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Manassas Park Woman's Club

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Dear Mr. Loth,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself and to inform you that I have taken the chairmanship for the Restoration of Connor House Committee from Mrs. Diana Stone. Mrs. Stone, regretfully, has moved from the area.

I am a member of the Manassas Park Woman's Club and a 24 year resident of Manassas Park. As a former City Council member, I have had some knowledge of the property, and am very interested in preserving the house.

It is with great delight that I am able to inform you that Mr. Van Loan Naisawald of Manassas, has discovered what he feels is definite proof that General Joseph Johnston occupied the house from approximately July 25, 1861 to early January, 1862.

Mr. Naisawald was able to secure the papers of Mr. George Round, a Civil War veteran. Mr. Naisawald is doing research for a story on Tudor Hall. He ascertained that Johnston headquartered in a "stonehouse" on Quarry Road. At that time there were only two stone houses, Liberia and the Duncan House, which is now known as Connor House.

Mr. Naisawald is going to give the information to the Journal Messenger. As soon as it is in print, I will send you a copy. I would like to know if this is sufficient documentation, or do I need documents from Mr. Naisawald?

I look forward to hearing from you, and as this project is new to me, I will appreciate any help you may be able to offer.

Sincerely,

Frances Embrey