

★ Brock Mill ★ H 54

Brock Mill of Trenton has had this name since 1900 when the Brock Family bought the pond. The size of the pond is misleading. Only part of its 100 acres can be seen from the highway, but it winds back for several miles where it is fed by Crooked Run as well as underground springs. The pond has an outlet through Trent River. Its water level is controlled by the raising or lowering of the gates at the millhouse.

Brock Millpond is listed among other historical places in the **National Historical Register**. The pond dates back prior to the American Revolution. The original mill site dam was built by slave labor during the 1700's. Records seem to indicate that there has been a mill house on this site for more than 200 years. Information prior to 1779 is sketchy, but since that date, records are more precise.

Before 1779, Richard Sharp and Elizabeth Reynolds of Craven County owned the pond. In 1779, Lewis Bryan bought it from Sharp and Reynolds. He owned it for 17 years, and it was sold at his death as last will and testament to Anthony Hatch in 1796. Thus, it became known as Hatch's Mill. Hatch owned the mill for 27 years. Upon his death, his lands were divided and in 1823, Joseph Bryan paid \$1500 for the mill. When Bryan died, his daughter, Ann Bryan Huggins, inherited the property. She and her husband, Jacob Huggins, were forced to sell the land at public auction because of a suit brought against them.

On August 19, 1833, William Huggins bought the pond and land attached for \$2626. Then on August 20, 1833, William Huggins sold back all the property that he had purchased the day before, to Jacob Huggins for the same amount of \$2626. Jacob and Ann Bryan Huggins kept the mill for one year before James McDaniel bought it in 1834 for \$3500. McDaniel kept it for 45 years. From the time that Hatch bought the mill, it was known as Hatch's Mill. But when McDaniel purchased the property, it became known as McDaniel's Mill. So from 1834 until 1900, the mill was called McDaniel's Mill.

During the period between 1834 and 1900, there were several other owners. E. R. and Olivia Page were owners after McDaniel. They owned it from 1879 to 1889. In turn, they sold it for debts in 1889 to Sara and Charles Reizenstein of New Bern for \$7300. Then in 1893, J.P. Brogden of Craven County paid \$3500 for the property. Brogden operated the mill, but, as he found himself in financial difficulties, he sold it in 1900 to W. H. Hammond and Furnifold Brock. After one year, in 1901, Fur-

nifold Brock bought out Hammond and deeded the millpond to his wife, Myrtle F. Brock.

The Brocks resumed operation of the mill and added a saw mill and a cotton gin. The cotton gin was installed in the three-story mill house. This type of gin used the method of pressing the bales of cotton in the press until it would hold no more. The bagging and ties were then placed around the bales. This first gin was run by water from the pond. It was a slow method; so a few years later, a steam boiler was installed which furnished power for two steam presses. Then another gin was added. The two gins operated for over 42 years until the boll weevil damaged the cotton; therefore, making cotton production unprofitable. In 1944, the gin was closed and in 1947, it was torn down.

In 1917, Furnifold Brock installed a turbine in the mill house. A room was built around the generator. Late in the afternoon, the turbine would be turned on, therefore furnishing Trenton with electricity. After a few years, the franchise was sold to the Tidewater Power Company and later to Carolina Power and Light Company. During the time that electricity was being generated, the mill was still being operated for the purpose of grinding corn into meal, grits, and cracking corn.

Shortly after purchasing the mill, Brock discarded one set of rocks. They were "soft" rock and would not hold an edge. The Brocks had a grist mill at Cypress Creek on Jack Cabin Creek. Around 1910, the rocks from this mill were brought to Trenton to replace the "soft" rock. They remain there today.

In 1944, the gates and underpinnings washed away from under the old mill, which was constructed in 1861. The owners decided to tear down the old mill and replace it. They made a spillway where the old building was and did away with the paddles and installed turbines in the water house of the new building.

In 1945, Myrtle F. Brock deeded Brock Millpond to her children; Lois Brock, Furnifold I. Brock, Dr. M. Foscue Brock, Myrtle F. Brock, Evelyn W. Brock, Sue Lina Brock Jones, Frank K. Brock, and Eleanor Brock. That same year, Frank K. Brock and his wife, Sydney D. Brock, deeded their one-eighth interest to Eleanor Brock. The grist mill ceased operation in 1964; however, all the machinery is still in place. The current owners, Charles C. Jones, Jr., Sue Brock Jones Miller, and Elizabeth Jones Waters, all Brock descendants, took over the millpond in 1969. The property has been in the Brock Family for 84 years—longer than any other owner.

