

A Chatham County Preservation Opportunity The Banks L. and Georgia B. Teague House Near Staley



This two-story gable-roof bungalow-style dwelling was built in 1917 for Banks L. and George B. Teague on a farm near Staley that had been Mr. Teague's Quaker family since the late nineteenth century. According to Georgia Teague, the house was built in twenty-one days by a three-man team – Sonny Curl, Tom Albright, and Kenneth Carter – who also constructed other local houses. Banks Teague ordered the plans, which were reportedly also used by Friends minister D. Virgil Pike when his nearby house was constructed by the same three men.

In addition to farming, Mr. Teague also ran his father's general store, the Teague Grocery in Staley, for thirty-eight years, almost until his death in 1950. (Interestingly, the store was subsequently sold to Max Albright, the son of carpenter Tom Albright, for use as an outbuilding on his nearby farm.)

The house is said to have many interesting and unique features, which are described in *The Architectural Heritage of Chatham County, NC*. These include the latticework frieze on the porch, multipane Queen Anne sash window in the gable, and interesting shutters that were added later. Most of the structure is original (except the asphalt siding, which can easily come off). The windows have been described as "fabulous" by architectural history folks at Preservation NC. When the structure was surveyed in the 1980s for the *Architectural Heritage* publication, it was said to have National Register potential.

The property is now listed for sale, and we hope that someone will save this Chatham County treasure! Even if you are not in the market for a restoration property, take advantage of the [realtor's website](#) to get a virtual tour of this very interesting Chatham County survivor!