HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY
SUMMARY REPORT

DOWNTOWN TRYON SURVEY

TRYON, NORTH CAROLINA

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Town of Tryon, in partnership with the Tryon Downtown Development Association (TDDA), contracted with Acme Preservation Services to conduct a survey of historic architectural resources as the initial component of a long-term historic preservation and economic development strategy for downtown Tryon. The Town of Tryon, TDDA, and other local groups are actively working to encourage a comprehensive approach to the economic revitalization of Tryon’s downtown through the Tryon Downtown Historic District and Revitalization Project. Their efforts are modeled on the North Carolina Main Street Program principles: 1) strong organizational management, 2) promotion and marketing of the downtown area, 3) development and maintenance of appropriate design elements and standards with emphasis on historic preservation, and 4) the economic restructuring of the downtown in order to have a vital, functioning area of appropriate mixed uses that invites residents and visitors alike to participate in exciting community life. The Tryon Downtown Historic District and Revitalization Project seeks to cooperatively preserve and promote the town’s cultural and historic resources as well as stimulate economic growth in the downtown area.

To achieve these goals, the Town and TDDA have undertaken the Downtown Tryon Survey to expand upon and update previous efforts to identify and record historic properties within the town limits. The survey provides the foundation for additional preservation initiatives including potential National Register of Historic Places listings, creation of a historic preservation commission, designation of local landmarks and historic districts, and obtaining Certified Local Government (CLG) status through the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (HPO). The identification and documentation of historically important properties also encourages renovation of downtown buildings and development of an attractive and vital business district showcasing cultural and historical assets. Designation of historic districts and individual landmarks will allow further access to rehabilitation tax credits and low-interest building loans for eligible properties, offering valuable incentives for investment in the downtown area. The Downtown Tryon Survey has been made possible through generous contributions from the Unrestricted Fund of the Polk County Community Foundation, the Tryon Downtown Development Association, and the Tryon Board of Commissioners.

A survey of historic resources in Tryon was performed in 1978-1979 by Diane E. Lea and Claudia Roberts of Robert M. Leary and Associates, Ltd. The original municipal survey was conducted under the sponsorship of the Polk County Historical Association and the Town of Tryon, with the assistance of grants from the Polk County Community Foundation and the North Carolina Division of Archives and History. Lea and Roberts published the results of their survey in An Architectural and Historical Survey of Tryon, North Carolina (1979). The vast majority of the buildings identified in the original survey and described in the resulting publication were residential structures.

The current Downtown Tryon Survey serves to augment the previous effort by focusing on commercial buildings and historic resources within the downtown area and commercial corridor formed by Trade Street. The survey area, delineated by the Town and TDDA, encompasses Trade Street from its intersection with School Street at the north and Carolina Drive at the south. The survey area also includes areas adjacent to Trade Street, including Oak, Maple, and Palmer streets east to Howard Street, and the block formed by Pacolet Street, Walnut Street, and Melrose Avenue. The study area is shown on the attached map (see page 4).
METHODOLOGY

Clay Griffith of Acme Preservation Services conducted the Downtown Tryon Survey of historic architectural resources in December 2007 and January 2008. The survey identified and documented 102 primary resources within the study area. Fieldwork for the project consisted of visually inspecting the entire survey area on foot and by car, taking digital photographs of every property within the survey area regardless of age, and making notes on the physical appearance, materials, and location of individual buildings. For each property identified in the survey, an individual record was created in the HPO’s Access survey database, and each property was assigned a unique Survey Site Number. The database entries contain descriptive information, a written summary, and block and lot numbers for each property. Of the 102 resources documented during the survey, 21 buildings were recorded by Lea and Roberts during the 1979 Tryon Municipal Survey. The files for these previously recorded properties were updated and added to the survey database.

All data entry and digital photography (including file naming and labeling of proofs) was conducted in accordance with the HPO’s policies, guidelines, and instructions as of May 2007. All work has been completed to HPO standards as described in North Carolina Historic Preservation Office Survey Manual: Practical Advice for Recording Historic Structures (2002). The database and digital photographs have been submitted on CD-Rs to both the Town and TDDA.

