

trees which surround the house are quite numerous, and those which are known to have been planted by General Washington have been carefully preserved, and are objects of great interest to the visitors. The Library room of the mansion remains very much as when occupied by the Father of his Country. Beautiful walks are spread out in every direction, but terminate at a summer house which commands a charming prospect of the neighboring river. On a hill side some two hundred yards west of the summer house, and thirty yards from the mansion itself, is situated the vault where repose the remains of Washington. The lid of his Sarcophagus is wrought with the arms of his Country, and his only epitaph his name;—and what an epitaph is that? By his side in a corresponding tomb are the ashes of “Martha, consort of Washington.” When La Fayette the noble and well tried friend of Washington was in this country in 1825, he visited the tomb, descended alone into the vault and was melted to tears, and as he was about to depart, Mr. Custis who had accompanied him to the spot presented him with a ring containing some of the hair of his illustrious friend. La Fayette examined the mansion with great interest, and among the relics of the place, discovered the Key of the