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Cora Murray, Historian
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December 15, 1995

Dear Ms. Murray,

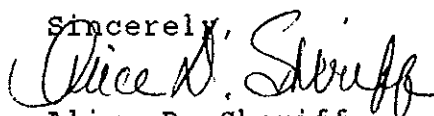
Thank you for your letter dated December 11, 1995, at which time you inquired about information on the Hempsted House location as an Underground Railroad site.

After an extensive search through our artifacts from 18th through 20th c. Hempsteads, as well as land records, deeds, etc. from this same time period concerning this actual location, I was unable to find any information.

One area that is worth mentioning is that William S. Hempstead was co-publisher of an anti-slavery publication entitled "The Slave's Cry", vol. 1, no. 1, dated 12/23/1844. Several other anti-slave publications from New London (that we have in our collection) are written by Hempstead and date from this time period.

I regret that I was not able to furnish you with concrete documentation. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Alice D. Sheriff
Director

Hempstead House
11 Hempstead St., New London

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