

### **Episode 3 Field Recording**

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**Meggan Cashwell 00:00**

So, we're standing in front of Lawn Room 7, which is where John Minor resided while he was a student. Did he, I mean, have any recollections about life here? I know that he had a diary.

**Randi Flaherty 00:14**

Yes, he would have been a Lawn resident probably for his entire four years at UVA. We know for one year he lived right here in Lawn Room 7, the West Lawn, right next to Pavilion III, which actually was the original home of the Law School. As you come out the door, you see the Rotunda just a few feet away, so we're at that end of the Lawn. What we do know, one thing we know about his time here, is that he thought it was a loud space. So, in his first year, he actually wrote to the, I believe it was the faculty, saying that "The wild hogs outside my back window are too loud." And so he, it's a sign that the space behind the pavilions was—that we think of as, we know as gardens, very beautiful gardens today—was a working space where enslaved people would work. So, there is a cooking space, a washing space, a place to raise livestock. And so John Minor's legal education experience was very much wrapped up in that all—that experience of enslaved labor.