

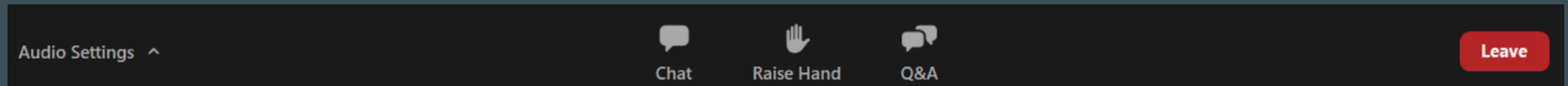


INSIDE THE VAULT

The Surrender of Robert E. Lee
with Dr. Caroline Janney
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024



How to Participate



- If you would like to ask a question, you can use the Q&A feature.
- We will be answering audience questions throughout the session.

For Security and Privacy

- Your microphone is automatically muted.
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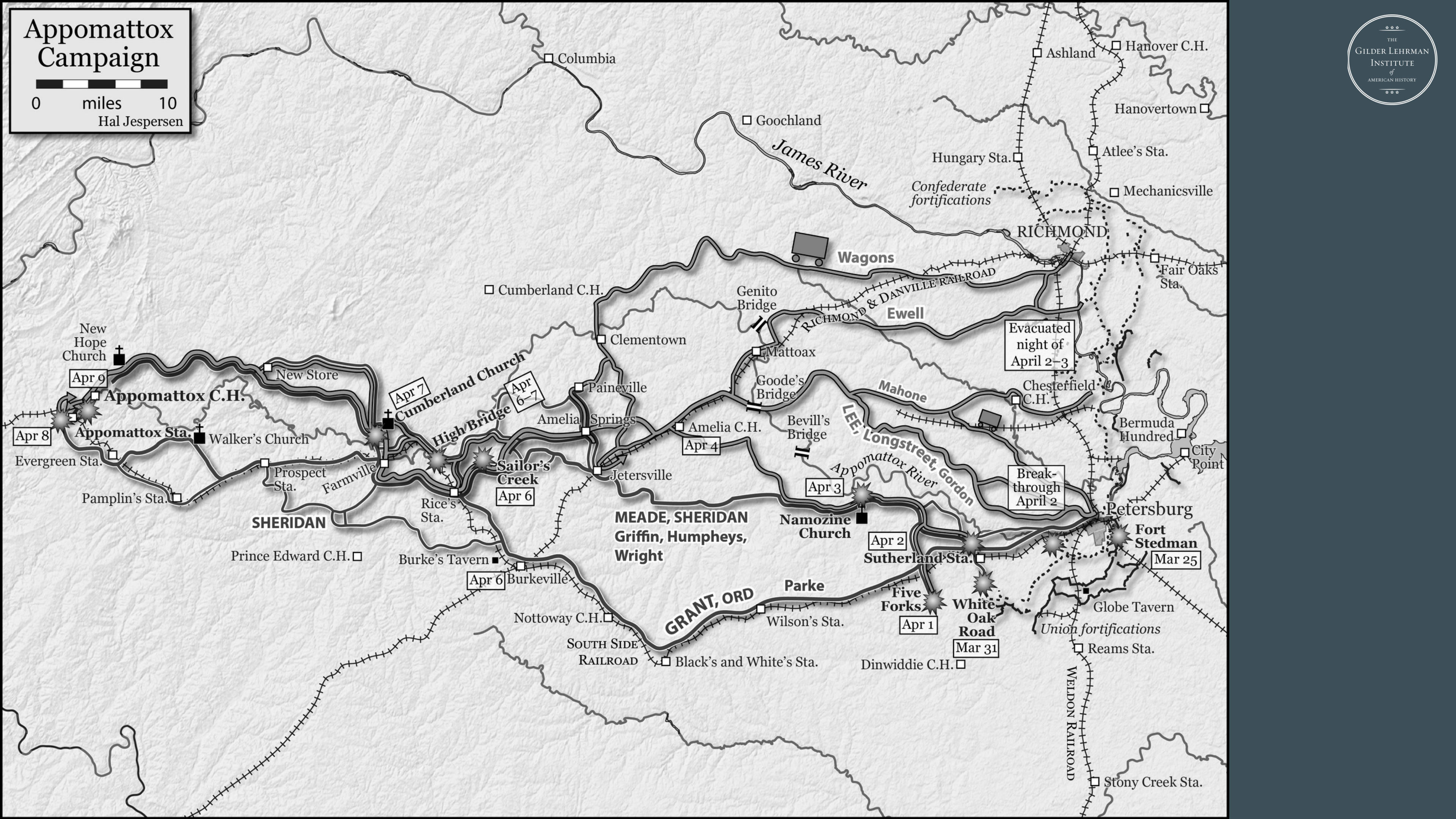
Dr. Caroline Janney



