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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site  
20 Sagamore Hill Road  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771-1807

IN REPLY REFER TO:

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Friends of Sagamore Hill  
20 Sagamore Hill Road  
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Dear Friends of Sagamore Hill,

I'm writing to thank you and your fellow members, on behalf of our visitors and staff, for your financial support in producing a replica of the iconic Cape Buffalo that hangs over the front hall mantle at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. Last month, museum staff and taxidermist George Dante, Jr. of Wildlife Preservations, replaced the original Cape Buffalo with the new replica --- see attached photos.

In aiding in the creation of the replica Cape Buffalo, the Friends of Sagamore Hill have allowed the original to recuperate from fluctuating temperatures and humidity within the Theodore Roosevelt Home. This replica now provides the park with the opportunity to cyclically store (and rotate) the original Cape Buffalo to prolong its lifespan for years to come. Additionally, this ensures that future visitors to Sagamore Hill will be always able to enjoy this iconic fixture of the front hall each time they step inside the Theodore Roosevelt Home.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our shared mission and of this special place, Sagamore Hill.

With appreciation,

Jonathan L. Parker  
Superintendent



The original Cape Buffalo, which has hung in the Theodore Roosevelt Home for over 110 years, in its new storage location to rest.



Taxidermist George Dante, Jr. of Wildlife Preservations, and his assistant installing the replica Cape Buffalo in the Front Hall of the Theodore Roosevelt Home.