



*Private John Grady Chapter  
Sanford, North Carolina*

October 16, 2020

Jennifer Farley  
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Dear Ms. Farley:

I am writing to you requesting permission for our DAR Chapter to place a rather large plaque at the House in the Horseshoe property.

We are not able to provide a granite stone or some means to place the plaque. We have been told that because it is bronze and very substantial, it could (with permission) be placed in the area of the walkway. It can be walked on just like so many plaques in churches or other public walkways.

We are in hope of being able to place this at the House in the Horseshoe since we were able to donate over \$20,000.00 for the repair of rotting pedestals of the house, repainting of the house, provide UV protection in the windows, and small ceiling repairs where minor leaks had occurred.

Please let us know if we can bring this plaque to the House in the Horseshoe. Our Chapter members are very proud of our accomplishment and would like to let people know what we were able to provide for this beautiful home and North Carolina citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann M. Yamrus".

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November 15, 2020

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Dear Ms. Farley:

Thank you for your rapid response to my/our letter.

Now to answer your questions: The plaque measures 36" wide and 24" tall. It is bronze and weighs a lot. I don't know how much it actually weighs. It is currently in a wooden box/crate that the company used for shipping it to us. I am enclosing the picture of the order requested. I actually have not tried to open the crate holding the plaque. But, I feel certain it is as pictured.

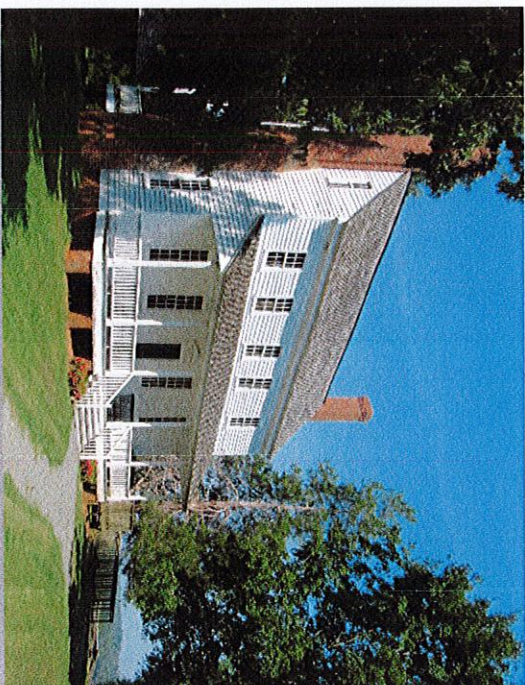
Our thought was perhaps it could be placed in between some of the pavers purchased by us and placed at the bottom of the stairs to the back door of the house (where most everyone enters the House). If that wouldn't work, perhaps it could be placed at the bottom of the steps at the front door of the house.

We are all looking so forward to accomplishing our wish.

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A Sincere Thank You to the Private John Grady DAR Chapter, Sanford, NC, for raising over \$20,000 to renovate and repair the House In The Horseshoe.



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March 6, 2021

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Dear Ms. Farley:

I am writing to you in regards to a Daughters of the American Revolution commemorative plaque for The House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site. Our Honorary Regent, Ann Yamrus, has previously contacted you about our chapter's plaque, and this letter is in support of the placement of the plaque.

As you may know, our Private John Grady NSDAR Chapter raised and provided over \$20,000 in funds for capital improvements that were sorely needed at the site since much of the site was rapidly deteriorating. Repairs were completed in January 2018. The project was highlighted and given national recognition in the periodical, "The American Spirit" in the May/June 2019 issue.



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We have been given a bronze plaque commemorating our service in the restoration project and would like permission to have the plaque placed on the

property either flat on the ground or mounted so as not to disturb the image of The House in the Horseshoe.

While North Carolina has had the responsibility for maintenance and operations of the site since 1972, private charities have been necessary to assist with preservation. I know our state would like to continue with private partnerships to help keep history alive for posterity. Therefore, an acknowledgement for time, energy, and monetary contributions would encourage future donations.

The Private John Grady Chapter NSDAR would greatly appreciate due diligence in consideration of our request. Please contact us if further information is needed.

Sincerely yours,

*Norma Piestrak*

Norma Piestrak, Regent



A Sincere "Thank You" to the  
Private John Grady DAR Chapter, Sanford, NC,  
for raising over \$20,000 to do extensive repairs and  
rehabilitative scraping and painting in 2017-2018  
of the House In The Horseshoe over 240 years  
after it was built in 1773.

*The House In The Horseshoe Preservation Committee, Inc.*

First proposed plaque locations



House-In-the-Horseshoe

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Second proposed plaque locations

