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Terry Birkenstock
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Dear Mr. Birkenstock,

Our grandparents, Bernard and Kirsten Bernhardson, homestead on Section 7, Holy Cross Township Clay County (Section 7, T.137N R48W) in 1869. In 1870 they constructed a log cabin which still stands on its original site on the bank of the Red River. It is reputed to be the second oldest building in Clay County. The cabin was refurbished a number of years ago and is in very good condition. Only once has high water come close to the building.

Descendents of Bernard and Kirsten have worked very hard to preserve this piece of history. It is listed on the National Register of historic buildings.

According to our information the cabin is in an area that may be inundated by the proposed Fargo-Moorhead diversion of the Red River. Please advise us of what is proposed in order that we may protect and preserve this historical landmark.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie Bernhardson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Edmund Bernhardson

Copies: Mary Ann Heidemann, Minnesota Historical Society
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