

# A Guide to the General Lee's Visit to Leesburg and Harrison Hall, 1922

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**Abstract**

This collection consists of a two page photocopy of a typewritten historical anecdote of General Lee's visit to Leesburg and Harrison Hall dated 2 August 1922.

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Leesburg Architectural Surveys 1971-2002 (M 016), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, Virginia. Folder 253-0035-0649.

## Bibliography

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## Other Finding Aid

None

## Technical Requirements

None

# Historical Information

During the first week of September 1962, Confederate troops passed through Leesburg, Virginia on their way to an invasion of the United States. General Robert E. Lee (1807-1870) spent the night of 4 September in Leesburg at the home of a distant relative, Henry Tazewell Harrison (1796-1881). While there, Lee and some of his generals met at the Harrison house to discuss the Maryland campaign.

Henry Tazewell Harrison (1796-1881) was a wealthy merchant, farmer, and banker in Leesburg. His family descended from Burr Harrison, who in 1699 had participated in the first European contact with local Piscataway Indians in what would become Loudoun County. Henry Tazewell married Jane Elizabeth Lee (1811-1837), daughter of Francis Lightfoot Lee in 1834; they had one daughter, Catherine (1834-1871). After Jane's death, Henry married Mary E. Jones (1815-1874) in 1839, with whom he had seven children: Elizabeth Lee (1843-1875), Henry (1846-1916), Maria Washington (1848-1928), Alice Janney (1849-1928), Burr William (1851-1861), Edward Burr (1853-1923), and Mary Jones (1856-1933).

## Scope and Content

This collection consists of a two page photocopy of a typewritten historical anecdote of General Lee's visit to Leesburg and Harrison Hall dated 2 August 1922. While the authorship of the anecdote is unverified, it has been suggested by a long-time Leesburg resident to have been written by Mary Conrad, daughter of Mary Jones Harrison.

## Contents List

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