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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENTSecretary of the Interior
National Parks Director
Washington D.C.February 13th, 1964
Tel. GL 6-4052ALICE STURDY
VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Sir:

DOROTHY BEFFMAN
SECRETARYSTARR VON FLUSS
TREASURER

We are appealing to you for Federal funds to help us keep our historic pioneer landmark, Bolton Hall in the community of Tujunga, from becoming demolished. This is one of our earliest landmarks in this area, and it has received national recognition in the past.

This was due to the fame of its builder, Mr. George Harris, whose reputation for unusual work in rock masonry and rebellion against conformity in all his unique and original structures acquired for him and his works the stamp of greatness.

This building has received much local publicity and support, but the City Parks and Recreation Department, who now owns it, has no funds allotted it to cover the cost of restoration.

Due to the many problems involved in keeping up with the rapid growth of the City of Los Angeles, even our own Mayor has had his budget cut. Most important and pressing needs must be met first. A demolition permit has thereby been applied for by our recreation department.

The Cultural Heritage Board, as well as the Art Commission and the City Council have been instrumental in forstalling this move, but only until March 22nd, when legally no more extensions can be granted. As we are too pressed for time to really raise funds adequate enough to save the building by a public appeal, we are now turning to you and requesting your intervention.

Can you help?

Build Your House Upon A Rock

Cordially yours,

E.C. Prins, Pres.

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Miss Estelle C. Prins
President, Citizens Committee
for Civic Betterment, Inc.
2953 Nichols Canyon
Hollywood, California

Dear Miss Prins:

Secretary Udall has asked us to reply to your letter of February 13 regarding Federal funds for the restoration and preservation of Bolton Hall in the community of Tujunga, California.

Although we are extremely sorry to learn that your city Parks and Recreation Department plans to demolish Bolton Hall, we regret to inform you that the Federal Government has no authority or appropriation that would allow it to assist in restoring and preserving the building. Because there are so many historically important buildings in the country and because there are limits to what the Federal Government can do, the preservation of the great majority must be the responsibility of State and local governments and private groups such as yours.

For advice on ways in which a building may be restored and preserved we might suggest that you write to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 185 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. This organization, chartered by Congress, has made a specialty of studying ways and means of effecting local preservation and may be able to provide valuable suggestions to help you preserve Bolton Hall.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) EEN H. THOMPSON

Assistant Director

cc:

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