Dear Mayor Colbert and Town Councilmembers,

At the request of Ms. Carter to Town Council in June 2020 to rename the street named Wade Hampton Drive, Mayor Colbert formed an Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation to Council to change the street name and propose a new name (see Appendix 1). The purpose of this document is to disclose all the information acquired by the Committee in exercising its mandate so that Council may be as well informed as possible when it makes its final decision on the matter.

Mayor Colbert appointed two property owners of Wade Hampton Drive and two Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) members to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. There is a total of four (4) Wade Hampton Drive property owners (see Appendix 2)¹. The Bechtold family (125 Wade Hampton Drive) and the Gallegos/Eggers family (130 Wade Hampton Drive) agreed Mr. Ling and Mr. Pott would represent their neighborhood.

The Ad Hoc Committee is as follows:

- De Armond Carter aka Dee Dee (Historic Vienna Inc. and descendent of the Carter family)
- William Ling (resides at 131 Wade Hampton Drive)
- John Pott (resides at 134 Wade Hampton Drive)
- Gloria Runyon (Historic Vienna Inc. and descendent of the Carter family)

The Ad Hoc Committee met March 11, March 25, April 8, May 13 & 27, 2021.

History of Wade Hampton

See attached Appendix 3.

History of Wade Hampton Drive

Lewis Street SW was changed to Wade Hampton Drive in the 1960's. The change from Lewis SW to Wade Hampton was not one of the nine new/changes in street names recommended by the Town's Centennial Commission and approved by Council in March 1961. However, it was effectively changed by way of an amendment proposed by a Council member to a quite separate and subsequent resolution of Council in June 1961 to change two of the Town's park names (from Glyndon Park to Ohio Park, and from Meadow Lane Park to South Caroline Park). Town Council voted just two votes in favor of both the amendment and the June resolution itself. (Other votes were – one against, one abstention, two Council members absent, and the

¹ There are in addition two commercial properties each side of Wade Hampton Drive, where the roadway leads onto Maple Avenue. However, both properties use Maple Avenue as their address. One of these properties (380 Maple W) was acquired by Sunrise Assisted Living for development tin 2019. The other property (402 Maple Avenue W) consists of a single-story office building more than 40 years old.

Mayor not recorded as voting.) When the name changes of the two parks were rescinded a year later in December 1962 (back to their original names), the name change of Wade Hampton was not however rescinded. The Ad Hoc Committee shared that no African Americans served on the advisory committee to rename the street to Wade Hampton Drive and that the Town should have approached all residents in the neighborhood about the proposed name change. No public hearing was ever held on the matter.

Recommendation of a Name Change

Leslie Herman, Parks & Recreation Director, requested the Ad Hoc Committee submit letters of recommendation for a potential name change and a new name. All four (4) Wade Hampton Drive property owners were asked to provide their recommendation.

The four (4) property owners on Wade Hampton Drive and the two (2) members of HVI support renaming Wade Hampton Drive. The reasons provided include:

- To acknowledge that it is unconscionable to honor an individual who stood for insurrection and voting rights suppression.
- To affirm the affront the Wade Hampton name has caused to the African American Town residents and in the community at large.
- To affirm the unimaginable harm and insult the African American families must have felt at the time of the renaming of Wade Hampton Drive in the 1960's.
- To provide an understanding of the personal, ethical and moral issues of the street being named after Wade Hampton.
- To affirm current perspectives on naming of Town property.

Recommendation of a New Name

Lewis Street - not recommended

It was noted that the Ad Hoc Committee, to include all four Wade Hampton Drive property owners, do not recommend Lewis Street as a name change. While it would return the street name to its original name, Lewis Street <u>SW</u> would create significant confusion as there is a Lewis Street <u>NW</u> continuing north of Maple Avenue, with identical house numbers (131 & 134). Therefore, renaming to Lewis Street SW would risk the aggravation of a lot of misdirected mail and numerous misdelivered Internet ordered items.