Caroline E. Janney is the John L. Nau III Professor of the American Civil War and director of the John L. Nau Center for Civil War History at the University of Virginia. A graduate of the University of Virginia, she worked as a historian for the National Park Service and taught at Purdue University before returning to UVA in 2018. An active public lecturer, she has given presentations at locations across the globe. Janney is the past president of the Society of Civil War Historians and a series editor for the University of North Carolina Press's Civil War America series. She has published seven books, including *Remembering the Civil War: Reunion and the Limits of Reconciliation* (2013) and *Ends of War* (2021).

Appomattox Campaign

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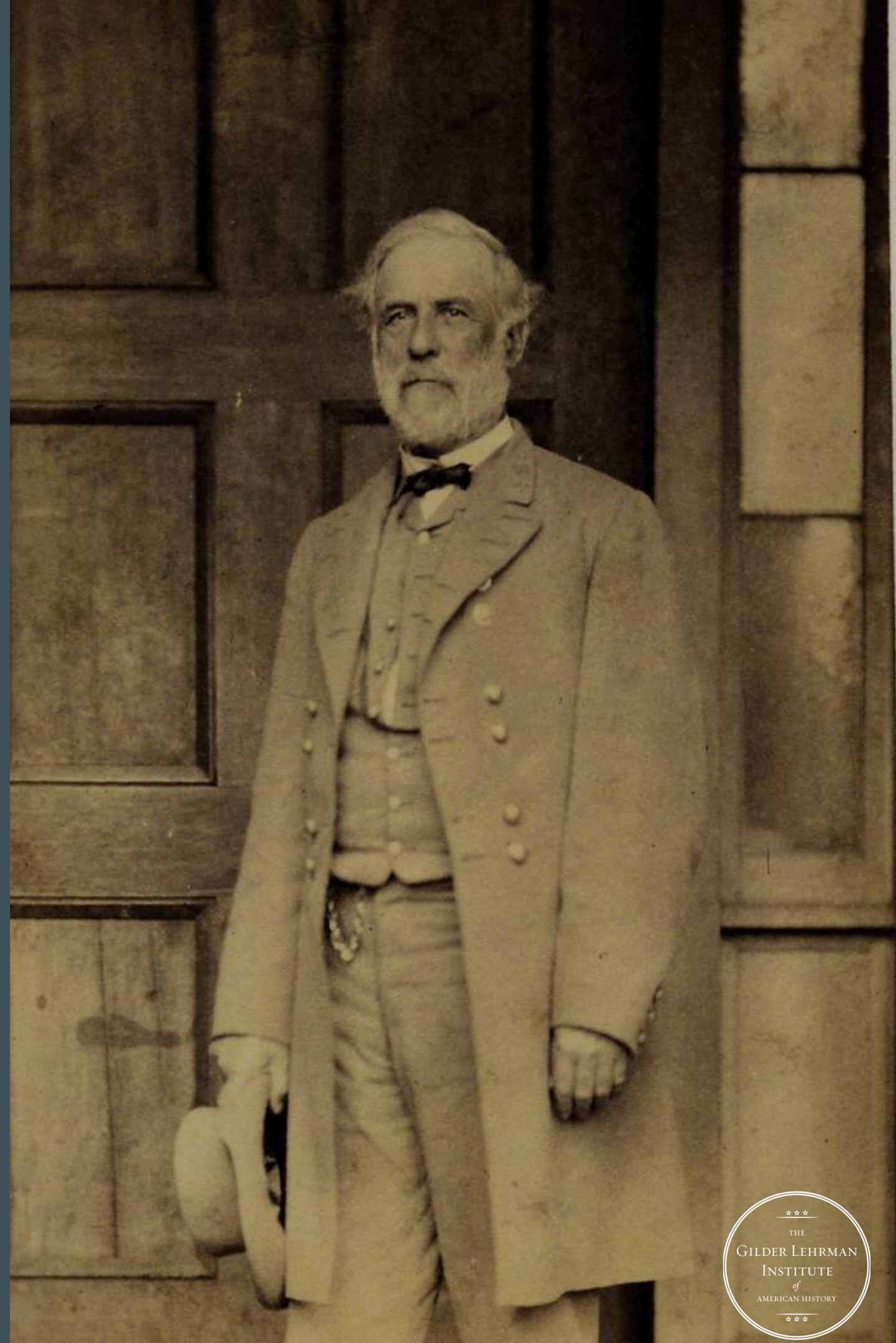


