



"SUNNY SLOPE", ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

The home of Norborne Eaton Chandler and Lucy Maria Grigsby (daughter of Reuben of Hickory Hill), it was located on Route 11, opposite Fancy Hill. Most likely built in the mid-1800's when the "Gothic cottage" style was popular, it was originally surrounded by trees. It was here that Lucy coped with the rigors of the Civil War during her husband's absence (see letters in *Memorabilia I*, pages 117-125) and here that her 12 year old son, Reuben Grigsby Chandler, took the livestock into the woods and hid them during Hunter's Raid in 1864.

The Chandlers were unable to work the farm in the years following the Civil War and moved to a home closer to Lexington. The old farmhouse eventually weathered into a rather colorful ruin—a pale lavender (faded from red) tin roof, over white siding—surrounded by rich green fields.