

**George Washington**  
**Victorious Opponent of the “(Rye) Whiskey Insurrection”**  
**(or)**  
**Mount Vernon’s “Best Producer of Rye Whiskey in 1799”?**  
**(the year of his death)**  
by Dr. Catherine Millard

**Origin of the “(Rye) Whiskey Insurrection”**

The “Whiskey Insurrection” (or) **Rebellion** was an uprising in western Pennsylvania against a Federal excise tax on liquors, culminating in open resistance to the authorities in 1794. The Federal excise law of 1791 laid a heavy tax on whiskey, which was the most important marketable product of the region. Hence, the people were strongly opposed to the new Federal government. Violent resolutions were adopted, and there were attacks on tax collectors. Opposition continued in spite of a warning Proclamation by President Washington. In 1794, after further riots and the failure of conciliatory efforts, Washington ordered a force of some 15,000 militiamen, furnished by the governors of Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania into the region, riding himself at the helm. The insurgents fled without offering resistance, and more than 20 prisoners were taken to Philadelphia to be tried for **TREASON**. Some were convicted, but either acquitted or pardoned by Washington. Following is the first President’s February 24th, 1794 Proclamation:

**Proclamation on Violent Opposition to the Excise Tax, 24th February, 1794**  
Philadelphia, 24 Feb., 1794

*By the PRESIDENT of the United States of America.*  
**A Proclamation.**

**WHEREAS** by information given upon oath, it appears that in the night time of the twenty second day of November, a number of armed men having their faces blackened and being otherwise disguised, violently broke open and entered the dwelling house of Benjamin Wells, collector of the revenue arising from spirits distilled within the United States, in and for the counties of Westmoreland and Fayette in the district of Pennsylvania, and by assaulting the said collector and putting him in fear and danger of his life, in his dwelling house aforesaid, in the said county of Fayette did compel him to deliver up to them his commission for collecting the said revenue, together with the books kept by him in the execution of his said duty, and did threaten to do further violence to the said collector, if he did not shortly thereafter publicly renounce the further execution of his said office:

**AND WHEREAS** several of the perpetrators of the said offense are still unknown, and the safety and good order of society require that such daring offenders should be discovered and brought to justice so that infractions of the law may be prevented, obedience to them secured, and officers protected in the due execution of the trusts reposed in them, therefore I have thought proper to offer and hereby do offer a reward of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS** for each of the said offenders that shall be discovered and brought



*The Whiskey Rebellion.* Attributed to Frederick Kemmeimeyer, circa 1795. Courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

to justice for the said offence, to be paid to the person or persons who shall first discover and give information of the said offenders to any judge, justice of the peace, or other magistrate.

And I do hereby strictly charge and enjoin all officers and ministers of justice according as their respective duties may require, to use their best endeavors to cause the said offenders to be discovered, apprehended and secured, so that they may be speedily brought to trial for the offence aforesaid.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**

I have caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed to these presents, and signed the same with my hand.

DONE at the city of Philadelphia the 24th day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the eighteenth.

Go. WASHINGTON.

*By the President*  
EDM: RANDOLPH.

Excerpts from **Washington’s 7th August, 1794 Proclamation** read: “**WHEREAS** combinations to defeat the execution of the laws laying duties upon Spirits distilled within the United States and upon the Stills, have from the time of the commencement of those laws existed in some of the western parts of Pennsylvania... **WHEREFORE**...I, George Washington, President of the United States...do warn all persons whomsoever against aiding, abetting or comforting the perpetrators of the aforesaid treasonable Acts...”

His **final Proclamation**, issued on **25th September, 1794**, declares his intention to summon militia to quell the rebellion: “**WHEREAS** from a hope that the combinations against the Constitution and laws of the United States in certain of the western counties of Pennsylvania would yield to time and reflection, I thought it sufficient in the first instance rather to take measures for calling forth the militia than immediately to embody them, but the moment is now come when the overtures of forgiveness, with no other condition than a submission to law, have been only partially accepted: when every form of conciliation not inconsistent with the being of Government has been adopted without effect...**NOW THEREFORE**, I, George Washington, President of the United States...do hereby declare and make known that, with a satisfaction which can be equaled only by the merits of the militia summoned into service from the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia...instructions be given accordingly...”