Ulysses S. Grant

Robert E. Lee

Photograph of General Ulysses S. Grant, April 1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC03094)

Photograph of General Robert E. Lee, April 1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC07075)



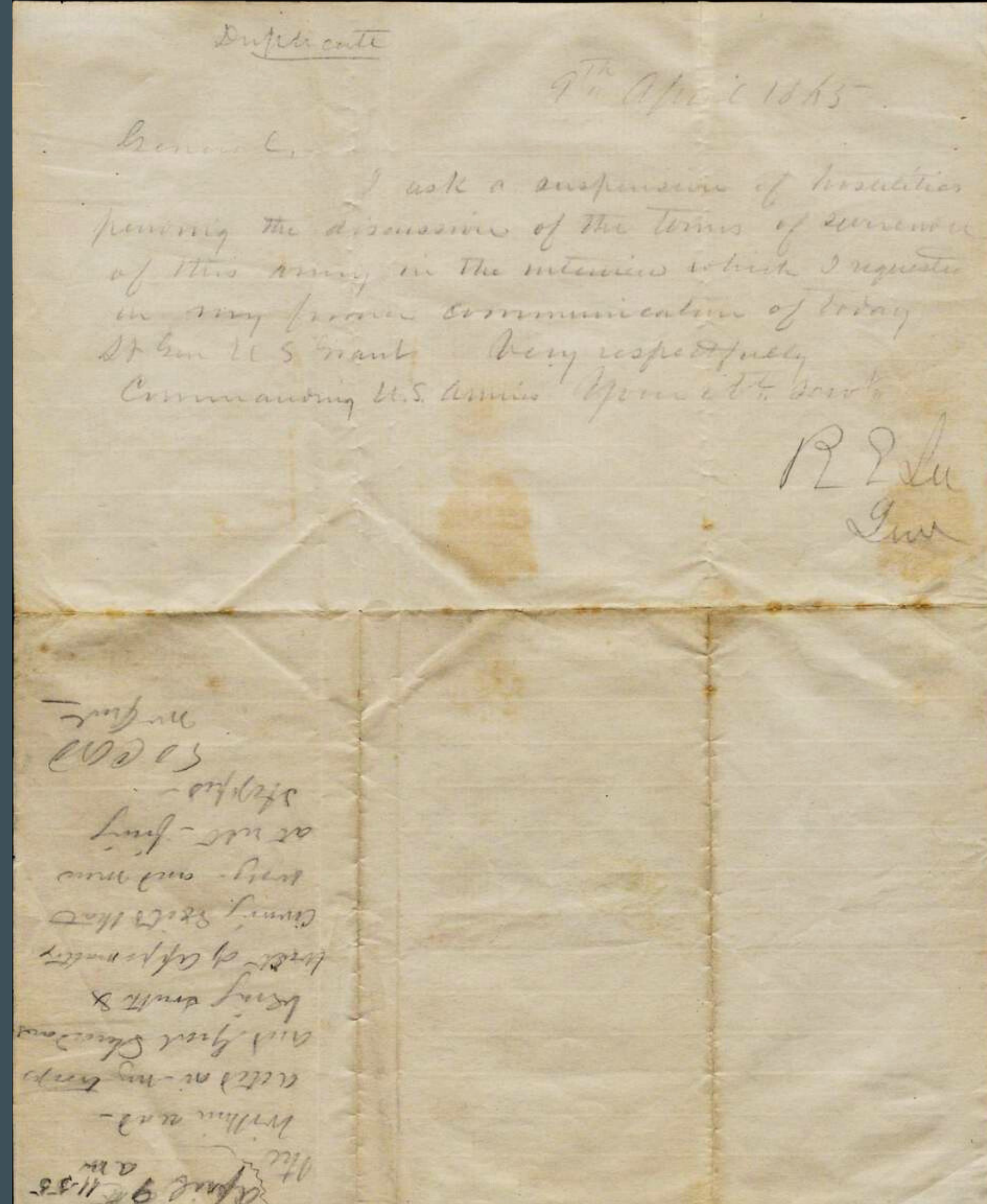
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(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC07967)



