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Mr. Harold Howard
455 Providence Church Road
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you for talking with me earlier this week about property on Jay Shambley Road that you anticipate subdividing and for permitting me to visit the historical structure on the western edge of the property. I understand from you that the structure is to be demolished by the owner, Ben Jones, in accordance with your sales contract.

I have visited the house as if it were an imminent matter for the Chatham County Planning Board's consideration. The structure has been unoccupied for some time and has suffered deterioration from water and insects. It is, without doubt, too far gone to consider moving and rehabilitation at another location. There are, however, historical elements that could be salvaged and reused in restoration of historical houses or for decorative ends, for example, beadboard, intact glass panes, metal roofing shingles, doors. Until the building is cleaned out and some of the dismantling is done, it is impossible to judge whether there are sound beams or other structural details worth salvage.

The Chatham County Historical Association is concerned with the preservation and communication of local history, and we urge the imaginative reuse of historical structures, in whole or in part, to the extent possible.

Cordially,



Jane Pyle

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