

July 6, 2000

Mrs. Myrtle Singleton
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Dear Mrs. Singleton:

Please accept my apologies for taking so long to get back to you with the information promised. I know that I speak for the whole "crew" when I say what a wonderful and informative visit we had to the Wilkinson House on Edisto Island!

I have been calling around trying to come up with some funding sources for you. Attached, please find a list of some of the most likely candidates for this, along with phone numbers and some comments on each. I've also included printouts of information on the easement / covenant program through Historic Charleston Foundation and some more specific information about the grants that are given through the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. You might want to talk to your tax advisor or attorney about the possibility of an easement.

In the meantime, I would urge you to contact family members and / or local folks in the Edisto Island community about the need for tackling the weeds and growth immediately around the house. As we had discussed, that growth does a good job of hiding the house from the road, but it starts to damage the house eventually. You might start thinking about organizing a day or two for cleaning out the interior, clearing away the brush, and beginning to secure the house for the upcoming hurricane season.

Hurricane preparations should include at a minimum: securing (or removal and storage) of any loose wooden elements, covering all door and window openings, and putting some sort of a tarp on the roof. Actually, I would recommend the tarp in any event since the house is sustaining damage from the roof leaks every time it rains. Water damage is one of the worst enemies an historic house can have.

I talked this morning to Caroline at the Edisto Island Preservation Society about the possibility of them helping you with grant applications, etc. Frankly, she was not very encouraging about what they would be able to do since they have a one person staff and very little money. She has promised, though, to give me a call back if she or Sheila Beasley can think of anything.

At this point, I would recommend that you start calling the numbers on the attached sheet and, at the same time, get started trying to get friends or family to help with the pressing needs outlined above. Please feel free to call me at 724-8486 if I can provide any further information. Best wishes! This is one fantastic house!

Sincerely,

Katherine Saunders
Coordinator of Preservation Initiatives

Mrs Myrtle
Wilkinson

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Mrs. Beasley (Heila)
Edisto Island
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Hutchinson House

upstairs - right - water damage @
chimney - no fire boxes
upstairs

central stair - ~~two~~ one room either side
hand hewn - flush board in stair hall

board batten -
tongue & groove? → evld. circular saw marks.
machine-cut siding in upstairs -

6 over 2 double hung sash
some old panes -
some 2 over 2

siding replaced at some time -
wire nails

Project Impact

Avery Res. Center