

June 18, 1991

Mr. Garret A. Hobart IV

Dear Garry,

It doesn't seem possible that a year has passed since the Mark Russell event! It was a wonderful night, and has led to many other successes.

Most of the furniture in the Drawing Room and upper hallway is in place. We are waiting for the carpets and draperies to be delivered. The estimated arrival date is mid-July.

The excitement you helped create around the fund-raising event brought an Alum into our corner. She wants to furnish the library in honor of her mother who is a William Paterson College graduate. Her designers are working on the plans now and we will probably be underway sometime in the Fall. So, the wonderful painting that you gave to the College will finally be surrounded by beautiful things.

Speaking of the portrait, I want you to know what joy it has brought us. Each night when I walk down the hill from Shea to receptions at the Manor, the lights in the library shining on the painting creates an aura of the house as it was. We are truly grateful for your wonderful gift. I have enclosed a copy of the appraisal for tax purposes. I hope you will get some reward for your most generous contribution.

IPF, the furniture manufacturer from Paterson, has just received notice that they have been awarded the contract to provide the furnishings at the State House in Trenton--History continues to live. IPF will also be donating the furniture for Hobart Manor's downstairs hallway and reception room. We are hoping that a grant from a local foundation will cover the cost of the electrical work and the removal of acoustical tile in that area.

Enclosed are some articles about the Manor and the inkwell presented to the Vice President. I thought you would enjoy reading them. Also included are the pictures of chairs that supposedly belonged to the family. Do they jog any memories? I suspect that they were in Paterson not Hobart Manor.

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I have received the donations of two books for the Manor's library. The Memorial Addresses on the Life & Character of Garret Hobart, January 10 and 26, 1900 and Memorial Life of William McKinley Our Martyred President 1901.

Garry, I could go on and on, but please do plan to visit whenever you and the family are in New Jersey. We would love to show you our progress.

Please be well and my very best wishes to all.

Fondly,

Mary Ellen Kramer
Director of
Community Affairs

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Enclosures

cc: Arnold Speert