Roland Street

The four (4) property owners on Wade Hampton Drive recommend the street be renamed to Roland Street. The justification provided includes:

- Simply renaming the street to something other than Wade Hampton Drive SW
 eliminates the racist history associated with the current name. That is at the forefront
 of our recommendation to change the name, regardless of the recommended change.
- The street renamed as Roland Street would form a short, around-the-corner extension, of the existing Roland Street leading onto Maple Avenue (See Appendix 1)

- The Pott and Ling properties already partly lie along Roland Street SW (See Appendix 1), so renaming the street to Roland Street SW would make their properties 100% associated with the same street name.
- Roland Street SW is already established on street maps and global positioning devices and, upon change of the name, this would assist delivery services in finding the houses on the renamed street easily since they would naturally follow the curve of the road when driving to or from Roland Street SW as it exists today.
- Roland Street SW does not currently have any house numbers that are identical to the houses on Wade Hampton Drive SW, so the property owners would be able to keep their house numbers.
- By using Roland Street SW, the Town avoids having to find a name that does not closely resemble another existing street, which could cause unnecessary confusion for mail, deliveries and visitors.
- Wade Hampton Drive forms part of the area that has come to be known as the Roland Street Neighborhood. (See Appendix 6)
- Residents of Wade Hampton Drive are participating members of the Roland Street Next Door Internet Forum (https://nextdoor.com/neighborhood/rolandva--vienna--va/2
- Some members of the committee have raised concerns about renaming Roland in honor
 of a man who reportedly had negative interactions with the African American
 population in Vienna, with associated concerns that he was a racist. These concerns are
 identified in appendix 4 and raise questions about the appropriateness of extending the
 name as part of the renaming.
- It is also identified that there is a Roland Court on the western side of Nutley Street, on which there are townhouses, four of which have house numbers 125,130, 131, 134. (Same numbers as the four houses on Wade Hampton). This raises concern that there is vulnerability to delivery service issues if Wade Hampton was renamed to Roland Street, a name too similar to Roland Court³.
- It is recognized that as the individuals who will be most clearly affected by the name change, there is a vested interest on the parts of the residents, including the two Wade Hampton residents who are members of the Committee regarding this recommendation.

Carter Drive or Carter Lane

Ms. Runyon and Ms. Carter, members of Historic Vienna Inc., recommend the street be named Carter Drive or Carter Lane. The justification provided includes:

 Changing name to Carter Drive /Lane would recognize the significance of the Carter family living in SW Vienna. The Carter family have lived in Vienna since 1859 and was

² The forum is used to communicate with and to keep residents of the neighborhood up to date with neighborhood issues and events. (Police reports, lost animals, neighborhood gatherings, road closures, Town events and announcements affecting the neighborhood, requests for neighborhood information and assistance, etc.).

³ It should be noted that the houses on Roland Street as it currently exists have house numbers in 400 & 500s, so there is currently little confusion likely between those houses and the houses on Roland Court (house numbers in 100's).

- consequential in assisting the Union during the Civil War. Charles Henry Carter's sister, Lucy, was recognized as a Civil War Spy.
- Carter Lane would recognize the African American in the SW Quadrant in the town as well as one of the largest landowners in the town.
- Charles Henry Carter along with his children owned most of the land in the SW Quadrant from Courthouse Rd to Maple Ave.
- Charles Henry Carter property, at Courthouse and Moorefield Roads, is significant because the stream on his property was used to baptize church members before moving to the corner of Nutley and Orchard Streets NW Vienna.
- Charles Henry Carter and his wife, Carrie Neal, were prominent members of the Vienna community where they both served as Deacon and Deaconess of First Baptist Church of Vienna. She also served as a mid-wife.
- Charles Henry Carter and his wife, Carrie, raised their children (5 boys and 5 girls) in the Town of Vienna where they also attended the Colored School at Lawyers Rd. & Lewis St., now the home of the late Wendell and Cora Carter.
- Charles Henry Carter and his wife, Carrie, had a large farm of 6+ acres that extended out to McDonald's. In addition, they owned the land where townhomes are located at Roland & Nutley Streets.
- The Carter family are one of the oldest families of First Baptist Church of Vienna over 153 years and the Town of Vienna.
- His home was used for Church picnics and family reunions.
- Charles Henry Carter is the grandson of Keziah and Robert Carter. Keziah was one of two
 women who owned land in Fairfax County. She owned 50 acres of land in 1842. She
 owned land that is now Ragland Park, Westbriar Elementary, Jeffersonian and Gosnell
 Townhomes, and Westbriar Community, JKJ Chevrolet, and the Big Bowl at the corner of
 Old Courthouse Rd and Chain Bridge Road.
- Changing the name is better than maintaining a Confederate General who fought to keep slavery. Since it is a short street, it should be a "lane" and have a "unique name".
- Changing the name would generate and promote historical research and interest in finding out who is "Charles Henry Carter".
- SW Vienna along Nutley Street from Maple Avenue to Courthouse Road was Carter property; as well as from Courthouse Road to Plum Street.
- The area Mr. Pott's map listed as the Roland Neighborhood was formerly a part of Carter property.
- Carter family members also owned what is now Courthouse Circle (abutting Glen Street).
- The area behind the Roland neighborhood was Carter property.
- The ancestral Carter family member who made all of this possible was a woman. Many of her descendants who owned land were women. The Union Spy was a woman.
- A descendent of the Carters lives on family property on Roland Street.
- The Carters were leaders (and responsible) for seeing that the Patrick Henry Library was integrated! In fact, there is a portrait of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Carter hanging in the meeting room at the Library.
- Wade Hampton Drive is surrounded by what was Carter property.