Background research was conducted locally at the Lanier Library and Polk County Historical Association Museum in Tryon; the Polk County Public Library and Register of Deeds Office in Columbus; and in conversation with business and property owners in Tryon. A considerable amount of information was gleaned from the 1979 survey publication, An Architectural and Historical Survey of Tryon, North Carolina, and the existing survey files kept at the North Carolina Office of Archives and History Western Office in Asheville. Another important secondary source was the Polk County Historical Association’s county history published in 1983. The Polk County Historical Association maintains a good collection of research materials and artifacts at its museum in the old Tryon depot. Two local newspapers, Polk County News and Tryon Daily Bulletin, offer a tremendous written record of community activities and events through the twentieth century, although an exhaustive search the old papers is prohibitive. Souvenir editions of the Bulletin, however, were consulted.

As of January 2008, the North Carolina Historic Preservation Office roster of National Register and Study List properties includes 30 properties in Polk County, consisting of 17 properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and 13 properties on the state’s Study List for the National Register. Only two of Polk County’s National Register properties are located within the town of Tryon—Pine Crest Inn and the Bank of Tryon Building. Five other National Register properties, typically large plantation houses, are located in the Tryon vicinity, including Blackberry Hill (Mills House), Block House site, Friendly Hills, Mills-Screven Plantation, and Seven Hearths. Nine of the thirteen properties currently on the Study List are located in Tryon, including Cain-McDonald House, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lanier Library, Lynncote, Melrose Avenue Historic District, Melrose Lodge, Mimosa Inn, St. Luke’s Hospital, and The Villa. Only one of these properties, Lanier Library, was located within the study area for the Downtown Tryon Survey. As a result of the survey a Study List application has been prepared and submitted for the Trade Street Commercial Historic District, which consists of the three central blocks of Trade Street from Palmer Street south to the railroad crossing.
SUMMARY RESULTS OF THE SURVEY

The small mountain town of Tryon, North Carolina, lies in the far southern section of Polk County, just north of the North Carolina/South Carolina state line. Tryon is located approximately four miles southwest of Columbus, the county seat, and Interstate 26. The history of Tryon, its development and architecture, has been well documented in the survey publication, An Architectural and Historical Survey of Tryon, North Carolina (1979), along with other local histories, and will not be recounted in detail for this report. Some basic historic background information, however, is necessary to provide sufficient context for understanding the historic resources documented during the present survey. The Downtown Tryon Survey identified and recorded 102 primary resources, adding 81 newly documented properties to the inventory of historic resources in Tryon.

Tryon remained a modest settlement through much of the nineteenth century, but the community began to take its present shape following the arrival of the Asheville-Spartanburg Railroad, which reached Tryon in 1877. Built with the intention of connecting South Carolina ports and markets with people and resources in North Carolina, Tennessee, and the Ohio Valley, the railroad had a dramatic impact on the economic and social development of Tryon in the late-nineteenth century as the trains between South Carolina and Asheville began to expose a wide range of visitors to the community. Located at the base of the Saluda Grade, the steepest mainline railroad grade in the country, Tryon became frequent stopping place as northbound trains prepared for the grueling climb and southbound trains cooled their wheel bearings and brakes. As a result, a hotel was erected and boarding houses were opened to accommodate the accidental tourists and Tryon’s reputation as a pleasant resort quickly grew.¹

Following its incorporation in 1885, Tryon was laid out in a circle around the railroad depot, which was located on the east side of the tracks near the intersection with South Trade Street (roughly opposite the current Tryon Theatre). Trade Street, the town’s original commercial street, ran parallel to the railroad tracks on the east and northeast side and was the location of T. T. Ballenger’s dry goods store and his blacksmith shop. Ballenger, who was one of the town’s most prominent citizens and named its first mayor, built Oak Hall (originally known as the Tryon City Hotel) with John Garrison in 1882, the first building constructed specifically as a hotel to serve Tryon’s tourism industry. The hotel, a local landmark for nearly 100 years, was a large frame structure with Italianate and Queen Anne ornamentation that was restrained yet stylish for its day.²

The early commercial architecture of Tryon, specifically nineteenth-century structures built after the arrival of the railroad, has been lost in the intervening decades to both growth and fire. The earliest commercial buildings documented in the survey date to the first decade of the twentieth century, including the depot and Town Hall (originally built as a school) from 1906, the ca. 1907 Bank of Tryon Building, and several structures from around 1910. The Whitney House, built in the 1890s on Melrose


