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June 8, 1994

Caswell County Board of Commissioners,
Yanceyville, NC

Dear Sirs:

The few remaining members of Country Line Primitive Baptist Church, five miles west of Yanceyville, in their final meeting, June 5, 1994, asked me to consult with you as to the disposal of the Church and grounds.

In the 1970's, due to the old cemetery being in the area of the projected spillway, the 12 graves at the old site were moved satisfactorily to the present site.

In the declining years of the pastor, being unable to maintain the meeting place, meetings were continued in our home ^{mostly} until the above date of June 5.

At the earlier date the matter of the eventual disposition of the property was discussed. The house is not in a place conducive to an increase in members or congregation.

At that time, an offer ^{was} made by a black Christian to purchase the property. We understood that to be able to give a deed to the place it would be necessary to adhere to a public legality. As, according to the deed, the site had been contributed, but if and when it ceased to be used in the worship of God, it should revert to the donors.

Enclosed is a copy of the deed. It seemed to us that the property could be legally transferred. Because we would not consider selling it, except for worship services. Since no denomination is named in the deed, why could a clear deed not be given without any further problem?

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June 8, 1994

Gaswell County Board of Commissioners,
Yanceyville, NC

Dear Sirs:

The few remaining members of County Line Primitive Baptist Church, Five Miles West of Yanceyville, in their final meeting, June 2, 1994, asked me to consult with you as to the disposal of the Church and grounds.

In the 1970's, due to the old cemetery being in the area of the projected highway, the 21 graves at the old site were moved satisfactorily to the present site.

In the declining years of the pastor, being unable to maintain the meeting place, meetings were continued in our home until the above date of June 2.

At the earlier date the matter of the eventual disposition of the property was discussed. The house is not in a place conducive to an increase in members or congregation.

At that time, an offer made by a black Christian to purchase the property was suggested that we should give a deed to the church. It would be necessary to adhere to a public hearing as required by the deed. The site had been contributed to the church and when it ceased to be used in the worship of God, it should revert to the donors. Attached as a copy of the deed. It seemed to us that the property could be legally transferred because we would not consider selling it, except for worship purposes. Since no denomination is named in the deed, why could a deed not be given without any further problem?

CASWELL COUNTY

I am the widow of the late pastor, Elder W. J. Berry, who served the church at Country Line from November, 1944, until February 2, 1986. He passed away February 10, 1986.

Will you please give us whatever advice is necessary to dispose of the property. It is in a fair condition now, but of course will continue to deteriorate if left unoccupied or cared for. It would make us very happy if it could meet the need of another Christian group.

Ms. Mabel M. Berry
4031 North Highway
Elon College, NC

Dear Ms. Berry:

I am in receipt of
Primitive Baptist
Daniel, the County
from the County

Please let me know, if there are legalities with which we must submit.

Caswell County has
and as such, we can
transfer or disposition of

I will appreciate any help you can give us. If necessary, I could meet with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mabel M. Berry

Mabel M. (Mrs. W. J.) Berry

I hope that this answers your
providing you with this response
office if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Tax

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County Manager

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I am the widow of the late pastor, Elder W. J. Berry, who served the church at County Line from November, 1944, until February 2, 1955. He passed away February 10, 1955.

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Please let us know if there are legalities which we must submit.

I will appreciate any help you can give us. If necessary, I could meet with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

W. J. Berry
W. J. Berry (Mrs. W. J. Berry)



CASWELL COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

July 7, 1994

Ms. Mabel M. Berry
4031 North Highway 87
Elon College, NC 27244

Dear Ms. Berry:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 8, 1994, regarding the Country Line Primitive Baptist Church property. I have shared your letter with Bill Daniel, the County Attorney, and we have reviewed your request for advice from the County regarding disposition of the property.

Caswell County has no interest, legal or otherwise, in the property itself, and as such, we can see no reason for the County to be involved in any legal transfer or disposition of the property.

I hope that this answers your questions. I apologize for the delay in providing you with this response. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Tax
County Manager

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Lincolnton, N.C. 28138

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