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theatre. In those times of difficult transportation, frequent visits were impractical, so the guests remained longer. With adequate domestic help, guests were happily welcomed, and the role of guest and host would be reversed in a coming season. The Lees truly practiced the delightful art of the "extended family", as did many of their contemporaries. Most families who could afford to do so, spent the summers at the various Virginia "Springs" to escape the heat and malaria of the tidewater areas. By the end of each "season", many weddings were in the offing.

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There are twenty-six parks listed in the current booklet published by the Virginia Division of State Parks, but the nearest one listed for the enjoyment of Northern Virginians is in Westmoreland County, forty-two miles below Fredericksburg. To repeat the comment of Daniel K. Ludwig, "the people of Virginia are entitled to one of the nicest parks in the United States", this is particularly applicable to those Virginians living in the upper portion of the state. Mr. Ludwig has made LEESYLVANIA STATE PARK a reality by contributing through his American-Hawaiian Steamship Company half of the appraised value of 4.7 millions of dollars, to be matched by State funds which will be fully reimbursed by an available federal grant. We, and future generations are indebted to you, Mr. Ludwig, for making this possible. We are deeply grateful!