McClellan House
ca. April 1865



McClellan family posed on front porch at
Appomattox Court House, ca. April 1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC05111.01.0280)

The surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia

1865



Alonzo Chappel, "The surrender of Lee," 1885.
(Library of Congress)

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Ulysses S. Grant to Robert E. Lee, April 9, 1865.
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A Copy
Head Quarters Army U. S.
April 9th 1865

To Genl. R. E. Lee
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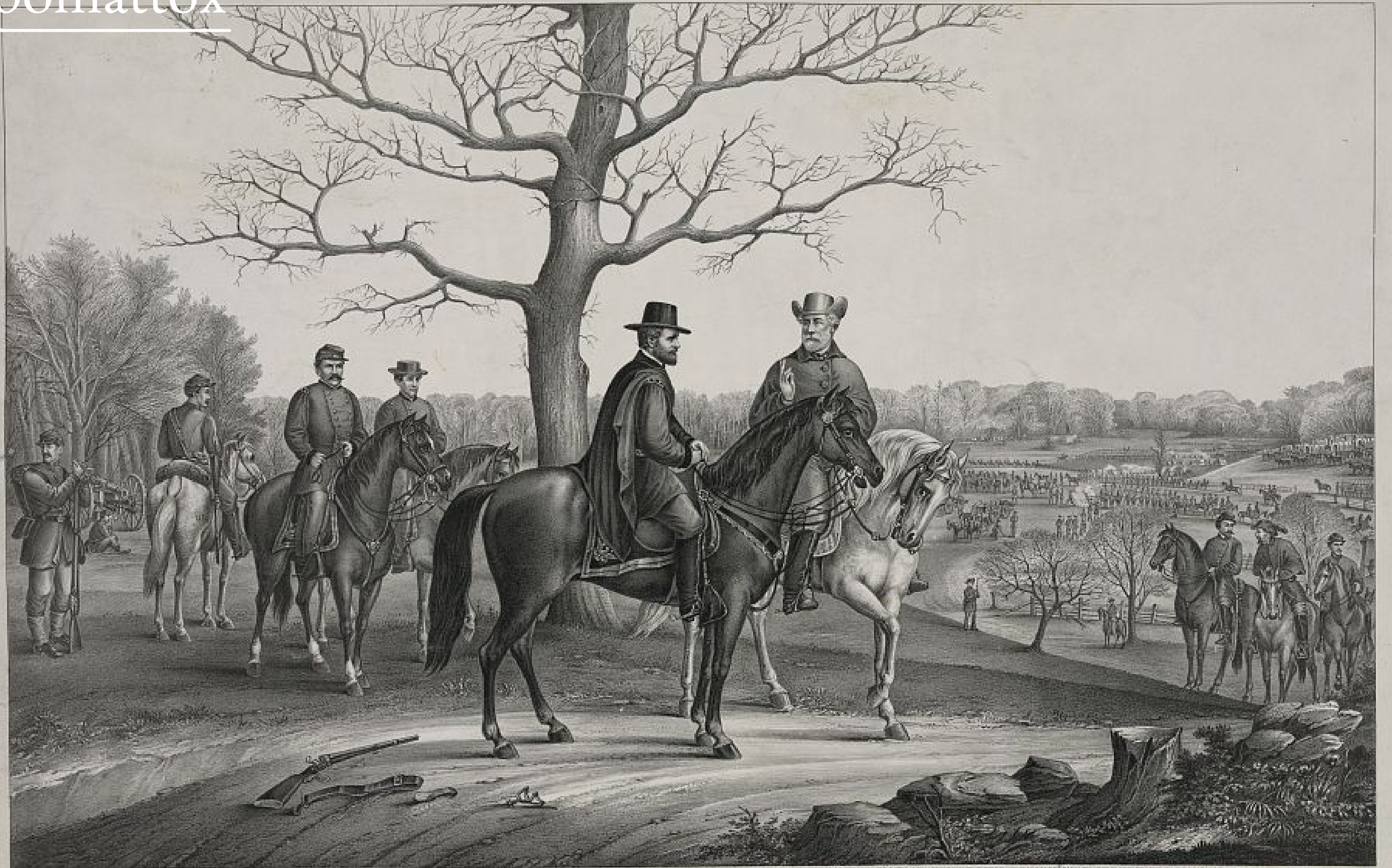
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Very Respectfully
U. S. Grant Lt. Genl.
Commanding U. S. Army.

