



Mill Prong Preservation, Inc.

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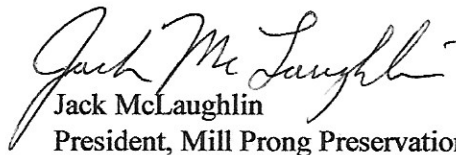
Dear Mill Prong Preservation Members,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. We have had a challenging year due to COVID's impact on our normal events. With any luck, we will be able to host our annual Open House in early December. The board will make the final call this fall, as the pandemic situation becomes clearer. The pandemic notwithstanding, there have been some positive things that occurred this year, most notably the award by the North Carolina Division of Cultural Resources of a grant to restore the house!

Atlantic Heritage, a non-profit organization that specializes in securing grants to support the restoration of historical properties, contacted the board last summer with information concerning an available grant. The grant money comes from the National Park Service, but it is administered by the recipient states. Mill Prong Preservation was awarded approximately \$270,000 for use in repairing the house. Atlantic Heritage will act as the project manager for the restoration work, thus ensuring it is done to state standards. The restoration will be done in stages and will possibly take two years to complete. The tentative start date for awarding contracts is early July of this year. Unfortunately, due to the limited time we had available to submit the original grant proposal, we have funds to restore the house, including woodwork, roof and chimneys, but not the annex.

The COVID pandemic has seriously impacted our ability to raise funds at events, so I am asking each of you to renew your membership with Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. Even with the grant, we still have to keep the power on and take care of routine maintenance. Your membership donations go a long way towards making that possible. The new website is at: 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, Mill Prong Preservation