On **November 19, 1794**, George Washington delivered his **6th Annual State of the Union Address to Congress**, elaborating upon the “(Rye) Whiskey Insurrection” and its victorious opposition, calling to mind “the gracious indulgence of Heaven by which

the United States became a nation,” and exhorting all to unite “in imploring the Supreme Ruler of Nations to spread His holy protection over these United States....”

As it was Washington’s custom to put God first in the affairs of the nation, after successfully quelling the “(Rye) Whiskey Insurrection”, he proclaimed a **National Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer for February 19th, 1795** – a day to be filled “with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God” for “the suppression of an insurrection.” It is herewith reprinted:

**Day of National Thanksgiving and Prayer**  
January 1, 1795

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

When we review the calamities which afflict so many other nations, the present condition of the United States affords much matter of consolation and satisfaction. Our exemption hitherto from foreign war, an increasing prospect of the continuance of that exemption, the great degree of internal tranquility we have enjoyed, the recent confirmation of that tranquility by **the suppression of an insurrection\*** which so wantonly threatened it, the happy course of our public affairs in general, the unexampled prosperity of all classes of our citizens, are circumstances which peculiarly mark our situation with indications of the Divine beneficence toward us. In such a state of things it is in an especial manner our duty as a people, with devout reverence and affectionate gratitude, to acknowledge our many and great obligations to Almighty God and to implore Him to continue and confirm the blessings we experience.

Deeply penetrated with this sentiment, I, George Washington, President of the United States, **do recommend to all religious societies and denominations, and to all persons whomsoever, within the United States to set apart and observe Thursday, the 19th day of February next, as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer**, and on that day to meet together and render sincere and hearty thanks to the great Ruler of nations for the manifold and signal mercies which distinguish our lot as a nation, particularly for the possession of constitutions of government which unite and by their union establish liberty with order; for the preservation of our peace, foreign and domestic; for the reasonable control which has been given to a spirit of disorder **in the suppression of the late insurrection\***, and generally, for the prosperous condition of our affairs, public and private; and at the same time humbly and fervently to beseech the kind Author of these blessings graciously to prolong them to us; to imprint on our hearts a deep and solemn sense of our obligations to Him for them; to teach us rightly to estimate their immense value; to preserve us from the arrogance of prosperity, and from hazarding the advantages we enjoy by delusive pursuits; to dispose us to merit the continuance of His favors by not abusing them; by our gratitude for them, and by a corresponding conduct as citizens and men to render this country more and more a safe and propitious asylum for the unfortunate of other countries; to extend among us true and useful knowledge; to diffuse and establish habits of sobriety, order, morality, and piety, and finally, to impart all the blessings we possess or ask for ourselves to the whole family of mankind.

\*The (Rye) Whiskey Insurrection.

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed to these presents, and signed the same with my hand. Done at the city of Philadelphia, the 1st day of January, 1795.

(signed) GO. WASHINGTON.

**On Thursday, February 19th, 1795**, Washington attended the *Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer* service conducted by his pastor, Rev. Dr. William White (2nd Chaplain to Congress, and Bishop of Pennsylvania) at his church, Christ Church, Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. White’s sermon, *The Reciprocal Influence of Civil Policy and Religious Duty*, was dedicated “To the President of the United States.” In it, he states that he cannot “add to a reputation, so high as his, in our country and throughout the world” and that “it cannot have escaped the notice of any, that, since your elevation to the seat of Supreme Executive authority, you have, in your official capacity, on all fit occasions, directed the public attention to the Being and the Providence of God.” His pastor continues, “On this ground, sir, I presumed, in the following discourse, delivered in your presence, to apply the summons under which we were assembled...before a congregation, who have been witnesses of a correspondent conduct of the person, in his attendance on Divine worship among them, during the frequent occasions of his temporary residence in this city, within the twenty years last past...It will be no small part of the praise of the Chief Magistrate of the present day, that, as the result of his own judgment and consistently with his own practice, he made acknowledgments, that sets open the floodgates of immortality... What is more, the time will assuredly come in another state of being; and I cannot suppose that the personage whom I am addressing has a doubt of the certainly of it; when the recollection of having upheld the interests of religion and of virtue will be a more substantial consolation, than any now arising from the merited gratitude of fellow citizens and the applauses of distant nations....”

**Mount Vernon’s “George Washington – Best Producer of Rye Whiskey in 1799.”  
(the year of his death)**

From, “George Washington’s Mount Vernon 2017 in Review” we read the following:

“**2017 brought many milestones and celebrations.** Mount Vernon would like to thank everyone for **helping to preserve the home and legacy** of the Washingtons.