- Carter family history goes back to the Powhatan Confederacy, our Native American Heritage.
- Concern is expressed by some members regarding the assertions regarding the land that
 was owned by the Carter family. As noted in the book, "This Was Vienna", (see
 Appendix 5) a land map which shows property lines from the 1890's does not indicate
 the extent of the land reportedly owned by the Carter family. Appendix 5 shows a land
 map from "This Was Vienna" identifying the areas noted in the text as having entered
 the ownership of the Carter family.
- Concern is also expressed that there is already a Carter Court SW in Vienna, not more than 0.2 miles from Wade Hampton Drive. The numbers on Carter Court also mirror the numbers on Wade Hampton Drive, raising the possibility of confusion regarding
 deliveries and mail drops.
- It is recognized that the committee members advocating for this particular option are descendants of the Carter family, therefore with them having a vested and personal interest in this particular recommendation (see Appendix 5).

Mildred Lane (with variants Mildred Drive and Loving Drive)

This recommendation comes from Mr. Ling and Mr. Pott, the two Ad Hoc Committee members representing the resident property owners of Wade Hampton Dr. It recognizes the significant national impact made by Mildred Jeter, an African American/Native American woman who married a White man, Richard Loving. Their well known, successful court case (Loving vs. Virginia) established the right of every man and woman in the United States, to marry whoever they choose no matter their ethnicity. It thereby changed the social fabric of the country. The recommendation is made in recognition of the following:

- The name is both historic and forward looking, aspirational and symbolic of the broad racial harmony our Town is seeking to affirm.
- During these particular times it will resonate with every person in our Town, of every ethnicity, both young and old.
- Mildred was a Virginia woman of whom every Virginian can be proud.
- Her humble courage and tenacity were an example to us all: those who still seek equal rights: those who need to respond to and support those seeking such rights.
- Her historic case, brought before the Supreme Court in 1967, is one of the ten most consequential of United States legal cases in the last 100 years. It has had a profound impact on countless young persons' lives in the 50 plus years since their legal victory.
- Her marital rights case may have helped pave the way for more recent marital LGBTQ rights.
- The name and reference resonate well with the Wade Hampton families since two of the four families are mixed race/mixed marriage families.

In order of preference Mildred is the name most preferred by the Wade Hampton resident families (assuming Roland Street as a name is out).

This preference is unanimous. Residents have little preference with regard to whether the street is named either Mildred Lane, Mildred Drive, or Loving Drive.

The four property owners on Wade Hampton Drive do not recommend the complete name of Mildred Loving Lane/Drive as it would be too long a name to be convenient. They have also discarded Loving Lane. There is a small street with a very similar name, Lovers Lane NW, which leads off the northern section of Pleasant Street that lies on the other side of Maple Avenue.

Ms. Runyon raises concerns regarding using the street name Mildred Lane or Drive. During slavery, Reconstruction, and Jim Crow, African Americans and people of color were called by their first names, not Mr. or Mrs., only first names. This is demeaning, demonstrates disrespect and status, that the individual was less than. It would be dishonorable to her memory to only use Mrs. Loving's first name. If one wants to recognize the importance of the Loving Decision of 1967, a suggestion for using Ms. Loving's surname(s) (Jeter Loving, i.e., Jeter Loving Lane/Drive) in the name of the street is recommended.

