Journey through the Mansion

An activity book for young learners

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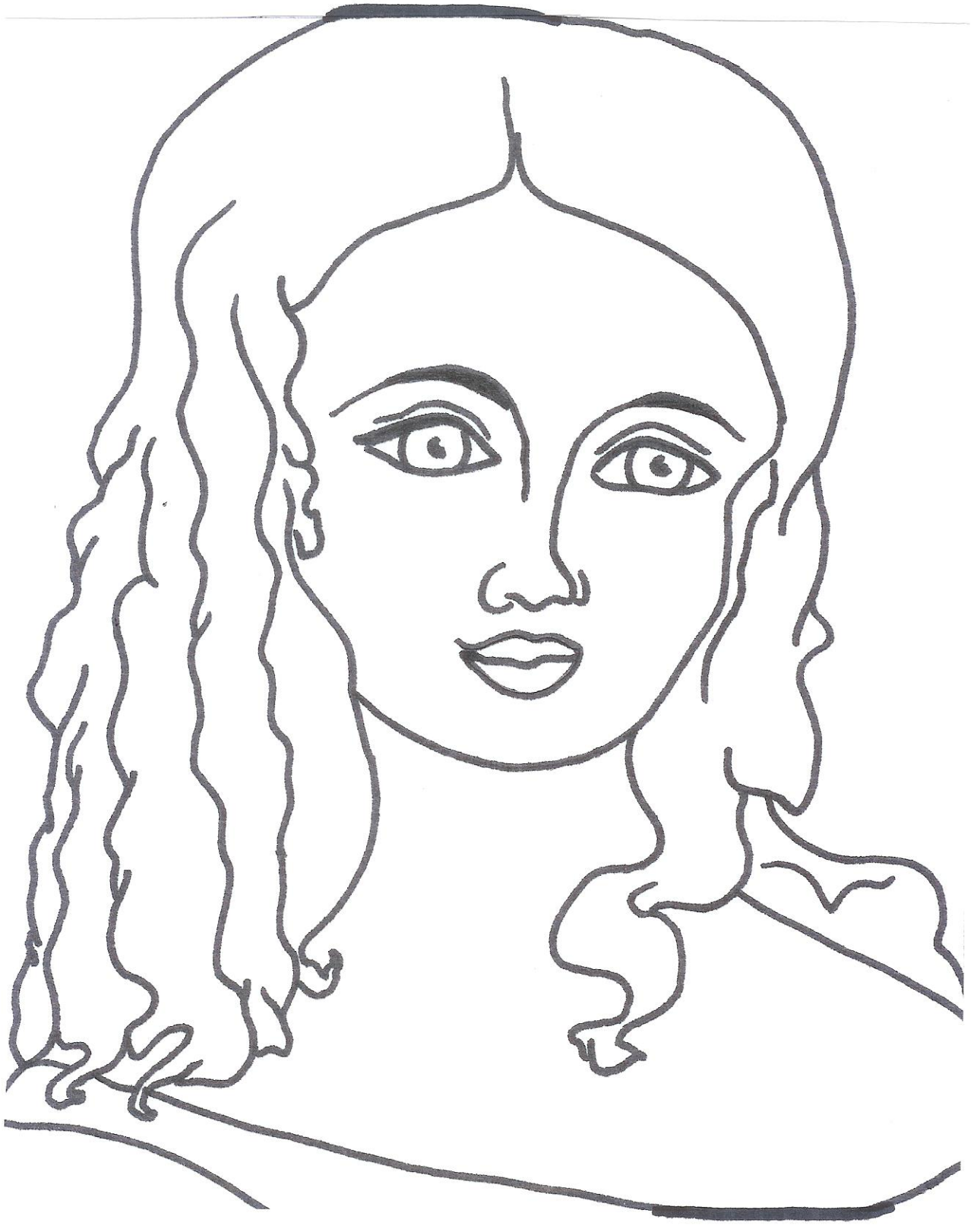
A Story from the Old Governor's Mansion

