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Dear Mr. Chappell:

I am glad that you were able to get to Leesylvania, and to find the sites, from my map and descriptions. I do wish that I could have been with you!

About the hole within the Fairfax cemetery fence; I was told, by the grapevine, that the old man who claims a Fairfax family connection, and who had the stones moved to the Leesburg cemetery, that he had this done as tokens of what might have remained of the "dust" to which the bodies had returned; and this dust taken for burial to Leesburg. Of course this was first the LEE CEMETERY, and it was unlawful for either the stones or any soil to be removed therefrom without written permission from the Lee descendants; but it was not until a couple of years after this was done that we learned anything about it.

As you know, for many decades, our Society has waited for the surrounding real estate situation to be stabilized to the point that we could have a survey made, and get the ownership of the cemetery re-recorded in official records. When and if this time comes, we plan to have a ~~walle~~ (low brick, similar to that at the Emigrant's grave near Kilmarnock) erected, and a plaque. Every time we started negotiations, the land changed ownership. Now, our hope is that the Pr. Wm. Co. Board will vote to join the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, in which case there would be hope of the latter buying the land east of the railroad for a historical and natural park.

Didn't you find bricks also, in the cut which apparently went through the foundations and chimney of the Lee dependency? I found quite a number there, some years ago; also hardware fragments. About the Fairfax House, the Fairfaxes bought Leesylvania in 1825, which would be in agreement with your opinion of the brick chimney. When you get up this way, I'll show you pictures of the foundations etc. shortly after the fire. I'm swamped right now in preparations for our Lee Society annual meeting May 11, 12, and 13th; then will fly to England and Scotland on the 16th for three weeks. I expect to be home for the rest of the summer.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Lee Templeman