Liberty Lane

Ms. Carter and Ms. Runyon, members of Historic Vienna Inc. and descendants of the Carter family, also recommend the street be named Liberty Lane as a name change option. The justification provided includes:

- The Town of Vienna is celebrating "Liberty Amendments Month" starting with Juneteenth, June 19th, 2021 July 19th, 2021.
- 13th Amendment: Abolition of Slavery
- 14th Amendment: Citizenship and Equal Rights to the Enslaved
- 15th Amendment: All Men Right to Vote
- 19th Amendment: Women Right to Vote
- This is an historic moment when President Joseph R. Biden signed into law making "Juneteenth (June 19th) a Federal Holiday.
- The Statute of Liberty stands for "Freedom, Justice, and Humanitarian Assistance" to those in need and help. Her most recognizable motto is "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."
- Renaming Wade Hampton to "Liberty Lane" would be a "Great Culmination of Reveal" for a successful event and celebration of Liberty Amendments Month.

Minor Drive

This recommendation refers to Andrew Minor, a landowner who purchased property in Vienna in the early 1800's. Mr. Minor and his family made a significant contribution to the Town of Vienna, including:

- employees of Harmon Salsbury
- a descendent of Andrew Minor, Dr. Joseph Minor was a well-known physician in the Town of Vienna
- was a member of a church which was later named in their honor (Minor Church, 205 Pleasant St. SW)
- donated land to the church in 1902.
- owned property between Courthouse Road and Pleasant Street
- a descendent of Dr. Minor continues to live in a home at the corner of Pleasant Street and Courthouse Road

Recommendation of Reimbursement

All four Wade Hampton Drive families request the Town Council's authorization for the Town to reimburse them for any "fees" they may be obliged to pay for changing street names e.g., fees to obtain a new driver's license, state identification cards, deed documents with the county and other residential services. Further it is understood that the Town legal staff will provide any notarization services confirming a change in street name free of charge to Wade Hampton residents whose correspondents (e.g., financial institutions) may require such verification.

The property owners along Wade Hampton Drive, are of the opinion that, since they are not the owners of the street to be renamed itself (the Town is) the property owners will not be required to bear the costs of new street signs based on the name change Fairfax County requires of the street's owners. In view of some confusion in this matter, the Ad Hoc Committee members representing the residents kindly ask the Town Council to confirm that the street sign change costs are the Town's responsibility.

Disclaimers

A letter was received from Alex Gallegos, a resident of Wade Hampton Drive, regarding a conflict of interest concerning the recommendations for renaming Wade Hampton Drive (see Appendix 6). The Committee closely considered the letter and accordingly has made specific disclaimers pertaining to each recommendation in which there was a potential conflict of interest by one or more Committee members.

Conclusion

The Ad Hoc Committee is providing a unanimous recommendation to Council that the name of the street called Wade Hampton Drive between the years of 1962 through 2021 should now be renamed.

Unfortunately, the Committee has been unable to reach a single recommendation to Council members for a new street name for the reasons elaborated in the foregoing paragraphs. The Committee is offering five names as recommendations:

- 1) Roland Street
- 2) Carter Lane (Drive)
- 3) Mildred Lane (with variants of Mildred Drive or Loving Drive)
- 4) Liberty Lane
- 5) Minor Drive

We ask the Council to carefully weigh the several merits of each of the recommendations before making their final decision. There will likely be a need to strike a balance between what is "ideal" as a name and what is simplest for the residents to live with as a daily operational address.

The two Ad Hoc Committee members representing all four resident families asked the Ad Hoc Committee (as well as members of Council when they make their final decision) not to underestimate, but to recognize, the considerable burden in out of hours work involved for each of the four families in informing their many business, professional and other contacts of the change of address name. That being said, the affected resident families are nevertheless willing to do so because renaming the street is the right thing for them to do and the right thing for the Town to do.

The Ad Hoc Committee would like to thank Leslie Herman, Director of Parks and Recreation, for patiently moderating the Committee's discussions. We would also like to thank Anne Stuntz, Charles Anderson and DeeDee Carter for the valuable research they have provided to Committee members as background on Wade Hampton on his Civil War and post-Civil War conduct. We are also grateful to the Town for providing the historical record of how the decision was reached to change the name to Wade Hampton Drive in 1962 in the first place.

