Farmingville, NY - On August 9, Mrs. Lorraine Smith Nurnberger, great grand daughter of William Sydney Smith and Eleanor Jones Smith, donated two antique chairs to the Longwood Estate that were used in the house during the 1800s.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith resided at Longwood Estate from 1824 until Mrs. Smith's death in 1884. The chairs belonged to Mrs. Nurnberger's father Russell Brownell Smith and her uncle Royal Hunt Smith, both grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Nurnberger believed that the chairs should go back to Longwood and wanted to present them in person. Along with the chairs, she brought letters, pictures, and other memorabilia from her many childhood visits to the estate. Mrs. Nurnberger, who resides in Connecticut, was accompanied by her two daughters Judy and Sarah. In making the presentation, she commented about the many wonderful memories of visiting Longwood Estate, the birthplace of her grandfather, Apollos Smith and her great grandfather, William Sidney Smith.

Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko commented, "We are happy that the chairs are coming back to the Longwood Estate and thank Mrs. Nurnberger for her generous donation. To receive these family heirlooms is a wonderful gift that all our residents can enjoy."

Pictured from left to right are Director of the Longwood Estate Diane Schwindt, Sarah Sebastian, Lorraine Smith Nurnberger, Judy Watts, Deputy Commissioner of Parks John Leonard, and Town Historian Barbara Russell. The Longwood Estate is located at the corner of Longwood Road and Smith Road in Ridge. It is open Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 3:30pm.

The next event at Longwood Estate is the Annual Country Fair on September 11 and 12. For more information about Longwood Estate, visit www.brookhaven.org.