Genl. Grant at Appomattox

April 10, 1865



DRAWN AT APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE VA. & ENGRAVED BY EDGAR KLEMROTH, 37 N. 4TH AVENUE, N.Y.

EXTENDED ADDRESS TO ACT OF CONGRESS IN THE YEAR 1865 BY EDGAR KLEMROTH IN THE OFFICE OF THE LITHOGRAPHER AT CONGRESS AT WASHINGTON D.C.

GENL. GRANT AT



APPOMATTOX.

Edgar Klemroth, *Genl. Grant at Appomattox*, 1872. (Library of Congress)



Special Orders No. 73

April 10, 1865

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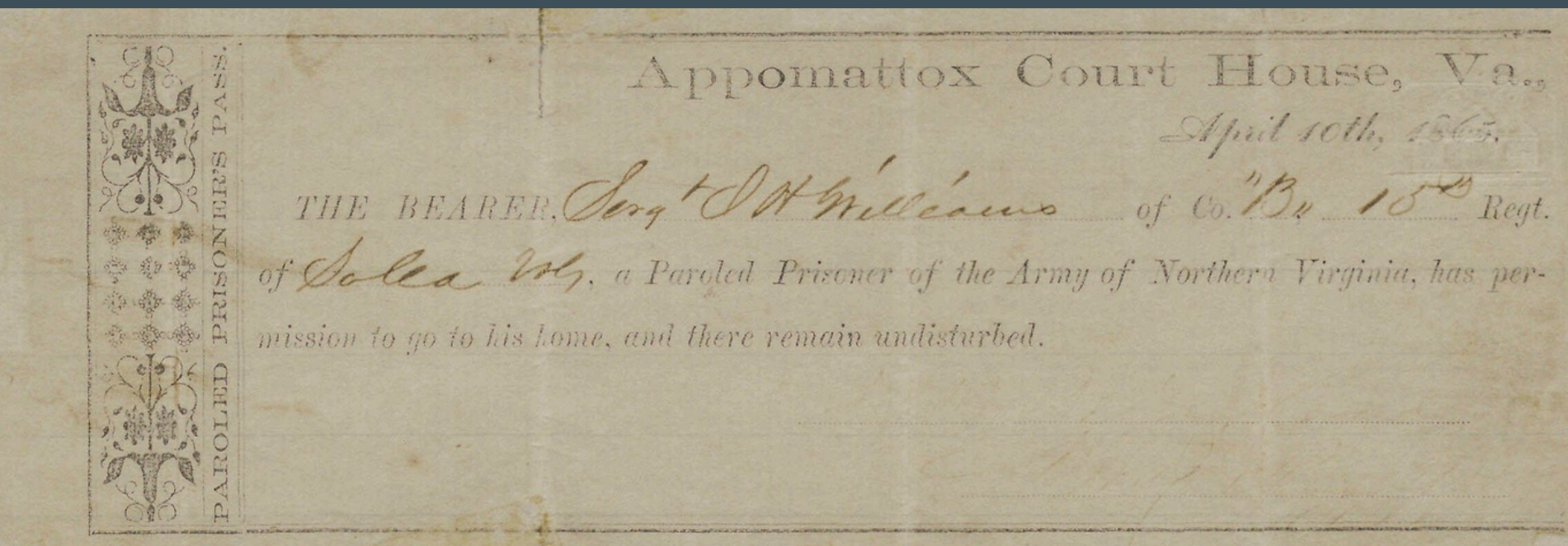
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Parole pass of Sgt. J. H. Williams

