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her property. So ended the relationship between the young colonel and the Yonkers beauty. Or did it?

At the end of the war, Mary went to England and settled in York. Washington went on to become the father of the new nation. But today, they live on at the Manor Hall. A portrait of Mary hangs in the east parlor; one of Washington is across the hallway in what is believed to be the oldest room in the house, each occupying different territories, as they did so many years ago. But, at last, indisputably together in Yonkers.

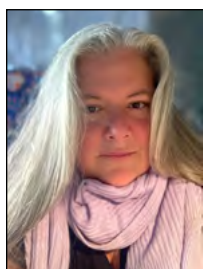
Who was Washington's first love?

In a debut novel, *Dear George, Dear Mary*, author Mary Calvi writes of George Washington's first love, Mary Eliza Philipse, one of the wealthiest women in the colonies. Her family [originally] owned a quarter-million acres of land along the Hudson River.

I wonder often what the world would be like today if they had married. Mary Elizabeth "Charming Polly" Philipse Morris is my 3rd cousin, six times removed.



Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site is a historic house museum located in the Getty Square neighborhood of Yonkers, New York. Originally the family seat of Philipse Manor, it is Westchester County's second oldest standing building after the Timothy Knapp House.



I have a great passion for gardening and animals and now genealogy is in my top three. I graduated from the American Academy of Fine Art Chicago and went on to be a professional artist, licensing my work, designing products from tableware to dolls including the Princess Diana Dolls for Ashton Drake Galleries, unaware until recently she

is in my pedigree. For two years I have mostly researched the paternal side of my father's family, finding signers of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, founders of Princeton and other universities, and the House of Plantagenet and Bohemian Royalty. It is fabulous and fascinating. I have recently helped a few people find Patriots and given written will information to Historical Societies that have been studying my family members for years.

I am having a ball and loving finding my people.

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