

Elizabeth Lee

(8 Feb 1768 - 24 Jun 1858)

Wife of Richard Bland Lee and daughter of Stephen Collins (one of Philadelphia's most successful merchants and financiers). She married Richard Bland on June 20, 1794 and moved with him to his



Mrs. Elizabeth Collins Lee, Dolley's ever constant "Eliza Lee" from childhood until death.

plantation, Sully. They settled first in Alexandria and then in Washington after losing the Sully Plantation in 1808. Although being reduced to living on a very meager income, she reigned Washington society -- together with Abigail Adams (wife of John Quincy) and Dolly Madison (wife of James) until her death in 1858.

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In this city, yesterday morning in the fullness of years and closing a long life of distinction and usefulness, Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, relict of Richard Bland Lee, one of the first representatives in Congress from the State of Virginia, and for so many years an eminent politician of the Washington school.

Mrs. Lee was a native of Philadelphia where she was born on 8th February, 1768, making her age at the time of her death nearly 91 years.

The funeral of the departed lady will take place this day at 5 o'clock p.m. from her late residence no. 468 6th Street which the friends of the deceased and of her family are respectfully invited to attend. * *