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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: Westmoreland	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: **Chantilly (Richard Henry Lee House Site)**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Chantilly**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]

CITY OR TOWN: **Lerty**

STATE: **Virginia** CODE: COUNTY: **Westmoreland** CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Mrs. Virginia W. Sherman**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Post Office Box 466**

CITY OR TOWN: **Montross** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **22520**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Westmoreland County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Montross** STATE: **Virginia** CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chantilly, built c. 1757-62, was situated on a [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] The manor house was [REDACTED]

Little is known of "Chantilly," the home of Richard Henry Lee. Thomas Lee Shippen visited the house and wrote:

Chantilly "commands a much finer view than Stratford [Hall] by reason of a large bay into which the Potomac forms itself opposite Chantilly... The house is rather commodious than elegant. The sitting-room which is very well ornamented, is 18 x 30 feet, and the dining room 20 x 24."

A inventory made in 1794 indicates that the house had a dining-room, library, parlor, and bedroom on the first floor, with the center hall being furnished as a sitting room. On the second floor there were four large bedrooms and a small one at the head of the stairs. The third floor contained two chambers, store-rooms, and closets. The outbuildings included a kitchen, dairy, blacksmith shop, stable, and barn.¹

By 1845 the Chantilly plantation house was in ruins. The manor house is not standing and there are no surface remains; the actual site is also unmarked. In 1967 the Archeological Society of Virginia began work and successfully located a portion of the foundations of the mansion. The owner hopes to complete the archeological project, to completely expose and then stabilize the foundations of the house. The owner then plans to set aside approximately 10 acres, including the house site and former gardens, out of the 260 acres still in the tract as a historic site to memorialize Richard Henry Lee.

The land is now being used as a tree farm.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Frederick W. Alexander, Stratford Hall and the Lees (Oak Grove, Virginia, 1912), 98-99.

SECTIONS INS UCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1757-1794			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>Site of "Chantilly," the home from c. 1757 to 1794 of Richard Henry Lee, a Signer of the Declaration of Independence for Virginia, planter, politician, President of the Continental Congress, and a United States Senator. The plantation house is no longer standing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brief Sketch of the Life of Richard Henry Lee, 1732-1794</u></p> <p>Richard Henry Lee, the 7th of 11 children, was born at the Lee family seat, "Stratford," Westmoreland County, Virginia, on January 20, 1732, the son of a wealthy planter. He received his elementary education from tutors and was sent to England to complete his education. Finishing his course at the academy at Wakefield in Yorkshire in 1751, he probably returned to "Stratford" in 1752.</p> <p>In 1757 Lee married Anne Aylett, daughter of William Aylett of Westmoreland County, and about this time, and prior to 1762, established his residence at "Chantilly," located about three miles east of "Stratford," on an estate which he leased from his eldest brother. His first wife died in 1768, leaving four children. Lee married Mrs. Anne Pinchard, widow of Thomas Pinchard and daughter of Colonel Thomas Gaskins, in 1769. There were five children by his second marriage.</p> <p>In 1757, as justice of the peace for Westmoreland County, Lee first entered public life. From 1758 to 1775 he was also elected to the House of Burgesses as a representative from Westmoreland County. In the Virginia legislature he obtained a position of considerable influence and working closely with Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, did much to forward the radical and revolutionary cause. Lee served in the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1779. Lee's influence in the Virginia Convention of May 15, 1775 led to that State's famous resolution calling for independence, foreign alliances, and a confederation of the colonies. Lee redrafted these resolutions in a more compact form and presented them to the Continental Congress on June 7, 1776.</p> <p>Lee resigned his seat in Congress in May 1779 because of ill health. From 1780 to 1784 he was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates; from 1784 to 1787 he was again a delegate to the Continental Congress, and in 1784 served as its president for a period of one year. Lee was chosen as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of 1787 but refused to attend. He led the opposition in Congress against the adoption of the</p>			

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8. Significance: (1) Chantilly (Richard Henry Lee House Site)

new Constitution, saying that it lacked a bill of rights. In 1789 Lee was chosen as a Virginia Senator in the new United States Government and he worked to see that the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution. In October 1792, broken in health, Lee resigned from the U.S. Senate and retired to "Chantilly," where he died on June 19, 1794. He was buried in the Lee family burial ground near Hague, Westmoreland County.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dictionary of American Biography, Vol. XI, 117-120. Article by Edmund C. Burnett.
 Oliver P. Chitwood, Richard Henry Lee: Statesman of the Revolution (Morgantown, West Virginia, 1967).
 Northern Neck News. Warsaw, Richmond County, Virginia, Vol. 90, No.33-January 30, 1969.
 Virginia, A Guide to the Old Dominion (American Guide Series)(New York,1947), 546-547.
 Elizabeth Fields and Dr. J.E. Fields, "The Signers Lived Here, "Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, May 1951, 7.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 acres out of a total of 260 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Charles W. Snell, Survey Historian

ORGANIZATION: Division of History, Office of Archeology and Historical Preservation, National Park Service DATE: 6/4/71

STREET AND NUMBER:
 801 - 19th Street, N.W.

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: D.C. CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
U.S.G.S. [REDACTED], Stratford, Virginia--Maryland

SCALE: 1:24 000

DATE: 1946

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT:
DATE OF PHOTO:
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.