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GRAYSON'S HILL

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14810 Haymarket Lane  
Centreville, VA 22020  
11 October 1983

Dumfries Town Council  
Town Hall  
101 South Main Street  
Dumfries, VA 22026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Recent news articles in the Potomac News have been brought to my attention which indicate that your town is currently evaluating the land use of an 83 acre tract on Battery Hill.

I am interested in this tract for its historic significance. Earlier this year after some friends and I made a cursory tour of the property (with the permission of the logging operator), I filed five site reports with the Virginia Research Center for Archaeology (copies attached) which describe the visible remains: the ruins of two houses (apparently dating to the 1700s), two military earthworks, and a terraced area which may have been used as a gun emplacement.

Mrs. Anne Flory at that time received assurances from Robert Davis, whom we understood was the current owner of the property (records on file at the County Clerk's office showed no recent transfer of ownership to Mr. Davis or to anyone since Dumfries Investment bought the property in 1965), that sites on the property of historic significance would be protected. The two earthworks (one of which is on County property) and one house site (Site A) were identified to him.

The recent news stories have concerned me, it appearing that large areas of the tract are being disturbed. If trash is being dumped into the ravine in front of the property it would mean pollution of Grayson's Creek and the possible obliteration of Grayson's Spring. It has been reported to me that the second house site (Site D) may have already been destroyed by grading, and that the Grayson's Hill fortification (Site B) has been seriously damaged. I hope that is not true.

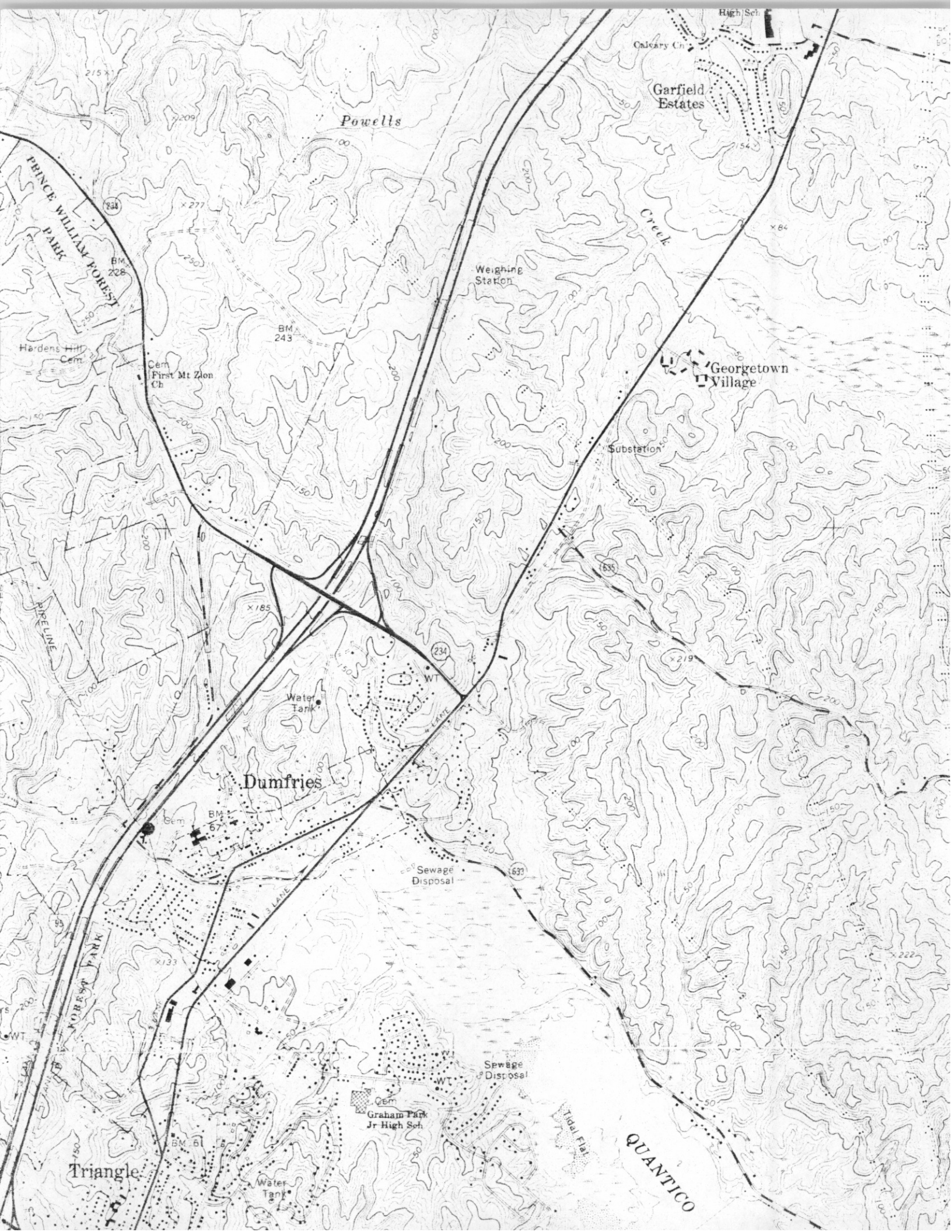
I am bringing this information to your attention in the hope your influence will be able to protect the remaining structures. Due to the property's association with U.S. Senator William Grayson, first Senator from Virginia, the property holds considerable interest not only on the local level but also statewide.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

*Donald L. Wilson*

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PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK

Weighing Station

Hardens Hill Cem

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PAWELINE

Water Tank

Dumfries

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Cem

BM 67

Sewage Disposal

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FOREST PARK

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Sewage Disposal

Graham Park Jr High Sch

Tidal Flat

Triangle

Water Tank

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