Mr. James Carter, OPRHP

RE: PR# 22PR08664

In response to your 3/2/2023 comments, I have included three screen shots of the property. The date of each is in the upper left corner. The first is the 1895 USGS Catskill, N.Y Quadrangle. It does not show the Winston Mansion, although it does show a building in that location that is no longer there, which is probably related to the Wynkoop occupation. It also shows the Wynkoop house and another structure to the west up the road that is now a dirt road leading to present day Buffalo Lane further to the west. The 1938 USGS Catskill Quadrangle shows the Winston Mansion, the Red Cottage, and the Caretakers Cottage. Aside from these three, all of the other structures shown on the 1938 map in that vicinity are now ruins or archeological features. Please note that the road leading to the west between the Winston mansion and the Red Cottage is now considered (in 1938) an "unimproved dirt" road. This is the road which probably supplied the bluestone for construction of the Winston Mansion, the bluestone dam, the foundations for the Red Cottage and Caretakers Cottage, and other structures such as the barns on the property. The 1941 USGS Catskill Quadrangle is essentially the same as the 1938. The 1963 USGS, which I have already submitted, no longer shows the "unimproved dirt" road leading up the hill, although it is still there. As I mentioned in my earlier submission, the only standing structures relating to the Winston Farm in that area of the project area are the Mansion, Red Cottage and Caretakers Cottage (with nearby outbuildings). All of the other structures shown on the maps are now archaeological resources, and these will be discussed in the Phase 1A Archaeological Reconnaissance of the project area.

In a brief discussion with Mr. Dylan Lewis of Atlas Archaeology, LLC he gave me a tentative run down on the archaeological features/structures that he has identified. This number may change as more are added. These are: two Wynkoop structures, one probable mill, and the Wynkoop cemetery. Related to the Winston occupation: three large barns, two unidentifiable structures, two possible creamery buildings, two small sheds, a collapsed house structure, the reservoir, a mill dam with pond and raceway, an ice pond, an isolated stone fireplace in the middle of the woods, an ornamental pond in front of the Mansion, and multiple stone quarries in the western portion of the project area.

I have included a photograph of the dam. This will also be included in the Phase 1A Archaeological Reconnaissance. There appear to be no associated features with the dam, except a pond behind it.

In terms of historic boundaries, the project area is currently c. 840 acres, which also includes the Snyder Farm. The map that I previously submitted (1963) is all that we have at the moment, and in that map, I cut off the 69.2 acre parcel that is on the other side of the "Telephone Line" that is shown on the map. That portion of the property is composed of many large and small bluestone quarries.

Joseph E. Diamond, Ph.D. Consulting Archaeologist











