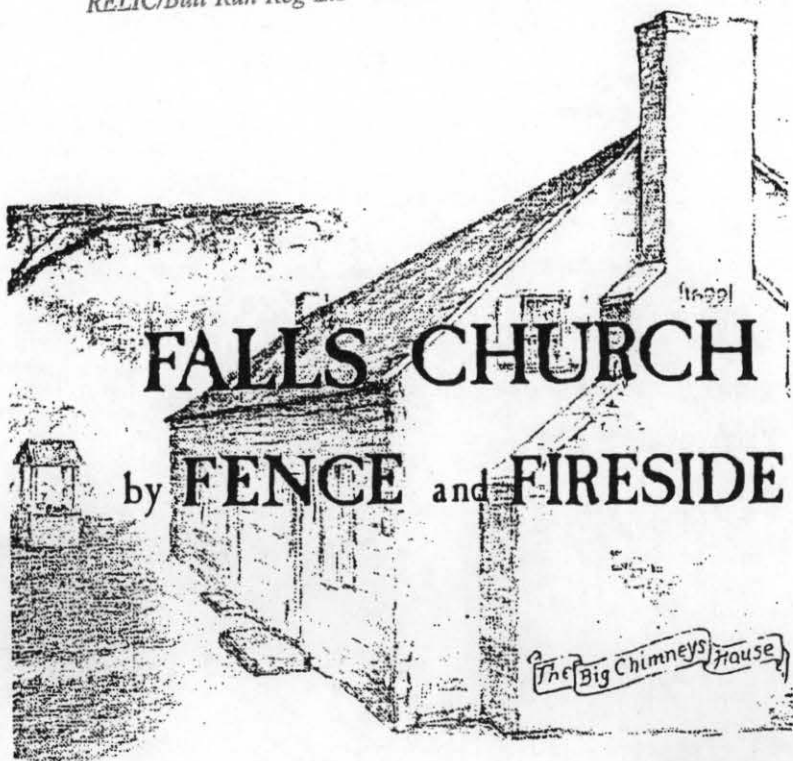
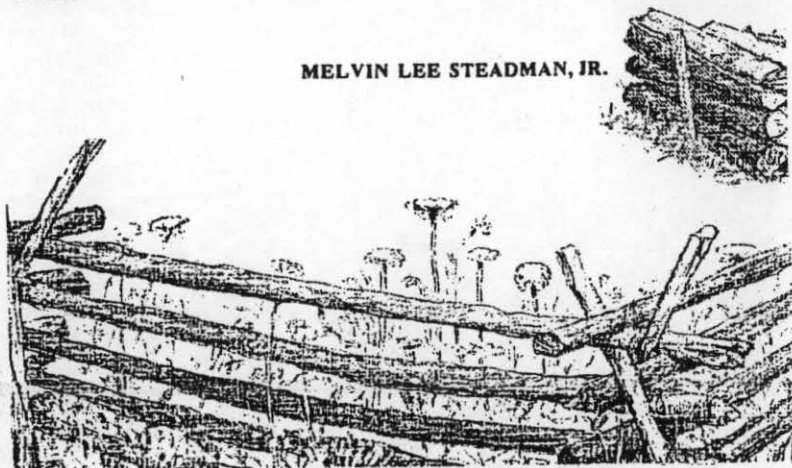


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County leased to Thomas Gunnell, Sr., a tract of land containing 151 acres in Loudoun County, for the life of the said Thomas Gunnell and the lives of John Gunnell, Thomas Gunnell, and James Gunnell, children of the said Thomas. The yearly rent was eight hundred pounds crop tobacco. This land adjoined that of the Honorable Robert Carter. Witnesses: John Stanhope, Henry Gunnell, Jr., and Henry Gunnell, Sr.<sup>4</sup> Issue:

