

February 17, 1947

Dr. Ernest J. Palmer  
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Jamaica Plain 30, Mass.

Dear Doctor Palmer:

Your letter of January 31, 1947, addressed to Professor Baldwin of the College of William and Mary, has been referred to me for reply.

The live oak concerning which Professor Baldwin wrote to you was found on Bousch Creek, south of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1937. This Live Oak hybrid was moved to Williamsburg in 1938 and was planted on the "Court House Green.

Only once since that time has this tree lost its leaves in the winter, and at that time most of our other live oaks also lost their leaves.

There was another tree similar to this growing not far away from this tree - near the shores of Bousch Creek - its leaves were larger, broader, and not quite so persistent. The nearest Live Oak to these two trees was about one-half mile away.

During the war this area was taken over by the Government; hence all trees in this location were destroyed.

Very truly yours,

J. B. Brouwers  
Landscape Superintendent  
Colonial Williamsburg