

ley House was in the possession of Richard Arden for many years, and he did himself special honor by permitting no alteration in the interior of the mansion. The property was purchased some years ago by the Honourable Hamilton Fish, whose pleasant summer house is across the way. The name of the statesmen and his well-known historical tastes are a sufficient guarantee that this precious relic will continue to be protected with scrupulous care from the march of modern improvement.

The old house, from a print we have of it, appears to be on much the same scale and of similar architecture to Mount Vernon, and at the World's Fair I was struck at once with that fact, once I saw the former, or rather the model of it; though I have seen that original when passing down the Potomac from Washington, and the ship's bell always tolls to remind the traveller that it is Washington's home and burial place.

My father and mother both visited Beverley House many years ago, and were greatly interested in all the quaint and beautiful surroundings. My aunt and myself had almost decided one autumn that we would make a trip there also, when the news was telegraphed from New York that the historic old house had been entirely destroyed by fire, and so we of this generation have never had the pleasure of seeing the home of our U. E. L. ancestor, whose portrait is on the wall at Beverley House here, and shows the picture of a fine-looking gentleman in full scarlet regimentals and powder. I, only a very short time ago, saw in one of the monthly magazines, a portrait of this same Miss Phillipse so dear to Washington. She was represented as dressed in much the same attire as Mrs. Beverley Robinson, with a row of flowers arranged in precisely the same fashion on her bodice, and a very strong family resemblance in expression and features. The fact that many of our people had to leave the glories of such homes as these and begin life over again in such bleak countries as New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, will make us value the hard struggle with which the history of Canada abounds.

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