— On the national observance of Washington’s birthday, Mount Vernon welcomed 22,000 guests to the home of George and Martha Washington, making an all-time single day attendance high.

— **George Washington Rye Whiskey, named State Spirit.** Thanks to a bill sponsored by Virginia Senator Adam Ebbin (D-30th) and signed by Governor Terry McAuliffe, George Washington’s Rye Whiskey® made at Mount Vernon’s reconstructed distillery, was named the **official State Spirit of the Commonwealth of Virginia** (Read more – visit the Distillery).

— Mount Vernon names new President and C.E.O. **Dr. Doug Bradburn** will begin his tenure on January 1, 2018, as the 11th person to hold this esteemed position since 1858, when the Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association purchased the estate from the Washington family. With his appointment as president, Bradburn will expand his responsibilities to



## Book and Gift Store Shops “George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate”



**Top:** (left to right) George Washington’s Whiskey T-Shirt; Three-glass tasting flight; George Washington’s Distilled Whiskey.  
**Middle:** Mount Vernon Whiskey Aging Barrel; George Washington’s initialed glass and Distilled Whiskey; Mount Vernon’s May 18-20 Wine Spring Festival; George Washington’s Distilled Whiskey and initialed glass.  
**Bottom:** Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Honey Pecans with whiskey; Washington’s Distillery Hat; Mount Vernon Highball glass; Mount Vernon Whiskey Stones; 10th Anniversary of George Washington’s Distillery Reconstruction Toasted with Special Whiskey Collaboration.

oversee the multifaceted daily operations of **America’s most visited historic home** and its research library. He will partner with the Board to shape the organization’s strategic priorities surrounding preservation, **education**, and **visitor engagement**...The Association’s long-standing pledge is to preserve and protect not only Mount Vernon, but the life and legacy of America’s first president, George Washington. He also championed Mount Vernon’s **teacher outreach programs** and guided the **creation of a residential fellowship program for talented college juniors**...We are confident that he will help us build on our successes in historic preservation, educational outreach and visitor engagement, as we work in new ways and with new audiences to preserve Mount Vernon for generations to come...Said Bradburn: **“...George Washington’s impact on the history and character of our country are far greater than that of any other individual...”** Bradburn holds Ph.D. in History from the University of Chicago.

- In 2017, **1,150,000 people** visited Mount Vernon. (more than half of which were students).
- **About George Washington’s Mount Vernon –** Since 1860, **more than 85 million visitors** have made George Washington’s Mount Vernon the most popular historic home in America. Through **thought-provoking tours, entertaining events, and stimulating educational programs on the**

**estate and in classrooms across the nation**, Mount Vernon strives to preserve George Washington’s place in history as “First in War, First in Peace, and First in the hearts of his countrymen.”

Let us examine Mount Vernon’s 2017-2018 **“thought-provoking tours and stimulating educational programs on the estate”** an outreach to more than a million visitors – the majority of whom are impressionable – and gullible – Public, Private, Homeschool and Christian School students on fieldtrips and tours from the 50 United States and abroad:

- **“George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate”**  
 “Visit fully functioning reconstructions of George Washington’s Distillery® and Gristmill, located 3 miles from the estate’s main entrance. Come see the mighty mighty gears turning and the stones grinding at our Gristmill, where Washington produced flour and cornmeal. Within our functioning distillery, **you can see where we make George Washington’s whiskey**. In 1799, it was one of the largest whiskey distilleries in America. (Included with general Admission and available on-site). **Taste our Rye Whiskey at the Restaurant**. Now available at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant, **try a sample of George Washington’s Rye Whiskey**, made on-site at the Distillery. Individual quantities are available for purchase with your meal at the Mount Vernon Inn or by **visiting the tavern**

bar at the Inn.

