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H. Alexander Wise, Jr., Director

Department of Historic Resources

October 7, 1996

221 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Ms. Betty Duley, Chairman
Prince William Co. Historical Commission
1 County Complex
Manassas, VA 22192

RE: Boxwood, Prince William County

Dear Ms. Duley:

Recently the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Commonwealth's agency responsible for administering historic preservation programs, received information regarding the history and significance of Boxwood, Prince William County. This information was submitted by Mr. Matthew C. Freedman, along with a request that the Department consider whether it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. This informal evaluation is intended to assist property owners and other interested parties in deciding whether to go forward with the formal nomination process. This informal evaluation also allows us to provide you with some substantive information that we hope will be helpful to you in your local planning efforts, regardless of whether a formal nomination is ever prepared.

Enclosed is a map showing the location of the property. The Department welcomes any information you may have, particularly if you are aware of any reasons why the property may not meet the criteria for registration. Information regarding the physical setting and extent of modifications to the property are especially helpful.

The National Register and Virginia Register are lists of properties important for their prehistoric and/or historic associations. Only those properties found to be significant for their associations with events or persons or determined to be good examples of an architectural style or method of construction are eligible for inclusion on the registers. Additionally, properties must meet age and integrity standards.

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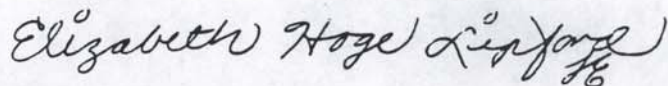
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In the event that the property is ultimately added to the registers, that registration applies no restrictions regarding what the owner may do with the property. Registration makes a property eligible for protection and financial incentives such as easement donations, tax credits for rehabilitation and grant funds, not available to unregistered properties. More importantly, registration is a way of honoring the significance of a historic property and recording its history and appearance by collecting information that becomes a permanent record in the Department's archives.

Should you have any questions or requests for information describing the effects, benefits and process of registration, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Hoge Lipford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Elizabeth Hoge Lipford
Register Program Manager

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Enclosure (map)