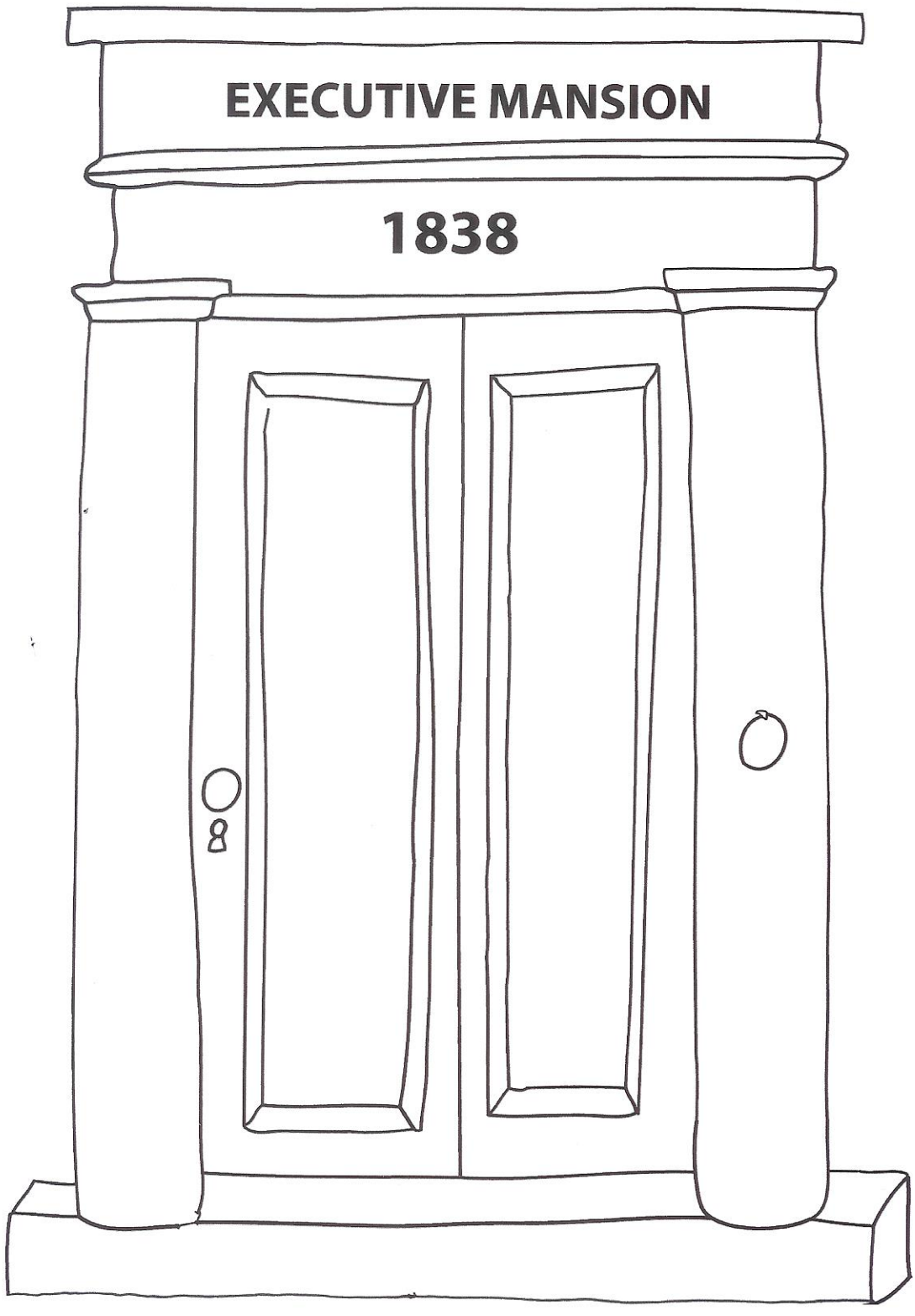
Many famous Georgians lived in Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion in Milledgeville when it was the state capital. It was home to eight governors and their families. The Brown family lived in the house the longest, eight years. Governor Joseph Emerson Brown, his wife, and their six children came to Milledgeville from Northern Georgia. The children were watched over by a nursemaid, a slave who was responsible for taking care of the children all day and night. Emma, the nursemaid, was owned by the Brown's. Emma would even sleep on the floor of the nursery. One child of the Brown family was Mary Virginia Brown. She loved having fun and was constantly playing with her brothers, sisters, and toys throughout the Mansion. We still talk about her today because of the event she held at the Mansion when she was about ten years old. Mary Virginia sent out invitations to all the best members of Milledgeville, asking them to come to an event at the Governor's Mansion. When they arrived, they were seated on the front lawn of the Mansion and to their surprise were attending a wedding! It was not just any wedding, Mary Virginia was holding a wedding for her dolls, Jack and Sue Jones! Mary Virginia walked her dolls down the aisle to where the local minister was waiting to marry them. Jack Jones still lives in the Mansion today! This is just one of the many stories we like to tell at Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion.

