

# WEDDINGS

at President Lincoln's Cottage



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## THE CRADLE OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION

Located on a picturesque hilltop on the grounds of the historic Soldiers' Home in Northwest Washington, D.C., President Lincoln's Cottage offers a unique, historic, and award-winning setting for special events. This beloved home was used by the Lincoln family and served as an important entertaining venue during the Civil War. While in residence, Lincoln visited with wounded soldiers, spent time with self-emancipated men, women, and children, and developed the Emancipation Proclamation.



Today, the Cottage, its surrounding grounds, and an array of adjacent historic buildings are available to the public for the first time. Proceeds from your event help preserve this National Monument and National Historic Landmark.

Our offerings include ample free parking, handicap accessibility, access to a bridal/groom room, and on-site museum staff. Rental blocks include setup and breakdown time — in most cases resulting in two hours of setup and one hour of breakdown. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center and exhibits will remain open prior to ceremonies for guests to enjoy at their leisure.

# PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE

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Built in 1842 by wealthy banker George Washington Riggs, this 34-room Gothic Revival-style mansion became a sanctuary for sitting U.S. Presidents in the 19th century. At the Cottage, Lincoln made some of the momentous decisions that defined his presidency and developed the Emancipation Proclamation during his first year in residence. Ideal for both intimate and larger weddings, this inspiring home features handsome woodwork, marble fireplaces, a charming verandah, and an inviting lawn shaded by an age-old magnolia.



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## THE VERANDAH

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Perfect for outdoor gatherings, the verandah provides a historic and memorable setting for intimate weddings. The majestic lawn, mature trees, and verdant gardens lend an air of enchantment, while the Cottage makes for a striking backdrop for a seated ceremony. The lawn can accommodate garden receptions, picnics, and a favorite pastime that has been enjoyed here for generations — lawn games!

Capacity: 50 Guests

6-hour Rental: \$1,500  
(Fridays and Sundays only)



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## THE FIRST FLOOR

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Ideal for receptions and dinners of up to 120 guests, the first floor features a collection of inviting drawing rooms and parlors and their adjoining outdoor spaces. The mature magnolia, lush garden, and historic views provide a backdrop that even Mary Lincoln would approve of! Following a seated ceremony on the expansive lawn, guests may enjoy drinks from an outdoor bar, roam the period-furnished rooms, and enjoy an enchanting dinner under the stars.

Capacity: 120 Guests

8-hour Rental: \$7,500



## COTTAGE FIRST & SECOND FLOORS

It may be called a “Cottage,” but this spacious Gothic Revival home is a true Presidential retreat and features high ceilings, handsome wood paneling, marble fireplaces, and period style lighting. This option includes both floors of President Lincoln’s Cottage and the bucolic lawn. After a seated ceremony on the expansive lawn, guests may enjoy a cocktail reception on the first floor followed by a seated dinner on the second floor. Following dinner, the reception will continue to the first floor — a perfect spot for cake cutting and a first dance!

Capacity: 120 Guests

6-hour Rental: \$9,950



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## TENTING & COTTAGE COCKTAILS

Our most popular option! After a seated ceremony on the serene lawn of President Lincoln’s Cottage, guests will enjoy sipping cocktails while exploring over a dozen rooms in the historic home. Following cocktails, your guests will be indulged in an evening of dinner and dancing under a tent. Tents may be reserved separately by our exclusive tenting provider.

Capacity: 200 Guests

8-hour rental: \$8,500



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## EXCLUSIVE RENTAL

This option will provide your group with EXCLUSIVE use of the historic site. After a ceremony on the Cottage Lawn, guests will enjoy cocktails on both floors of President Lincoln’s Cottage. Following cocktails, an evening of dinner and dancing awaits you on our tent lawn. The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center and its exhibit galleries will also be open for the duration of the event. Tents may be reserved separately by our exclusive tenting provider.

