

ROSEMONT

Inventory Form (Revised)

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FIELD WORKER'S DAILY REPORT

District No. 444 County PRINCE WM

Supervisor R. C. WIGHT

Worker's Name SUSAN ROGERS MORTON

Address HAYMARKET Identification No. 5495-164

Date MAY 27th No. hours worked this day SEVEN

Number of sites visited this day ONE

Number of miles traveled this day 20

Remarks:

Name of site 1. ROSEMONT
2. _____
3. _____

Exact location of site 1. on STONE HOUSE MANASSAS road, 2 3/4 miles from
2. Manassas, on the right hand side going towards Manassas,
3. _____

Name of Informant 1. Mr Charles Lewis, Mrs Henry Dogan, Mr Robert Lewis,
2. _____
3. _____

Address of Informant 1. All of Manassas.
2. _____
3. _____

Connection of Informant 1. all members of the family in whose possession
2. it has always been.
3. _____

(Note: Please use reverse side for comments on sites visited. Refer to each by its number on the left-hand side of these columns.)

I hereby certify the above statements are accurate.

Supervisor _____

Signature Susan Rogers Morton

In 1757 Wm. Montgomery came from England, and while on the boat met a little Irish girl named Catherina Mars, it was evidently a case of love at first sight and they were married by the Captain while on board ship.

He received a grant of two thousand acres from the Colony on what was known as Mount Pony, a part of this later went to form Paradise farm and other Lewis property, but ~~the~~ with ~~the~~ few exceptions ^{of the farm above}, the property has remained in the Lewis family.

The present owners who have tracts from the original one, are Charles Frances Montgomery Lewis, Percival Lewis, Frances Montgomery Lewis and Charles Lynn. In 1761 Wm. Montgomery and Catherina, his wife had a daughter, Ann, and in 1763, Frances Montgomery was born, Ann married Wm Lewis, but Frances never married. Ann, however, had eight daughters and five sons.

Frances Montgomery held the place until his death, when it went to Frances Lewis, third son of Wm Lewis and Ann Montgomery, and namesake of Frances Montgomery.

The original house was of logs, hewed on the place, and consisted of one very large main room, shed room and second story of two rooms, outer kitchen and a spacious porch that extended the entire length of the house, as the family grew, the house was enlarged, until shortly after the war, when it was destroyed by fire, it was house of ample proportions. There was a huge fireplace in the large room and another in the shed room originally, of course later on as the house grew they were increased.

The present spacious house was built on the same foundations.

Some of the valuable antiques were rescued during the fire, among them a very fine desk that was brought over by Wm. Montgomery, when he came from England, it has many secret drawers, and it was from one of these secret drawers that the interesting old wills I was allowed to copy, came.

There are two very remarkable mirrors that were rescued from an old house in Georgetown during the attack by the British in 1814, by Miss Sally Lewis, who was visiting there, they are elaborately decorated in black and gold, and have what are evidently symbolic designs in the corners, one mirror has spade, tamborine, trumpet, torch and quiver with arrows, the other: drum, bugle, musket, sword, sabre, flags and shield.

There are also two beautiful painted stencils, the only ones that I have ever seen like them being at Mount Vernon.

connected with it,
As all the other places in this section there are war tales and war relics and quite a collection of old ammunition that has been found in the surrounding fields.

All the old buildings are gone with the exception of the stone dairy, or spring house, it is a large one, and the site for the house was chosen on account of the fine spring close by.

There were many out buildings on the place in the recollection of Miss Sally Lewis, who now lives there, and is over eighty years of age. She remembers the blacksmith shop, slave quarters and cabins that were scattered over the plantation.

The following wills, or extracts from them, thought would be interesting and an insight to life of other days.

Rosemont was the name of the ancestral Montgomery home in England.

There is an old cemetery on the place, where Wm Montgomery is buried, and numerous others, but very few inscriptions I have been told. the cemetery is surrounded by a stout fence and beautiful with old box and roses but it is in the midst of a field of rye which I did not like to make a path through to get a closer view.

