

1. SUBJECT:

"Pleasant Hill"

2. LOCATION:

.8 mile west of Rixeyville on Route #640, thence south (left) .6 mile on private road to house.

3. DATE:

1809

4. OWNERS:

Tract 1

In 1789, deeded to John Pendleton by James Pendleton, 600 acres by deed of gift.

In 1804 deeded to Richard Rixey by John Pendleton and Elizabeth his wife 448 acres, consideration 1256 pounds.

Tract 2

In ---, deeded to James Pendleton by the executors of John Robinson. In 1793, devised to William and James Pewie Pendleton by James Pendleton. In 1807, deeded to Richard Rixey by William Pendleton and Ann, his wife, 137½ acres. Consideration 412 pounds, 12 shillings.

Whole Tract. In 1808, devised to John, Richard, Samuel, Presley, Charles and William Rixey by Richard Rixey. In 1846, devised to Martha F. Rixey by Charles Rixey. In 1903, deeded to James R. Rixey by E. S. Turner, Commissioner in Circuit Court of Fauquier County. In 1929, devised to Rose Robinson Lewis and Margaret Robinson Lewis (now Dyer) by James R. Lewis. 520 acres.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This house has been added to and improved to such an extent that it is a spacious yard and shaded by many trees, it commands a good view of the surrounding country. It was originally rectangular in shape but has been changed somewhat until it is impossible to state the exact shape. At the front are tall columns in the old southern style. Inside it has been modernized even more than on the outside.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

"Pleasant Hill" was the home of Charles Rixey, fifth son of Richard Rixey Jr., and Elizabeth Morehead. He married Lucinda Johnson in 1807. The brick house was built

in 1809 from brick burned on the place. Some years ago it was partially burned and since has been enlarged and improved. It is now the home of Mrs. James R. Lewis and her daughter Mrs. J. M. Dyer.

To the north of the house is the family burying ground which is enclosed by a wire fence. There are many graves here but only one with an inscribed stone. This is the one at the grave of Amanda M. Lake, wife of Marshall Lake who died February 26, 1858, at the age of twenty-six. Others of the family that are buried here are Charles Rixey and his wife Lucinda, Mary Jane Rixey, Charles William Rixey, Joseph Milton Rixey, Presley Cumberland Rixey.

The children of Charles Rixey and Lucinda his wife were Elizabeth E. Richard, Lucy Ann, Mary Jane, Charles William, Martha Frances, Smith Henry, Joseph Milton, Presley Cumberland, Amanda Marion and Eugene Adele. Martha Frances who married her cousin James Richard Rixey and lived at "RoseDale" just across the road from "Pleasant Hill", rendered great service to the Confederacy during the War Between the States by acting as a spy.

Eugenia Adele Rixey married Henry Morrison of Alexandria and Washington who at the age of sixteen entered his father's book and stationery store on Pennsylvania Avenue North West in Washington and was the last of the firm of William M. Morrison & Sons.

Lucy Ann Rixey married Henry Marrs Lewis of Fauquier County. Mary Jane married James W. Timberlake and only lived a short while after her marriage. Smith Henry married twice. His first wife was Catherine E. Tripplett and after her death he married Virginia Emeline Richards Lee. Amanda Marion married Marshall Lake. The other children never married, most of them dying when quite young.

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ART:

Photograph

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

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