

706 Kensington Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
February 21, 2003

Mayor Kevin Foy and Chapel Hill Town Council
Town Hall
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Mayor Foy and Council:

I wish to ask permission to use a reproduction of the Chapel Hill town seal on the title page of the section on Chapel Hill in the book I am writing in celebration of the 250th anniversary of Orange County's founding. The book will have sections on the history of each of the three major towns of the county and, in the case of Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina from its founding to the present. I have attached an outline of the book's contents and a facsimile of the title page on which the reproduction of the seal would be placed. I have been granted permission by Carrboro and Hillsborough for use of their seals on the introductory page to their histories and my request to the Orange County Board of Commissioners to use the county seal is now being considered by the county attorney.

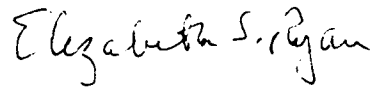
It is not my intention to use the seals to indicate in any way that the towns or the county are sponsoring or giving financial support to the writing or production of my book. Rather my desire is to include visual representations of the rich history of each that the seals symbolize. I have written the book in consultation with members of the Chapel Hill Historical Society and Preservation Society of Chapel Hill, but its contents and publication are solely my responsibility. It will be published by the Chapel Hill Press at my expense and I hope only to cover my costs.

My qualifications for writing the book are a M.A. degree in history, study on the doctoral level as a graduate fellow at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, several years as a college history instructor, and two years as a research assistant in the Southern Historical Collection of the University. I first lived in Chapel Hill a number of years ago when my husband and I were graduate students. Our happy memories of that time led us to return for retirement in 1993. I have previously written and published a family history that involved considerable research in North Carolina history of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. At the time I returned to Chapel Hill in 1993 the

bicentennial celebrations were taking place and I was inspired to learn more about them, the history of Orange County, and the role of the county's citizens in the selection of New Hope Chapel Hill as the site for the University. I was delighted at the response to a course on the history of the county and its towns that I taught at Duke's Institute for Learning in Retirement last fall. I wish to share what I have learned in my research and writing with the county's citizens, newcomers, and visitors by publishing the book I will call *Orange County Trio*.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth S. Ryan". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

Elizabeth S. Ryan

ORANGE COUNTY TRIO

INTRODUCTION - ORANGE COUNTY 1752-2002

PART ONE - HILLSBOROUGH

**Chapter 1 - The First Half Century - Peaceful Beginnings to
Revolutionary Change
1752 - 1800**

**Chapter 2 - A Gracious and Dynamic Town of the Old South
1800 - 1865**

**Chapter 3 - An Era of Transition - Hillsborough in the New South
1865 - 1950**

**Chapter 4 - Historic Hillsborough and New Growth
1950 - 2002**

Chapter 5 - A Tour of Hillsborough and Its Environs

PART TWO - CHAPEL HILL

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be placed here* ↗

**Chapter 1 - Founding of Town and Gown in the Forest
1789 - 1800**

**Chapter 2 - Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina
1800 - 1861**

**Chapter 3 - Trials and Triumphs of Village and University
1861 - 1900**

**Chapter 4 - Town and Gown in Transition
1900 - 1950**

**Chapter 5 - Urban and Academic Transformations
1950 - 2002**

Chapter 6 - A Tour of Chapel Hill's Historic Districts

PART THREE - CARRBORO

**Chapter 1 - A Town Created by a Railroad and Industry
1882 - 1950**

**Chapter 2 - A Vibrant and Diverse Town
1950 - 2002**

Chapter 3 - A Tour of Carrboro's Historic District

CHAPEL HILL

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