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Dear George,

For your information and use, please find enclosed a copy of Captain William Gibbs McNeill's 1834 description of the Catoctin Aqueduct. As I run across additional information I shall forward them to you.

Also, you might be interested that the Second Conference on Natural Cement will be held here in Washington on March 30-31, 2006. Natural cement, also known as hydraulic cement, played a major role in the construction of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal aqueducts. The first day of this conference will be downtown and the second day will be tours (including the Shepherdstown Mill which provided the cement for the Catoctin Aqueduct) and additional papers at Harper's Ferry. You can review the announcement of this conference by searching the Internet for "Natural Cement Conference."

I hope you are well, Perry has had me fixing electric horse fences!

Best wishes.