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Dec. 24, 1972

Dear Mr. Chappell:

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. I shall be happy to accompany you to the Leesylvania sites. Why don't you set the date? Instead of meeting in that vicinity, how about coming on up here to my home, where you can go through my complete file; and then we'll godown there? Or, I could meet you at the Lazy Susan Inn, at Woodbridge. Now that the Fairfax stones have been removed (unlawfully), a Christmas note from Mr. Haynes of Cherry Hill (nearby) says that the cemetery site has become difficult to locate; so we must go there before the weeds come up.

Cordially,

*Eleanor Lee Templeman*

P. S. I have a large rusted door-lock from the site; also a few minor artifacts, which should be properly "treated", and made into a display. Could your department handle this for me?

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Dec. 6, 1972

Mr. Edward Chappell  
Va. Hist. Landmarks Comm.  
Room 1116  
Ninth St: State Office Bldg.  
Richmond, Va. 23219

Dear Mr. Chappell:

Although the time is not yet ripe for archeological exploration, because the surrounding land is in a state of question as to future use, I do want to call to your attention, the need of research at the home-site of the grandparents of Robert E. Lee, at Leesylvania Plantation. We hope that there is a chance that either Prince William County, or the N. Va. Regional Park Authority, may be able to save the beautifully wooded acreage as a wilderness park, but meanwhile, it is best to delay activity until something is settled. However, I do want to have LEESYLVANIA on your list for future consideration. Please refer to my book (Calder Loth has a copy) to page 40 in ARLINGTON HERITAGE.

Cordially,

*Eleanor Lee Templeman*

*Leesylvania,  
B. Wm*

8 December, 1972

Mrs. Lee Templeman, Secretary  
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Dear Mrs. Templeman:

Thank you for your letter regarding Leesylvania in Prince William County. I have read your history of the site in Arlington Heritage, and would like to receive any other information you have about the house, especially the date of construction and any description available.

Also, we have no information about the nearby Fairfax house site, so whatever you could supply us with would be appreciated. I am enclosing a map marked with the believed location of both houses which I would like for you to change if incorrect.

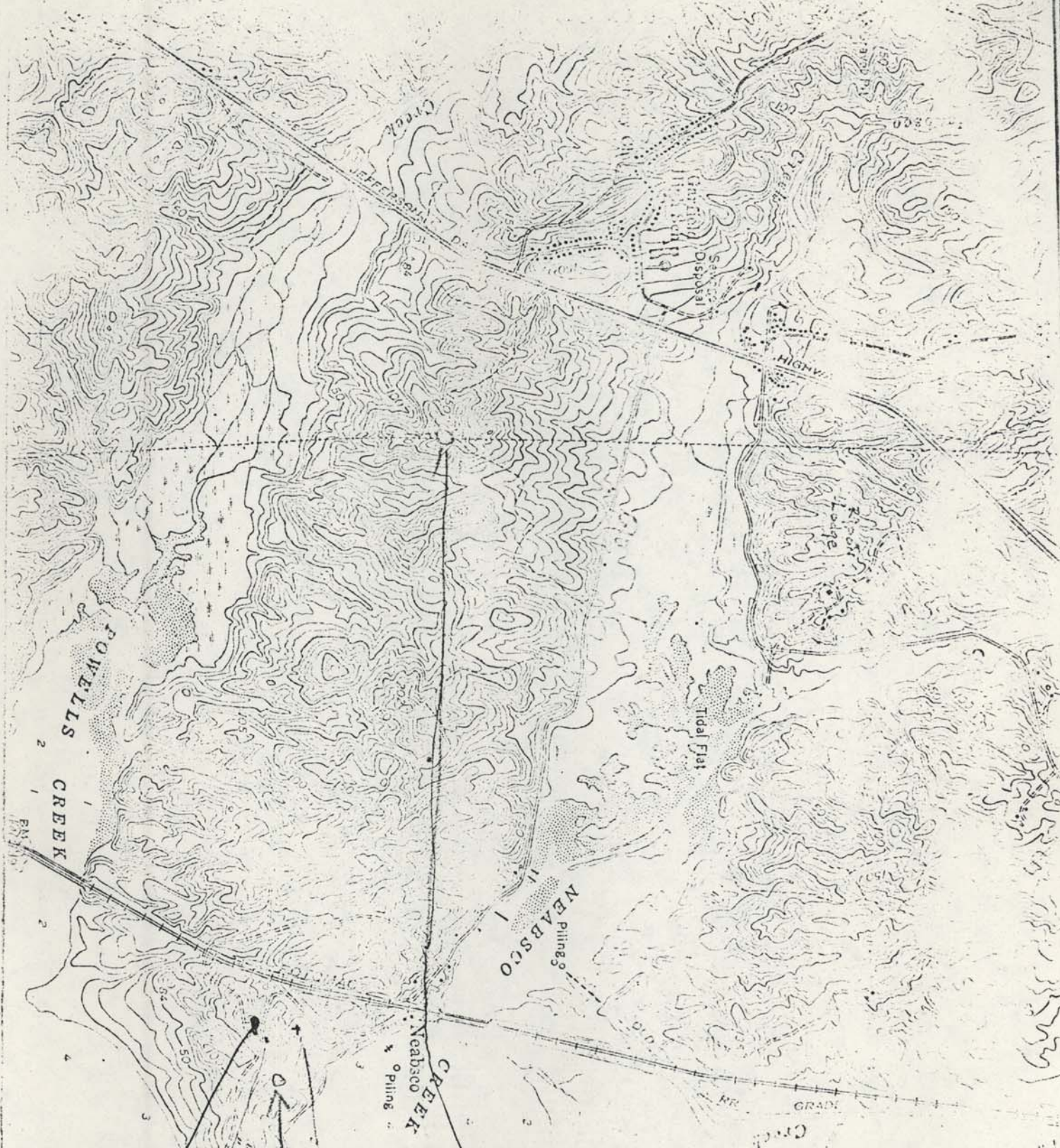
Sorry to burden you with these request after receiving your kind letter, and we thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. Chappell  
Assistant Archaeologist

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Enc.

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ENTERED  
in map book

Not important

Site of later barn  
& farm buildings?  
possibly quarries?

ENTERED  
In map 1  
See & Fairfax  
burying ground.

Fairfax house  
Quins  
Remains of an  
Abenaki (?) probably  
Leahy's house  
e. 1753