

1. SUBJECT:

"Rose Dale"

2. LOCATION:

About 8 miles north of Culpeper. .7 mile west of Rixeyville on Route #40, thence .1 mile north on private road to house.

3. DATE:

1840

4. OWNERS:

In 1793 devised to William and James Bowie Pendleton by James Pendleton.
 In 1803 deeded to William Pendleton by John Pendleton and James B. Pendleton, 230 acres. Consideration 430 pounds.
 In 1811 deeded to Presley M. Rixey by William Pendleton, 389 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Consideration 1160 pounds.
 In 1811 deeded to Presley M. Rixey by Henry Pendleton 95 acres. Consideration 253 pounds.
 In 1823 devised to James R. Rixey by Presley M. Rixey 563 acres.
 In 1850 left to Incinda M. (Rixey) Lewis by James R. Rixey.
 In 1905 devised to Fanny R., Lula T., and Mattie M. Lewis by Incinda Lewis (Her son James had already received his share)
 In 1933 deeded to Margaret Lewis Dyer by Lula T., Mattie M. and Fannie R. Lewis, 425 acres.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The house at "Rose Dale" is set in a beautiful yard of about an acre, in which there are various kinds of shade trees planted. Around the yard an iron fence gives the place an air of privacy.

In the yard near the house there stands an old kitchen which measures eighteen feet square. This has a metal roof now replacing the old one of shingles. It has a large rock chimney and is entered under a shed porch by way of a battened door.

About 100 yards east of the house one of the old slave cabins still is standing. This is a building of one and half stories which is about twenty feet square. It too has a rock chimney and battened door.

The main dwelling is a house of frame construction having three stories.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

"Rose Dale" was the home of James Richard Rixey, second son of

V Presley Rixey of Rixeyville and his wife Catherine Margaret (Tutt) Rixey.

When he was three years old his parents died and he was taken to be reared by his uncle, Captain Samuel Rixey of "Hilly Farm" near Catalpa. James Richard Rixey married his cousin, Martha Frances Rixey, daughter of Charles Rixey of "Pleasant Hill". He did not live long, leaving an only child, Lucinda Margaret Rixey, affectionately known as "Tinnie". He was buried in the burying ground a short distance west of the house.

His widow, Martha Frances Rixey, rendered signal service to the Confederacy during the War Between the States. She often disguised herself in old clothes and appeared at the camp of the Northern troops selling pies and cakes in order to obtain information. When she did learn something she took good care to memorize it and convey it to the Confederate army at the first opportunity. She never wrote down anything, but her memory was good and she was often of great help to the South. She was an exceptional woman who was greatly loved by all who knew her. The house at "Rose Dale" was always open to the orphans, widows or homeless people of any kind. She was nearly ninety-two when she died, and was buried beside her husband in the family burying ground.

The daughter of James Richard Rixey, Lucinda M. Rixey married Richard Lewis who was the son of Henry Marrs Lewis and Frances Ann (Rixey) Lewis of "Cedar Hill" in Fauquier County. Richard Lewis was a gallant scout in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. He was a member of the famous Black Horse Cavalry as was also his brother William H. Lewis. General J. E. B. Stuart complimented him on his daring and gallantry in a letter which was endorsed by General Robert E. Lee and J. A. Seddon, Secretary of War. He served from the outbreak of the war until the surrender

In 1895 and 1896 he represented Culpeper County in the Virginia House of Delegates.

There were born to Lucinda Rixey Lewis and Richard Lewis four children. These were James Richard Lewis, Jr., affectionately called "Jamie" who later lived at "Pleasant Hill"; Frances Rixey Lewis, Lucinda Tutt Lewis, and Mattie Marrs Lewis. The latter three girls, still live at "Rose Dale".

7. ART:

Photograph

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informants: Misses Lewis, Culpeper, Virginia

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