Mary Virginia's family lived in the Mansion for eight years. Life was very different for her than it is for you today. Let's learn about her life in the Mansion.



This Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion. It the home of Georgia's Governor's from 1839-1868 when Milledgeville was the state capital. It was here that Mary Virginia held her famous doll wedding!

The front door of the Mansion says exactly what it was, a home for the executive, or leader, of the state of Georgia. The date on the door says 1838 but the first residents did not move in until 1839.



Word Scramble

Unscramble the following words to find items and animals that would have been found in the Mansion when Mary Virginia lived here.

ATC - ___ ___ ___
2

IDRB - ___ ___ ___ ___
5

DSSRE - ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
4

OPT - ___ ___ ___
6

NPA - ___ ___ ___
7

MPA - ___ ___ ___
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NHE - ___ ___ ___
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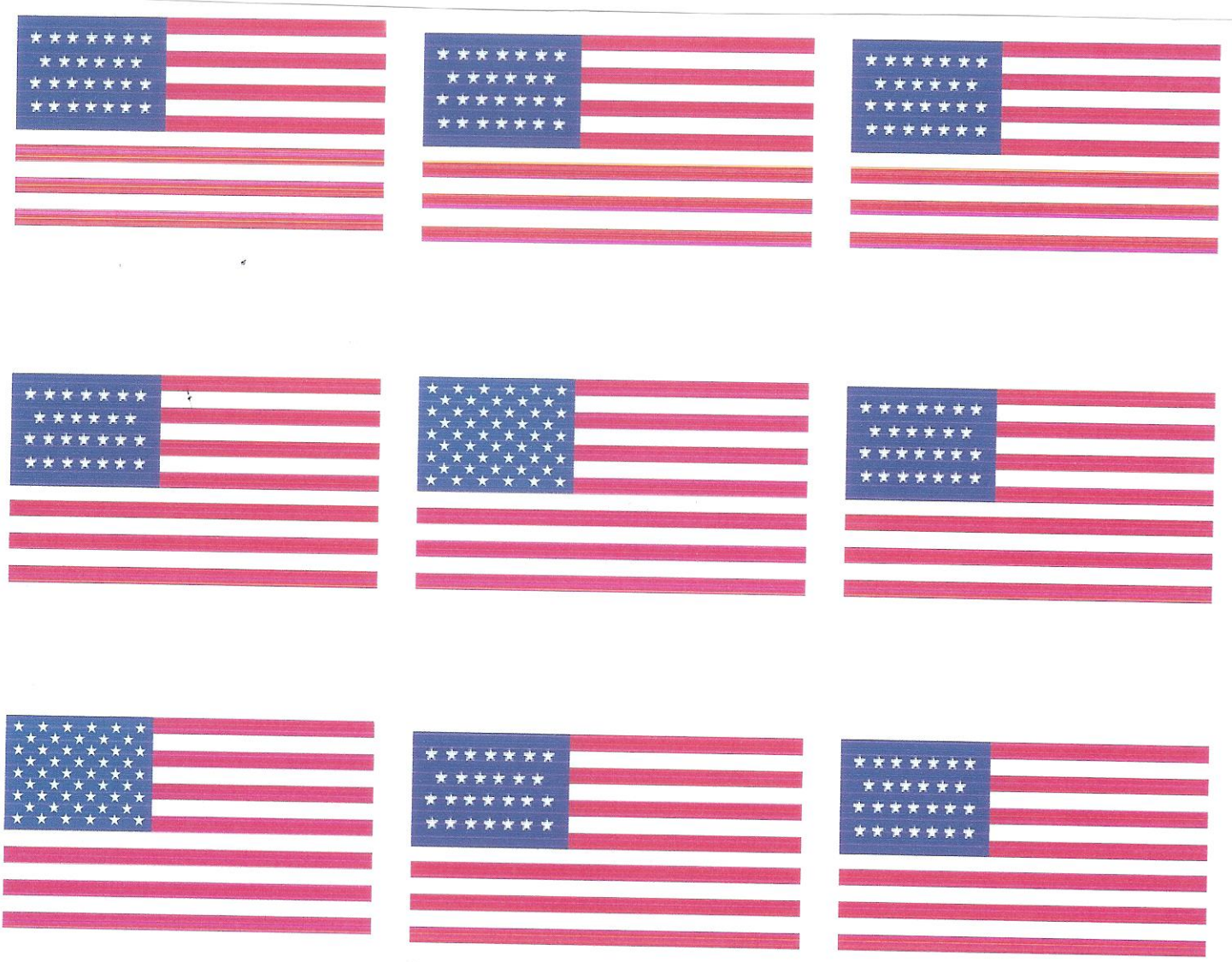
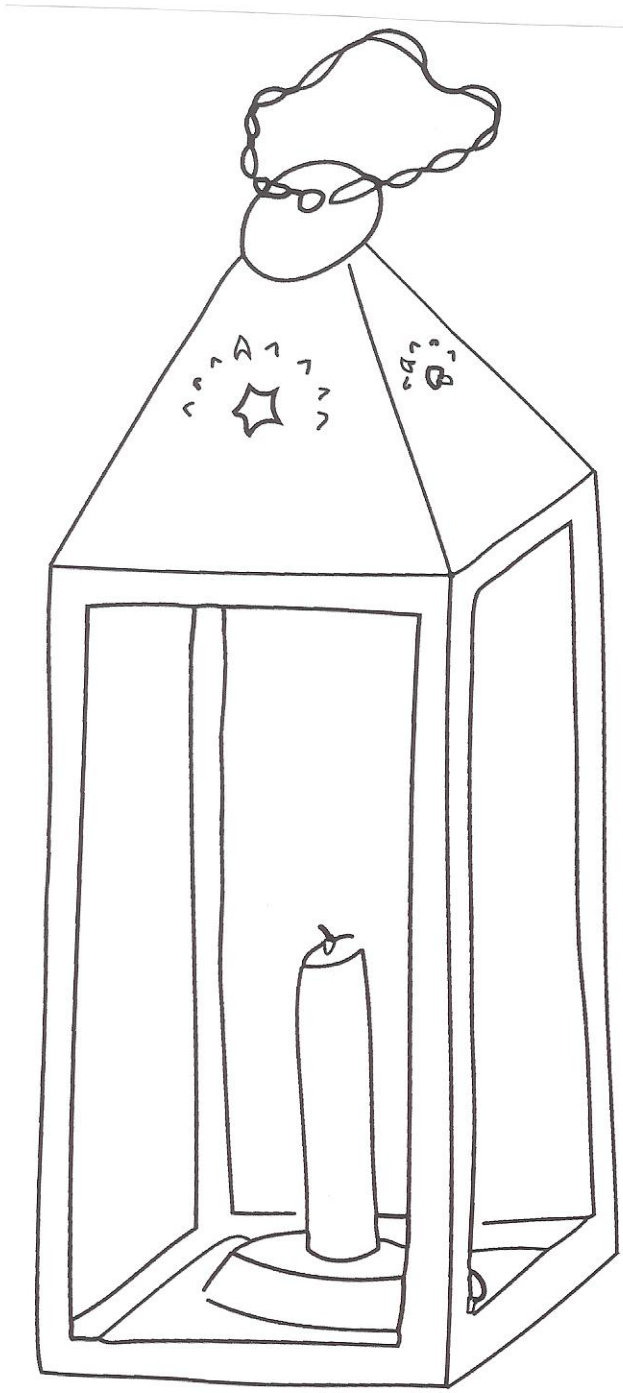
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Flag Find