² Lea and Roberts, 9. Polk County Historical Association, Polk County, North Carolina, History (Tryon, NC: Polk County Historical Association, Inc., 1983), 76.
Avenue opposite the present location of the Lanier Library and Tryon Fine Arts Center, is the oldest structure recorded in the survey. At the beginning of the twentieth century Tryon had a year-round population of more than 300 people, and the commercial district began to reflect the needs of a growing population. The North Carolina Year Book and Business Directory for 1904 recorded two doctors, pharmacist, architect, two general merchandise stores (operated by John Orr and the Ballenger Company), one hotel and seven boarding houses, two livery stables, and a weekly newspaper, Tryon Bee.

Trade Street emerged as the primary business location in town, with its buildings standing along one side and overlooking the street and railroad tracks to the west and southwest. Fires in 1904 and 1913 destroyed numerous frame buildings on Trade Street, including the original Ballenger Company store and Missildine’s Drug Store. Several of the earliest brick masonry structures, such as the Tryon Supply Company at the south end of Trade Street, survived these fires. The ever-present threat of fire, however, eventually led to the replacement of the early frame buildings with more permanent one- and two-story masonry structures through the first decades of the twentieth century. According to Sanborn maps of Tryon, the two main blocks of Trade Street (north and south of Oak Street) generally reached their present form by the 1920s, and the block of Trade Street between Maple and Palmer streets was partially built up by 1929.

The 1920s also saw the construction of a number of other significant individual structures outside the dense commercial blocks of Trade Street. An imposing Neoclassical Revival-style school building was erected in 1923 on a former vineyard at the north end of town and replaced an earlier three-story brick structure. The old school building was converted for use as a hotel and served as the Edgewood Hotel, Hotel Tryon, and Buckingham Inn before it was purchased by the town for municipal offices. The Polk County Farmer’s Federation built an agricultural warehouse on the southwest side of the railroad tracks where they cross Trade Street. The Tryon Toy Makers and Wood Carvers, a local craft organization formed in 1915, built a picturesque cottage on Howard Street for its retail showroom in 1925. The Blue Ridge Development Company, organized to promote a resort development on Hogback Mountain, built a rustic log and stone cottage around 1926 for its office in Tryon. In 1927, the Tryon Presbyterian Church erected a Gothic-inspired brick church building on a steep site off Freeman Hill Road.

As the number of automobiles increased and automobile ownership became more common in the second quarter of the twentieth century, Tryon saw an expansion of its residential areas further from the commercial center. Trade Street, however, reflected the growing popularity of the automobile with the first filling and service stations built in the late 1930s and 1940s to serve car owners. By 1950, six stations were located within the four blocks of Trade Street from Howard Street to the railroad crossing at the south end. Hub Arledge recalls that in 1959, the year he got his driver’s license, there were thirteen service stations on Trade Street from the junction of highways 108 and 176 to the state line and all but two of the stations were full service. In addition, the Tryon Motor Company and several auto repair garages were located on the block of Trade Street between Palmer Street and Howard Street. The east side of this block is presently occupied by Stott’s Ford.

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3 The North Carolina Year Book and Business Directory (Raleigh, NC: The News & Observer, 1904), 466.


Although some additional buildings were erected within the core blocks of Trade Street during the 1940s and early 1950s, the Trade Street area from Howard Street south to the railroad tracks had generally reached its present density by the mid-twentieth century. Cowan’s Supermarket, which opened in March 1951, was the most substantial mid-century addition to the three central blocks. The town purchased the old Hotel Tryon, located just north of Howard Street, in 1953 and remodeled the building during the following year for a new Town Hall.

Beginning in 1948, with the construction of a new post office on Pacolet Street, a secondary commercial area emerged to the west of the depot. A small row of one- and two-story commercial buildings were built on either side of post office on Pacolet Street, and this commercial block has since been joined by the current post office, built in 1960; headquarters of Jackson & Jackson Inc., built around 1960; a new bank completed in 1966; and the Tryon Fine Arts Center, which opened in 1969. This cluster of buildings, along with the Lanier Library, forms a later annex to the commercial area that joins Trade Street at its central intersection, but Trade Street has continued to serve as the principal commercial corridor of Tryon throughout the twentieth and into the twentieth-first century.

