

## Angela Birchett

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Glenda—

I took a look at the property your firm is asking to be rezoned. None of the structures on that property seems to be in good enough condition or distinguished by its architectural merit to warrant saving intact, either on the site or at a different location. In addition to the two barns and sheds that you mentioned there is a tobacco barn to the north of those structures and a well to the south. There must have been a farmhouse in the vicinity at one time as well, but I saw no trace of it. (Ticks and chiggers weren't too bad, either!)

I would have to take someone else to evaluate the structural materials in the four buildings. Since all of them are chock full of stuff ranging from old magazines to mattresses, I couldn't see much. The poles in the tobacco barn appear to be in good condition; there is some wide pine, but not long pieces; the flooring may be salvageable; some old windows and doors are stored inside; and there may be scattered furniture that could be salvaged. There is an antique tractor in one barn and what looked to me like a treadle sewing machine in the other.

Thank you for contacting us and if we can be of further help, please let me know. I am using my personal e-mail address to send this to you, because of the time constraints; normally I prefer to receive mail through the CCHA address: [history@chathamhistory.org](mailto:history@chathamhistory.org). My telephone you know, 542-3603.

—Jane Pyle, Chatham County Historical Association