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COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Department of Historic Resources

221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

January 7, 1997

Mr. Matthew C. Freedman
15028 Vint Hill Road
Nokesville, Virginia 22123

Re: Boxwood, Prince William County

Dear Mr. Freedman:

At a recent meeting of the Department's National Register Evaluation Team considered the eligibility of Boxwood, Nokesville, Prince William County, for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. It was the opinion of the evaluation team, based on data available at this time, that this property does not appear individually to meet the eligibility requirements for listing. This decision was reached after careful consideration of the information submitted and application of the National Register criteria.

We appreciate the extensive historic documentation that you provided on the history of the property during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. However, the house itself, based on our observations of the photographs that you provided, appears to date to around 1900. If an earlier house survives as a part of the existing house, its original features appear to have been obscured by twentieth century modifications. Therefore, we had to evaluate the property with a period of significance of 1897-1907. Although the earlier history is interesting, we can not nominate the property without surviving resources from the earlier period.

This is not to say that the property should not be preserved. The staff is required to consider properties on a comprehensive basis statewide; on that basis they could not say that this property should be singled out from among similar structures of its period in Virginia. Should you wish to submit additional information in the future, the staff will be happy to re-evaluate this property's eligibility.

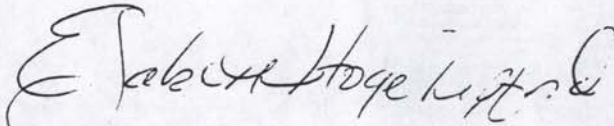
The information submitted has been placed in the permanent archives of the Department

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of Historic Resources, thereby contributing to our knowledge of Virginia's historic resources.
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elizabeth Hoge Lipford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Elizabeth Hoge Lipford
Register Program Manager