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Did you know that you live in an area every bit as historical and valuable as Twickenham or Old Town? Our development is the site of

- \* a sedimentary rock outcrop just west of the spring house that is imbedded with millions of fossilized prehistoric sea creatures
- \* an old Cherokee and Chickasaw campground, in the area around the spring
- \* possibly the only place in the world that rare, endangered sightless, albino crayfish accumulate
- \* Governor Reuben Chapman's home and farm
- \* the old Monte Sano Dairy (and the remains of its stone buildings--an outcropping at the spring house has the dairy operator's name etched on it, ca. 1889, but the building itself is believed to date from between 1820 to 1830))
- \* the home of Huntsville's most famous cow, *Signal's Lily Flag*
- \* the Chapman Dairy that served Huntsville's citizens through two world wars and the Great Depression

Our area was the subject of an entire issue (Spring 1989) of *The Historic Huntsville Quarterly* and is being researched for another article. This history and the physical remains of our rare stone buildings are worth preserving on their own merits. But as a community of property owners it's to our advantage to work together to protect these treasures and enhance the value of our investment as homeowners in Gladstone Place.