

# Sunset Hills Farm

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December 27, 1954

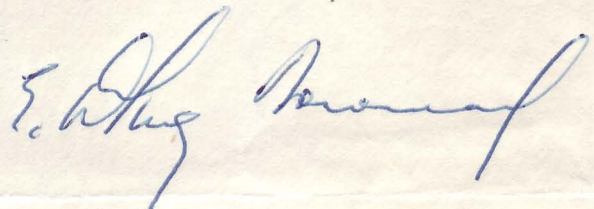
Mr. John Finley  
University of Virginia Extension Division  
1312 N. Quincy Street  
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Finley:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter we have written Governor Darden which we thought would be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,

A. SMITH BOWMAN AND SONS, INC.



By

E. DeLong Bowman  
President

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DISTILLERS OF "VIRGINIA GENTLEMAN" \* AND "FAIRFAX COUNTY" \* BOURBONS

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December 27, 1954

The Honorable  
Colgate W. Darden, President  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Governor Darden:

It has come to our attention that the University of Virginia is contemplating the establishment of an Extension Division in the Northern Virginia area in which a two-year college course will be given, including a transfer course to four-year degree applicants and terminal courses for high school graduates as well as technical and special courses.

It is reported that the University would like to have a tract of approximately fifty acres for this purpose.

We feel that the establishment of such a Division of the University which students residing in Northern Virginia could attend from their homes, would be of tremendous benefit to our area. At the present time there appears to be no well-established institution of higher learning for men or women in all Northern Virginia. In consequence, we have perhaps the largest population thus lacking in facilities for higher education within any comparable geographical area. This is increasingly important because of the incredibly rapid growth in population of Northern Virginia, particularly of Fairfax County.

My brother, A. Smith Bowman, Jr., and I are the owners of a single parcel of over eleven square miles in Fairfax County, perhaps the last large tract of land within the populous Metropolitan area of Northern Virginia. We should be happy to and hereby offer to donate to the University a tract of fifty acres for use in establishment of the proposed Extension Division. We would suggest a site on Route 606 near the area which we recently donated to the Fairfax Hunt to increase the recreational facilities of our section, but would be glad to make available any other equivalent part of our acreage which the University might prefer. We will hold open this offer for six months or such longer period as you may reasonable request.