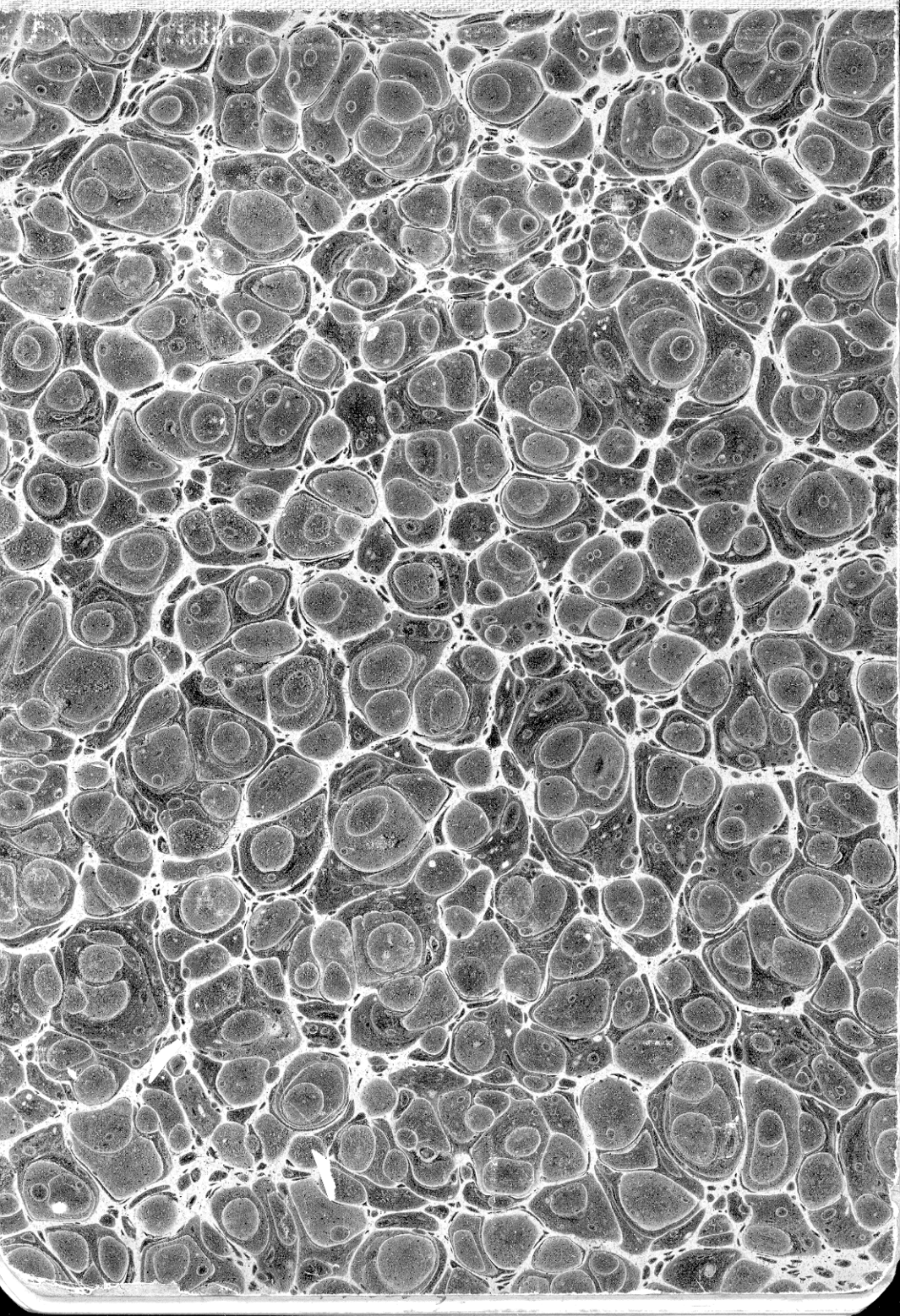




"S. L. M." 1840. See -

"The days that tried men's souls!"
Ah, surely men were tried; - but
on woman then, go at all times
& trial, lay the heavier burden!
The husband and father went
forth to meet his country's arms,
to conquer, or to die. And in many
instances, great were his sufferings
and privations. The wife
and mother remained in her
lonely cottage, frequently under
the most delicate, the most
distressing circumstances - agon-
izing with fears for her husband
frequently suffering in the
midst of her labors for that bread which
all her efforts could not procure.
Yet how little account is taken
of her trials! It seems to be an
established article of the world's faith
that woman is formed to do, & suffer
and endure; and pass away to
oblivion! A. P. Lacy.

