



The Lees of Virginia: Seven Generations of an American Family

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Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Bicentennial. 229 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.There are few American families that feature such a collection of characters, both heroic and ignoble, who have made such a mark on history as the Lees. In *The Lees of Virginia*, Paul Nagel chronicles seven generations of Lees, covering over two hundred years of accolades and scandals. We meet Thomas Lee, who dreamed of America as a continental empire, and his son, Arthur Lee, who created a political storm with his accusations against Benjamin Franklin. Arthur's cousin was Light-Horse Harry Lee, a controversial cavalry officer in the Revolutionary War, whose wild real estate speculation led to imprisonment for debt and finally self-exile in the Caribbean. One of Harry's sons, Henry Lee, further disgraced the family by seducing his sister-in-law and frittering away Stratford, the Lees ancestral home. It was a third son, Robert E. Lee, who would become the family's redeeming figure, a brilliant tactician still revered for his lofty character and military success. In these and numerous other portraits, Nagel discloses how, from 1640 to 1870, a family spirit...



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