



Richard Bland Lee, the builder of Sully in 1794, was a younger brother of “Light Horse Harry” Lee and an uncle of Robert E. Lee. He attended William and Mary College, and in 1776, he was one of the founders of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. At the age of twenty-three, he represented Loudoun County in the Virginia Legislature. He was also northern Virginia’s first congressman when the Congress met in Philadelphia. Lee inherited the Sully lands from his father, Henry Lee, in 1787, and it is thought that he lived at Sully in a large log house (no longer standing) until his marriage in 1794, to Elizabeth Collins.

Sully survives as an important example of a late-eighteenth century farm complex. Its interest is increased by its associations with the Lee family and their acquaintances. Although the house is not a formal mansion, the fine quality woodwork demonstrates the care and attention that was often given to more modest Virginia dwellings.



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