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Mug (\$15.95); GW's Brandy Pewter Decanter Label (\$24.99); etc., etc.,"

### “George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate” (“Your purchases help protect and preserve George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens”)

— **George Washington’s Distillery at Historic Mount Vernon**  
**About:** Archaeological and historical research was conducted on the property in 1997. The site of the Distillery was excavated by Mount Vernon’s archaeologists between 1999 and 2006. The reconstruction began in 2005 and was completed in 2007. George Washington’s Distillery is the only distillery in the nation to demonstrate the process of whiskey-making as it was carried out in 18th-century America. Together with Mount Vernon’s farm site gristmill and Education Center (completed in 2007); **the Distillery teaches visitors about Washington’s entrepreneurial spirit and his innovative approach to making whiskey.**

— **10th Anniversary of George Washington’s Distillery Reconstruction Toasted with special Whiskey Collaboration** Distillers from across the country fired up the stills at George Washington’s Distillery to collaborate on a special Rye Whiskey in honor of the 10th anniversary of the historic distillery’s reconstruction. The distilling project was a two-day event **sponsored by the Distilled Spirits Council and George Washington’s Mount Vernon**, featuring 14 top American whiskey distillers.

— **Distillery Collection**  
**Products inspired by George Washington’s Distillery.** For information on purchasing whiskey or brandy, visit our **Distilled Spirits at Mount Vernon.**

— **Spring Wine Festival**  
**Don’t miss our most popular event of the year!** Tickets for Saturday are sold out, but Friday and Sunday tickets are still available. (Learn more).

— **From the Shops at Mount Vernon Made at Mount Vernon.** Shop for products made on site at George Washington’s Estate.

**Washington’s Distillery.** In 1799, George Washington’s distillery was one of the largest in America. See items inspired by his distillery. **View products:** Mount Vernon **Whiskey Stones** (\$12.95); GW Mount Vernon **Cypher Highball Glass** (\$14.00); Washington’s **Distillery Hat** (\$16.95); George Washington’s **Whiskey T-Shirt** (\$16.95); Mount Vernon **Whiskey Aging Barrel** (\$54.00); Jack Daniel’s Tennessee Honey **Whiskey Pecans** (\$11.95); **Colonial Spirits** (\$24.95); Jack Daniel’s **Whiskey Praline Pecans** (\$11.95); Distillery Anniversary **Pewter Jigger** (\$55.00); GW’s **Whiskey Pewter Decanter Label** (\$24.99); **Rustic Wood Bottle Opener** (\$29.00); **Whiskey Barrel Mug** (\$22.95); **Three Glass Tasting Flight** (\$85.00); **Cobalt Flask** (\$65.00); Mount Vernon **Pewter Griffin Cocktail Shaker** (\$195.00); **Rye Whiskey Brown Flask with Shot Glasses** (\$34.95); Mount Vernon **Griffin Pewter Stirrup Cup** (\$59.00); GW Distillery **Straight Rye Whiskey**



All of Mount Vernon’s lucrative liquor sales and products bear the first P resident’s name, signature, initials, portrait or home, respectively, in order to ensure rapid sales. None of the above-cited products belonged to George Washington. They are all merely **inspired and fabricated by Mount Vernon in collaboration with the Distilled Spirits Council**, giving a false impression that they belonged to America’s founder and first Chief Executive Officer – in order to corrupt youth, and increase Mount Vernon’s already bloated revenues: all, of course, for “historic preservation.”

In March, 2017, George Washington’s Mount Vernon announced:

**“George Washington’s Distillery and Gristmill Opening for the Season on March 31.** Visit fully functioning reconstructions of George Washington’s Distillery® and Gristmill, and **see where we make George Washington’s whiskey! Included with Mount Vernon admission.**” Mount Vernon’s reconstructed distillery (circa 2007) instructs youth on how to make - and consequently, consume - Rye Whiskey. **Their exhibits promote their alcoholic products.** (Bottles of Whiskey and Brandy, and Whiskey-related products for sale).

**“The Distilled Spirits Council’s” published information:**

**George Washington’s Distillery/American Whiskey Trail**

Open April through October daily. Follow the American Whiskey Trail and the Distilled Spirits Council.

Gateway: **George Washington’s Distillery.** Distilleries: (11 distilleries are listed). Historical Sites! Distilleries beyond the Trail.

**George Washington, Distiller – Distilled Spirits Council**

“Beginning in 2000 with a **\$2.1 million grant** from the **Distilled Spirits Council** and the

**Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America, Mount Vernon** began the excavation and restoration of the distillery. Since 2008, when Virginia legalized spirits sales at the distillery, **Mount Vernon has sold more than 23,600 bottles of whiskey and brandy and 8,000**

**Photographs above:**

**Top:** Copy of Jean-Antoine Houdon’s 1785 famed bust of **George Washington**, above the **2017 White House Christmas Ornament**; bottles of Whiskey and ridiculization propaganda alcohol-related items of both, surrounding them.