April 10, 1865



Williams, John Henry, Parole pass of Sgt. J. H. Williams
of Co. B 15th Regt S. Carolina Vols., April 10, 1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC00526.02)



General Order No. 9

April 11, 1865

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10th April 1865.

General Order
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I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard fought battles who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them; but feeling that valour and devotion could accomplish nothing that would compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their Countrymen.

By the terms of the Agreement Officers and men can return to their homes and remain there until exchanged.

You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a Merciful God will extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your Country and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration for myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

R. E. Lee
G. W.



The Assassination of Lincoln

1865

THE PRESIDENT IS DEAD!

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Washington, April 15, 1865.

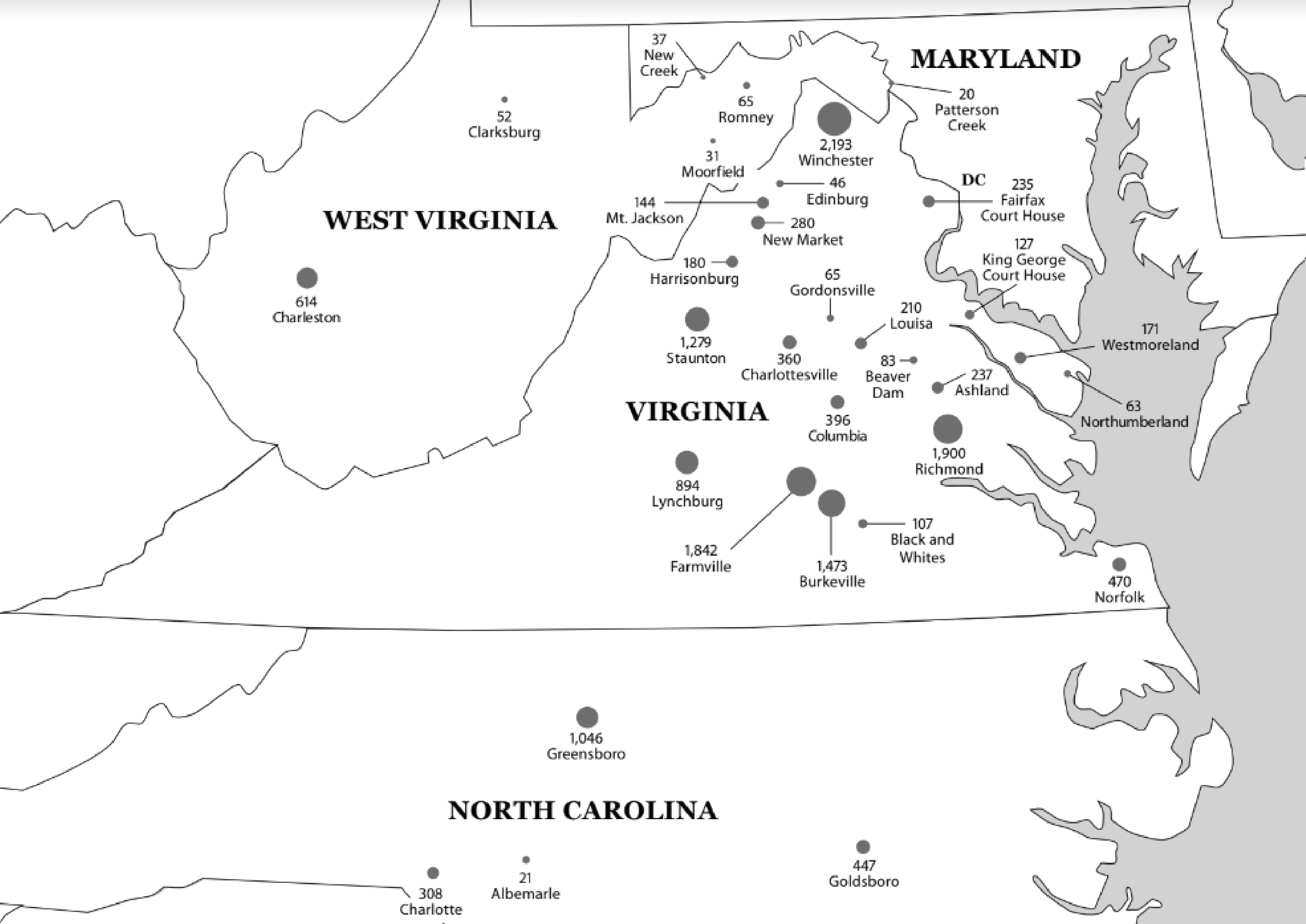
To MAJ. GEN. DIX,

**Abraham Lincoln died this
morning at 22 minutes after
Seven o'clock.**

E. M. STANTON, Sec. of War.

“The President Is Dead!,” April 15, 1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC06680)