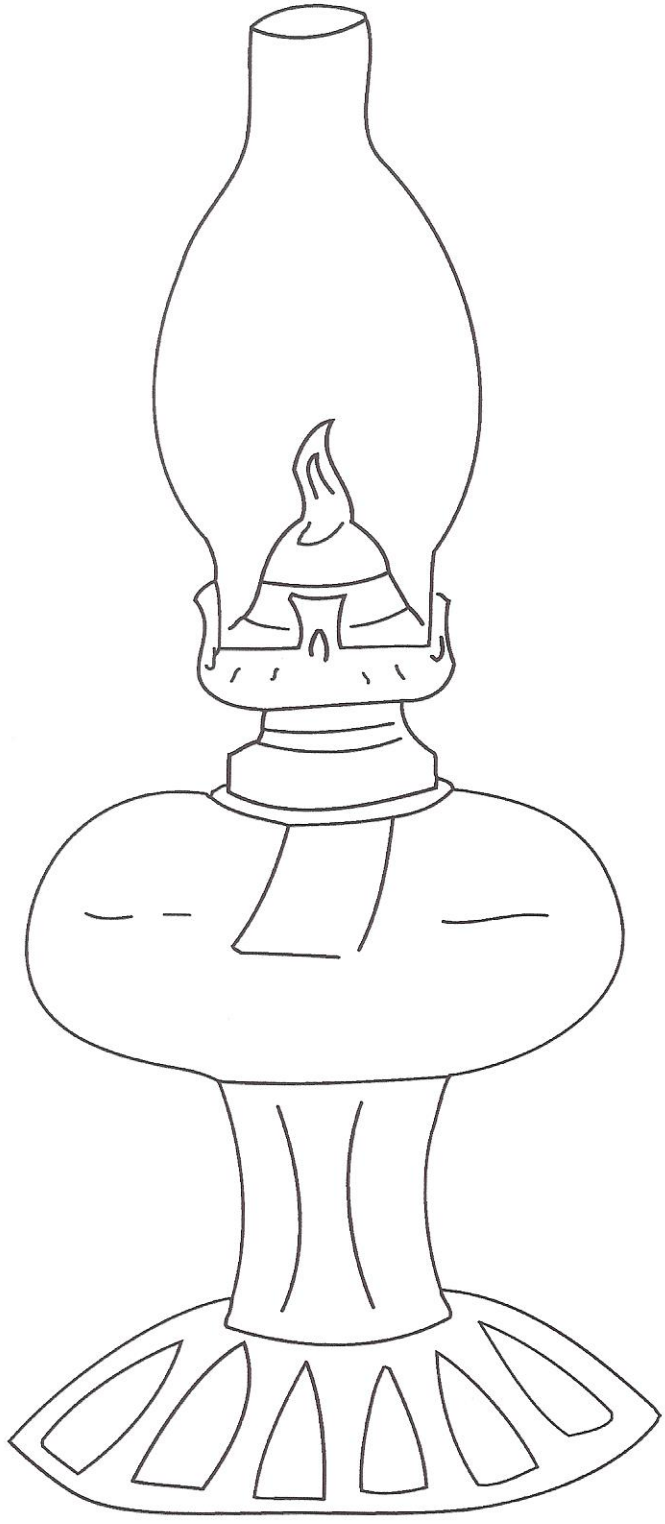
The American flag that would have been seen by Mary Virginia is different front the flag we use today. Today we have 50 states and each one has a star on our flag. When Mary Virginia lived in the Mansion there was only 31 states so only 31 stars on the flag. Circle the 2 flags that have the most stars.



There was no electricity when Mary Virginia lived in the Mansion. Candles, often in lanterns like this one, provided most of the light for the house. Slaves made candles in the house out of animal fat or beeswax.



When candles were not used, the family might have also used lamps, like this one, that burned oil.



Matching Rooms in the Mansion

Mary Virginia moved into the Mansion in 1857. Just like moving today, the governors' family had to bring all of their belongings and furniture with them. When they arrived, they had to put everything into the right room. Help Mary Virginia move into the Mansion by drawing a line between the items, on the left, and the room they should go in, on the right.

Food	Dining Room
Bed	Kitchen
Toys	Office
Desk	Bedroom
Table	Nursery

Word Find

The following list contains items found in Georgia's Old Governor's Mansion. Search for the words in the puzzle below and circle them when you find them!

