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*G. Washington*

He didn't know all about cherries.

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## FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

A Manhattan??!! This little treasure measuring 5 x 7 inches is a colored lithograph circa 1910 which was unearthed here in Orleans County. Directly under the glass is a facsimile of G. Washington's autograph followed by the statement "He didn't know all about cherries." Frequently, when writing history we forget about our forefathers' sense of humor which was often subtle and in this case, very dry. The father of our country died in the 18th Century before the age of cocktails and before the 19th Century invention of the Manhattan garnished with a cherry. With ax in hand, he no doubt had a fair knowledge of cherry trees but forsooth, "He didn't know all about cherries."