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September 3, 1971

Mr. H. H. Douglas,  
Executive Director  
The Pioneer America Society, Inc.  
626 South Washington Street  
Falls Church, Va. 22046

Dear Mr. Douglas:

John Gadsby Chapman, was born in Alexandria, Virginia, August 11, 1808. He was the son of Charles T. Chapman and Sarah Margaret Gadsby, daughter of John Gadsby, the tavern keeper. Biographical information on Chapman may be found in the Falls Church Public Library.

The National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institution held an exhibit of Chapman's works on December 16, 1962 through January 13, 1963.

The painting "The Baptism of Pocahontas" hangs in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington, D. C. It measures 12 x 18 feet.

The WPA Historical Inventory write-up on Beverley's Mill has quite a bit of information which you might find useful. Should you wish a Xerox copy of this, please sign and return the attached form accompanied by a check made payable to the Virginia State Library in the amount of \$1.00.

Sincerely yours,

*Katherine M. Smith*

(Mrs.) Katherine M. Smith  
Picture Collection

KMS/jme

Enclosure

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Broad Run, Va.  
August 2, 1971

Mr. H. H. Douglas  
The Pioneer American Society, Inc.  
626 South Washington Street  
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Dear Mr. Douglas:

I hope that the enclosed two drawings by Polly will be of help to you. She drew the wooden structures of the railroad view from what was left of the old floors and foundations and from what I told her it was like. Polly wishes that you return these drawings when you finish with them.

The last address I have of Robert Beverley Herbert was in 1965 when we were corresponding about saving the Mill from destruction to make way for Interstate Route 66.

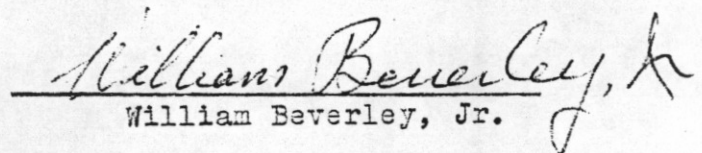
The address is:

507 Barringer Building  
Columbia, S. C. 29201

As I told you over the telephone, I believe he is now at Avenel for awhile which is near The Plains, Va.

I am most pleased to be of help to you at any time.

Sincerely,

  
William Beverley, Jr.

WB:prb  
Enclosures 2

Samuel R. & George C. Bleigh

DB 36-150 233 Ac DB 71-266

735 Ac



Fauquier Co.  
Prince William Co.

R.R.

Mill

Not an angle  
point

(Traced from highway plan)

State Highway plans give this  
information.

Va-TN Wm

Beverley Mill

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If any grist mill in Northern Virginia is worth saving it is this one—Beverley Mill, the most outstanding structure of its kind in the area—located on Broad Run in Thoroughfare Gap, the Route 55 pass through the Bull Run Mountains. There was a mill here as early as 1742. The existing structure was in operation until 1926. It is now on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places, and even as a non-operating mill it has great visual attraction. As a restored operating mill it would be outstanding.

The loading platform and office have now fallen away. The main door is under the sheaf roof. The original road through the Gap was to the right where the railroad bed is now. The mill sits astride the Fauquier/Prince William line. The near corner is in Prince William County, the balance in Fauquier, so it will take a private group or a two-county effort to save the structure. See *Echoes of History*, July 1972. (Photo by Wm. Edmund Barrett, September 1970.)

Type of stones used for grindstones?  
Diameter of same?  
Type of crane used for dressing stones?  
Do stones run clockwise or counterclockwise?  
How are grindstones - spindle? - attached to drive train  
in basement?  
What is arrangement of furrows on stones?  
Weight of same? margin 1.

The diesel engine is said to have been used about two weeks  
every summer when stream was low. Also could be used  
as standby power in case of problems with wheels.

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