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This tree growing on Nicholson Street-
on the C. H. Green in front
of Tucker-Coleman (3rd tree).

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Gentlemen:

We are sending you today under separate cover a box containing leaves, twigs and acorns of an evergreen hybrid oak which we found on the shores of Boush Creek, south of Norfolk, Virginia. This tree was growing about twenty-five feet from the water's edge near brackish water. It was dug and transplanted to Williamsburg in 1938. At the time of moving it about 15'- 18' tall and had a trunk diameter from three to four inches at the ground. This tree grew no nearer than approximately one-half mile from Live Oak trees.

Since transplanting the tree in Williamsburg it has grown to a height of between thirty-five and forty feet, and its trunk diameter is now from 10 to 12 inches at the ground.

The tree grows in true pyramidal shape with all branches turning up slightly at the ends of the branches.

Since planting in Williamsburg the tree has lost it leaves in the winter <u>only once</u>, and at that time the temperature went below 15°. In that year most of our Live Oaks also shed their leaves during that particularly cold winter.

The acorns are much more beautiful than the specimens we are sending you because these have been lying on the ground since last fall. The acorns are beautiful dark brown, very shiny, and the cups are beautiful gray and unusually long.

When found on Boush Creek this tree was growing in the vicinity (30-feet) of another specimen which was similar in habit, although the leaves were broader and "stubbier", and more serrated. I have never seen this specimen anywhere in my travels between here and Florida.

Will you please identify this specimen, giving us the Botanical name, if possible, and any other information you may have for us.

This is such a beautiful tree that there seems to be a possibility of its being a very desirable tree for street tree planting from Virginia - South.

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