**Bottom:** Copy of Houdon’s 1785 bust of **Washington** next to “George Washington’s Whiskey”, and “The Art of American Whiskey” book.



**whiskey gift sets.** These sales have raised almost **\$1.5 million in revenue**, which benefits the ongoing preservation and restoration of **Mount Vernon and its educational programs.**" (Editor's note: At the expense, indoctrination and inebriation of America's youth, that is).

**The Distilled Spirits Council also discloses the following:**

"The Distilled Spirits sector has 1.4 million jobs, generating \$150 billion in economic activity. – **Cheers to the Future!** The Distilled Spirits Council recently unveiled its 2017 Annual Report which highlights Council-driven successes for the distilled spirits sector in advocacy, promotion and modernization."

**"Advocacy:** Effecting change on Taxes. As a component of the massive tax rewrite, Congress recognized the excessive tax burden on distillers nationwide and included a two-year version of the **Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act.**

A message from the President and Chair: 'Advancing our Agenda: The Spirits Sector celebrated a historic tax win as 2017 came to a close – the first federal excise tax reduction on distilled spirits since the Civil War was included in the **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.** Distillers of all sizes rallied to secure this landmark achievement on the federal level, as well as advance our agenda on the local, state and international levels. The Council was actively engaged in a wide range of issues, expanding interest in spirits and cocktail culture in the United States and around the world...' (signed) Kraig S. Naasz, President and C.E.O., **Distilled Spirits Council.** Jim Clerkin, Chair, **Distilled Spirits Council.** President and C.E.O., **Moet Hennessy, North America.**"

**"Did you know?** Currently there are 2,000 operating distilleries nationwide. Significant gains at the State Level: **"We defeated tax increases in 18 States,** which threatened to saddle the spirits sector with an additional \$321 million. Market access victories such as Sunday sales, additional spirits outlets and tastings accounted for a savings of more than \$60.4 million in supplier revenue value. **California 'Cocktail Tax' Win:** The significant tax win, which specifically targeted distilled spirits, equates to \$50 million in supplier savings. **Expanding Spirits Outlets in Maryland:** The additional outlets generate an estimated \$12.6 million in additional annual supplier revenue. **Sunday Sales Bans Repealed in Minnesota and Oklahoma:** ...the extra day of sales equates to an estimated \$19.7 million in additional annual supplier revenue. 40 States now permit spirit sales every day of the week, as one of the final remnants of Prohibition continues to fade away."

**"Promote: Celebrating Cocktail culture:** Distilled spirits sales continue the dramatic upward trend with a record 8th consecutive gain of market share...This trend is not just evident in the United States – **U.S. spirits, particularly American whiskey, are surging** around the world. Market Overview: Sector growth sales of distilled spirits GREW BY 4 PERCENT to more than \$26.2 billion in 2017

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alone...**American whiskey revenues climbed 8.1 percent to 3.4 billion, with American Rye Whiskey up 16.2 percent in 2017.**



**An Agenda for Growth:** Highlighting the unique aspects of our diverse spirits products, the Council this year **hosted signature trips** for domestic and international media to experience Cognac, Tequila and **American Whiskey**...Generating headlines for months following our tours, **these designation educational tours** have become an indispensable way for the Council to highlight the diverse range of spirits and the premium offerings that have driven extensive growth in the higher-end segments."

**"Lead: The Distilled Spirits Council is a leader in the nation's capital,** serving as a model for self-regulation, ensuring sound public policy prevails, and hosting signature events throughout the year attended by lawmakers, journalists and national opinion leaders. Across multiple constituencies and diverse audiences, the Council engaged in dialogue to make our members' voices heard, while working in communities to be part of the solution. **Hosting the Most Influential Events:** The Council began the year **toasting the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States by hosting 'The Whiskey Ball.'** We partnered with the British Embassy to hold a Burns Night Media Scotch Supper and worked with the National Press Club to throw a kick-off reception for the National Governors' Association, D.C. meeting, **which featured an array of American Whiskeys from around the**

**country.** Our 'Toast to the First Amendment' event was the most sought-after ticket of the week."

**"Trends and Data: American Whiskey Trail: Take an educational journey into the cultural heritage and history of spirits in America. George Washington, Distiller:** George Washington operated one of the largest whiskey distilleries in early America, producing 11,000 gallons in 1799..."