This option includes a 4-hour reservation of the Governor’s Mansion for wedding prep on the day of your wedding. Stanley Hall will also be made available as a complimentary ceremony backup in the event of inclement weather.

Capacity: 300 Guests

8-hour Rental: \$15,000



# THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION

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Affectionately called “The Governor’s Mansion,” Quarters 1 was built as the residence of the military governors for the Soldiers’ Home. However, when President Buchanan first arrived at the Soldiers’ Home in 1857, he chose this impressive home as his summer residence and commented that he “slept much better than at the White House,” thus beginning the 19th century Presidential tradition of relocating to the Soldiers’ Home. Now available to the public for the first time, this stately home features intricate moldings, carved marble mantelpieces, and airy parlors. After a garden ceremony, guests may enjoy cocktails on the massive wrap around porch, before enjoying a meal in the grand drawing room. Our most popular option for daytime weddings and rehearsal dinners!



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## CAPACITY & PRICING

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120 Standing Reception / 60 Seated

7-hour wedding rental: \$3,500

5-hour rehearsal dinner rental: \$2,500  
(\$1,500 when combined with any other offer)

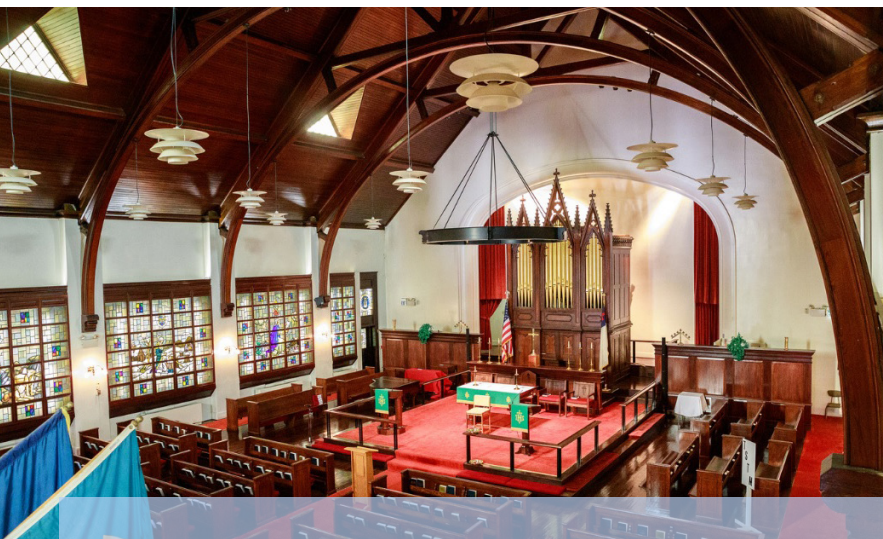
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## STANLEY HALL

For the very first time, this striking marble structure is available for wedding ceremonies. Built originally as the concert and recreation hall for the Soldiers' Home, the building was lovingly restored and converted into a church in the 20th century. The building features a mammoth wooden vaulted ceiling, illuminated stained glass windows depicting military scenes, pew-style seating, and a towering 1860s pipe organ.

Capacity: 250 Guests

4- hour rental: \$3,000  
(\$1,500 when combined with any other offer)



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## ROSE CHAPEL

Built in 1870, Rose Chapel is constructed of beautifully crafted Seneca sandstone and features a large vaulted ceiling and intricate stained glass. For the first time, the historic church is now available for wedding ceremonies and vow renewals.

Capacity: 110 Theater Style

4- hour rental: \$1,500  
(\$1,000 when combined with any other offer)



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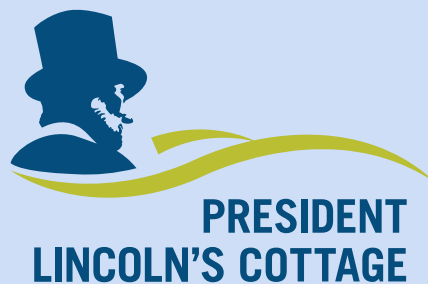
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