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Dear John:

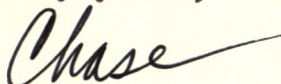
I appreciate your sending the grant proposal, which I have read and re-read with great enthusiasm. I hope you get an affirmative reply on the workshop, and I look forward to participating.

I have tried to gather a little information in order to answer your question on the farm project, and in the process I talked to Bernie Wingert, our County Agent. The only person in Warren County whose name I had thought of turned out to be the one Bernie recommended. He is Wallace H. Barlow, and he can be addressed simply at Sugar Grove, Pa. 16350. Mr. Barlow gave a talk at one of our program meetings several years ago, during which he displayed hundreds of wooden home and farm implements, part of his large collection. Bernie says he is well-acquainted also with farm building architecture and could probably be very helpful to you.

If this lead does not prove satisfactory, perhaps your Erie County agent could suggest someone. In addition, there is a book available which you already may be familiar with. If not, I think you will find the notes, the bibliography, and the acknowledgments would provide some other good leads. It is THE BARN, A VANISHING LANDMARK IN NORTH AMERICA, by Eric Arthur and Dudley Witney, A & W Visual Library, 1972. This book was originally published in the hardbound edition by the New York Graphic Society. The version cited above is a large paperback. Both text and illustrations are excellent.

One final possibility: If none of these sources pans out, it is entirely possible that the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission might be able to provide a name or names of experts to whom you could write; but at this point it would seem that Wallace Barlow is the most likely source.

Sincerely yours,



Chase Putnam
Executive Director

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