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Estate of Leesylvania

"c. 2,000 acres," included the whole peninsula between Neabsco & Powell's Creek near Dumfries, extending from Freestone Point on the Potomac past the present #1 highway and including the property where Gar-Field School is now located. This estate was the fifth land grant in Prince William County.

Henry Lee II built the home on the property calling it Leesylv.

Henry came to PW c1750 from Westmoreland County. married to Lucy Gwynne. was a trustee of town of Dumfries when it was enlarged & reorganized by the acts of 1761, and member of Dumfries Church.

Was a justice of P.W., sworn in at the old Cedar Run Court house. Was also a member of the House of Burgesses, a member of the Virginia convention in 1774-76 and a member of the State Senate. Appointed County Lieut. in the P.W. Militia in 1781. and built a road as per G.W.'s instructions, from

Leesylvania.

Georgetown to Dumfries to shorten the distance from
Alex. to Dumfries. Road is Telegraph Rd,
and was P.W.'s contribution to the revolution.

Henry's son Henry Lee III, was born at
Leesylvania on 29 Jan 1756. At 17 he grad.
from College of N.J., known as Princeton U.
became captain of Va. Cavalry. ^{it was} then he
acq. the nickname Light Horse Harry. Friend of Gen.
Geo. Wash. Lee commanded 3 companies of
infantry + 3 troops of cavalry.

First married Matilda Lee, then Anne Hill
Carter.

Elected gov. of Va. 3 times. ^{Secy.} 1792
Entered Congress 1799.

Second son of Henry Lee II - Charles H. Lee.
also attended Coll. of N.J.; adm. to the bar 1794
member of genl. assembly from FF county
for 3 yrs. Atty genl. under Washington
for 6 yrs. Appointed to Circuit Judge by
Pres. Adams. Was one of the defense lawyers
for Aaron Burr's treason trial.

Pennsylvania.

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3d. son, Richard Bland Lee also born at Pennsylvania. Was the 1st congressman from his district and helped decide to locate the capitol on the Potomac.

Attended Wm & Mary. An orig. member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Lived on an estate in Loudoun County inherited from his father. Represented Loudoun in House of Delegates; was a member of the 1st Congress under the 1789 Constitution. Also a commissioner of claims for prop. destroyed dur. the war, and a judge of the Orphans Court in D.C.