

Artifacts

1. Varina Davis' letter to her mother in June of 1861:

"I am very much better since we came to Richmond in every way. The place is a most beautiful one, but it is very hilly... They have taken a very fine house for me. I send you a poor plan, only to show you the style. It is a very nice place, but the woman (Mrs. Crenshaw) seems never to be going to move out of it."

2. Richmond Examiner, January 21, 1864:

"Henry, the third servant of President Davis who has run away within three weeks, escaped on Tuesday night, and was still at large last evening. Both the others ran away on a Tuesday. He was a slave of Robert Ford, Esq., and had been in the President's service for only two or three months."

3. Images of the House:

A. The White House as viewed from Shockoe Valley to the east. Printed in Harper's Weekly, May 12, 1866



B. The White House as seen today from the backyard.



C. The White House dining room on the first floor, with a table covered with maps, papers and pens, depicting the room as it would have looked during a council of war held there through the evening of April 14, 1862



D. Jefferson Davis' home office on the second floor, with a round table used by Davis as a desk in the early part of the war. This room served on several occasions as a conference center for Davis and generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. The long desk seen in the image did not originally belong in this room.



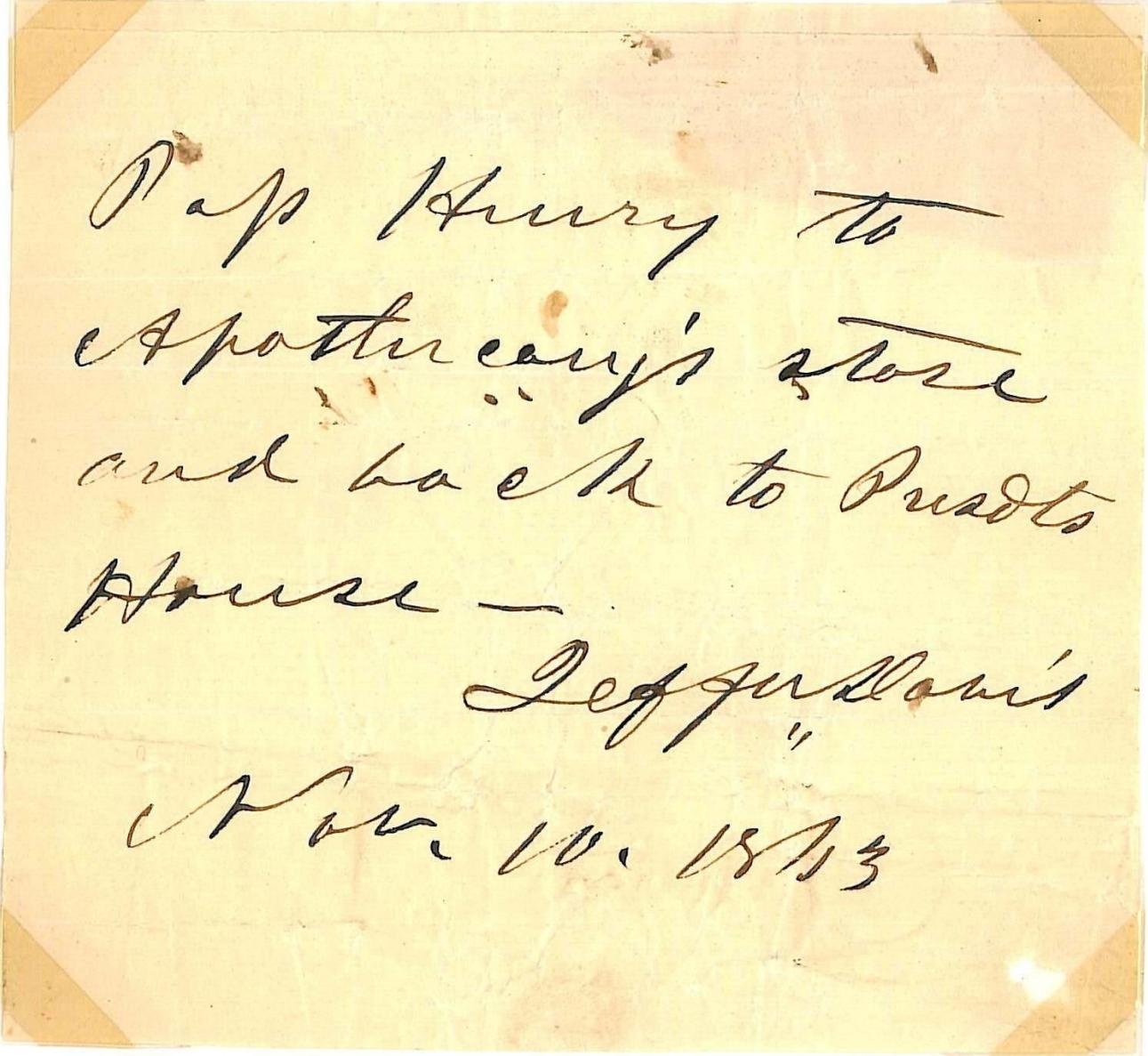
E. Period dolls placed in the nursery on the second floor, where the Davis children lived with their nanny.



F. A note found at the house, transcribed below –

*“Pass Henry to Apothecary’s store and back to Presdt’s House —
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Nov. 10, 1863”



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G. Federal officers photographed on the house portico, April-June 1865.



H. Photograph of Central School students and teachers, 1871-72



First fully organized Public School
Building at Davis Mansion
S.T. Pendleton Principal
1871 to 1894
Central School Session 1871-72

S.H. Howard

Central School