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Dear Sirs:

My son owns about two hundred acres with the Old Gudger House on Sandymush Creek about 6 miles from Marshall in Madison County, NC. The house is in good condition and is rented. It is in a remarkable location, at 3067 Bear Creek Road, 28753. Manager (828) 649-9193 (Ms. Ledford)

My deceased Mother and former owner, Pauline Ramsey Ditmore, spoke of having the house listed as an historical site, but a printout did not clearly reveal the house as listed. The only one coming close would be the Jeff White House (Marshall vicinity), and that is not a familiar name to be. My son's house was built and owned as I understand by the Gudger's when he was ambassador to Panama, during the building of the Panama Canal. (Incidentally, his son in law was General Eichelberger, commander of ground forces under General MacArthur during World War II.) The house then passed to my Grandfather, Sheriff Robert S. Ramsey, and thence to wife, Maude English Ramsey, thence to my Mother and now my son. My brother and I, both graduates of Harvard Medical School, passed the inheritance along to our children and that portion of the farm is now owned by my son, John Kim Ditmore.

Several questions may arise. The house is in the center of an area once planned for hydroelectric or atomic power plant development. We feel the most economical way to deal with house preservation is with vinyl siding, carefully done.

Please let us know of the Historic status of the house (if any), and possible financial support or tax abatement. We appreciate your trouble and interest.

Respectfully,
Harry B. Ditmore
Harry B. Ditmore, MD

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John Ditmore

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