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#### ABOUT WASHINGTON, D. C

FACTS SUGGESTED BY THE CENTEN NIAL OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Five Miles Long by Three Wide-A French Officer Laid Out the City-Capitol and beautiful. White House Once Partially Destroyed by the British.

On Wednesday, December 12, 100 years had passed since the United States Government took formal possession of Washington as the national New York Sun published the following

Washington had a population of 3000 in 1800, 8208 in 1810, 13,474 in 1820; the census just completed showed it to east, northwest and southwest. House have a population of 286,000 in 1900.

In the first decade of the city's history the Government officials numbered fewer than 100. Now there are nearly 15,000, including the clerks in the various departments.

Washington is now five miles long by three miles wide. The District of Columbia contains about sixty square nues to comprise greater Washington. Georgetown, now a part of Washacross Rock Creek from Washington

Georgetown University, the first educational institution of the capital, was founded by Bishop Carroll in 1799. The cornerstone of the White House

was laid on October 13, 1792. Had Congress appropriated the money asked for last winter the cornerstone of the new White House addition would have been laid.

Work on the Capitol was begun on September 18, 1793. Its centennial was celebrated seven years ago.

The Capitol is the hub of Washington, from which most of the avenues radiate like spokes from a wheel.

After the destruction of the Capitol sessions in the Union Pacific Hotel, which was built in 1793 and burned in 1836.

It was expected that the best part of Washington would be built on Capitol Hill. Hence the Goddess of Liberty on the Capitol dome faces eastward. But the most fashionable part of the city is in the opposite direction, in the northwest.

The terraces of the Capitol were completed only in 1891, the total cost of the building footing up to \$14,455,-

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Reading. Germantown, Alexandria, Georgetown, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Carlisle, Trenton and other towns wanted to be scleeted as the capital. But George Washington chose the present site on the Potomac.

Washington had a municipal government from 1802 to 1871, then a Territorial government until 1874, since which time it has been controlled by Congress through three District Commissioners.

The Government temporarily abandoned Washington in 1814, when the British captured the city, partially destroyed the Capitol and the White House, and blew up the arsenal at Greenleaf's Point.

Pierre Charles L'Enfant, a French army officer and engineer, laid out the plan of Washington. It is proposed to erect a monument to him, since he received no money for his work. His grave is an unmarked one, on the out-

skirts of Washington, where he died. The dome alone of the Capitol cost \$1,250,000. The Crawford bronze door at the Senate wing weighs 14,000 pounds and cost nearly \$57,000.

The hall of the House of Representatives is the largest legislative assembly room in the world.

The columns of the eastern portico of the Capitol are solid blocks of sandstone, each thirty feet high.

The Congress of the United States has met annually in Washington since November, 1800.

The Rogers bronze doors at the main entrance to the Capitol tell the story

of Columbus, and cost \$28,000. The Capitol rotunda is ninety-five feet six inches in diameter, and from

floor to canopy is 183 feet three inches. Washington started in business with capital of nearly \$5,000,000, derived from the sale of real estate exclusive of that deeded to the Government for

Government purposes, More than half the area of Washington is now devoted to the public use. The Capitol grounds and the Mall constitute a magnificent and finely kept

The Long Bridge across the Potomac to Virginia was built in 1836. It is soon to be replaced by the magnificent stone memorial bridge to commemorate the new union between the North and the South.

Alexandria, Va., where Washington attended church, was founded in 1748, and was once a prosperous port.

Pennsylvania avenue, connecting the White House with the Capitol, is said to be the broadest and finest thoroughfare in the world. It was first paved in 1830, but cheaply and poorly with wooden blocks.

President Jefferson laid out Pennsylvania avenue and had it lined with trees on both side. Then a double row of lindens was planted down the centre, dividing it into two streets and a centre driveway. These trees have now all been cut down, though a few new ones have been planted on the sides. The avenue is now a broad, smoothly paved boulevard. It is 100

feet wide. With a population of 75,000 in 1860, Washington was still a sprawling, unkempt, unpaved and dirty city. A ca- during the five months it is in leaf.

nal ran past the foot of the Capitol You'll find everything building, but it has been covered.