Doll	Pan	Table
Cup	Bed	Desk
Plate	Rug	Map
Picture	Dress	Lamp
Chair	Shoes	Cat
Pot	Clock	Birds

N S S E R D Z B D B
Q S E O H S G E O Y
P C E K K S E D L S
V P Z C E F G F L D
T M O O L C H A I R
T A E L B J S C W I
A L T C A F G U M B
C R A F T M A P E N
P U L E R U T C I P
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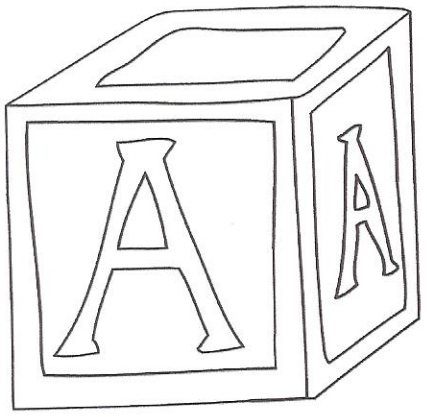
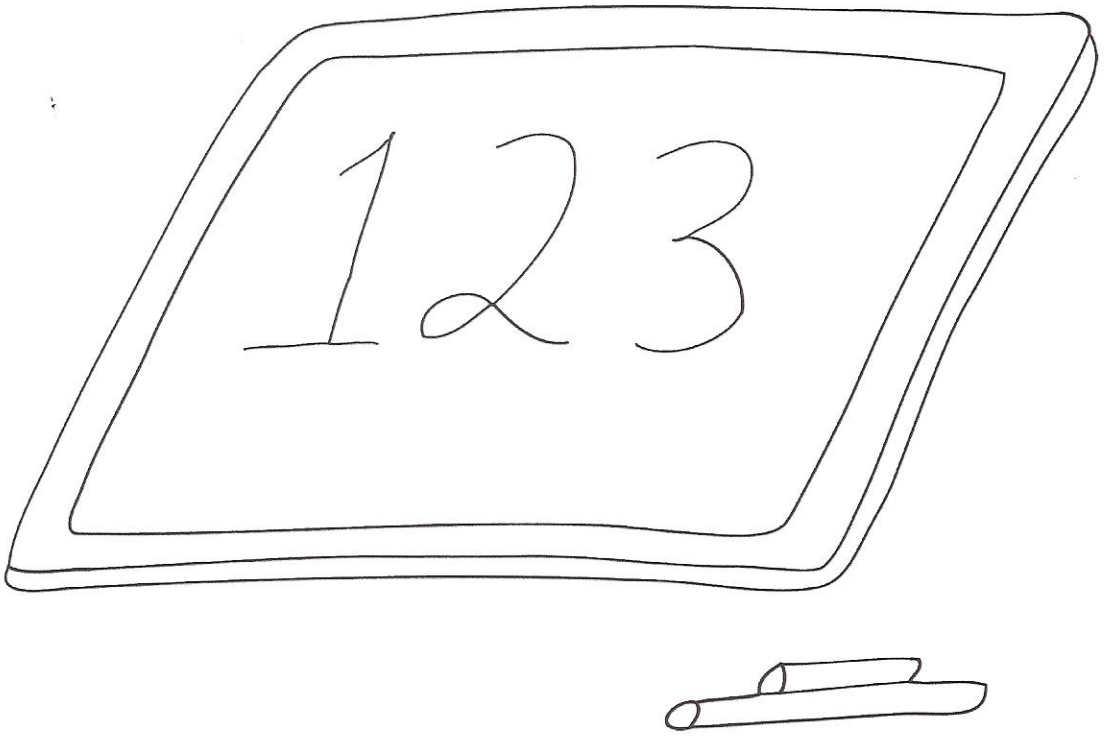
Before attending boarding school, children would learn basic letters and numbers through blocks and books. They would also learn writing on slates with chalk like this one.





The children of the Mansion had many toys to play with. Mary Virginia's dolls, Jack and Sue Jones, are the most famous toys of the Mansion. These are the dolls that were married in front of the town.

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