

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, promote the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do hereby constitute this Constitution for the United States.



MARTHA DANDRIDGE CUSTIS WASHINGTON

First Lady (1789-1797)

Martha was born on June 2, 1731 in New Kent County, Virginia, the daughter of John Dandridge and Frances Jones.

Martha's first marriage was when she was 19 years old. She lived with her husband, Daniel Parke Custis, in his mansion called "White House" on the Pumunkey River. They had four children: Daniel Parke, Francis Parke, John Parke and Martha Parke.

In 1757, her husband died; two years later, she married the future first president of the United States, George Washington. Their wedding ceremony was performed at the "White House."

Martha herself was a quilter and at least three of her quilts have survived. One is located in the Smithsonian and the others two are owned by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association.

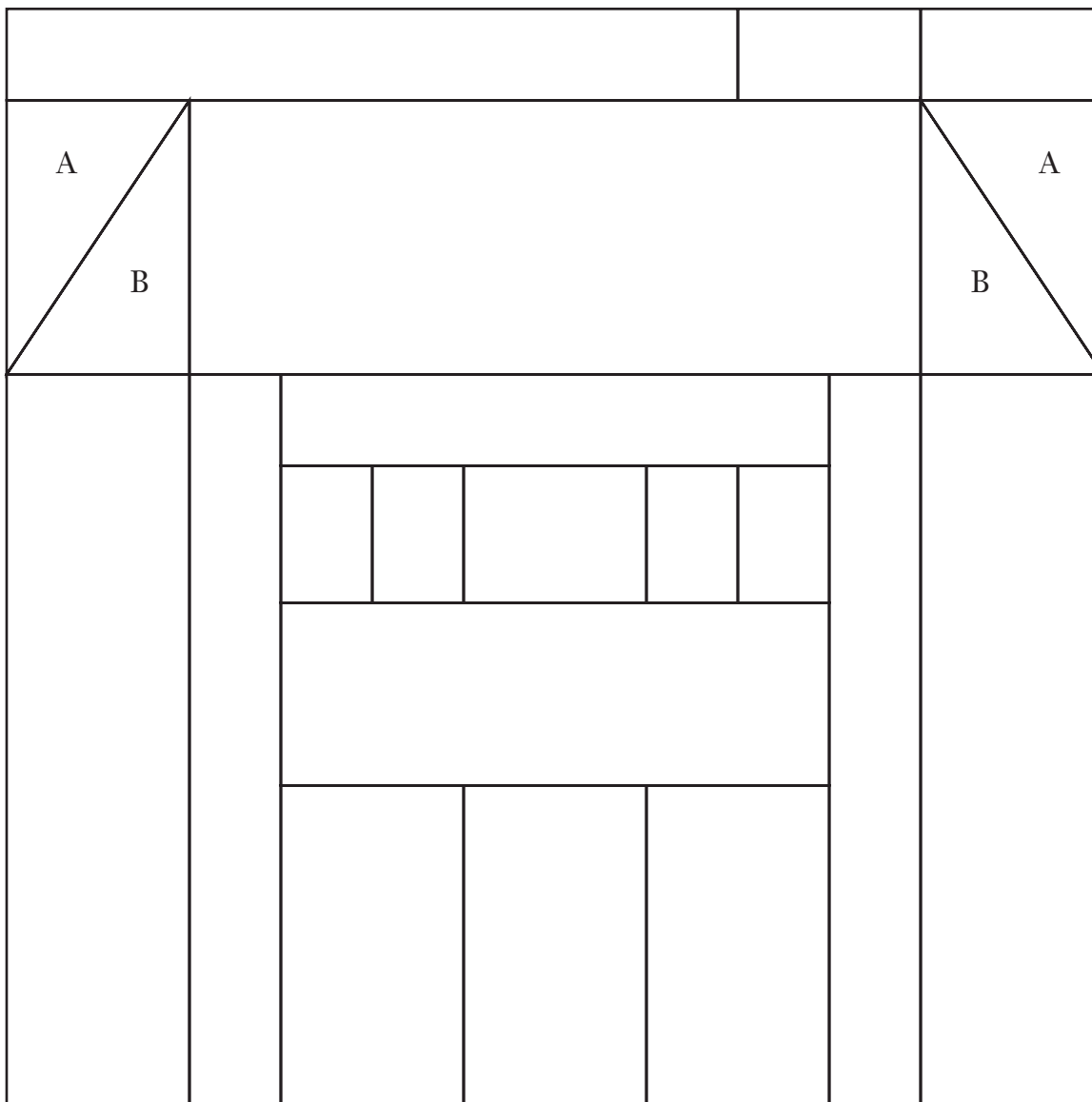
Martha and George did not have any children and Martha died in 1802 at the age of 70.

*"...I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."
~ Martha Washington*



Martha's White House

Martha's block was created to highlight the fact that while she lived most of her life in the "White House," it was not the White House in Washington, since that hadn't been built yet. Other historical blocks that reference Martha Washington include *Washington's Puzzle*, *Washington's Sidewalk*, and *Martha Washington's Garden*.



Martha's White House
Making the Block

Cut:

Color	Number of Pieces	Size
Blue	1	1" x 4½"
	1	1" x 1½"
	2	Template A (Cut 1, flip over, cut 1)
Yellow	2	1" x 1¼"
White	2	1½" x 4½"
	1	1" x 3½"
	2	1" x 1¼"
	2	1½" x 2¼"
	1	¼" x 1½"
	1	1½" x 3½"
Red	1	2" x 4½"
	2	Template B (Cut 1, flip over, cut 1)
	1	1" x 1½"
Gray	2	1" x 4½"
Brown	1	1½" x 2¼"