Interstate 26 through Polk County was completed in 1976, drawing traffic off of old US Highway 176 (Trade Street) between Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Hendersonville, North Carolina. As a result of easier access to the larger towns, larger retailers, and shopping malls, the character of Trade Street businesses has changed with more boutique and specialty shops opening in recent years and the loss of staple businesses like the supermarket, furniture store, department store, and bank. Unlike other towns that have been bypassed by four-lane or interstate highways, pulling business from downtown, Tryon does not appear to have been devastated by waning commercial activity in its downtown area. Tryon has suffered, however, from a number of significant business closings and rapid turnover among new businesses in recent years. Within this unpredictable economic environment, residents and visitors alike have experienced difficulty in finding the goods, services, and amenities they want and frequently look beyond Tryon and Polk County for their needs. New businesses established along Trade Street and on Highway 108 toward Columbus in the last quarter of the twentieth century have stretched the commercial corridor to the north and south, but the downtown area remains important to economic vitality of the community.

Since the 1979, the Tryon’s downtown has seen a number of changes to its commercial buildings—some minor and some glaring. Though the changes are often subtle, the cumulative effect becomes profound when taken together. The most significant loss to Tryon’s historic fabric was the demolition of the Oak Hall Hotel in 1979. The old hotel overlooked downtown from its hillside site for nearly one hundred years before it was cleared away to make room for a condominium complex. The only other portion of the survey area to suffer substantial building loss is at the north end between Town Hall and Tryon Elementary School, where a number of historic building (mostly residences) have been torn down for Tryon Federal Savings & Loan Bank and Duke Power Business Office (present Forbes Preschool). Beyond the railroad tracks to the south modern commercial buildings are more frequently interspersed among the historic resources, and the visual character is more typical of automobile oriented development.
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APPENDIX A

Survey Inventory List by Survey Site Number
## Tryon Downtown Survey Inventory by Survey Site Number

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APPENDIX B

Survey Site Forms
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00045  NR #: 

Property Name: Bank of Tryon Building
Street or 911 Address: 16 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL  StudyList  SLDate:  NR NRDate: 1/17/200
DOE-ER  DOEDate: DOE-Keeper  Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Medium  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary  Date: ca. 1907-08  Major Style Group: Romanesque
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Exterior Material: Brick  Later Covering:
Height: 2 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary  Date:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: Commerce  2nd Theme: Architecture
Group Association:
Historic Function: Commerce - financial


Written Summary:

Fortunately this bold, eclectic façade more typical of a large city has maintained in its original condition. The building was erected for the town's first bank, the Bank of Tryon, around 1905. Today it houses the Tyon Bulletin which was established in 1928 by Seth Vining in the basement of the building now occupied by Owen's Pharmacy. The parapet rising from the heavy corbels, granite quoins, and second-story Palladian-type windows recall the early Italian Renaissance style. Emphatic granite stepped window lintels link the windows to the quoins, thereby creating rhythms across the façade. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Built in the winter of 1907 and 1908, the Bank of Tryon Building is a two-story, brick, Romanesque Revival-inspired commercial building erected for the first bank established in Polk County. The bold two-bay façade features granite quoins, second-story Palladian-type windows, and a projecting parapet rising from heavy corbelled brackets. Two separate entrances with transoms are positioned to the north of a large segmental arch window. The centrally-located main entrance contains a replacement single-leaf glazed door. The north entrance contains double-leaf three-panel doors and opens into a stair to the second floor. The front window, which rests on a granite sill, was replaced in the 1970s with a multi-light segmental-arched window after the façade was damaged in an automobile accident; the window sash was replaced again in 1998 with a similar design. Substantial rough-faced stone lintels above the doors and rough-faced voussoirs over the window help to form a prominent belt course. Similarly, a stone belt course on the second story encompasses the stepped stone lintels above the two window bays, each consisting of single flat-headed windows flanking a center arched window. The second-story front windows are all one-over-one double-hung wood sash and
the two groupings rest on granite sills. Yellow brick is used to form the corbelled brackets supporting the projecting stepped parapet in the upper façade, as well as three decorative diamond patterns in the face of the parapet. A sheet metal coping has been fitted to the front parapet.

