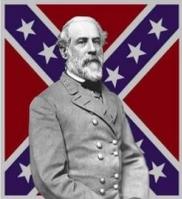


Market House Museum's Early Life of Robert E Lee Game

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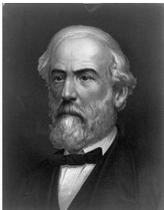
1. Robert E Lee's father, Henry Lee III, was better known as Light-Horse Harry Lee. He married his wife, a second cousin, named Matilda Lee, his 'beloved Matilda'. They had three children. What was the name of the oldest son, that died at the age of ten? A) Andrew B) George C) Phillip.



2. Robert E Lee was born at a plantation from his mother's inheritance, in Virginia. His family were associated with several plantations, however. What was the name of the plantation that he was born at? A) White House B) Shirley C) Stratford Hall.



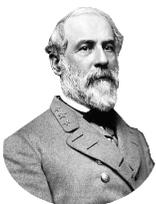
3. It was hard to support the Stratford Hall home after Lee's mother's death and subsequent family issues. Henry Lee III by then had married a second time to wealthy Ann Hill Carter, who lived at Shirley plantation. They would have another six children together. How much older was he than she? A) ten years B) seventeen years C) twenty two years.



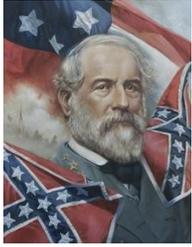
4. Lee surely knew about his father's lack of financial success, and would have liked to redeem the standing of the family after Henry III was jailed for debt in debtor's prison. He always, however, noted that he had been George Washington's friend and a Revolutionary War hero. A) True B) False.



5. Robert was tall, physically strong, a born horseman and later soldier, and so courageous that even his own soldiers often begged him to get back out of firing range for his own safety....but in vain, of course. He was virtually worshipped by the soldiers and officers he would associate with. A) True B) False



6. Ann Hill Carter Lee was determined that her son would not grow up to be like his father, so she devoted a good amount of time to his spiritual well being. For this task she was extraordinarily qualified; her few surviving letters reveal a studied woman in theology. "Self denial and self control" were two things she advised. A) True B) False.



7. Robert E Lee's extended family was enormous; particularly on the carter side of his family. Eight, twelve, or sixteen and more children were not unusual for parents to have. Probably because Ann Carter Lee was more comfortable with her own family than that of the Lee's, Robert grew up in a vast and confusing (to outsiders) swarm of kin-folk. The Carters even maintained private schools for many of the children. At about twelve, Robert began attending Alexandra Academy. He stood out as a scholar in Latin and in arithmetic, in which he excelled. Who was one of the original trustees of the school? A) Patrick Henry B) Benjamin Franklin C) George Washington.



8. Robert's mother could not afford to send him to Harvard; she sent him to the Army, for after all, he was a good horseman, bold and energetic, and good at math (the indispensable requirement for the army). West Point offered the chance of a free college education, as well as being a stepping stone to an honorable, if poorly paid, profession. What year did he start West Point? A) 1825 B) 1828 C) 1829



9. Robert did well at West Point. By his end of his first year, he was third in his class! He had a possible 285 1/4 points out of a possible 300. He was placed on a list of "distinguished cadets" that was furnished to the Secretary of War and promoted to staff sergeant, an unusual rank for a first year cadet. A) True B) False.



10. Stratford Hall was lost forever when Robert's older brother, Henry IV ended up with a reputation known as "dark horse Harry Lee" and turned out to demonstrate a much more embarrassing side to his personality than their father ever had. Robert went home on furlough but there was not much he could do to help. He returned to West Point for his third term at the end of August 1827. He was now to be found listed as number two on a roll of merit. Who was the first on that roll? A) Alexander Hamilton B) Charles Mason C) John Paul Jones.



11. Robert passed his final exams as a brevet second lieutenant with 1966 1/2 points scored out of a possible 2000 in conduct, receiving perfect scores in artillery and tactics, which placed him second in his graduating class. What did this allow him the right to be commissioned in? A) Engineer Corps B) Surveying Corps C) White House Aide Detail.



12. Robert's stepmother died a few weeks after he returned home at age 56. She was buried at Ravensworth. He settled his mother's modest estate, which was split between the girls and boys, \$10,000 each to the girls, and \$3,000 each to the boys. Robert began to visit houses round about, one of which was Arlington, where he met attractive young Mary Custis, a step great granddaughter of George Washington. A) True B) False.



13. Mary Custis was the daughter of George Washington Parke Custis, who was Martha Washington's grandson. He had built Arlington House for his family and possessed many of the treasures from George Washington's estate. Yet the fine marble house had wooden front porch steps, as he had a problem with practicality. He had married Mary Lee Fitzhugh, so was somewhat kin to Robert himself. He was just a tad bit self-important as well. His pride often got in the way of making lasting friendships. He often saw insults where none were intended. Did he get on well with Robert, on the whole? A) Yes B) No



14. Robert and Mary Custis had a serious attraction to each other. Robert however, took a job working with the Corp of Engineers and was stationed in the Savannah area. Mary's father seemed to be holding out for a husband that might have more financial backing than Robert. The romance still blossomed however, and the womenfolk pressed for the wedding. Mr. Custis became animated at that point, and loved the role of father of the bride. Who was Robert E Lee's best man at the wedding? A) his older brother Sidney Lee B) Dalton Washington, a nephew of Bushrod Washington, C) Stonewall Jackson.



15. Nothing in Robert's life was to be as important as his wife except his children. He loved her without reservation. Mary was the opposite of Robert in many ways....she was scatterbrained, careless, and didn't mind making a mess of the parlor with sewing projects, while Robert was neat and methodical. They loved each other very much however. She always called him by a certain name, no matter what military rank he held. What was that name? A) Sweetheart B) Mr. Lee C) Greatheart.



16. When the Civil War broke out, Robert had been asked to fight on the Union side, since Mary's ancestor was George Washington, and Robert had been a West Point student. What was Lee's response to the query that he fight on the Union side, put very politely but firmly by him? A) If Virginia fights, I fight with her, B) I am a Confederate in thought and will fight as I feel, C) I will have to ask my family what they think best.



17. Robert E Lee had a favorite horse who became as famous as the modest general who rode him into battle. He was a dappled grey horse, and was not overly large, but very loyal to the man he carried. Later, the horse and Lee would both be interred at Washington and Lee College, in Virginia. Lee once said that beside the family cats, the horse knew him better than most people ever would, except for his immediate family. What was the horse's name? A) Little Sorrel B) Traveller C) Carolina Osage

ANSWERS: 1-C; 2-C; 3-B; 4-A; 5-A; 6-A; 7-C; 8-A; 9-A; 10-B; 11-A; 12-A;
13- A; 14-A; 15- B; 16-A; 17-B.