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Dear Friends of Mill Prong,

On Sunday, May 1st from 2 to 5, I am happy to announce that Mill Prong Preservation will be having its first annual meeting since 2019. This will be an opportunity for you to visit this historic house that represents the Highland Scots immigrant community that settled this part of North Carolina before they became the vanguard of American westward expansion. The house exterior has suffered some deterioration at the hands of Mother Nature over the last decade, but we believe we are finally in a position to begin repairs shortly. Come join us to learn about the history and architecture of Mill Prong House, find out about our plan for repairs and how you can contribute to its preservation.

Don McLeod will conduct a fascinating class on the Tory War, the vicious guerrilla war that occurred in North Carolina, between Patriots and Loyalists during the American War of Independence. During the blank-fire demonstration, children and adults alike will be able to learn how to load and fire a flintlock musket and to drill like an 18th Century militiaman! We will discuss the weapons, equipment and tactics of the Loyalist Highlanders who fought in the Tory War, along with the militia experience in North Carolina, and how it differed from that of northern colonies.

Delicious food items from our *Keepers of the Hearth* cookbook will be available. The cookbook itself, along with a number of other books dealing with the history

of the Highland Scots in the Sandhills will be offered for sale. Proceeds will go towards the further restoration and maintenance of Mill Prong House. **Join us on May 1, 2022, 2:00 to 5:00, 3062 Edinburgh Road, Red Springs, N.C. 28367.**

I am asking each of you to renew your membership with Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. Your membership donations go a long way towards making the restoration and preservation of this historic home possible. The new website is: www.millpronghousepreservation.org. You can donate with a credit card via PayPal on the site; just click the donate button on the homepage and follow the prompts. A follow-up email to: millpronghousepreservation@gmail.com will ensure that we have your contact information and intentions for the donation. For those of you preferring to send a check, a membership form can be printed out from the "Membership and Events" tab on the site. Annual contributions are \$25 for standard membership, and \$125 for patron membership. We thank you in advance for your support!

Warmest Regards,

Jack McLaughlin, President