The resident families of Wade Hampton Drive ask that the Town, once a decision has been made, to kindly make the implementation of the name change as smooth and easy as possible for them, giving them fair warning with regard to timing.

Sincerely.

Ms. De Armond Carter

Mr John Pott

Cc:

Mr. William Ling

Ms. Gloria Runyon

Leslie Herman, Director of Parks & Recreation

APPENDICES

Appendix 1:	E-mail communication initiating consideration of renaming Wade Hampton Drive
Appendix 2:	Wade Hampton Drive Map, with identification of family members on the street and relationship to Roland Street extension.
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Appendix 5:	Property map of Wade Hampton Drive neighborhood and Carter owned properties (pre-1940)
Appendix 6:	Letter noting concerns regarding conflicts of interest with regard to the renaming



Dec Carter <deccarter63@gmail.com>

Rename: Wade Hampton Drive SW Vienna, VA

Dee Carter <deecarter53@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 2:25 PM

Reply-To: deecarts:63@gmail.com To: Mayor <Mayor@viennava.gov>, linda.colbert@viennava.gov, ccuncil@viennava.gov Co: Town Managor <managor@viennava.gov>, dpw@viennava.gov, Gloria T Runyon <qlojorunyon@verzon.net>, Sylvia Taylor <stheartsong@gmail.com>, Anne Sluntz <stuntzag@aut.com>, historicviennava@gmail.com Bcc: pasha.majdi@viennava.gcv

Good Afternoon Madam Current & Former Mayors, Town Council, & All.

As a longstanding citizen of the Town of Vienna, I wish that the name Wade Hampton Drive SW be renamed. He was a Confederate Soldier who was a traitor to our country as well as fighting to keep slavery.

Wade Hampton III was a Confederate States of America military officer during the Civil War and politician from South Carolina. He came from a wealthy planter family, and shortly before the war he was one of the largest slaveholders in the Southeast, as well as a state legislator. During the Civil War, he served in the Confederate cavalry, where he reached the rank of lieutenant general.

If the Town residents and Council are to move into the 21st century along with the protesters and Black Lives Matter movement. You will move to change this name expeditiously. It is an Insut to Violond's African American citizenry and community that this name still remains as a street name.

I move that the Town Council rename this street expeditiously and work with me and the African American Citizens to rename the street.

Hook forward to working with you in renaming this street and the Town can move beyond slavery, Jim Crow, Jim Crow Esquire, and racism in America, Our ancestors and future generations deserve better.

You can reach me @ 703-508-1799 or email me.

5th Generation Town of Vienna Resident Dec Dec Carter

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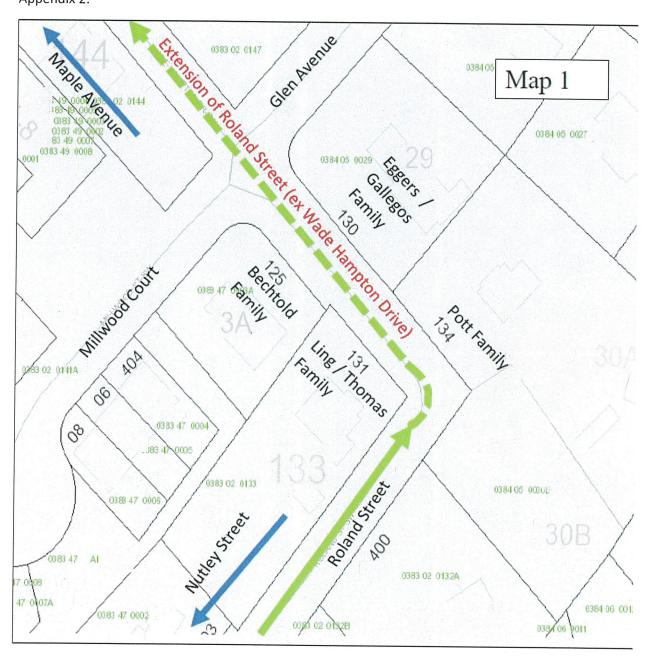
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Ms. Carter,

I wholeheartedly agree with you on this matter. In fact, I brought this issue up with staff during the 380 Maple Avenue development application (which is adjacent to this street). Some research at that time (a year/year and half ago) indicated that the street was renamed from Lewis Street sometime in the 1950's. There was a movement in the mid-'50's to rename streets for what were then viewed as patriotic figures. However, the name "Wade Hampton" was not on the one list that was found in the Town archives and the specific origin of the name change is murky. That background does not make your request any less necessary.

