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On this date, April 19, 1988, I, Elbert Totherow of Murphy, North Carolina, certify that during the year of 1935, Mr. Sam Lovingood, a resident of Murphy, visited with me while allowing his dog to roam the woods for exercise around my home.

My home, being located on the site of Fort Butler, I discussed the Fort with Mr. Lovingood, who stated that when a boy, he on several occasions accompanied his father, Samuel Lovingood, who attended court in one of the old Fort Butler buildings which was located on the top of the ridge above where my home now stands. Mr. Sam Lovingood stated that to the rear of this building stood another building which he referred to as the Mess Hall. (These buildings were located on the top of the ridge on what is now known as the Fort Butler Park lot) and a lot owned by me, which lies between my home and the Fort Butler Park lot. Both lots are situated in the Hitchcock Subdivision No. _____.

Mr. Lovingood referred to another building which stood on a peak on the South side of Fort Butler Street and Witherspoon Street. All these buildings were referred to by Mr. Lovingood ^{were} as log buildings.

Mr. Lovingood spoke of a well in the Fort area, but, as same had been filled, was unable to determine the location. He also spoke of a spring near the head of the L & H Wye which served the Fort area.

Mr. Sam Lovingood, who played around the Fort Butler area while his dad attended court, stated to me that a portion of a stockade was standing at that time and that it was a high structure made of poles erected in an upright manner. I walked over the area with Mr. Lovingood and he pointed out to me the locations of the buildings and stockade to the best of his memory.

The stockade enclosed Lots Nos. 55 through 66 in the Hitchcock Subdivision No. _____; Lots Nos. 21 through 26 of the Hitchcock Subdivision No. 1; a 150' x 550' strip on the South side of Fort Butler Street, and about one acre to the Southwest of Withersteen Drive.

All of the above information was obtained by me from Mr. Sam Lovingood, he being sound of mind and being well known by me as a man of honesty.

Respectfully submitted,

Elbert Totherow

Elbert Totherow
Murphy, North Carolina

Subscribed and sworn to before me by *Elbert*
Totherow, this *8th* day of *July*, 1968.

Mary A. Coleman
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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