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## Inside granary

Above, Manassas City Museum Director Doug Harvey checks a window during a tour of the granary in mid May. Harvey, City Manager John Cartwright and Eric Persson, director of Historic Manassas, toured the building together. At right: they are left to right, Persson, Harvey and Cartwright. They are examining the building framing.



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that period...

"We have no place to make the granary an exhibit ourselves, so I don't see much possibility of the city doing it."

Thomas Thorpe, a Prince William school administrator who salvages historic buildings as a hobby, says he agreed with Cartwright's conclusion after inspecting the granary on Friday.

The building could be dismantled and rebuilt elsewhere, but only at

great expense, Thorpe says.

"This is a lovely old building," he says. "It's just a shame it can't be redone where it is, but to take it apart and reconstruct it ... just would not be practical."

Debutts says he hopes the city will find a way to preserve his family's granary, something he considers a "very worthwhile" endeavor.

"If it can serve some good purpose historically, I think they ought to keep it. ... I hope they'll be able to make good use of it."