The three-story rear elevation is quite plain. Double-leaf metal doors, installed in 1992, access the basement level, and a single six-over-nine double-hung window is located to the north. Two pairs of tall, metal-frame, first-story rear windows, which are replacements from the 1970s, fit within brick segmental arches and illuminate the main floor of the interior. A metal fire escape landing extends north from an adjacent building to allow emergency egress through the moveable lower pane of the bank building’s south window; the other three windows are all single paneled. The fire escape, which was added in 1997, is supported on slender metal brackets. Four six-over-six double-hung wood windows on the second story appear to be original sash that have been repaired.

The interior of the building has evolved over time as the tenants of the building have changed, but the interior still retains much of its historic character. The primary interior change occurred in the late 1920s or early 1930s when the first-story banking floor was partitioned for offices. Original interior features include the first-story decorative pressed-tin ceiling, concrete bank vault and safe, exposed brick side walls, beaded board ceilings at the rear and on the second story, glass block skylights between the first and second stories, and hardwood floors on the second story. The original bank safe, manufactured by the Mosler Safe Company of Hamilton, Ohio, remains in place in the vault at the center of the building. A new stair along the north wall of the building was constructed in 1997 for additional egress from the second-story offices.

Organized in 1905 and housed in the Ballenger Company store, the Bank of Tryon was the first bank established in Polk County, North Carolina. The Bank of Tryon erected a new two-story brick and stone building in the winter of 1908. The new building on Trade Street in Tryon, the town’s principal commercial area, was enlarged in the late 1910s or early 1920s. The Bank of Tryon merged with the People’s Bank and Trust Company in 1927, and sold the building, which was then leased for offices. Since 1935, the building has been home to the Tryon Daily Bulletin, the world’s smallest daily newspaper. Seth M. Vining published the first edition of the Bulletin on January 31, 1928, and the newspaper quickly became an integral part of the community’s social fabric. Vining purchased the building in 1959, and the newspaper operation continued to grow during the second half of the twentieth century, eventually occupying the whole building.

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PL 45 – Bank of Tryon Building, 16 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Lanier Library
Street or 911 Address: 72 Chestnut Street
Location Description: Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate: 
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 1905 Major Style Group: Craftsman/Bungalow
Construction: Balloon Frame
Ext. Material: Wood Shingles Later Covering: 
Height: 1 story Roof: Cross Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution: Strong, Maj. William (Documented)

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group: 
Construction: Ext. Material: 
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme: 2nd Theme: 
Group Association: Religious Affiliation: 
Historic Function: Social - other

Written Summary:

For many years the principal cultural center in Tryon, the Lanier Library began in 1890 when the Lanier Club formed "to maintain a library. . .and to encourage civic and educational welfare in the community." The club was named in memory of the nationally acclaimed writer, poet and flautist Sidney Lanier who had arrived in Tryon in 1881 to spend his last weeks here. Until the shingled, multi-gable-roofed library building was erected, club meetings were held in private homes and boarding houses, including Mrs Gould's boarding house The Laurels on Lanier Street and the Methodist Church on the site of the Congregational Church of Christ on Melrose Avenue. During its first years evening programs offered at the Opera House (on the site of the Episcopal parish house) included performances by William Gillette and readings from Lanier's books. The growing library soon required a permanent location; in 1900 Charles E Erskine sold a lot to the club and in 1905 the library building was erected with less than $1,375 and several contributions that included the fireplace bricks and the wainscoting. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Lanier Library is a rambling, one-story, frame building covered with wood shingles and topped by asphalt-shingle cross-gable roof. The building rests on a full basement with brick foundation walls. Original section, now contained within the enlarged structure at the northeast corner, faced Chestnut Street and featured a projecting polygonal bay at the rear (west). Maj. William T. Strong, a retired civil engineer, drew the plans for the original building, and John Orr, a local merchant, acted as contractor. Around 1930, a reading room and kitchen were added on the north side of the building. Further additions were designed by local architect Holland Brady and built in 1966-67. The roof was repaired in 1969, and in 1970 the rear
(north) parking lot was constructed, along with a redesigned entrance from Chestnut Street. A large south wing with a Palladian window, L-shaped shed-roof porch at the southwest corner, and redesigned Chestnut Street entrance have substantially altered the exterior appearance and enlarged the massing of the building since 1980. The windows are typically replacement one-over-one sash.

