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From the Editor

This double issue of the Historic Huntsville *Quarterly* is devoted to some of the preservation contributions of Harvie P. Jones. I have enjoyed getting to know Harvie through his articles and through the eyes of his friends. Frances and David Robb contributed the introductions to Harvie's articles; Faye A. Axford, David Bowman, Maureen Drost, Diane Ellis, David Hay, and John Shaver have contributed letters, memories, and interviews. With Lynn Jones' permission, the *Quarterly* includes comments from condolence letters to Lynn. Friends have contributed anecdotes about Harvie and their work with him. The whole experience of compiling this issue has evoked bittersweet feelings in me.

Choosing which articles to use was difficult, but this *Quarterly* will feature Harvie's three earliest articles. Some of the articles are facsimiles (with original page numbers evident) and others are reset. The Fall/Winter, 1999, issue will include material through 1990 as well as a letter Harvie wrote to Bob Gamble on one of Harvie's techniques of saving old structures.

Already Harvie is missed; things move slower without his encyclopedic memory. He knew everything from how to date a log house (I spent a delightful day in Harvie's company dating a log house and then touring east Limestone County looking at various log houses—all of his time donated) to how to mix period mortar. We no longer have that resource. If any question arose, it was "Ask Harvie, he'll know." Now we can't ask Harvie.

Harvie gave much to preservation in Huntsville and north Alabama. His gift is priceless, and the community is left with a void impossible to fill. But we can continue in Harvie's love: preservation. With your help, we can preserve sites and structures and save the freight depot (one of his last projects). The process is on-going; and as long as we continue to preserve, we honor our friend Harvie.

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