

CHARLES WASHINGTON

I'd like to honor Ken Washington, our dear friend, cousin and descendant of Charles Washington with this presentation. He would be making this presentation if he were here.

- Charles is the youngest full brother of George
- He was born at Mount Vernon (known as Hunting Creek at the time)
- He married (Mildred Thorton) and had 4 children
- Charles received some property (a mere 750 acres) from his father's will. He bought 2 lots in Fredericksburg, VA and build a home there. It's still there and is currently a museum (Rising Sun Tavern). It's very interesting and has many things inherited from family member. There is a very unique – we've never seen before – picture of George
- His livelihood was as a planter
- He held several government offices in several different counties.
- He also inherited property from half-brother Lawrence which George had surveyed and recommended Lawrence buy.
 - He donated 4 corner lots from part of that property and a town was founded. It was named **Charles Town** after his death.
 - It's a wonderful place to visit with Main Street called Washington, the side streets are Samuel, Charles, Lawrence, John, Mildren (wife)
 - His home in Charles Town is called Happy Retreat. The town is working to restore Happy Retreat and our cousin Walter Washington is very active with that work. We've toured the home and grounds and would be wonderful to restore.

Charles Town is also home to several Washington homes: Samuel (Harewood) and his son John Thorton (Cedar Lawn), Charles (Happy Retreat), two of John's sons (Claymount and Berkley). Most have been restored and stand in their original (*almost*) beauty.

One of the Washington homes (Claymount) was the largest mansion in Virginia. He moved to WA state and died tragically. An interesting story there.