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PL 46 – Lanier Library, 72 Chestnut Street
Property Name: **Rock House Art Gallery**

Street or 911 Address: **107 Pacolet Street**

Location Description:
- Town/vicinity: **Tryon**

**Principal Resource**  
- Material Integrity: **Medium**  
- Condition: **Good**  
- Location Integrity: **Original**

**Architectural Data: Primary**  
- Date: **ca. 1926**  
- Major Style Group: **Rustic Revival**

**Construction:** **Load Bearing Masonry**

**Ext. Material:** **Stone**  
**Later Covering:**

**Height:** **1 1/2 story**  
**Roof:** **Side Gable**  
**Plan:** **Not known**  
**Core Form (Domestic):**

**1st Design Source and attribution:** **Prince, Baylis (Attributed)**

**Architectural Data: Secondary**

**Construction:**

**2nd Design Source and**

**Major Theme:**

**Group Association:**

**Historic Function:** **Commerce - office building**

**Written Summary:**

Built around 1926 as a real estate office for the Blue Ridge Development Company which attempted to promote a resort complex on Hogback Mountain, this rustic structure served for a few years as the Mountain Industries Gift Shop before it was purchased in 1934 by the noted painter Mrs B King Couper. Local craftsmen used native materials to create a large stone fireplace, exterior stone walls ten feet high and eighteen inches thick, shed-roofed porch of log members, and the unusual gables of log construction. The interior originally featured bare rock walls, a vaulted ceiling of pine beams, and a balcony of log members. In the 1940s Mrs Couper divided the building into two apartments (one of which served as a gallery), installed false ceilings, and added a wing for two kitchens. Today Mrs Couper's heirs still reside in the Rock House and occasionally exhibit her works there. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

One and one-half story Rustic Revival style cottage constructed of stone with heavy log construction for gable ends and roof framing. Engaged, partial-width shed-roof porch is supported on log posts with log porch rails and brackets. Typical two-over-two sash throughout, multi-light glazed front entrance doors, stone landscaping elements (retaining walls, steps, fence posts). Rear shed-roof wing for kitchens added ca. 1940. Recently returned to use as single-family residence and new metal roof added.
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PL 60 – Rock House Art Gallery, 107 Pacolet Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

County: **Polk**
SSN: **PL00061**

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**Historic Property Name:** Oak Hall

**Street or 911 Address:** 77 Chestnut Street

**Location Description:**
- **Town/vicinity:** Tryon

**Recommended for SL:** Yes  **Study List:** No  **SL Date:**
- **NR:** Yes  **NR Date:**

**DOE-ER**
- **DOE-Date:**

**DOE-Keeper**
- **Local Status:**

**Ownership:** Private

**Principal Resource**

**Material Integrity:** N/A-GONE  **Condition:** GONE  **Location Integrity:**

**Architectural Data: Primary**
- **Date:**
- **Major Style Group:**
- **Construction:**
- **Ext. Material:**
- **Later Covering:**
- **Height:**
- **Roof:**
- **Plan:**
- **Core Form (Domestic):**

**Architectural Data: Secondary**
- **Date:**
- **Style Group:**
- **Construction:**
- **Ext. Material:**

**2nd Design Source and**
- **Major Theme:**
- **2nd Theme:**

**Group Association:**
- **Religious Affiliation:**

**Historic Function:** Domestic - hotel

**Written Summary:**

Originally the Tryon Hotel constructed by T T Ballenger in 1881-82, this is the first building erected in Tryon expressly as a hotel. Its proximity to the railroad depot, reputation for fine food and comfortable lodging, and its prominent location on a bluff overlooking Trade Street and Tryon Peak attracted large numbers of tourist, many of the "regulars" every season. Visitors have included celebrities such as F Scott Fitzgerald and Lady Nancy Astor. Many residents, including William Gillette, spent their first night in Tryon as visitors at the Oak Hall and decided to settle in the town. Clara Edwards has owned Oak Hall for 30 years, longer than any of the previous proprietors.