Appendix 2:



Brief History of Wade Hampton III



Wade Hampton III was born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1818 and was the eldest son of Colonel Wade Hampton II and Ann Fitzsimmons. Wade Hampton III grew up in a wealthy planter family. After Hampton's father died in 1858, he inherited his vast fortune, plantations, and approximately 3,000 slaves.

Hampton was loyal to his state when the war began and resigned from the South Carolina Senate and enlisted as a private at the age of 42 in the South Carolina militia. Shortly after he entered the army, he accepted accept a colonel's commission.

Prior to the war, Hampton raised and commanded the elite "Hampton Legion". He was one of three officers without military experience to achieve rank of lieutenant general, the others were Nathan Bedford Forrest and Richard Taylor. Hampton's first combat came at the First Battle of Manassas, where he deployed his Legion reinforced the Confederate line that retreated from Buck Hill. On May 23, 1862, Hampton was promoted to brigadier general.

In January 1865, Hampton returned home to South Carolina to recruit soldiers and on February 14, 1965, he was promoted to lieutenant general. Hampton eventually surrendered to the Union along with

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Source: Wikipedia

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General Joseph E. Johnston's Army of Tennessee at Bennett Place in Durham, North Carolina

After the war, together with Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early, Hampton became a proponent of the <u>"Lost Cause"</u> movement. He worked to explain the Confederacy's loss of the war and deeply regretted the loss of the secure life he had before the war. He apparently believed the official "line" that slavery as practiced in the American South was benign and that Blacks were "racially" inferior to whites. He strongly resented the use of black troops as part of the Federal government's occupying force in South Carolina.

After the war, Hampton encouraged Southerners to accept their defeat graciously. He set an example for better race relations by constructing a school and a church for emancipated slaves. He also led in advocating civil and political rights for freed slaves.

He also helped raised money for legal defense funds for Ku-Klux Klansmen (KKK) after the Federal government started to enforce anti-Klan legislation of 1870 and 1871 to suppress the violence of its members against freedmen and white Republicans. He was not known to have active involvement within the organization. Other insurgent groups rapidly formed to replace the KKK. In South Carolina and other states, groups of men calling themselves "rifle clubs" formed to act as vigilantes in the years after the war. In 1876, an estimated 20,000 men in South Carolina were members of rifle clubs in the state. Political campaigns were increasingly violent as whites tried to suppress black voting.

Beginning in the mid-1870s, the Democratic paramilitary group known as the <u>"Red Shirts"</u> developed chapters in most South Carolina counties (they had originated in Mississippi), and were similar to rifle clubs. These groups acted as "the military arm of the Democratic Party." They marched in parades during campaigns, openly disrupted Republican meetings, and worked to suppress black voting in the state by violence and intimidation.

Hampton opposed the Radical Republicans' Reconstruction policies in the South. He re-entered South Carolina politics in 1876, running in opposition to those policies. Hampton, a Democrat, ran against Republican incumbent governor Daniel Henry Chamberlain. The 1876

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Source: Wikipedia

South Carolina gubernatorial election is thought to be the bloodiest in the history of the state. The Red Shirts had used violence in every county to suppress black Republican voting. "An anti-Reconstruction historian later estimated that 150 Negroes were murdered in South Carolina during the campaign." Though it seems clear that supporters of Hampton included Red Shirts, prominent Hampton biographer Rod Andrew states there is "no evidence that Hampton himself supported or encouraged that violence."

Hampton won reelection two years later but resigned in 1879 after winning a seat in the U.S. Senate. He would serve in Washington until 1891, when he was defeated by democrats led by Benjamin R. Tillman, undisputed leader of the Red Shirts, who was instrumental in removing Hampton from his Senate seat in 1890.

Hampton later served as the U.S. commissioner of railroads from 1893 to 1897 before retiring. He died in South Carolina in 1902 at the age of 84.

