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Mr. E. Patrick McIntyre
Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission
2941 Lebanon Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

Re: *Priddy Family Cemetery*
Eads, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

I am representing Raven Marshall, the present owner of Lot 28 and 29 in the Wind Chase Farms Subdivision, land which encompasses the Priddy Family Cemetery. A copy of the Deed to this property is attached for your convenience. The cemetery has fallen into disrepair and is no longer maintained. It is located in a residential subdivision surrounded on all sides by developed residential lots. Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated §46-4-101 (2) and (3) we would submit that conditions exist which would necessitate the relocation of the remains of the individuals interred in the cemetery. It is apparent from an inspection of the ground, of the headstones, and of the graves themselves that the Priddy Cemetery has become neglected. In addition, the activities nearby of residential development on all sides and the potential future residential development of the Lot containing the Priddy Family Cemetery, would show the existence of conditions in the area which are inconsistent with the due and proper reverence or respect for the memory of the persons buried in the Priddy Family Cemetery.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Petition we intend to file shortly in the Chancery Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, seeking permission to relocate the cemetery. If approved, the remains of the individuals buried in the Priddy Family Cemetery will be relocated to a nearby private cemetery. The move will be overseen by a local funeral home to insure that the proper respect and reverence is attained during the relocation process to honor the memory of the people buried in the Priddy Family Cemetery. The Priddy Family Cemetery contains the remains of five individuals: Almeda P. Little Davies, Robert Oran Williams, Freddie L. Gorum, Marie Ann Priddy and Z.A. Rudisill. The most recent burial occurred in 1954, which was the burial of Mr. Robert Oran Williams. There may be additional remains in the cemetery which are not marked by gravestones. In the event any additional gravesites are identified during the move of the known graves, these will be handled with the same level of respect as the identified graves and

will be reinterred at the nearby private cemetery. A marker will be placed at or near the location of the Priddy Family Cemetery indicating that the remains of the individuals have been moved and the location of the new gravesites.

We have located six heirs of persons buried in the Priddy Family Cemetery and they have verbally consented to the proposed move. We will provide written approval from each prior to seeking court approval.

Please consider this notice to the Tennessee Historical Commission of our intent to move these remains. Thank you.

Best regards,

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cc: Raven Marshall