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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**AGENDA #3a(4)**

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 250<sup>th</sup> 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.

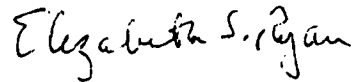
My qualifications for writing the book are a M.A. degree in history, study on the doctoral level as a graduate fellow at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, several years as a college history instructor, and two years as a research assistant in the Southern Historical Collection of the University. 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

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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".

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**

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**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**

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