

I am 92 years old and am proud to be the last of eleven children, all to have been born in the house at 209 Bluffton Road.

My siblings, their children and grands, and some great-grands slept in the beds, rocked on the porch, walked the hall and played hide and go seek until dark in the azalea yard.

That part of our family's life has been over for years. The house is abandoned and no family member plans to occupy it. The house has served its purpose - so let it rest in peace.

It does not matter to me whether the house is demolished or towed away to another location, what does matter is that it be removed in order that a new era in Old Town Bluffton can take root and flourish like the old oaks that grace its grounds.

Let the Kessler Group, with their own style of respect and enthusiasm for local culture have their way with the property to implement their plans for showcasing Community Gullah Culture and the Joiner legacy.

It is my desire to see the property sold within my lifetime, and from what I can tell, ^{the} Kessler plans more than satisfy my hopes for its continued longevity as a gift and tribute to my hometown and family.

Thank You,
Dorothy Joiner Singleton