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To: Parrish, Duane; Haley, Nikki
Cc: Cokeartist
Subject: The Farrell - O'Gorman House

The Honorable Governor Haley and Duane,

It's been a while since I communicated with either of you...but I have this wonderful piece of property that the Owners are going to put on the market for sale....And I just felt you all needed to know about this treasurer.

This is a wonderful home located in Blackville, SC. The O'Gormans (Gail & Louie) live there now and are the descendants of Patrick Farrell. Coach O'Gorman, Gov. Haley you may remember him as a basketball coach in the area, is now 78 years young and is afraid of what will happen to this home. Jim Harrison recommended he get in touch with me, as Jim felt I would appreciate the importance of this home...it's just not the wonderful 6000 square foot Victorian home built in 1875, but the contents that tell the story of this founder & merchant of Blackville with original furniture; books; original wallpaper; light fixtures...you walk into a true museum and any story they tell there is documentation to back it up....The property is located on 3 acres of land.

Patrick Farrell came to SC just prior to the Civil War from New York to be educated by a relative. He joined the Confederate Army and fought for the South. He acquired large land holdings and also became a merchant. He built this large home for his family in 1875. He and his son were responsible for several brick buildings on Main Street, including the Shamrock Hotel. The family was also influential in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Of Irish ancestry himself, Farrell sent to Ireland for a young man named O'Gorman to help in the business. This young man married Farrell's daughter and they inherited the home. SC's Catholic bishops visited in the home so often over the years that the family calls one suite of rooms the Bishops' Suite. This lovely home has been home to six generations of the Farrell and O'Gorman families.

You know our small towns have send things to the state museum and they just get lost, or are stored never to be seen. Here's an opportunity to tell the story of this area in this one home. Never could the State Museum do justice to this treasurer located exactly where it was built in 1975 with much of the original contents. Just think of the tourists that would travel to see this home if it was on tour!! And open to the public from 9 AM until 5 PM. This would be a major boost to Blackville and Barnwell County. It would also harness traffic from Highway 78, coming from Charleston & Augusta & Highway 3 (Sol Blatt's Highway)

coming from Columbia.

Please help me save this Treasurer... Please let me hear from you.
With Kind regard, I remain, Sincerely, Nancy Foster

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