

CW/VFM 52: *William Henry Fitzhugh Lee*

William Henry Fitzhugh Lee was the second son of Robert E. Lee and Mary Anna Randolph Custis. He is well known for being a Confederate cavalry general in the American Civil War. He later represented Virginia in the U.S. House of Representatives.

- A letter addressed to “My dear Davis,” and dated 28 May 1888 from WHF Lee in the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. The letter speaks of the death of a mutual acquaintance and context indicates that “Davis” is someone Lee has known for a long time. Ms. 1pp.
 - A transcription of the letter and a note indicating that the letter was donated to the college by Mr. Thomas Y. Cooper in 1964. Tms. 1pp.
- A piece of cardstock paper, folded in half on the horizontal, on which is handwritten a biography of Lee indicating prominent dates in his army career. Last entry is “Member of Courgers from VA 1886.” Ms 1pp.
 - Within the folded paper is another note on the same stock. This paper has a picture of Lee glued on it which says in the caption “From a photograph in the collection of Robert Coster. General W.H.F. Lee. Son of General Robert E. Lee. Lincoln ordered that he be hanged, along with another Confederate officer, immediately upon news of the execution of the two Union captains.”
 - A note attached to the folder on orange paper indicating the items were donated by Mr. Thomas Y. Cooper, 1964.

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