In 1838 (?) was found the "Secret
Chamber" at Stratford, which
was unknown to the family.
at that time the family had
deserted the place. A carpenter
in taking some ^{timber} plank from
the garret accidentally removed
a plank that concealed its
entrance. It is situated
in the middle of a stack of
chimneys for fire can-
pose its sides. You descend
into it formally by means
of the plank alluded to &
which is made to slide back.
Wood & found under the
floor, fastening on the inner
side by a spring. It is also
soft & green & is draped
than mats of hair
were used the walls being
having in many places
deposits of ^{carbon} & smoke.

the floor with grease &
milk.
The stables at Stratford Hall
would accommodate over
sixty horses. or -

Two posts rampant -
One pole couchant -
A rope pendant -
And the vessel at the end out.

Extracts from Travels in America
by Mr Murray, an English
man. in the Thirties.

"I availed my-self with much
pleasure of the hospitable offers
of two or two gentlemen of
who acquaintance I had
made in Richmond of
paying them a visit. I dis-
embarked accordingly about
sixty miles down the river,
and received a kind welcome
in the house of one of the oldest
families in the state. Here
I remained 4 or 5 days."

and if the wishes of the friendly
and excellent host, or of his guests
had been alone ^{the} consulted, I
might have remained there
as many weeks, so agreeable
was the domestic circle in
which I found myself, and so
pressing were the invitations
to prolong my stay. In it
as in England, a country-
house is a very hot-bed of
acquaintance, and ripens
it much earlier than the
common garden of society;
and the hospitality of Virginia
is deservedly celebrated.

"Proceeding down the river about
fifteen miles I paid another
visit to two gentlemen, brothers
who were connections of my
former host. Indeed a
great many of the residents
on the James river are, from

managing and division of
the old estates, mutually con-
necting; and the consanguinity
of the old families of the
Byrds, Castles, Randolphs and
Harrisons, is almost as widely
extended as a similar relation
in the highlands of Scotland.
They seem upon the most
friendly terms — are constant-
ly interchanging visits, with-
out ceremony or invitation;
and their hospitality to strangers
is not surpassed in any country
that I have seen. Here to I
saw again walls adorned with
the powdered heads and laced
coats of our common ancestors.
I sat at dinner beneath the
sweet smile of Pop's Miss
Browne, from the pencil of
Sir G. Kneller; while Lord Orry,
Lord Abbercrombie, and the
Duke of Argyll, frowned from

body of militia. The capt.
wounded the Britons & ordered
them to surrender or kill him
lose his militia men upon
them. They do this.

1779. Burgoyne's men
were detained for a year at
Charlottesville as prisoners.
The officer was paroled &
allowed to visit army among
the gentry. Lieut. Henry St.
Leger ~~of~~ of his Majesty's
62nd Regt of Artillery. spent
much time at "Ringwood" in
the Lower James town of
Col. Esq. Littlepage. He fell in
love with the Col's daughter
Anna. Ringwood was ^{ravaged}
burned in 1781. by Arnold
town rebuilt. In 1840 not
far from Ringwood stood the
ruins of St Mary's Church.
Then on the bank of the river
is a graveyard, ruined well

Wall &c pretty picture effect.
- Then bricks -

Here by the body of
Lieutenant Henry St Ledger
Born at Graystone Park, in the County
of Suffolk, England. A.D. 1757.
He married A.D. 1784. Anne
daughter of Colonel Edward Littlepage
of Ringwood This County, Died 1792.

Here by the body of
Anne Littlepage St. Ledger
only daughter of Colonel Edward
Littlepage of Ringwood this County.
She was born A.D. 1765,
Died A.D. 1793.

The scene then is changed!
Captor and captive repose in
rest on either side of the Atlantic.
The rattle and countersign
are unheard, and the ensigns
of war have yielded to the arts

of peace. In the place
of block-houses and barracks
a learned university; the
Salamanca of Virginia, has
expanded her classic portals
to the flower of the Commonwealth
on a spot consecrated by the
genius of an illustrious man!

The chain of the Blue Ridge
mountains, ^{running} through the
State of Va has ever com-
mended the beholder's ad-
miration. Its wild irregular-
ity, its rocky sides, its shaggy
cristo, the sepulchral silence
of its secret places, are suf-
ficient to strike the mind of
the gazer with reverential awe.
Beside the main line
of the mountains, there are,
occasionally, isolated spurs
wh. being easier of ascent
become fine observations of
the far stretching landscape