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# Virginia Day, August 9, 1893

## at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

The Virginian celebration brought to mind the convening, in 1619, of the first representative legislative assembly on free American soil. Twelve years after the first settlement of Jamestown the Virginia House of Burgesses met, and Virginia Day was chosen to commemorate that event.



*A copy of Mount Vernon, the plantation house of George Washington, first President of the United States, in Mount Vernon, Virginia.*



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The sons and daughters of the Old Dominion met at Music Hall at 2 p. m. Colonel A. S. Buford, President of the State Board, presided, and General Fitz-Hugh Lee made an address of welcome. Senator John W. Daniel reviewed the history of Virginia from the first settlement, in 1607, until the present time, and the Iowa State band alternated with other numbers on the program in the playing of Dixie and other Southern airs.

At the conclusion of these exercises the Virginians repaired to their Mount Vernon mansion, where a reception was held.