

LEESYLVANIA & FREESTONE PT. NOTES FROM DON CURTIS  
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Patented 1658

3,000 acres

① PREP. FOR  
FIELDTRIP.

Dodson

Cultivated for tobacco before end of  
17<sup>th</sup> century - evidenced by litigation  
records betw. shipmasters & plant.

STAFFORD

COUNTY

COURTHOUSE

owner. Dispute over contam.

of hogheads of tobacco -

gave rise to tobacco inspector

law. led to inspector's office

1690-1691.

1<sup>st</sup> occupied by Lee Fam 1753  
with marriage of Henry Lee  
& Bruton Parish

Ch. Wmst. -

Built mansion house

burned in 1790.

1825 - prop moved into FF family.

Lower house ruins.

Light. Henry Lee born there  
married <sup>cousin</sup> Matilda Lee of  
Westmoreland.

2<sup>d</sup> marriage Ann Carter of  
Shirley Plantation.

This parcel willed to L. A. H. Lee  
from his father.

L. H. H. died 1787.

See will (repr. in Alex Gazette  
microfilm in Va. Am. Alex)

left to his widow the "Forward"  
500 acres to the river.  
Manor Parcel. ~~Also~~

The remaining 2000 acres  
was developed into a number  
of signif. farms.

Caprity Prop.  
Roundtop. 530 acres.

occurred  
in 1800's & well into 20<sup>th</sup>  
century.  
large farmhouse, gazebo, & stone based barn,

Blockade Sep. 1861 - Mar 1862.

Ruins there are  
most northern batteries in  
line

12,500 inf. troops supported  
gun positions under Brigade  
Commander was (Maj) Genl.  
W.H. C. Whiting  
Chapawamsic to Occowan.

No. of positions 6 -  
Coastal heavy artillery  
taken from Navy Yd. at  
Norfolk.

see diaries: number of guns  
spiked & spoiled on site.  
Gun tubes may

Indian arch. there? <sup>D.C.</sup> Only  
heard that  
because of geogr. factors -  
Coulbards, Highlat, Sand.

FF. family occupation:

Col. Fairfax adj. to Longstreet  
lived there until well after Civil War.

after civil war prop was  
leased to Quakers. They cut the  
trees down. litigation - lost & prop. rev.

↳ Papers exist relating to Civil War activity by  
Correspondents - to Fairfaxes.

Correspondents -

Col. Fairfax

papers are cited in Civil  
War mate.

↳ Longstreet - lot written on  
him

Claim on it + it rev. to FF Family.

late 1890's into 20th C.

area 513 acres both sides  
of RR. tracks.

hunting + fishing see # (4)

miles ?

will do it in roughly 2 hours.

TO BEACH AREA.  
+ other areas.

archerologist there before (name unknown)  
found glass + pottery.

F.F. county

excavated Belvoir plantation.

dur. Bicentennial

Result: good site but need money.

1880's & 1890's

↳ "The good years"

at that time the tract was  
used for rich peoples  
hunting & fishing - VIP's came down.  
They stayed in RR cars

Parlour, kitchen, l.r. &  
sleeping accommodations.

After that . the depression, WW2  
land fell fallow.

Gamblij enterprise <sup>began</sup> late 1950's

did not last very long. Was  
run out by public pressure.