



## ***THE VAN COURTLAND HOUSE MUSEUM***

***The Van Cortlandt House Museum, also known as Frederick Van Cortlandt House or Van Cortlandt House, is the oldest building in The Bronx.***

***Frederick Van Cortlandt (1699 -1749) built the house in 1748 as a mansion for the Van Cortlandt family. It was built in Yonkers, of fieldstone, in the Georgian style. He died before its completion and willed it to his son, James Van Cortlandt (1727 - 1781).***

***The Van Cortlandt's, a mercantile family prominent in New York affairs, established a grain plantation and gristmill on the property. Rochambeau, Lafayette, and Washington used the house during the Revolutionary War.***

***After 140 years of occupancy by the Van Cortlandt family and their slaves, in 1889 the property was sold to the City of New York and made into a public parkland. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1967 and became a National Historic Landmark in 1976. The house has been operated as a public museum since 1897.***

**The Van Cortlandt House Museum is a private, non-profit institution founded in 1896 by the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of New York, a licensee of the City of New York. Van Cortlandt House built in 1748 for Frederick Van Cortlandt and was the focal point of an expansive and prosperous wheat plantation. The interpretive period of the Museum House is from 1748 - 1823 when Frederick and his two eldest sons, James and Augustus, owned the property. The Museum collection contains Van Cortlandt family materials and furnishings appropriate to this interpretive period.**



***The East Parlor***



***East Bedchamber***



***The Dutch Chamber***



***The West Parlor***