**Products:** Bourbon/Tennessee Whiskey; **Brandy/Cognac;** Canadian Whiskey; Cordials/Liqueurs; Gin; **Rye Whiskey;** Irish Whiskey; Rum; Scotch; Tequila; Vodka."

**Photographs above:**

**Top:** Mount Vernon alcohol-related propaganda items for sale: "So many wines - so little time"; "It's Beer o'clock!" "Which Party do you belong to?  Republican  Democratic  Cocktail."

**Middle:** "Barrel Stave Bar Stool (\$225.00); Please pay for wine at this register; Membership: Become a Member! "It's wine o'clock!"

**Bottom:** George Washington's Distilled Spirits; Whiskey mugs, hat, T-shirt; and "Distillery Cats" book.

Based upon the foregoing published 2017 Annual Report and information, the **Distilled Spirits Council and the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America, in collaboration with Mount Vernon, have surely recuperated their distillery investment of \$2.1 million through the exploitation of visitors to George Washington's Mount Vernon and Estate – particularly students** – via the “excavation,” “restructuring” and operation of an extant and long-forgotten distillery, Mount Vernon's sales alone soaring to **23,600 bottles of Rye Whiskey and 8,000 Whiskey gift sets.** This is particularly injurious to George Washington's renowned character, virtue and reputation, due to the fact that he eventually, at the very end of his life, reluctantly agreed to allow James Anderson, the new Scottish overseer of one of his five river farms, to build it adjacent to his Gristmill. The distillery's official operations began in the Fall of 1799, but a few months prior to Washington's death on December 14, 1799.

## History and Origin of “George Washington's Mount Vernon and Estate”

In 1853, **Ann Pamela Cunningham of South Carolina founded “The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association”** in order to preserve George Washington's original Mansion and Estate - at the time in a sad state of disrepair and neglect. In 1858, she and her Association purchased from **John Washington, Jr.**, George Washington's great-grand-nephew, the mansion and its immediate surroundings, **comprising 200 acres.**

**George Washington's hand-written Last Will and Testament** begins: “In the Name of God, Amen.” On page 19 we read: “Having gone through these specific devises, with explanations for the more correct understanding of the meaning and design of them; I proceed to the distribution of the more important parts of my Estate, in manner following,

– First. **To my nephew Bushrod Washington and his heirs...I give and bequeath all that part thereof which is comprehended within the following limits** – viz. – Beginning at the ford of Dogue Run **near my Mill**, and extending along the road, and bounded thereby as it now goes, & ever has gone since my recollection of it, to the ford of little hunting Creek...(a detailed boundary is described) – and thence with the said Dogue Creek to the place of beginning at the aforesaid ford; containing upwards of **four thousand acres**, be the same more or less – **together with the Mansion house and all other buildings and improvements thereon.”**

Page 22 reads:

“— Third. And whereas it has always been my intention, since my expectation of having Issue has ceased, to consider the grandchildren of my wife in the same light as I do my own relations, and to act a friendly part by them; more especially by the two whom we have reared from their earliest infancy – namely, **Eleanor Parke Custis, and George Washington Parke Custis.** – And whereas the former of these hath lately intermarried with Lawrence Lewis, a son of my deceased sister Betty Lewis, by which union the inducement to provide for them both has been increased; - Wherefore, **I give and bequeath to the said Lawrence Lewis & Eleanor Parke Lewis, his wife, and their heirs, the residue of my Mount Vernon Estate** not already devised to my nephew Bushrod Washington; - comprehended within the following description. viz. All the land north of the road leading from the ford of Dogue Run to the Gum Spring as described in the devise of the other part of the tract to Bushrod Washington...thence with that line westerly along the new

double ditch to Dogue Run, **the tumbing dam of my Mill**; thence with the said run to the ford aforementioned; - to which I add all the land I possess west of the said Dogue Run, and Dogue Creek bounded easterly & southerly thereby; - **together with the Mill, distillery, and all other houses & improvements on the premises, making together about two thousand acres** – be it more or less.”

From the foregoing evidence, **George Washington did not include his outlying farm, Grist Mill and distillery** in his major bequest of the Mount Vernon Mansion and Estate to his nephew, Bushrod Washington; **of which Ann Pamela Cunningham and her Mount Vernon Ladies' Association bought a mere 200 acres** comprising the Mansion and acreage surrounding it from John Washington, Jr. in 1858.

