

From: [Martha Zierden](#)
To: [Emmons, Karen](#)
Cc: [Northup, Lauren](#)
Subject: Re: Aiken-Rhett CLR
Date: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:26:01 AM

That's perfect, Karen. Thanks.
Martha

On Tue, Jul 28, 2015 at 11:23 AM, Emmons, Karen <kemmons@historiccharleston.org>
wrote:

You're in luck. I can't remember when I copied them but I did some time ago and both are in pdf format (*Outside of Town: Preliminary Investigation of the Aiken Rhett House* (1986) and *Aiken Rhett House: Archaeological Research* (2003)).

I'll take Martha's reply to you as permission to have the copies distributed. I'll send them to you via DropBox since they are large files. Please delete the files when you're finished sending them to the RFP folks as they are large files and are already readily available through the Archives.

Thanks!

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From: Northup, Lauren
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:52 AM
To: Emmons, Karen
Subject: FW: Aiken-Rhett CLR

Hi Karen,

Please see below re: digitizing Martha Zierden's Aiken-Rhett archaeological reports. I'm checking with you to see if – on the off chance – these may have already been scanned? If not, do you think it is something we could accomplish in-house? The reports I've seen total approx. 300 pages. I'm happy to do it...

Thanks for your help,
Lauren

From: Martha Zierden [<mailto:mzierden@charlestonmuseum.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 10:47 AM
To: Northup, Lauren
Subject: Re: Aiken-Rhett CLR

Hi Lauren

I am obligated to out-of-town researchers, who are here working in our collections, for the next two days. I should have time for a telephone conversation tomorrow.

In the mean time, can HCF scan those two archaeological reports and send them as pdf files to the various consultants? Digitizing all of our archaeological reports is a short-term priority for the Museum - and we plan to have them online - but not in time for your proposal period. I agree that all of those sending proposals need access to those reports. Is that possible for HCF?

Martha

On Tue, Jul 28, 2015 at 10:40 AM, Northup, Lauren <lnorthup@historiccharleston.org> wrote:

Hi Martha,

I wanted to touch base and let you know about the upcoming Cultural Landscape Report at the Aiken-Rhett. We received a matching grant from SHPO to fund the report, with work commencing in the fall and finishing by March 2016. The RFP is attached to this email.

I've been inundated with emails requesting more information in regards to the RFP, with a number of people requesting access to your archaeological reports (as you've already seen). A landscape architect based in Baton Rouge named Susan Turner raised a good question in a recent email. It is as follows:

“My most important question is about the involvement of archaeologist Martha Zierden. Her counsel seems critical to the successful investigation of the Aiken-Rhett's landscape development over time. Even though we had access to her reports when doing the feasibility study, we really needed to be able to have a conversation with her to glean the insight that her years of work at the property and in the Charleston area would bring. And has she written a report of her recent work on the drainage in the brick terrace near the back of the house? I am hoping that, since an archaeologist is not mentioned in the list of sub-consultants, that her participation in an advisory capacity would be arranged by the HCF, in some kind of agreement with the Charleston Museum. It would seem that any team proposing to do this CLR would want access to Martha. So, I suppose my question is, do I contact her myself and invite her to join our team, or will her participation not be a factor in the selection process, but a given regardless of whom is selected?”

I wanted to see how you felt about this before responding – I know you have plenty on your plate already, and I don't want to needlessly complicate things by referring people to you willy-nilly. How would you like to proceed?

I'm sorry for such a long email, but I appreciate your consideration of this issue. I'm happy to discuss on the phone at your convenience.

Thanks,

Lauren



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