It was not until 1871, under Govern or Alexander R. Shepherd, that Washington began to be a beautiful city. In ten years \$25,000,000 had been spent to make Washington clean and

In the city proper, not counting suburban extensions, there are 107 H. J. SENAY, Proprietor. streets, aggregating 279 miles in length, and twenty-one avenues named extensions, now being rapidly popucapital. Apropos of the centunial the lated, contain more than 500 miles of and a free lunch at Senay's well stocked roadway.

North, East and South Capitol streets and the Mall divide the city into four sections, known as northeast, south numbers are given accordingly. There are four houses in Washington which may bear the same street and number address, but the distinguishing "N W.," or whatever section is indicated,

completes the address, In Washington the numbered streets run north and south, the lettered streets east and west, and the system miles, and all of this territory is now of house numbering is the simplest being laid out with magnificent ave- and most complete of any in the coun-

try.
General Lafayette visited Washing ington, was laid out in 1761. It is ton in 1824, and was entertained for two weeks.

> Brown's Indian Queen Hotel, now the Metropolitan, was one of the most noted hostelries in early Washington. In the early days the President re ceived a salary of \$25,000. The Vice-President received \$7000. Now the President gets \$50,000, and the Vice President \$8000.

> It costs about \$100,000 a year to wun the White House, exclusive of the President's salary. On August 25, 1835, the Washington

> branch of the Baitimore and Ohio Railroad was opened. Stage coaches continued to run west

ward from Washington as late as 1851. The National Intelligencer was the in 1814, the Thirteenth Congress held first newspaper of importance to be established in Washington. The battle of Bladensburg, August 21, 1814, was the first fought in de-

fence of Washington, and the only one in vain. When the Civil War began Wash ington was without defenses. Two years later it was surrounded by a

chain of seventy-two forts. The close of the war was celebrated on the night of April 13, 1865, by a grand illumination of Washington, which exceeded any demonstration

witnessed in the capital previously. On Friday night, April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre by John Wilkes Booth. The building stands on Tenth street, between E and F, and hearly opposite the house in which Lincoln died.

General Early came within a few miles of Washington in 1864, but was driven back by the Sixth Army Corps, which engagement was witnessed by President Lincoln at Fort Stevens on the Seventh street road, five miles north of the capital.

The northwest quarter of Washington, though built upon what was once swamp pasture, is the most popular part of the city to-day.

It is 116 miles from Washington the mouth of the Potomac, in Chesapeake Bay, and 184 miles by water to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing was begun in 1880 and completed at a cost of \$367,000. It costs about a million a year to run it.

The State, War and Navy Departments are consolidated in one immense building, which was begun in 1871. It

cost \$10,000,000. The Treasury Building was completed in 1869 at a cost of \$6,000,000. It is the largest department building devoted to one branch of the Govern-

The Pension Office, "where the inquguration balls are held," was completed in 1888. It is entirely of brick and terra cotta, and is the only de-

partment building so constructed. The Postoffice Department building was erected in 1839 and extended in

1855. It cost \$4,000,000. John Quincy Adams designed the al-

legorical group, "The Genius of America," on the eastern portico of the Cap-The reclaimed Potomac flats will add about 1000 acre; to the public

parks. The area will be made into a national park along the river front. Mexican cannon furnished the material for the bronze status of General Winfield Scott in the circle which

bears his name. The Society of the Army of the Tennessee erected the \$50,000 statue of General James B. McPherson in the

square which bears his name. The bronze propellor of his famous flagship, the Hartford, was cast into

the statue of Admiral Farragut. Manila is 9360 miles from the capital. Honolulu is 4513 miles west of Wash-

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