Parole pass of A. J. Brane
May 9, 1865

OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL,
(23RD A. C.)

Greensboro', N. C., May 9th 1865.

This is to certify that *A. J. Brane* of *Rockingham*
County, and State of *N. C.* a *Private* of the Army of Northern Virginia,
has this day given his parole in accordance with the terms agreed upon by Lieutenant-General U. S. GRANT, com-
manding U. S. Army, and General ROBT. E. LEE, commanding C. S. Army.

John L. Dow
Captain & Provost Marshal 23rd A. C.

Dow, John L., Parole pass of A. J. Brane, May, 9, 1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC02385.01)



The Surrender of Genl. Joseph Johnston

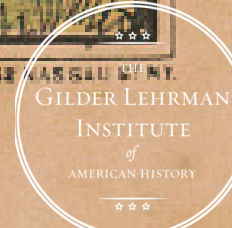
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PUB. BY CURRIER & IVES. GENL. SHERMAN. GENL. JOHNSTON.

THE SURRENDER OF GENL. JOE JOHNSTON NEAR GREENSBORO N. C. APRIL, 26TH 1865.

Currier and Ives, *Genl. Joe Johnston near Greensboro N.C., April 26th 1865*, New York, 1865. (Library of Congress)



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April 9, 1865



Duplicate

9th April 1865

Honorable General Grant

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At Gen U.S. Grant's Very respectfully
Commanding U.S. Armies General R.E. Lee

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Robert E. Lee to Ulysses S. Grant, April 9, 1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC07967)