—Charles and Jean Jones

Sources: Family Records
Courthouse Records
Deeds, etc.

Biographical Sketch

Faced with the problem of writing a biographical sketch of a convicted counterfeiter, one family historian came up with the following description: "He is an expert engraver; formerly self-employed, he is now under a long term contract with the Federal Government."

—Mrs. Newell R. Washburn

DUPLIN COUNTY BROADCASTERS

WBSY

TRENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

ENGINEERING EXHIBIT

August 1995

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TRENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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DUPLIN COUNTY BROADCASTERS

TRENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

DECLARATION

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I have prepared the attached Engineering Exhibit for Duplin County Broadcasters, and that all of the facts therein, except for facts of which the Federal Communications Commission may take official notice, are true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that I am a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of North Carolina.

Executed on August 23, 1995.



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NARRATIVE

This exhibit supports the attached Reply Comment of Duplin County Broadcasters in connection with its proposed upgrade of WBSY(FM) from class A to class C2 and re-assignment from Rose Hill, North Carolina to Trenton, North Carolina.

The map of Figure 1 shows the 60 dBu contour of WBSY with maximum class A facilities at the present site, the 60 dBu contours of other FM stations, and the 0.5 mV/m contour of AM station WLSE. This map demonstrates that there are now at least five other services, in addition to WEGG (Rose Hill), everywhere within the present WBSY 60 dBu contour.

Class A and class C contours have been calculated on the basis of licensed facilities, while class C1, Class C2 and Class C3 contours have been calculated on the basis of the maximum power and height for the class. Terrain has been taken into account on all FM contours. All contours are those of licensed stations. No contours of pending construction permits have been used. The WBSY contour has been calculated using six kilowatts and 100 meters HAAT at the present site.

The AM contour was calculated using figure M-3. The "Equivalent Distance Method" was used to accommodate changes in ground conductivity, where appropriate.

Both AM and FM contours were calculated at 5 degree intervals. The numbers inside the contours indicate the available services, not including WBSY.

As can be seen on the map, a minimum of five other services are available at every point within the present WBSY 60 dBu contour. These services are in addition to that of WEGG(AM), which will retain its Rose Hill assignment.

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IDENTIFICATION OF STATIONS SHOWN ON FIGURE 1

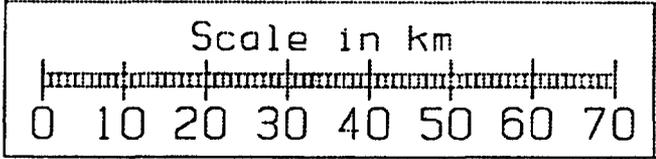
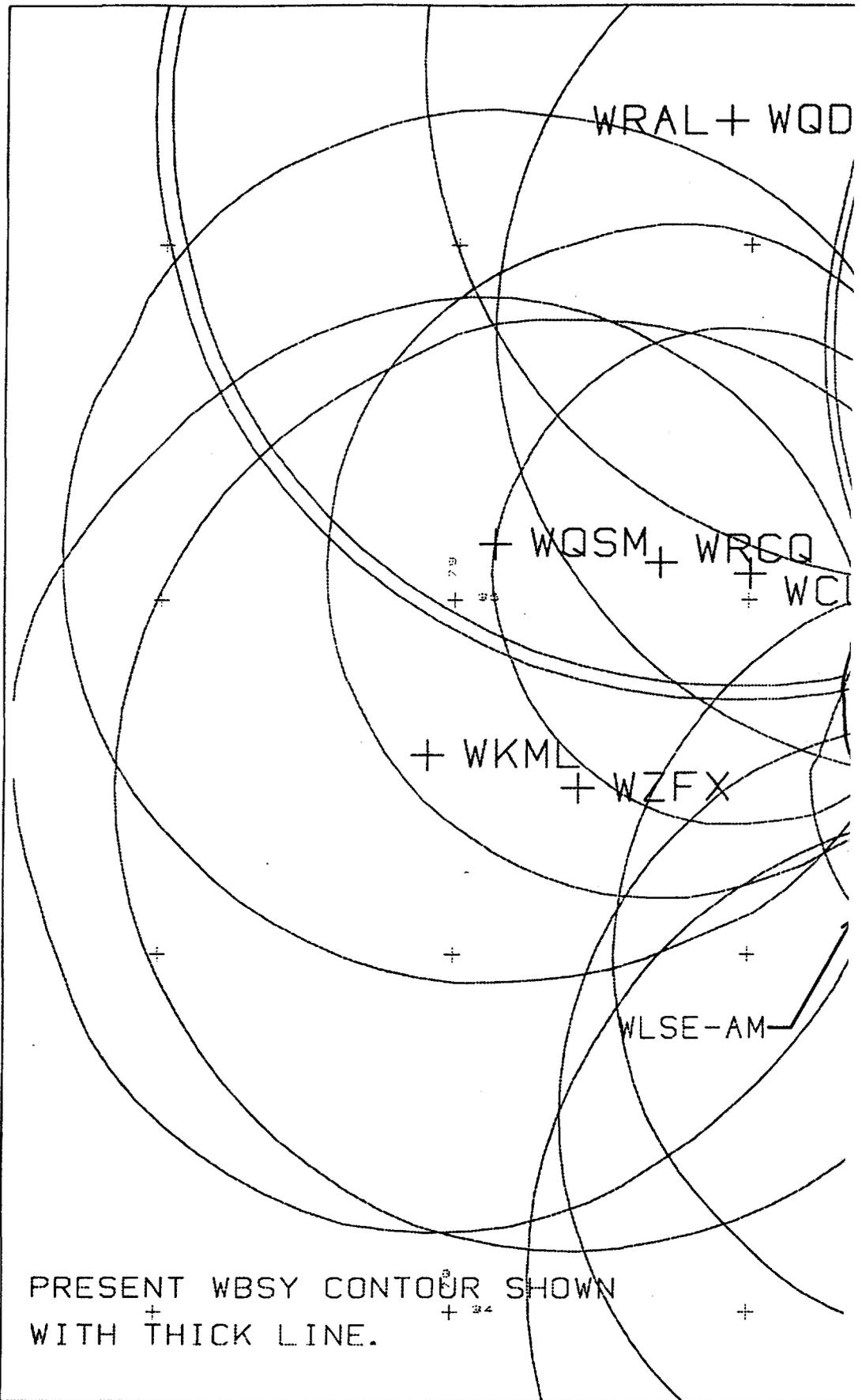
FM STATIONS

