1881) inaugurated.  
Shooting of President Garfield by Guiteau; death of the President at Long Beach.  
Chester A. Arthur (1830–1886) inaugurated.
1882. Spectacular visitors of a year—Oscar Wilde, General U. S. Grant, Henry Ward Beecher, President Barrios of Guatemala, John L. Sullivan, a comet, and Jumbo.
1883. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery of John Howard Payne, author of *Home, Sweet Home*.  
First long distance telephone communication—with Baltimore.
1885. Grover Cleveland (1837–1908) inaugurated.  
Dedication of Washington Monument.  
National Theater burns in February and reopens in October.
1886. Albert Davis tries to steal the Chain Bridge on New Year's Day. Arrested.  
Grover Cleveland and Miss Frances Folsom married at the bridegroom's residence—the White House.
1888. Great blizzard of March closes most of Washington.  
Senate passes first attempt at national prohibition amendment.  
National Training School for Girls established.  
First electric street car.
1889. Benjamin Harrison (1833–1901) inaugurated.  
Flood reaches to level of Pennsylvania Avenue street car floors.
1890. Population, 230,392.  
Development of Rock Creek Park begins. Smithsonian Zoo moves to tract on Rock Creek.  
First electric lights in the White House.  
First cable cars in Washington.
1891. Lafayette statue unveiled.
1892. 80,000 Civil War veterans parade past the White House—high-water mark of the G. A. R.
1893. Grover Cleveland's second inauguration.  
Infanta Eulalia of Spain visits Washington.
1894. Coxe's Army arrives—and Coxe goes to jail.
1895. Act of Congress merges Georgetown with Washington.  
Rudyard Kipling visits Washington.

1896. Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii visits Washington.  
Washington Free Library, forerunner of the Public Library, opens.
1897. William McKinley (1843-1901) inaugurated.  
New Library of Congress opens.  
Corcoran Art Gallery moves to present building.  
Washington's first movies shown at Willard Hall. The first Horseless Carriage starts the traffic problem.
1898. McKinley's war message to Congress.  
First D. C. volunteers off to the war in May and back in September.  
Admiral Cervera of Spain an involuntary summer guest of the Navy.
1899. Admiral Dewey's great reception in Washington.  
Carnegie donates a Washington Public Library building.
1900. Population, 278,718.  
The city celebrates its first centennial.  
Creation of the Potomac Parks commenced.
1901. McKinley, assassinated in Buffalo, brought to Washington for obsequies.  
Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) inaugurated.  
McMillan Commission takes over planning of the park system.  
Washington playground system established.  
Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Kaiser, a guest at the White House.
1902. First complete restoration of the White House since Monroe's administration.
1906. Li Hung Chang, China's inquisitive Viceroy, visits Washington. Many questions.
1907. Union Station completed.  
Carrie Nation raids Washington. Jailed.  
Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul dedicated.
1909. William H. Taft (1857-1930) inaugurated.  
Automobile officially made part of White House transportation equipment.
1910. Population, 331,069.  
Commission of Fine Arts established.  
Kosciusko and Von Steuben statues unveiled.
1913. Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924) inaugurated.
1917. Wilson's classic war message to Congress brings the great "War population" to the Capital.  
New District Courthouse completed.  
Suffragist demonstrations commence before the White House. Many arrests.
1918. First Armistice Day; all Washington in revelry over end of World War.
1920. Population, 437,571.  
Arlington Memorial Amphitheater dedicated.
1921. Warren G. Harding (1865-1923) inaugurated.
1922. Lincoln Memorial dedicated.  
Grant Memorial unveiled.

1923. President Harding's body lies in state at Capitol.  
Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) inaugurated.
1924. Key Bridge completed.
- 1926 (Circa). President Coolidge installs the first radio in the White House.
1929. Herbert C. Hoover (1874-——) inaugurated.  
Christmas Eve fire does great damage to the White House Office Building.
1930. Population, 486,869.  
President Hoover sees the first talking pictures in the White House.
- 1931 }  
and } Hunger Marchers "invade" Washington.  
1932. }
1932. Bonus Army riots. One killed and several injured.  
Folger Shakespeare Library opens.  
New Department of Commerce Building opened.
1933. Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-——) inaugurated.
1935. U. S. Supreme Court and National Archives Buildings completed.  
Mammoth new Interior Department Building begun.
1937. Second inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt as President.  
New Interior Department Building completed.

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THE Grand avenues and such Streets as lead immediately to public places are from 130 to 160 feet wide and may be conveniently divided into foot ways walks of trees and a carriage way. The other Streets are from 90 to 110 feet wide.

The Water of Silver Creek may be conveyed on the high ground where the Capitol stands and after watering that part of the City may be destined to other useful Proposes. The perpendicular height of the grounds where the Capitol is to stand is above the tide of Silver Creek, 78 Feet.

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of the City of Washington  
in the Territory of Columbia  
as ceded by the States of  
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to the United States of America  
and by them established as the  
**SEAT of their GOVERNMENT**  
after the year  
**MDCCC.**

Perpendicular height of the West Branch above the tide of Silver Creek



Latitude Capitol. 38.53 N.

Longitude. 0. 0.

**Observations**  
Explanatory of the Plan.

- I. THE positions for the different Buildings and for the several squares or broad open spaces as they are laid down were first determined on the most advantageous ground commanding the most extensive prospect and the better receptacle of such improvements as other uses or conveniences may hereafter call for.
- II. LINES or avenues of communication have been directed towards the suburbs and most distant Objects with the principal and secondary through the whole a conformity of sight at the same time attention has been paid to the beauty of the landscape and the most judicious ground for planting and ornamentation.
- III. NORTH and South lines intersected by others running due East and West, make the distribution of the City into Streets squares and the lines have been so ordered as to avoid narrow green passages with broad irregular corners and to form in the several first determinations the different squares or towns.

SCALE OF POLES.



In order to execute this Plan M'ELICOTT drew a true Meridional line by Astronomical Observations which passes through the Area reserved for the Capitol this line being completed by another due East and West which passes through the same Area these lines were accurately measured and made the base on which the whole plan was executed. He ran all the lines by a Transit Instrument and determined the acute Angles by Astronomical Measurement and left nothing to the conjectures of the Surveyors.