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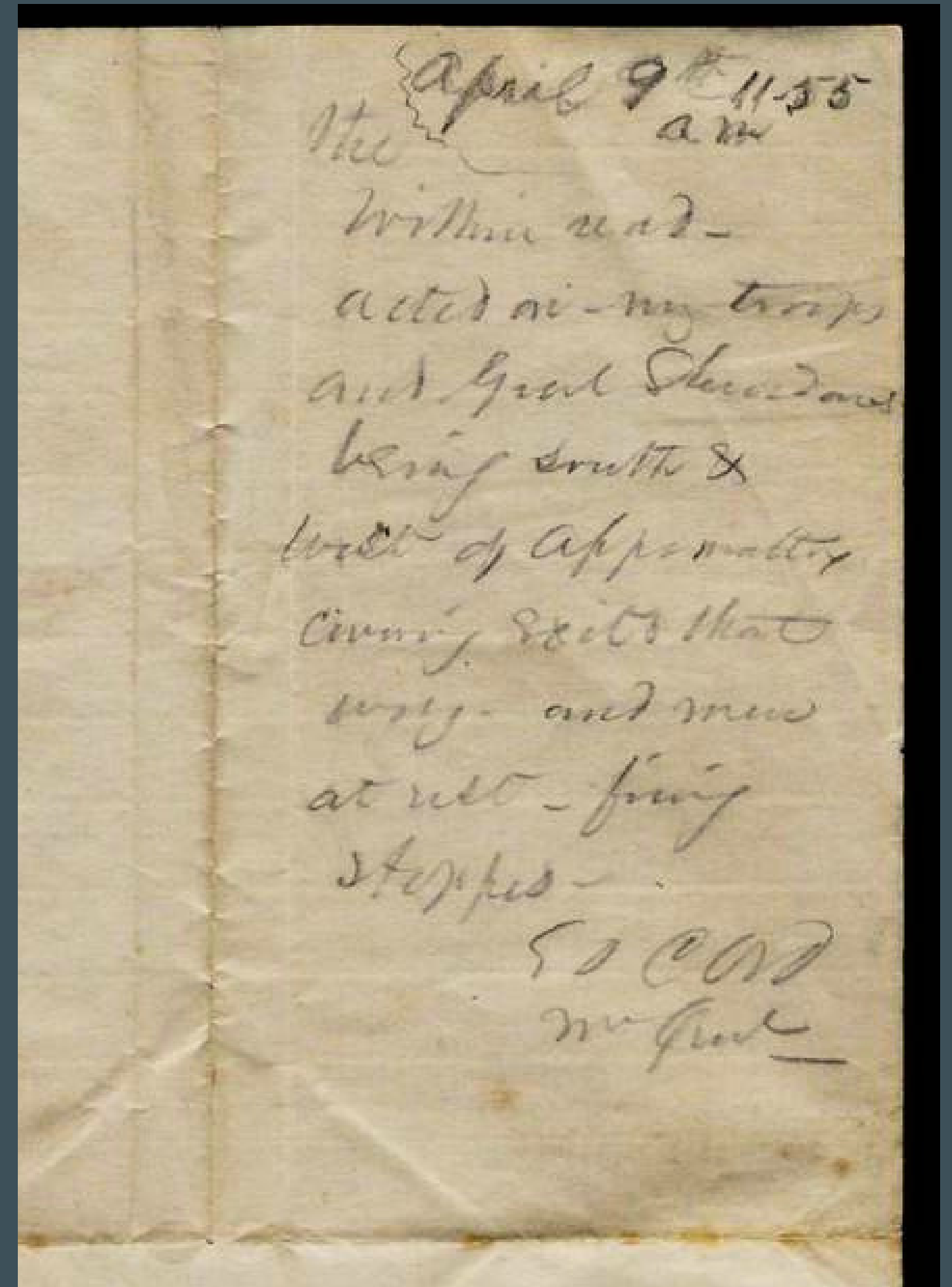
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Ulysses S. Grant to Robert E. Lee, April 9-10, 1865. (Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC02124)

General Order No. 9

April 10, 1865

Head Quarters Army of the Potomac
10th April 1865.

General Order
No 9 — 3

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R. E. Lee
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Robert E. Lee, General Order No. 9, April 10, 1865.

(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC10013)

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Robert E. Lee, General Order No. 9, April 11, 1865. (Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC00102)

Gilder Lehrman Institute-National History Academy Scholarships

Deadline: April 15

The Gilder Lehrman Institute and the National History Academy are once again partnering to provide twenty scholarships for the academy's Residential Summer Program exclusively to students at schools in our Affiliate School Program. These scholarships for the four-week residential summer program include room, board, learning materials, transportation, and admission to historic sites. Students can learn more and apply by the April 15 priority deadline at <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/programs-and-events/student-opportunities/gilder-lehrman-national-history-academy-scholarships>.

Upcoming Programs

BOOK BREAKS:

- April 14 at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT): Dr. Tomiko Brown-Nagin will discuss her book *Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality*
- April 21 at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT) Matthew Davenport will discuss his book *The Longest Minute The Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906*