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This issue of the *Quarterly* is not intended for the weak of heart. Only the bold will find its message inviting. But armchair preservationists and historians can wince their way through the United States Department of the Interior National Park Service Historic Preservation Certification Application Instructions and be glad there are brave-hearted citizens willing to take the pains necessary to certify historic structures we all enjoy in this history-clad community. Thank you Margaret Anne Goldsmith Hanaw! The Bernstein House is an excellent example of adaptive reuse, converting a house's uses without altering its basic architectural integrity.

This issue is a follow-up of the last. Together they serve as a preservation primer. Education is the *Quarterly's* primary purpose. Preservation requires enlightened appreciation and action. As the editor I encourage you to contribute to the dialogue this publication allows between HHF members and *Quarterly* readers.

Check out the annual index. This is the third one compiled. It reminds us where we have been and beckons us forward to areas yet untouched. I am also reminded that 1997 marks the 100th Anniversary of Harrison Brothers on the Square.

Future issues are in the planning stage. Please write or call in your suggestions. Since the *Quarterly* goes to libraries throughout the State, its voice is heard more broadly than you might think. The Foundation is always eager to share Huntsville and Madison County's preservation and architectural history. We look to our members to spread the good word.