

Visit

Berkeley

Virginia's Most Historic Plantation



Birthplace of a Signer of the Declaration of Independence and a United States President
On the James River between Richmond and Williamsburg, on Route 5.

Benjamin Harrison



Benjamin Harrison, son of the builder of Berkeley, and its second owner, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and three times Governor of Virginia.

William Henry Harrison, Benjamin's third son, born at Berkeley, was the famous Indian fighter known as "Tippecanoe," who later became the ninth President of the United States, in 1841. His grandson, Benjamin Harrison, was the 23rd President.

William Henry Harrison



On December 4, 1619, early settlers from England came ashore at Berkeley and observed the first official Thanksgiving in America.



At Berkeley the date of the building, 1726, and the initials of the owners, Benjamin Harrison IV and his wife, Anne, appear in a datestone over a side door. The early Georgian mansion is said to be the oldest 3-story brick house in Virginia that can prove its date and the first with a pediment roof.



South Great Room

The handsome Adam woodwork and the double arches of the "Great Rooms" in the mansion were installed by Benjamin Harrison VI in 1790 at the direction of Thomas Jefferson. The rooms in Berkeley are furnished with a magnificent collection of eighteenth century antiques.

"You haven't seen Virginia unless you have been to Berkeley."

Good Housekeeping magazine suggests: "If you only have time for one plantation, Berkeley should be at the top of your list."

To learn more about Berkeley, read *The Great Plantation*, by Clifford Dowdey.*

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Terraced Boxwood Gardens

Berkeley's ten acres of formal terraced boxwood gardens and lawn extend a full quarter-mile from the front door to the James River.

In the basement are the original hand-hewn joists. Here a model of the early plantation buildings is on view.



Cellar



*The Tea
Mint Julee*



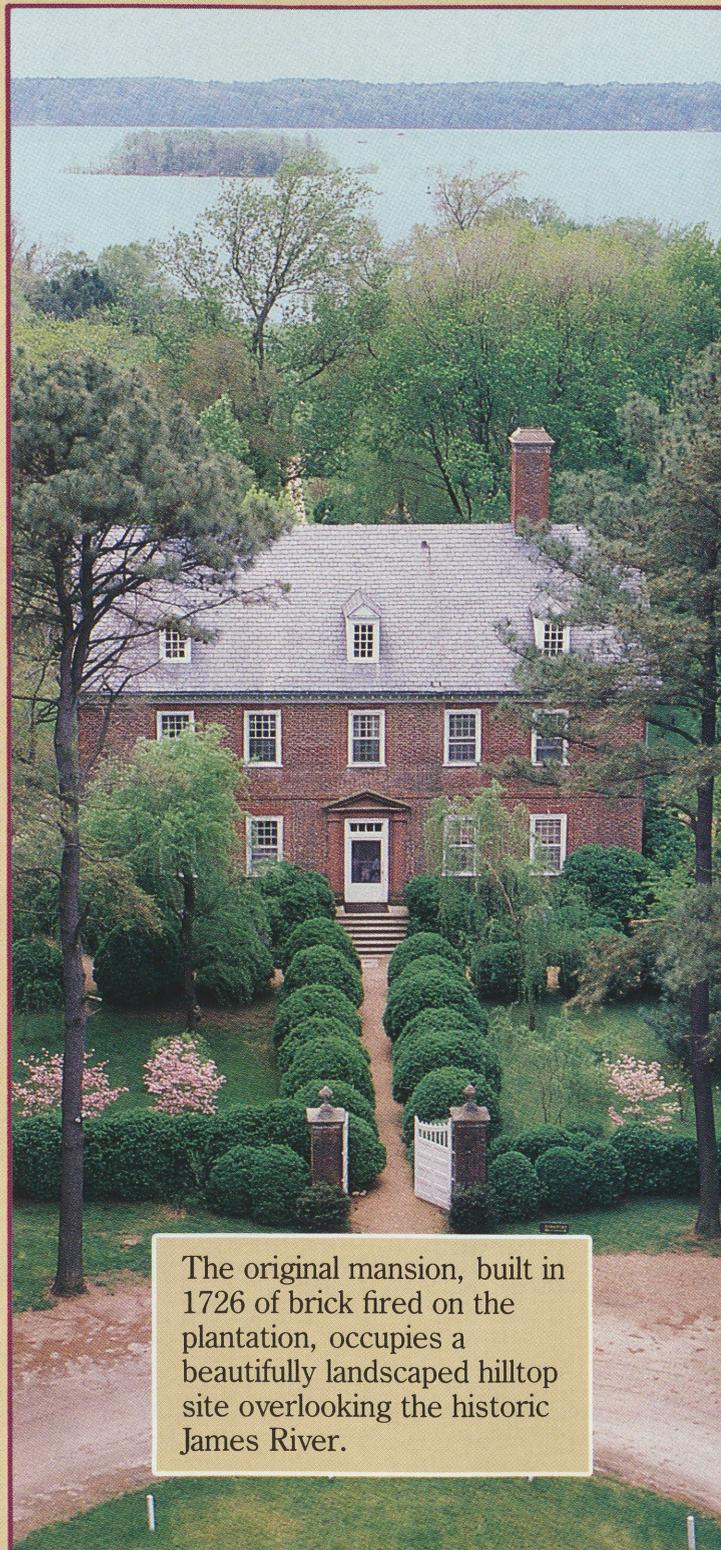
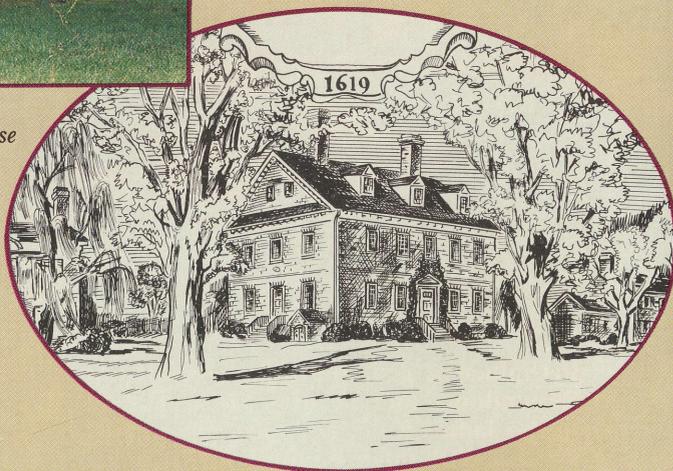
Dining Room