WQSL CH 222C2 JACKSONVILLE, NC
WDLX CH 227C WASHINGTON, NC
WZKB CH 232A WALLACE, NC
WQDR CH 234C RALEIGH, NC
WRNS CH 236C KINSTON, NC
WKML CH 239C LUMBERTON, NC
WKTC CH 245C GOLDSBORO, NC
WMNX CH 247C1 WILMINGTON, NC
WQSM CH 251C1 FAYETTEVILLE, NC
WKO0 CH 254C1 JACKSONVILLE, NC
WAFX CH 256C1 WHITEVILLE, NC
WKXB CH 260C1 BURGAW, NC
WRAL CH 268C RALEIGH, NC
WIKS CH 270C1 NEW BERN, NC
WGNI CH 274C1 WILMINGTON, NC
WRCQ CH 278C2 DUNN, NC
WZXS CH 280C3 TOPSAIL BEACH, NC
WRDU CH 291C WILSON, NC
WSFL CH 293C1 NEW BERN, NC
WCLN CH 297C3 CLINTON, NC
WNCT CH 300 GREENVILLE, NC

AM STATION

WLSE 1400 KHZ WALLACE, NC

Note: This list does not include AM station WEGG, which will remain licensed to Rose Hill.



MAP OF THE PRES
SERVICE CONTOUR

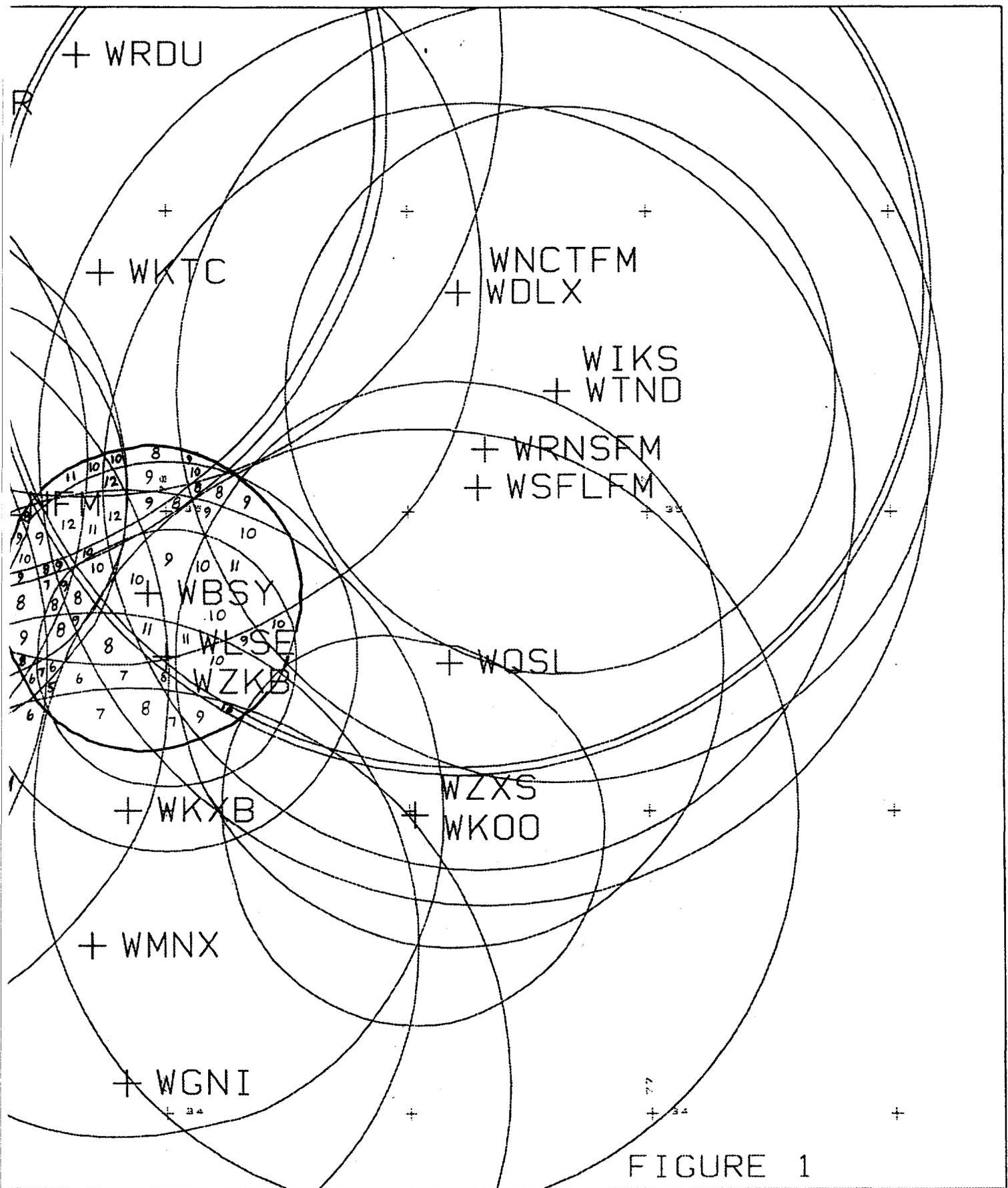


FIGURE 1

ENT WBSY 60 dBu AND THE
S OF OTHER STATIONS

DUPLIN COUNTY BROADCASTERS
TRENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

DECLARATION

Patricia Pratt hereby declares as follows:

1. I have been an employee of WEGG(AM), Rose Hill, North Carolina, for ten years, and am a life-long resident of the Wallace-Rose Hill area.

2. I have worn many hats at WEGG(AM). Over the years, I have served as News Director, Sales Manager, and morning air talent. Since February 1995, I have served as Operational Manager of WEGG(AM) and co-owned WBSY(FM), Rose Hill, North Carolina. I also presently do a daily 4-hour morning show, "Early Morning Sounds Of The Gospel," which is simulcast on WEGG(AM) and WBSY(FM).

3. WBSY(FM) simulcasts a substantial part of the WEGG(AM) program schedule. WBSY(FM) not only simulcasts my show, which features gospel music, news reports, and community news, but also the afternoon farm show. WBSY(FM) signs on daily at 5:30 AM, but signs off during the late night hours.

4. For several years, according to the Arbitron ratings service, WEGG(AM) has been the #1-rated station in the Duplin-Sampson-Pender market. Although I have submitted information to Arbitron to have WBSY(FM) considered in the ratings, WBSY(FM) has not yet appeared in the Arbitron ratings.

5. Under penalty of perjury, the foregoing is true and correct to my personal knowledge.



Patricia Pratt

Dated: August 23, 1995

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Veronica Pierce, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Reply Comments of Duplin County Broadcasters" has been served upon the following individuals by U.S. Mail on this 25th day of August, 1995.

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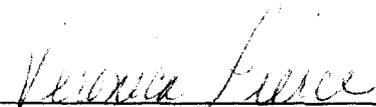
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