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The house on the Merrimac Farm is granite stone, not Va. fieldstone. The readings owned 2 or 3 similarly constructed homes on Centreville Road in Yorkshire. One is still standing.

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