George Washington, and later the succeeding nine Presidents of the United States, enjoyed the famous hospitality of Berkeley in this dining room with its view of the James River.

In that same tradition, weddings, receptions, luncheons, dinners, and teas may be held in Berkeley's enchanting gardens.



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The original mansion, built in 1726 of brick fired on the plantation, occupies a beautifully landscaped hilltop site overlooking the historic James River.

Berkeley



To Fredericksburg, Washington D.C.

295

17

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Laburnum

Exit 211

64

York River

Colonial Pky.

Yorktown

Exit 242A

Providence Forge

60

Williamsburg

To Berkeley

To Norfolk, Va Beach,
Chesapeake Bay Bridge
Tunnel

Richmond

Main St.

5

156

106

Scenic By-Way

5

Pottery

5

Busch Gardens

Carter's Grove

To Charlottesville

Exit 22A
To Berkeley

Shirley

Evelynton
Westover

Sherwood
Forest

614

Jamestown

199
James River

Flowerdew
Hundred

Upper
Brandon

Lower
Brandon

Smith Fort

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Bacons
Castle

Exit 6

Hopewell

295

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Benjamin
Harrison Bridge

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Surry



Petersburg

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To N.C.

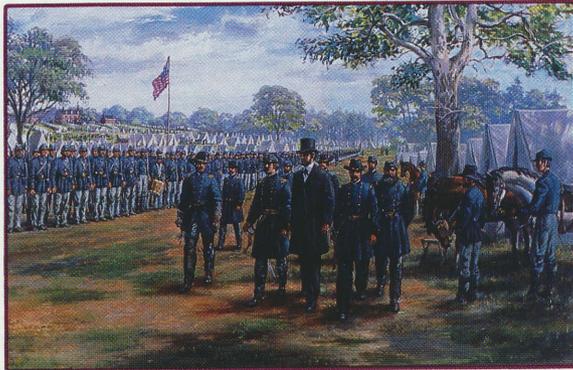
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To Norfolk, Va Beach,
Chesapeake Bay Bridge
Tunnel



The first Bourbon Whiskey in America was distilled at Berkeley Plantation, 1621 to 1622.



In 1862, President Lincoln visited Berkeley and reviewed Gen. George McClellan's Army of 140,000 Union Soldiers.

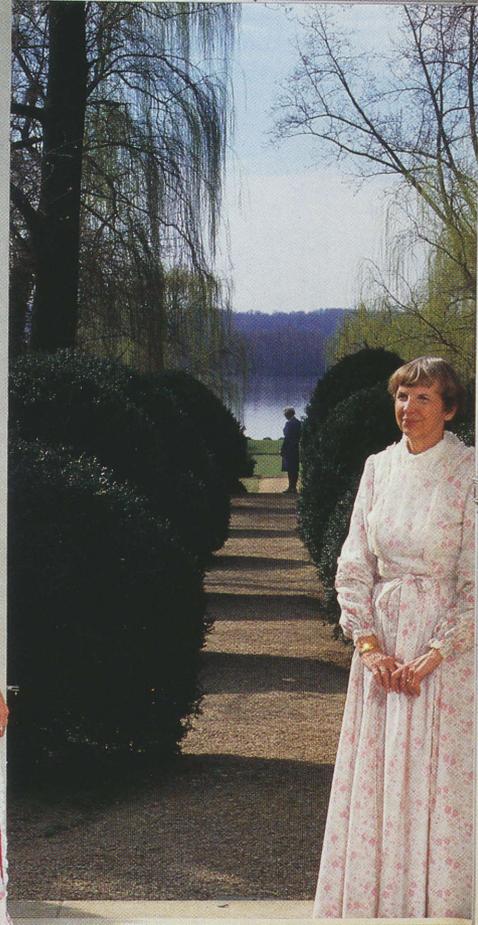


"Taps" was composed at Berkeley in 1862 while Civil War Union Forces were encamped at the plantation.

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A James River Plantation



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