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Source: Wikipedia

Appendix 4:

June 1, 2021

To: Madame Mayor Colbert & Vienna Town Council

I am writing you, as one of four members of the Wade Hampton Ad-hoc Committee, that I am highly against recommending "Wade Hampton Drive" to be a continuation of "Roland Street". Many of my Great Aunts and Uncles spoke about J.B. Roland was a Confederate sympathizer and a racist. As I have learned from my Grandparents and father that "Old Man Roland" supported the Confederacy and he was a Confederate soldier.

When my father was a young boy, he had dog that love to take adventures and he would go onto the Roland Farm next door. Well, Mr. Roland did not take kindly to anyone entering his property, especially black people. While my father was retrieving his dog, Mr. Roland call him out of name such as "Black Boy", "Nigger" get off my property. My dad said, "he quickly left soon as the dog came to him".

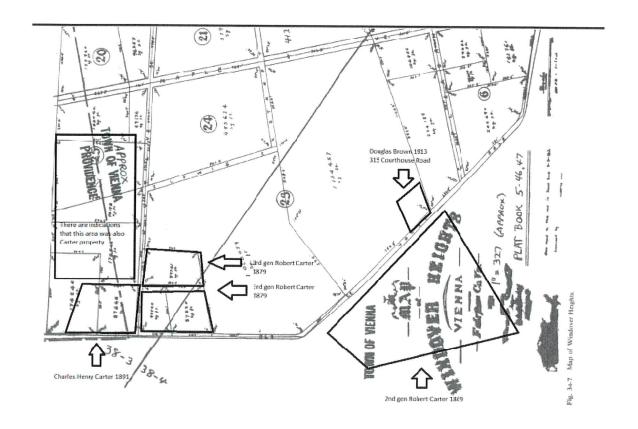
As one of the many Carter kids growing up in our family community, we played a lot outdoors and love to do adventure tours in the community. One day, our dog went over to the Roland Farm, and boy, did we ever get a good cursing from Mr. Roland. He called us every name in the book except a child of God then he pulled out his gun. We would run and yelled back at him calling "old racist honky" to get off his property as fast we could with our dog.

As kids growing up, I never understood and wondered why he lived in a neighborhood where he was surrounded by African-Americans and he hated us. As an adult now, some Confederates of the "loss cause" will always feel that African-Americans were inferior to them.

In conclusion, I definitely will not support naming Wade Hampton Drive after another racist including a Confederate soldier and sympathizer. Town Council members, I hope you will not consider naming this short street after JB Roland as the four (4) residents would like you to rename.

Sincerely Dee Dee (DE ARMOND) Carter

Appendix 5:



Appendix 6:

William D Ling

From: Sent:

Alex Gallegos < ltcalexg2012@gmail.com>

Friday, April 9, 2021 10:43 AM

To:

Rebecca Eggers

Cc:

Herman, Leslie; Cyrus John Pott; Pat Bechtold; Bill Ling & Sandra Thomas; sharon pott

Subject:

Re: Associated Costs with Street Name Change

Mrs. Herman:

I am also aware that other states and municipalities have provided relief to citizens for "fees" accrued for changing street names involuntarily e.g., fees to obtain a new driver's license, state identification cards, and other residential services. I would ask that the town work with the county/state to provide those affected by the change relief for the fees they accrue due to this change.

Additionally, I hope the council will consider the fact that a request to replace our street name with that of a family name, recommended by a family member with remote, speculative, or not sufficiently identifiable (financial) interest is a conflict between private interests and public duties. In addition to residing on this street for decades, the residents affected by the name change have and continue to pay taxes for the property located on the street to be renamed. I support the receipt of recommendations for name changes from the public. However, the town council would lose public trust and confidence if it gave the appearance of impropriety, or it permitted private interest to obtain something more that would not be properly available to other private interests with no direct or immediate financial interest. Recommendations by those who bear substantial financial interest and detriment should be weighted more heavily than those with mere private interests.

I would request that any member of the town council or town administration who has a personal or private interest in renaming the street to "Charles Henry Carter Lane" recuse his/herself from voting on this matter. This may ensure that the decision is made without bias and that the honesty, integrity, and impartiality of the process are preserved.

Thanks for your efforts with this matter, it is truly appreciated. Please ensure that this email communication is provided with other letters provided to support renaming our street to Roland as it represents my sentiment on this matter. Thank you.

Warmly, Alex Gallegos