

which was both a seaport and host to two successful railroad operations.

Both young men worked hard and established a tradition of Burke and Herbert Bank prospering under the nose of a larger, more pretentious bank across the street. In January of 1858, they advertised stock in the Bank of the Old Dominion, Corporation of Alexandria coupon bonds and first-mortgage bonds of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad and the Manassas Gap Railroad.

Lieutenant Arthur Herbert left Alexandria with the 17th Virginia Infantry in May of 1861 on a train bound for Manassas Junction. During the Union occupation of Alexandria, a number of loyal Virginians, including Burke, refused to sign an oath of allegiance to the United States. These citizens were treated rather shabbily by the occupying forces. At various times, they were arrested, tied to the outside of supply trains as human shields, marched to the wharfs to be deported to South Carolina, and their homes and properties were pilfered - chickens eaten, silverware stolen - you get the idea. Burke was a stalwart defender of his fellow Alexandrians, and he negotiated at his own peril for their better treatment.

Burke and his family lived on Wilkes Street near the train tunnel and was humorously referred to as "the Duke of Tunnel Town". His home is still known today as "the Burke Mansion". John Wolfolk Burke was community-minded, a hardworking business person, and a loving husband and father. He began

many traditions that would be followed by his descendants. Born at Ivy Mount, Burke was laid to rest at Ivy Hill.

The Burke and Herbert families have been supporters of Ivy Hill Cemetery and can be found there today.

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