

NOTES TAKEN AT A CONFERENCE BETWEEN MR. W. S. TARLTON, REPRESENTATIVE MARY FAYE BRUMBY AND MYSELF IN RALEIGH ON FEBRUARY 2, 1965.

The initial discussion centered around the Harshaw Chapel and the proposed restoration of the Chapel Building. Mr. Tarlton was of the opinion that money could be saved by putting a carpenter in charge of the project and supervising his activities. He pointed out that the actual restoration should closely approximate the existing building when first constructed, and to this end he suggested that available material be utilized a second time in as far as possible. He pointed out that all too often putting new wood in a floor, as an example, was quite apparent. To avoid this he recommended that an attempt be made where possible to secure like wood from an old existing and abandoned structure for use in the restoration project. He was not asked, nor did he volunteer any comment, on the probability or possibility of the Chapel being approved for a Richardson Grant. He did point out that his department has received applications amounting to \$430,000.00 for the \$100,000.00 available through the Richardson Foundation.

We then discussed the proposed Fort Butler project in very general terms in an effort to determine the proper steps to be taken in undertaking that particular project. Mr. Tarlton recommended that the organization which will be responsible for the project be thoroughly organized and that the organization establish committees to explore every facet of the restoration project. For example, some determination has to be made as to what parking facilities will be required, whether the whole fort will be restored, whether the restoration would be in piecemeal fashion, what facilities would have to be constructed for the general public, and whether or not the project is historically important and feasible. The second step then requires that considerable research be done to find out as much as possible about Fort Butler and forts constructed contemporaneously with Fort Butler. He indicated that the restoration could be a representative fort in the event plans for the actual fort not be uncovered. Another of the functions of the committee would be to determine the extent of land which would be required for the restoration and to secure that land prior to undertaking the project.

Once these determinations have been made, then a request could be made of the State Legislature for assistance in doing some preliminary archeological investigation. If an appropriation is secured, it could be used to employ a graduate student to supervise the actual excavation and to employ local labor for the actual digging.

Our meeting with Mr. Tarlton was quite beneficial and I feel that his recommendations are sound. It seems, at least to me, that it would be impractical to jump into the restoration project before we have adequate information concerning the Fort, the role it played in the removal and the nature and extent of the Fort area itself.