

Take this opportunity to actually own 'Living History'!!  
Order a first generation White Oak sapling grown from:

# THE LEE TREE

Tradition holds that General Robert E. Lee met with staff officers under a 300-year-old White Oak in June of 1862 during the Seven Days Battle of *Gaines Mill* and that ancient tree is the one that once shaded the destroyed *Fairfield*, a former Gaines family home not far from the old Mill site.

The massive oak, still known as **THE LEE TREE**, remained standing for some 140 years after the war. In 2002, a third of her crown fell and dozens of volunteers harvested and stored her final crop of acorns. On September 18, 2003 Hurricane Isabel toppled what remained of the majestic oak. With the help of the Virginia Division of Forestry, the acorns were sorted, culled and germinated. Nearly 5 years later, we hold some 1,000 **LEE TREE** saplings (in containers ready for planting). We appeal to those who wish to grow a duplicate of the **LEE TREE** so that future generations may honor General Lee as well as remember those who long ago answered the call for the Southern Cause.

The *Douglas Southall Freeman Branch of the Virginia Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (Preservation Virginia)* is offering you this opportunity to purchase as many of these 1<sup>st</sup> generation saplings as you like (until they are gone). All net profits (approximately 50% of the proceeds) will support the Branch's Civil War Battlefield Preservation Fund. The Fund has already contributed to saving battlefields at Cold Harbor, Beaver Dam Creek, Bethesda Church and Pole Green Church, among others.

Your cost is \$60.00 per tree (*including* packaging and shipping at \$10 per tree). The *Douglas Southall Freeman Branch* is an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and thus a portion of the cost of each tree may be tax-deductible. Consult your own accountant. Planting instructions and a certificate of authenticity will accompany each tree.

(Thanks to: Sheri Millikin & others)

Related tree website: [http://getyourwebsitehere.com/lee\\_oak/index.html](http://getyourwebsitehere.com/lee_oak/index.html)

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(Copy completed portion below. Remit one copy with order; keep the other copy for your records.)

## Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Trees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60.00 per Tree      Total Remittance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to *DSF Branch-APVA* and mail to: Capt. Wm. Latane' Camp # 1690  
SCV, c/o Art Taylor, 15548 Tyler Station Rd., BeaverDam VA 23015-1413.