

# Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial



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*Fact: The Union army used existing farm structures at Arlington for use as a corral and veterinary facility.*

In April 1861, Robert E. Lee left his home to fight for the Confederate States of America. Arlington was vital to the defense of the nation's capital so on May 24, the Union army occupied the grounds of Arlington Estate. Soon after it was converted into a major military base and thousands of Union troops occupied the property. The house became an army headquarters.