

November 18, 2013

Willowsford
23510 Founders Drive
Ashburn, VA 20148

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has been brought to my attention that land previously owned by Mr. Randy Rouse located in Loudoun County VA. on Red Hill Road has been purchased by Willowsford. This land was once owned by my ancestors for about 150 years beginning in the mid 1700's, and is known as "Red Hill Plantation. My 4th generation great grandfather (William Allen), a revolutionary soldier, was one of Virginia's largest land owners with 900 acres. The original manor house is still there along with outbuildings, a family cemetery, and stone school house that he deeded to the community. Cousin Douglas Allen has written a hardback book of over 450 pages entitled, Reconstructing William Allen 1711-1799, about this man who was the first Allen of our line to come to America. The Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg has many documents and essays that depict the lives of this Loudoun County family. There is a water color painting of the manor house by Sallie Clay Lanham hanging on the wall in the library. The Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission has performed a survey with architectural descriptions, photographs and historical significance with file No. 53-735.

The purpose of this letter is to alert Willowsford/Corbelis and other interested parties of the importance of this land to the community, and keeping its historical significance. Also, of great importance is the preservation of the Allen Cemetery located on the side of Stone School Lane and the buildings within view of the site. William came from Ireland in 1729, and even though our family is located all over this great nation, we consider Loudoun County our beginning.

Please pass this letter along to specific persons at Willowsford that are responsible for the conservation of the land and ask them to correspond with me. It would be pleasing to the family for Willowsford to keep the name "Red Hill Plantation" and "William Allen" in their design/planning of this property. After all, Red Hill Road also got its name from the property.

Along with this letter, I am sending photos of the following.

1. Photo of Red Hill Manor House on the plantation
2. Photo of historical marker for Allen Cemetery
3. Photo of the Allen Cemetery with beautiful iron fence
4. Document showing history of ownership of Red Hill Plantation

Our family has a most comprehensive study of the neighbors and properties surrounding Red Hill in the 1700's and we would be honored to pass along any information to you for the purpose of understanding the history. The Loudoun County Deed Book is full of documents showing the buying and selling of Red Hill land parcels.

Thank you for your help in continuing to preserve the heritage of the Allen Family in this beautiful part of Loudoun County Virginia.

Respectfully yours,

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