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Dear Robert:

I apologize for being so slow to acknowledge your letter about the location of WALNUT HILL. We have all had colds, one after another of us, and I got very much behind in my correspondence. Thank you for taking the time and trouble to write me your ideas about WALNUT HILL.

I am sorry to say so, but I think your 'guess' is wrong, - that it was on Port Royal Sound where FISH HALL is. (That is where you marked it on the map I sent you). I believe the will of SAMUEL GREEN (father of Sarah Green Tucker Pope - wife of William Pope Sr.) will prove to you that your guess is wrong. His will shows that he owned the land on both sides of Fish Haul Creek. His daughter Sarah Green inherited both FISH HALL and COGGINS POINT.

William Pope Sr. left a lengthy will, naming all of his plantations with the exception of FISH HALL and COGGINS POINT - which had been the property of his 1st wife, Sarah Green. Obviously the reason these two plantations were not mentioned in his will is that they had already been given to the two sons of William Pope Sr. and his 1st wife, Sarah Green T. Pope. These two sons were grown and married no doubt by 1823 when their father made his will. Squire William Pope had inherited Coggins Point, and John Edward Pope had inherited Fish Hall (or Haul), from their mother, Sarah Green Tucker Pope.

In his will William Pope Sr. left SPRINGFIELD (not shown on the Holmgren map) to his son Squire William; and WALNUT HILL to his son John Edward. Springfield adjoined Coggins Point and these two were always treated as one. It seems logical that W.P.Sr. would leave these two sons plantations adjoining those they already owned. So I feel that Walnut Hill must have adjoined Fish Hall - on the land side, not on the Port Royal Sound side as you marked on the map. I feel very strongly that Walnut Hill was where Cherry Hill and Sand Hill are shown on the Holmgren map. Mr. Hack insisted that he thought Walnut Hill was up on Skull Creek because he saw some walnut trees up there. But there could have been walnut trees as well as cherry trees on Cherry Hill at one time.

(even tho he may have lived there)
General Drayton never owned Fish Hall. It came down from Samuel Green to his daughter Sarah Green (Mrs. Wm. Pope Sr.). Then to their son, John Edward Pope who married Mary Baynard Eddings. Mary Baynard Eddings Pope received Fish Hall from her husband, John Edward Pope. Their child, Emma Catherine Pope, married Thomas F. Drayton in 1832. But Mary Baynard Eddings Pope left, by her will, her home FISH HALL to her grandson, John Edward Drayton, and part of the acreage to her granddaughter, Mary Eddings Drayton (later Mrs. Joseph Daniel Pope Jr. (I got the information contained in this paragraph from a letter written by Mrs. John Goss Stone, a descendant of John

No, I did not!
(REHP)
I marked the bluff south of Fish Haul.

a descendant of John Edward Pope. The letter was lent to me by Mr. Hartridge to copy).

Because of your interest in the history of Hilton Head Island and your knowledge of these old plantations, I will copy for you several papers I have which might interest you as they tell of the old plantation boundaries. I gave copies to Mr. Larry Rodgers (is that the name?) and to Mr. Hack, who was very kind about driving us all over the island - a year or so ago.

Tell Cora I miss her happy laugh and vivacious disposition. Glad you both had such an enjoyable Christmas with Mrs. Spahos. She is a charming person and so nice and friendly.

Thank you again for your help. We look forward to seeing you both when we return.

As ever,

Eleanor Strain

Encls -

C.C. will Samuel Green

" " Wm Pope (Sr.) ✓

" 4 Tax Sale certificates ✓

" Letter 7/31/1963 to Ed from W. Neil Franklin ✓

(for Chamber of Commerce)