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Challenge to the Membership

As residents of Huntsville and Madison County, you have the opportunity to see a variety of building styles in Huntsville and Madison County. Later issues of *Historic Huntsville Quarterly* will list endangered historic buildings in Huntsville and Madison County. We will not limit our definition of historic to any period.

What the *Quarterly* would like of you, our readers, is a list of architectural structures or sites that you feel should be preserved or are endangered. The *Quarterly* has and will continue to contact architectural firms in Huntsville for their choices. The list will be published in later issues of the *Quarterly* as a continuing feature.

Please send me your lists with reasons why these sites or structures need to be preserved. And if you have any pictures of these structures or can tell me where I could get pictures, please send that information also. I look forward to your selections.

To get you started, here are five endangered properties suggested by SKT Architects, P.C.: Drake Hall, Alabama A&M University, c. 1924; Huntsville Y.M.C.A. (downtown), c.1920s; Merrimack Mill village, c. 1899; Norfolk Southern Freight Depot, c. 1856; Oak Place (George Steele residence), c. 1840s; and the McCrary-Thomas House (near Three Forks of the Flint), c.1824.

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Fig.1 The Empire State Building of Jack Burwell's childhood.

Courtesy Margaret J. Vann.