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Subj: Consideration for Historical Status:

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To: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission  
2100 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207  
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The current house was built some time in the early 1920's. Prior to that there were one and maybe two log cabin homes here that may date back to the 1820's. The chimneys have been covered with stucco however the old bricks are oversized and laid according to a Belgium weave pattern like the ones at Beaver Dam. They can be seen by going underneath the house from the crawl space. The east chimney has a stainless steel liner and is in use with a fireplace insert stove. The west is unused and I plan to put a stainless steel liner inside of it. There are two dug wells some 80 feet deep here and two drilled wells. Under the current back porch and kitchen there remain log cabin timbers laid on a field stone foundation. This can also be seen from underneath.

Bill and Cecil Bradford were raised here in the 1920's house.

The olde English boxwoods in front of the front porch are at least as old as this house. They are very large some three to four feet in diameter and since they grow very slowly they must be at least 80 years old.

It is in excellent condition, properly insulated, rewired and re-plumbed. I had it brush painted with a high level, high tech, paint that contains nano-particles that is ideal for older homes in colors from the Belle Mead colonial plantation in Virginia, Belle Meade amber, with Belle Meade green and oyster shell for trim.

It was a great tragedy that Miss Myrtle Mayes' Sloan House was burned down. It was a great loss for a truly historic house and home place that dated back to the 1760's. I did talk with Mr. Sloan about historic status for the house however; he simply found the requirements too restrictive. Nothing is more restrictive than purposely being set on fire and burned to the ground for the land. Therefore, I am aware of the restrictions and I am in total agreement with them. They are simply required to preserve the historic nature of any property. Currently in Newton, N. C. the home of Dr. Coleman Raymer, DDS, my great uncle, is in the historic district and has full historic status.

In my will I have given the house to my great niece. She is 15 and has expressed great interest in it and all of its antiques. So it will continue to provide for a comfortable home for another generation and stay in the family.

Seeking to preserve a historic house for prosperity on Mayes Rd. in Huntersville and Mecklenburg County.

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