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| Where Our Nation Reunited?  Appomattox Court House  & the End of  the American Civil War   |  | | --- | | HF-096-A-01  *Surrender at Appomattox* by Keith Rocco (Appomattox Court House National Historical Park) | |
| On April 9, 1865 in the parlor of the McLean House in the small rural Virginia county seat village of Appomattox Court House, General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to United States General Ulysses S. Grant. Although technically a battlefield surrender, this event came to be seen as the end of the Civil War that had ravaged America for four years when Generals Lee and Grant met in the McLean’s parlor. Today almost any history textbook will tell you that the Civil War ended at Appomattox Court House. Did it? Why is Appomattox Court House known as the place “where our nation reunited?” |

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