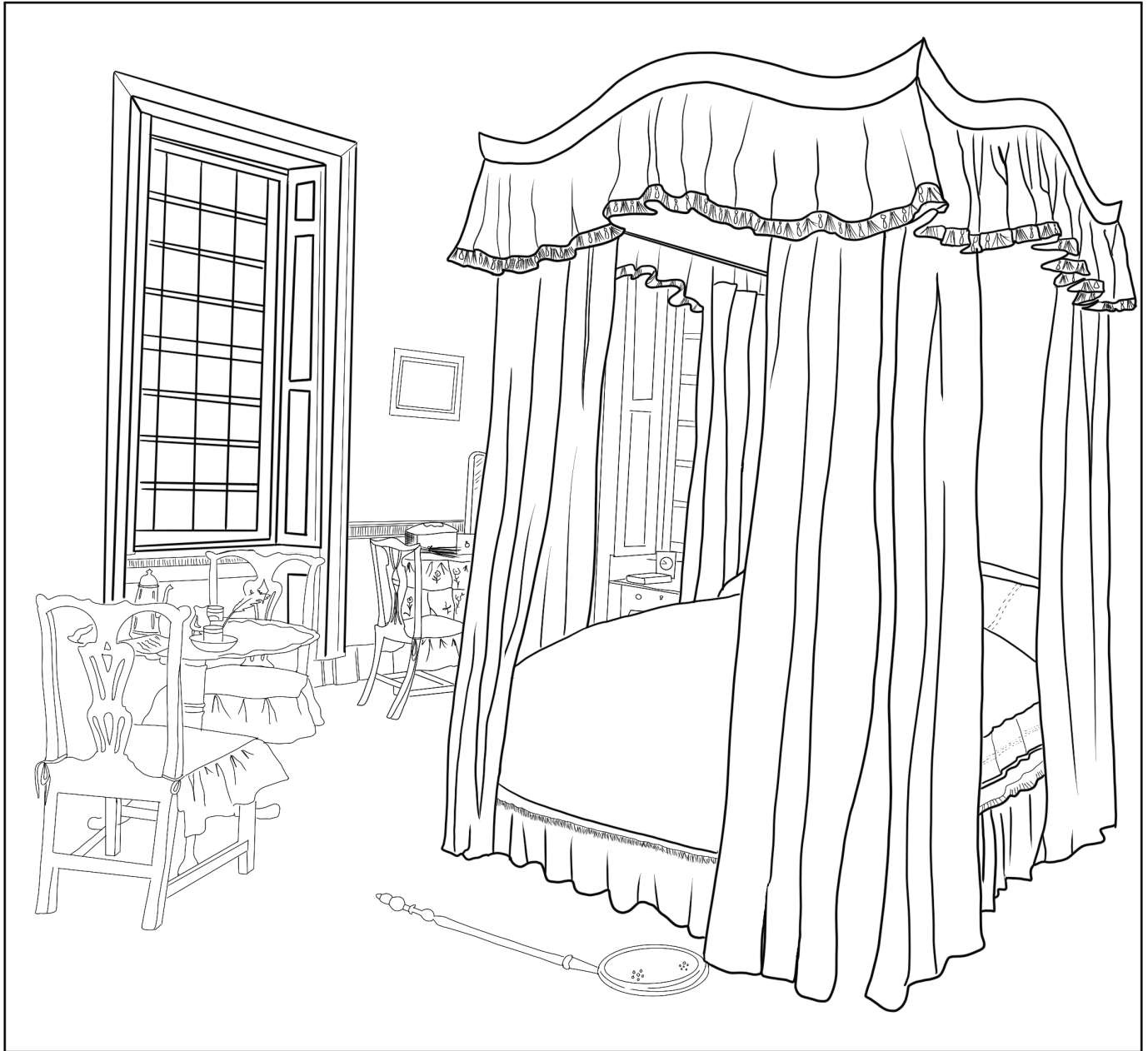


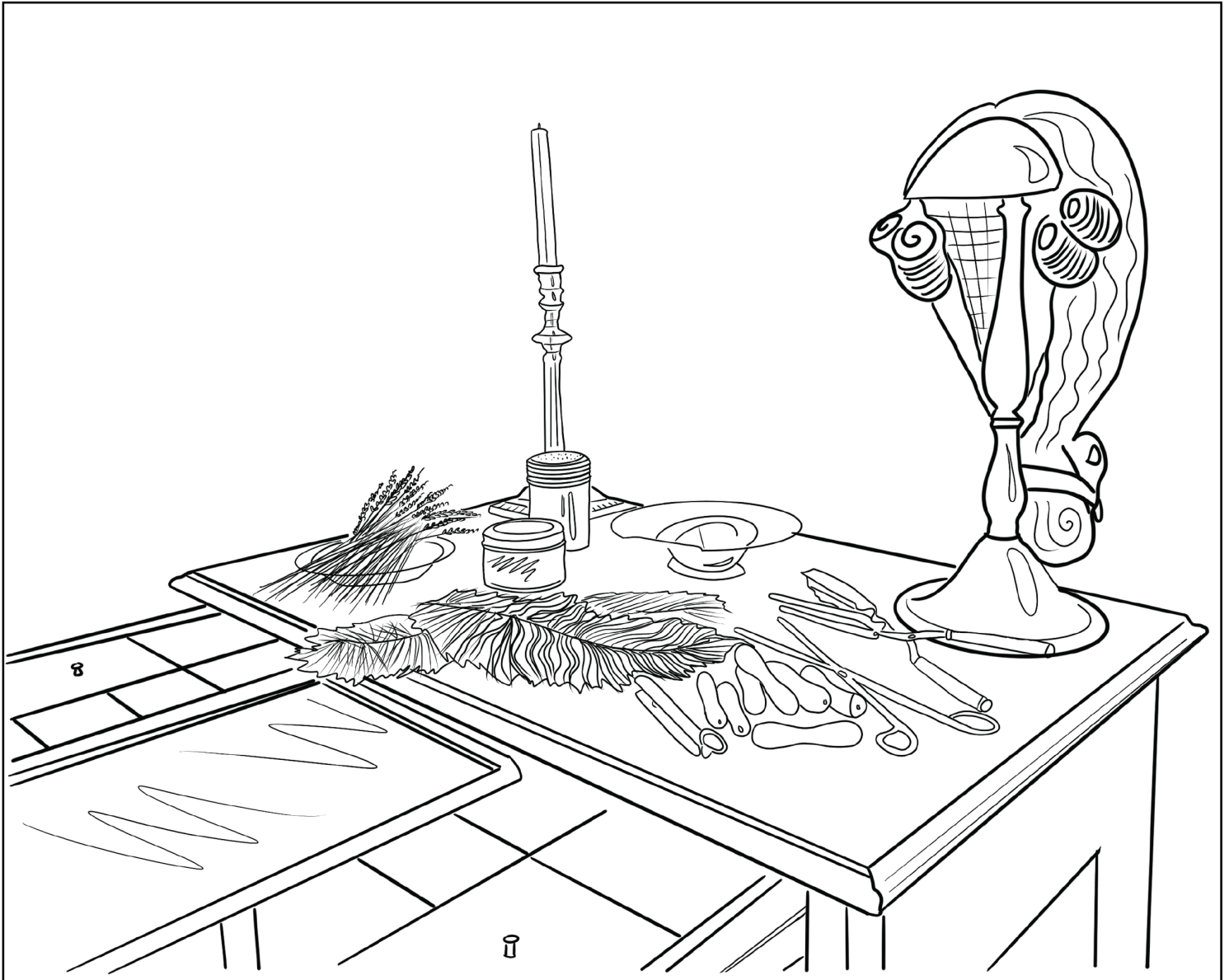
The Landaulet

The carriage house at Stratford Hall stores a number of different carriages. The landaulet was made by the coachbuilder Lewis Leslie and was used by Marquis de Lafayette, a French military figure who aided the colonies during the American Revolution. He used this carriage on his second visit to Albany, New York in 1825 on his way to Boston to lay the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill monument.



The Main Chamber

The Main Chamber was where the lady of the house would reside. Often she would sit and drink tea at the tea table and write letters to her friends and family near and far. The bed hangings you see here are made from a fabric called dimity, it has been reported that even George Washington slept with dimity bed hangings.



Men's Dressing Table

On the dressing table in the Blue room are a number of objects the Lee men would use to get themselves ready for the day. Men in Colonial America wore wigs like the one you see here. Wigs had to be styled with curling tongs and rollers to keep their shape. People in Colonial America did not bathe often so lavender was used to mask nasty smells!