2. extracts of will of Frances Montgomery, con.

"All the children the said Milly may have after my decease goes to my estate and is hereinafter disposed of, and I give the same Milly, the house in which she now lives with her garden and 4 acres of land to be tilled in Indian corn and 4 acres of wheat yearly, also I give the said Milly twelve dollars to be paid her yearly, out of the Bank stock I have left money to purchase one cow, two ewes and two lambs, two sheats and her flax wheel, with the liberty of pasture for the said stock, the use of one horse and firewood. The entire will covers nine pages, and is signed by the following. and dated July 27th 1814.

Henry Dogan

John Lee

Samuel Cawood

Thomas Newman

Wm. Wheeler.

note that decease is spelled throughout the entire will decrease

Will of Wm Montgomery, August 15th 1803

It is my will and desire, and I give and bequeath to my son Frances Montgomery all the lands I have in possession, or I have a right to expect, except the lands in the State of Kentucky, I have willed by my late wife Ann, as well as a half of a tract of land in the State of Kentucky, containing 650 acres of land, which lies in the county of Nelson, on the headwaters of the west fork of Hollin Creek and the waters of Green River, and the lands in the State of Virginia, in the county of Prince Wm, viz, all the tract of land I purchased from Martin Prickett, Esq. and lying on Mount Pony in said county, containing 200 acres of land, more or less, and was conveyed to me by the said Martin Prickett and Richard Graham, by deed bearing date, the 3d day of Dec. 1797, also a lease on a tract of land leased by Robert Carter Esq. for the lives of which is my property, these several tracts of land and the lands in the State of Kentucky.

It is my will and desire, that all the increase from the negro girl, named Mima, in this my last will, be given to Wm Lewis and Ann, his wife during the life of the longest liver of them, that is all the children she may have, as well as those she may have after the death of them, those I give to my grandchildren following, to wit. Searles Lewis, Sally Lewis, Sucky Lewis, Betty Lewis, Nancy Lewis, James Lewis, Harriot Lewis, Harry Lewis, and Louisa Lewis, to be equally divided between them and each child's part I give to his or her forever between them and do set my hand and seal.

Extracts from the will of Frances Montgomery, son of Wm.

" IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN "

I, Frances Montgomery of the County of Prince Wm. and the State of Virginia, who am weak in body but in perfect memory, do make and bargain, this my last will and testament in following manner, viz. that is, to say I recommend my soul to Almighty God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and my body to be buried in a decent and christian-like manner at the discretion of my executors, persons here after named."

at the decease of the said James and Henry Lewis, I give all the lands to their eldest sons, on the condition that they never be sold out of the family

" I lend to my brother in law, Wm Lewis, and sister Ann, Lewis, during their lives, they paying twelve cents a year as hire, to my nephew, James Lewis, my smith by the name of Jesse, with a set of smith's tools, and at the decease the said negro, Jesse returns to my estate, and I give said Jesse to my neice, Louisa, with his tools, forever.

" I give to my neice, Catty, Lewis, one negro girl named Rachel, and one negro woman named Lettice, and the child that Lettice is now big with.

" It is my will that Tom, on his coming to fifteen years of age, be bound out to a hatter, smith or a saddler, in Fredericktown, Maryland, to the age of twenty-one years.

" It is my will that she lives in the house in which I have given her, Sally Starch, until the age in which she is freed.

" I leave unsold for the use of the negroes that I have freed, to wit. Milly, Sally, Patty and Mary Ann Starch, and to be delivered to them by executors, as they arrive of age, four cows, eight ewes, two sows and pigs, my sorrel mare with the liberty of raising two or three colts, ten barrells of corn, and six hundred weight of prok, to be equally divided between them, as they arrive at the ages I have freed them.

" I leave and beueath out of the money I have at hand, 700 dollars to buy 7 shares in Potomac Bank, and 3 shares in Alexandria Bank, the interest of which is to go to the uses herewith mentioned. My trusty servant, Nelly, I set free on the following conditions, that she never remove off my lands,