

SIGMA NU FRATERNITY

GENERAL OFFICE
BOX 1869
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

9 LEWIS STREET
HO 3-2164

September 9, 1958

Dear Mrs. Wood:

Only the necessity for concentration for preparation for our bi-annual convention could have made me postpone so long this note of appreciation to you for your courtesy in letting us have the roots of the white rose bush at the rear entrance of "Blandome".

Sigma Nu fraternity is deeply indebted to you. We have every reason to believe that this is the "Original" white rose bush loved by John C. Carmichael, Jr., during his boyhood days in the 1870's and 1880's. We featured the white rose in the September issue of our magazine, a copy of which I am sending to you separately. The story on the inside cover was written before I visited. You will note my optimism in the final paragraph, tacked on after my call.

Later the fraternity will wish to thank you more appropriately for your cooperation and generosity. We showed a colored print of "Blandome" to the delegates at our convention as part of our pictorial description of Lexington and our new headquarters. Had I come to see you sooner, we might have showed the bush itself!

Mr. Branham transplanted carefully, and the roots seem to be thriving. Already new shoots have grown out.

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GENERAL OFFICE
BOX 1888
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

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September 9, 1953

Dear Mrs. Wood:

Only the necessity for concentration for preparation for our bi-annual convention could have made me postpone so long this note of appreciation to you for your courtesy in letting us have the roots of the white rose bush at the rear entrance of "Blindome".

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Mrs. C. M. Wood

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September 9, 1958

Perhaps next summer we can dig up the original Rock from the VMI parade grounds, move it into the enclosure in front of our house, and then plant the white rose nearby so that it can grow over the Rock. It is our hope at any rate.

We are very glad to have it. Thanks again, Mrs. Wood. An official thanks from other officers of the fraternity will be coming later on.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Fletcher
Executive Secretary

Mrs. C. M. Wood
Blandome
Fuller Street
Lexington, Virginia