- (231) Ann (Nancy) Gunnell, married John Stanhope.  
 (232) Henry Gunnell ("Jr."), married Mary —, and had at least two sons, Thomas and Nicholas Minor Gunnell.  
 (233) James Gunnell, ("Jr."), died at sea, 1810.  
 (234) William Gunnell.  
 (235) Thomas Gunnell, Jr.  
 (236) Robert Gunnell, married Elizabeth —.
- (25) (Honorable) William Gunnell, son of Henry and Catherine (Daniel) Gunnell, was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Loudoun County in 1789/98.
- (26) (Major) Henry Gunnell, Jr., son of Henry and Catherine (Daniel) Gunnell, was born July 30, 1758, died January 14, 1822. He died at the home of Colonel George W. Minor (*National Intelligencer*, Washington, D. C., January, 1822). Major Gunnell married on August 10, 1786, to Sarah (Sally) West. Mrs. Gunnell was a daughter of the Honorable Hugh West, Jr., and Elizabeth (Minor) West. She died January 17, 1837, age 72 years, in Clarke County. Burial was in the Hooe Family Cemetery in Clarke.
- Sarah (West) Gunnell made her will May 25, 1830, probated April 24, 1837 (Clarke County, *Will Book A*, page 7). She mentioned: her husband, Major Henry Gunnell; children: Mary Anne Hooe; Sally Hurst; Hugh Gunnell; George Gunnell; Henry Gunnell; and Bushrod Gunnell. Mrs. Gunnell also mentioned a son-in-law, Joshua Coffey; a friend, George W. Hunter (Executor); and her late father, Hugh West, Esquire. Witnesses were: Robert P. Brooke, Presley M. Helm, and John Morgan, Jr.
- Issue:
- (261) Hugh West Gunnell, born 1787, married Elizabeth Moore. Their son, George West Gunnell, married a cousin, Matilda Gunnell, daughter of James and Julia Gunnell.
- (262) (Colonel) George West Gunnell, born 1789, died January 8, 1878, aged 89 years. His residence was called "Chestnut Thickett." Colonel Gunnell lived in the early 1890's on the west side of Leesburg Pike above Tyson's Corner (near Ash Grove), now the site of Capper's Nursery. The old family cemetery of the Gunnell-West family was on the David Leonard Farm at West Falls Church. At one time the family owned most of the land between Falls Church and Tyson's. Colonel Gunnell married (1) Locian (Lucy or Louisiana) Ratcliffe (born 1800, died January 26, 1835, age 35 years). Mrs. Gunnell was a daughter of Richard Ratcliffe who gave the land for Fairfax Court House. Colonel Gunnell married (2) Emmaline Adams (born 1813, died November 19, 1887, age 74 years). Issue: (2621) John Gunnell; (2622) Richard H. Gunnell of Chestnut Thickett, died after 1883, issue included Fanny A., wife of (1) Jones and (2) Campbell; and Gertrude W., wife

of Coleman. (See Fairfax County *Deed Book C #5*, page 420). (2623) Charles Gunnell; (2624) Albert Gunnell; (2625) Lander Gunnell; (2626) Arthur Gunnell; (2627) Dallas Polk Gunnell, born 1844 at Chestnut Thickett, died July 15, 1915, age 71 years. He married in Loudoun County on November 26, 1878 (1) Ida Blanche Gibson (born 1854 at Berryville, died June 24, 1890 age 36 years). He remarried (2) Catherine (Kate) Young, who is buried at Andrew Chapel. The next (3rd) wife was a cousin, Miss Beck. By his wife Ida Blanche Gibson he had: J. Dallas Gunnell, died age 9 months; J. Effie Gunnell, died at 1 year, 3 months; and G. Elsie Gunnell, died at 10 years, 3 months. (2628) Martha Ann Gunnell, married Alfred Moss, Clerk of Fairfax County. She saved Washington's will by taking it in her stocking to Buckland where it was kept during the War. (For additional data see *The Sunday Star*, Washington, D. C., June 9, 1918, Part 4, page 7.)

- (263) Catherine Gunnell, born 1792, married Charles Broadwater. (See *Broadwater*).
- (264) West Gunnell, born 1794, died young.  
 (265) Sarah (Sally) Gunnell, born 1797, married James Hurst.  
 (266) William Henry Gunnell, born 1799 (had at least one child, Margaretta, born 1839, who married on November 17, 1868, at Falls Church, to James T. Jackson (born in Fairfax County in 1831, son of Robert R. and Matilda A. Jackson)).  
 (267) Bushrod Gunnell, died unmarried.  
 (268) Mary Anne Gunnell, born 1804, married Henry D. Hooe.  
 (269) Amelia Gunnell, born 1809, died young.  
 (26.10) Eliza Gunnell, born 1811, married Joshua Coffey.
- (27) Anne Gunnell, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Daniel) Gunnell, born February 16, 1744, married — Brent.  
 (29) Catherine Gunnell, married — Coffey.

During the early years of the nineteenth century, an old man named Gunnell, who was blind, lived near the Falls Church. Joseph Thomas, "the Pilgrim," an evangelist, formerly a Methodist, wrote of visiting him in September, 1811:<sup>5</sup>

"I came into Alexandria. My money was now expended, but finding the house of my friend W. L. though he was not at home at the time, yet I was kindly entertained by his family and recommended to some friends in Fairfax County, about Falls Church. I then went there and came to old bro. Gunnell's (sic), a blind man, but who, I found saw clearly the right way of the Lord and who was friendly and kind to me. After staying with him two days I went on my way again for the great meeting; having two dollars given me by a friend. . ."

Thomas continued to Fredericksburg, but in October was back in Alexandria and Falls Church. He wrote:<sup>6</sup>

"We then went (from Alexandria) to Falls' church, and preached to a large congregation; on the same day at candlelight at brother G's, where the people were attentive, serious and solemn, and I think good impressions were made on the minds of some. Here I met with several kind and friendly brethren who appeared to be devoutly exercised by their holy calling to obtain eternal life."

After this successful mission, Thomas went on to Georgetown. Late at night on Saturday, December 13, 1811,<sup>7</sup> he returned to the Gunnell home, having travelled