

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HOME RESTORED.

Washington Old Hall, County Durham, ancestral home of George Washington's family, welcomes U.S. Ambassador Winthrop Aldrich and a guard of the Washington Greys Regiment. The occasion - the restoration of the Old Hall to its former glory, and its opening as an historic monument, precious to two nations. In this quiet North Country village, the forebears of America's first President once ruled as Lords of the Manor.

In this thousand-year-old font, his ancestors were christened. This village gave him his name, which in turn was given to his country's capital. Legend says his coat of arms gave the States their flag; experts deny it, but at least it's a happy coincidence.

Viscount Gort hands the key of the Old Hall to the Ambassador. Through the centuries, the original manor house was smothered with patchwork rebuilding; but in 1936 a committee bought it and set about restoring it. This fan was presented to George Washington's wife, Martha by General La Fayette in 1788.

In this house lived the English family which gave birth to the father of a nation.