Consequently, “**George Washington's Mount Vernon and Estate**” (consisting of the Mansion and 200 acres around it), does not have the legal right to promote, advertise, sell and distribute alcohol and related items bearing “George Washington's Mount Vernon and Estate” name, on-site or online, from a circa 2007 “excavated” and “reconstructed” distillery, **on property “given and bequeathed to Lawrence Lewis & Eleanor Parke Lewis, his wife, and their heirs” by George Washington.**

**Ann Pamela Cunningham's** last instructions to her “Mount Vernon Ladies' Association” Regents, made clear the purpose, function and focus of their Charter:

“Those who go to the home in which he lived and died wish to see  
in what he lived and died.”

and,

“Ladies, the home of Washington in is in your charge.”

This precludes the promotion, advertising, sale or celebration of intoxicating beverages and alcohol-related “gift sets” on site or online, at “**George Washington's Mount Vernon and Estate,**” and Book/Gift Stores, linking the noble character and personality of the first President with liquor and vice.

## Statistics – Teenage Drunk Driving

**Let's look at some statistics on teenage drunk driving:** Teenage drunk driving kills 8 teens every day. In 2003, 31% of teen drivers who died in car accidents had been drinking. 40% of alcohol-related fatal car crashes involve teens. 60% of all teen deaths in car accidents are alcohol related. The statistics on teenage drunk driving are simply staggering. It's clear that something has to be done about the problem.

## Teens and Alcohol

Alcohol use among teens is a serious matter. Consider the following:

- Every day an average of 11,318 teens try alcohol for the first time.
- More than half of High School Seniors report that they have been drunk at least once.
- Teens who begin drinking before the age of 15 are 4 times more likely to become dependent on alcohol as adults than those who do not begin drinking until age 21.
- 3 million teens are alcoholics.

(Source: learn-about-alcoholism.com).

## What you can do to prevent teen alcohol addiction/abuse:

— **Write to your U.S. Senator and Congressman** urging the rapid passing of legislature banning the promotion and sales of Rye Whiskey, Brandy and Whiskey-related products on site and online, at the most visited home in America – “George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate,” on the premise that **Mount Vernon, collaborating with the Distilled Spirits Council**, is using George Washington’s name, home, estate, portrait, signature, initials and reputation on their circa 2007 Rye Whiskey and Brandy (and alcohol-related gift sets), sold on site and online at “George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate” – misleading the general public to believe that these products are replicated from Washington’s personally-owned items. However, they are purely the fabricated imagination of the producers, motivated by lust of gain, to the destruction of millions of America’s youth visiting Mount Vernon on school field trips and tours. **Every visitor** to “George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate”, since the new “Education Building’s” opening in 2007, **must** enter and exit through this building. **Upon exiting, every visitor must pass through Mount Vernon’s Book/Gift Store, being confronted with bottles of Rye Whiskey, Brandy, Wine, and alcohol-related gift sets, currently far surpassing books.** This is a flagrant promotion of alcohol to students on a “historic visit” to their first President’s home and estate. As of early Spring, 2018, visitors exiting the “Education Building” are confronted with **Mount Vernon’s 2 new electronic billboards, boldly featuring “George Washington’s Rye Whiskey;”** which advertisements are devised to spur students’ interest in visiting the circa 2007 distillery (included in the cost of their Entrance Ticket).

- **Protect your children, students and grandchildren from Mount Vernon’s Rye Whiskey and Whiskey-related products** by refusing to send them on school field trips and tours of “George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate.” Mount Vernon’s use of Washington’s **reputation and fame** to promote their fabricated alcoholic products, is an incentive for impressionable young future leaders-in-the-making to imitate and imbibe the organization’s “Rye Whiskey, Brandy and Wine.”
- **Have a Petition signed by thousands, if not millions, of parents, grand-parents and teachers**, addressed to the **Legislative and Executive Branches of Government**, urging the banning of liquor sales at “George Washington’s Mount Vernon and Estate” on-site and online, on the grounds that America’s student school field trips and tours to Mount Vernon comprise millions of underage youth (through high school) – at risk.

(Train up a child in the way he will go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge... seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.” Hosea 4:6.

“Woe unto him that gives his neighbor drink, that puts thy bottle to him, and makes him drunk also...” Habakkuk 2:15.

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” Proverbs 20:1.)