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From: Jim and Bev Wiggins <jimerly@embarqmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2015 5:21 PM  
To: Jim Goldston  
Cc: Jason Sullivan; Angela Birchett; Judith Peterson  
Subject: Re: 12932 US 64 West/Goodwin

Hi Mr. Goldston--  
Cathleen Turner from Preservation NC and Paul Fomberg from the State Historic Preservation Office did stop by the Goodwin property last week. Thank you for giving the okay for that to happen. Their conclusion was that the houses aren't very significant by themselves. They agreed with 1980s surveyor that it was the ensemble of buildings and context that made the site historically interesting. They didn't think anyone would go to the expense of moving the houses. They were appreciative of your willingness to let neighbors use materials from the buildings, as are we.

Judith Peterson, my husband Jim and I visited the site on Monday and took a lot of photos. We'll make those a part of the CCHA archive, along with whatever information about the past residents of the property that I can dig up. The three of us who visited think that someone might be interested in salvaging some materials from the houses. Many of the doors might be of interest, especially the two or three board and batten doors, if those are old. There's a little cupboard hanging on the wall in the tenant house that someone would probably save, and some nice wide boards on the walls in the front room of that house. There may be more materials that would be of interest to someone who does deconstruction and salvage. We couldn't get a good look at the floor boards, and we don't know what's under the sheetrock in the main house. If the buildings are to be demolished, you might at least invite a salvage person or two to take a look. I don't think any of the materials are old enough to have great value, but these days people appreciate the quality of old wood and it might be worth someone's time and effort to save some of it.

We noted that there were two tobacco barns shown on the 1980s survey of the property--on the far side of the pond. We didn't see those, but didn't walk to the other side of the pond to look closely. If they are gone, do you know what happened to them or, if they were removed, when that happened?

Mr. Stone had mentioned some photo albums in the tenant house. We took a quick look at those but it didn't appear that most of the people and places pictured were in Chatham. I did take a photo of Mr. Goodwin's graduation certificate from the old Bell's High School. We left everything as we found it.

You were going to forward an email from the person who is salvaging wood from the barn. I would like to see that. I may want to talk to her as well to get more of the history and to know a little about how they are using the wood.

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I'm copying this email to the Chatham County staff so they will know that we have had an opportunity to look closely at the buildings and to document them. We thank you for very graciously accommodating all of CCHA's requests for information and access. If you do have some salvage people look at the site, I would be interested to know how that turns out. In any case, will you please let me know when the buildings are demolished, so I can make a note of that in our file?

Thanks again for helping us save a little bit of Chatham's history. If you speak to Mr. Stone, please thank him for us as well, and give him our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Beverly Wiggins  
Chatham County Historical Association  
volunteer

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jim Goldston" <jimgoldston@nc.rr.com>  
To: "Jim and Bev Wiggins" <jimerly@embarqmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 4:20:16 PM  
Subject: Re: 12932 US 64 West/Goodwin

He did not sound well when I talked to him last week. Thought he was headed to rehab by now. I was by there last week and both houses were unlocked. You are welcome to go in both. I will let Builders First know and a couple that is tearing down the barns. I will forward you an email from her I got today. Her family knows some of the history. She wants some parts of the house when we are done. They are reusing the lumber on their property close by there.  
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 28, 2015, at 3:45 PM, Jim and Bev Wiggins <jimerly@embarqmail.com> wrote:  
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> Hi Mr. Goldston,  
> I talked to Mr. Stone about two weeks ago and he asked me to call him late this week to see how he was doing. I called again today and he's still in the hospital. He said he'd call me when he's better. Meanwhile, he indicated that it would be okay for me to visit the site without him. He said the house on the right is unlocked and that we should go inside and look at picture books and other items in the room on the left. My husband, Jim and I, and Judith Peterson, another CCHA volunteer who has some architectural expertise, plan to visit on Monday, weather permitting. We'll take photographs and make notes so that we can follow up on any questions we have with Mr. Stone or some of the other people you let me know about. I wanted you to know about our plans to be out there in case our presence causes concern to anyone who notices us. You can be assured that we'll leave everything as we find it-- except perhaps some tracks in the tall grass as we circle the structures to take our photos. We'll likely

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want to visit again after we make this first assessment and try to discover more of the history of the place. I will keep you informed about our progress. Thank you for giving us access and for identifying some of the people who might have information to share.

> Bev Wiggins

> CCHA

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: "james goldston iii" <jimgoldston@nc.rr.com>

> To: cemeterysurvey@chathamhistory.org

> Cc: "Karen Callaway" <karen@mackgaypa.com>, "Scott Bumgarner"

> <scott@mackgaypa.com>, "a Jim Goldston" <jimgoldston@nc.rr.com>

> Sent: Monday, April 27, 2015 9:14:28 PM

> Subject: 12932 US 64 West/Goodwin

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> Mrs Beverly Wiggins,

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> I am the Manager/General Partner of Goldston Apex Properties which owns 12932 US 64 West, Apex and the adjacent tract where Builders first source is currently located. I purchased this property from Paul W Goodwin in 2004 and leased it back to him for a few years for personal home. He got remarried and moved somewhere else in Apex several years ago.

> The 6 acre tract with the houses was part of the family farm until I purchased the tract where Builders is now located (1987 I believe ) from Paul and he wished to keep the home and 6 acres. The site where John Deere is located on the west was also part of the original farm but Paul had sold that to another man when I met him.

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> As I understand and remember it, Paul's brother had lived in the home and when he died left the farm to Paul and his wife. They moved there and planned to build a new home where the other house on site (but not on a foundation, west side of the main home) was situated. They had that house moved down to the homeplace to build but his wife died before they got started so he stayed in the old house alone.

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> The last contact I had with Paul Goodwin was 3-4 years ago. The phone numbers I had for him are 919-387-7074 home or 919-780-8979 cell. His return address at that time was 6660 Louie Drive, Cary, 27519. He has a son but I do not know how to reach him.

> He has a niece, Torey, I spoke with a long time ago and her number then was 919-337-3216.

> I believe Doris Goodwin on Olive Chapel Church Road is his sister or related somehow. Either way, she knows all the history in that area!

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> The house is currently obligated to Danny Stone. He has rented it a while but has been in the hospital or rehab since last fall. He is now getting around but staying with family until fully recovered. Danny knew Paul and a lot of other folks and history throughout Chatham County. I spoke with him today and he says you are welcome to go to the house and farm anytime. He said he would be glad to meet you

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there and let you in and tell you all he knows about the history. His cell is 919-671-7940.

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> The old barns on the farm are being removed by a neighbor- Kim Lawrence, husband Keith Lawrence home #919-362-1124, cell# 919-802-2220, Address- 256 Lone Oak LN Apex N.C. 27502. They are using a lot of the wood to rebuild a building on their farm. They were very motivated to save the wood in part because of the history.

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> Builders First wants to expand onto this property. If that gets approved both homes will have to be removed or demolished. If someone wants to remove them for historic use you are welcome to have them at no cost.

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> Please call me if you wish on any of this information.  
> Thank you,

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> Jim Goldston  
> 919-673-1878

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