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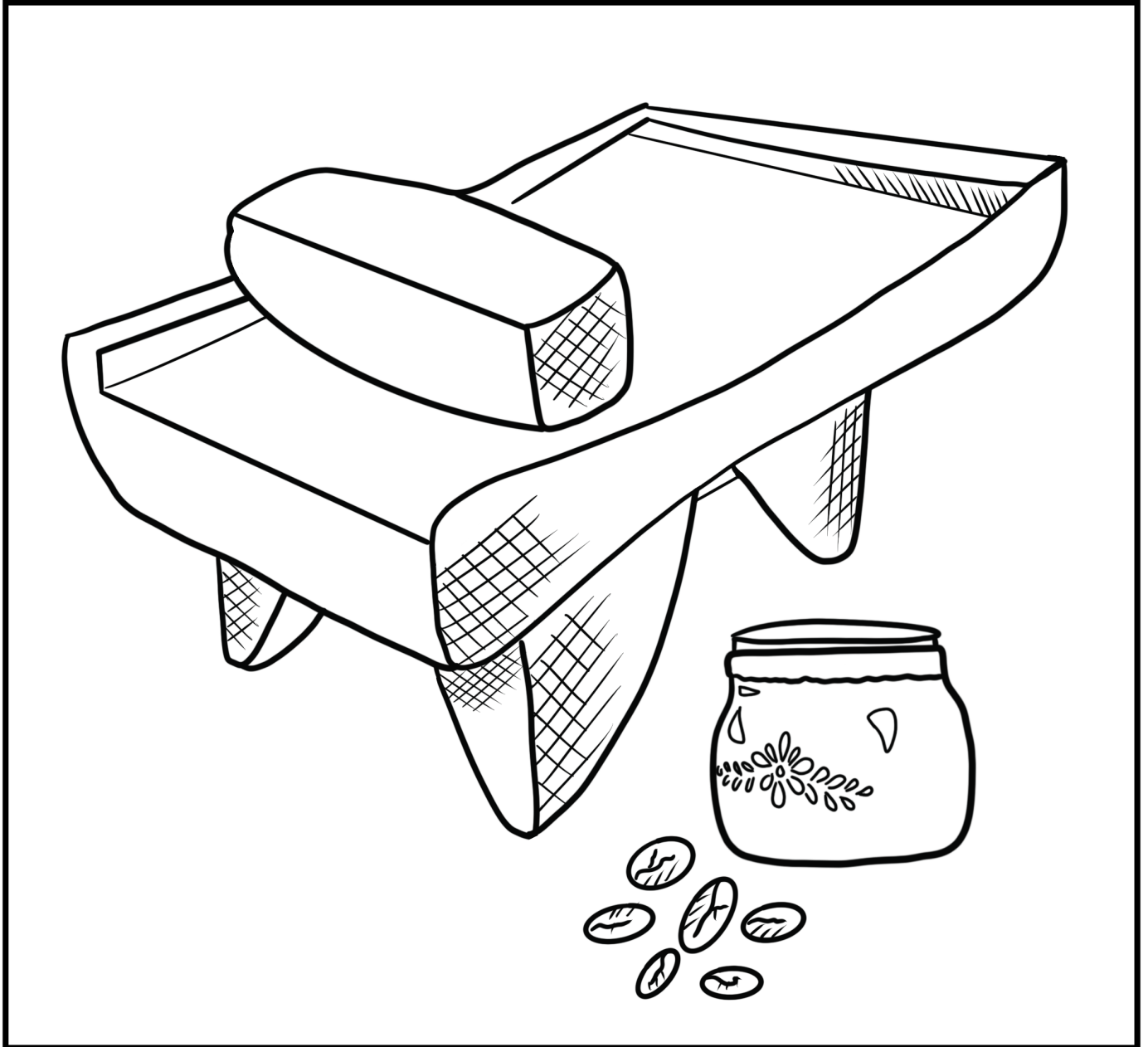


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Anne McCarty Lee (1798-1840)

Anne McCarty Lee married Henry Lee IV in 1817. She was the last Lee Lady to live here at Stratford Hall. Anne is wearing a Spanish comb and a head scarf known as a mantilla.



The Chocolate Stone

Chocolate was made at Stratford Hall in the 18th century by grinding toasted cocoa beans on the chocolate stone placed over hot coals. The ground beans melted forming a chocolatey mixture to which sugar and spices were added. See if you can find the chocolate stone in the Kitchen!