The rambling, three-story frame structure reflects two or three major building campaigns. The original rectangular block of 36 rooms is distinguished by the wrap-around veranda with a rounded corner projection and the porte-cochere at the original main entrance. In 1912 a large, three-story wing placed at an angle was added to the original block. Uniformity of design between these two sections was achieved by continuing the Italianate deep pendant cornice brackets and the turned balusters and slender Tuscan columns of the veranda. Still another building stage may have produced the two-story wing to the south, a large section of which has box cornices with returns instead of a bracketed cornice. The communal rooms on the first floor are distinguished by exposed beams and several pieces of Victorian furniture, including a massic, finely-carved and mirrored sideboard in the dining room. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Oak Hall was demolished in 1979 and replaced by the Oak Hall Condominiums (see PL00112).
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Tall and slender 2-story, masonry, roadside commercial building is built against a steep hillside faced with a rock retaining wall. Narrow in profile, the building is a shallow one-room deep, constructed with concrete block, and finished with stucco. A single leaf glazed-and-panled entry door is flanked by square, plate glass windows. Four single one-over-one replacement windows are irregularly spaced on the second story, with two windows flanking a large plate-glass picture window. Two additional single, one-over-one windows are located on the second story at the south end. A substantial double run of concrete steps is located at the north side of the building and lead to a second-story entrance, which is sheltered by a shed-roof porch on square posts. Rear second-story windows are square openings filled with structural glass block. The interior has been remodeled; the building is presently vacant and for sale.
PL 62 – Commercial Building, 226 S. Trade Street
Property Name: **Ballenger Building**

Street or 911 Address: **10 N. Trade Street**

Location Description:

Town/vicinity: **Tryon**

HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL

DOE-ER  DOEDate:
DOE-Keeper  Local Status:

Ownership: **Private**

**Principal Resource**  Material Integrity: **Medium**  Condition: **Fair**  Location Integrity: **Original**

**Architectural Data: Primary:**  Date: **ca. 1915**  Major Style Group: **Std Comm/Indust**

Construction: **Load Bearing Masonry**

Ext. Material: **Brick**  Later Covering:

Height: **2 story**  Roof: **Parapet/Comm.**  Plan: **Core Form (Domestic):**

1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data: Secondary:**  Date:

Construction:

2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:

Group Association:

Historic Function: **Commerce - department store**

**Written Summary:**

Two-story, brick, corner commercial building with a flat parapet roof. The façade, presently painted white, has modernized glass and steel storefronts. Upper façade, above the 2nd story windows, contains two rows of individual, recessed, upright bricks; long, recessed panel; and narrow, corbelled cornice. Side and rear elevations retain original windows with arched brick lintels. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Built in the 1910s for the Ballenger Co., an established general store in town, the two-story, brick building was set back from the sidewalk. In the 1960s or early 1970s, the lower façade was altered with the addition of new metal-frame storefronts projecting from the building, bringing the front even with the façade of the adjacent Bank of Tryon Building. Around 2000, a metal roof shed canopy was installed above the projecting storefronts to create an upper balcony. The canopy shelters the two groups of four windows under flat architraves. The upper façade features a brick soldier course with alternating recessed bricks, a recessed dentil course, a recessed panel, and corbelled cornice. The rear and exposed southeast side elevation feature arched window and door openings with corbelled brick hoods; the windows throughout have been replaced.
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PL 63 – Ballenger Building, 10 N. Trade Street
Property Name: North Trade Building
Street or 911 Address: 22-26 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon

Recommended for SL
   StudyList: SLDate: NR: NRDate:

DOE-ER: DOEDate: DOE-Keeper: Local Status: Ownership: Private

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1915
   Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
   Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
   Ext. Material: Brick
   Later Covering: Stucco
   Height: 2 story
   Roof: Parapet/Comm.
   Plan: Core Form (Domestic):

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
   Construction:
   Ext. Material:

2nd Design Source and
   Major Theme:
   Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
   Historic Function: Commerce - professional building

Written Summary:

Built in the 1910s, the two-story brick building was remodeled around 1973 according to designs prepared by local architect Holland Brady. The lower façade was covered with brick and a recessed entrance was designed to serve both first and second-story tenants; the second-story is accessed by an open exterior stair that fills the gap between this building and the adjacent Wilkins Building. A single cast-iron post (backed by a brick pier) remains in place supporting the span of the recessed entrance. The windows and doors are replacements with stylized lintels of smooth grey stucco. Similarly, a band of grey stucco divides the remodeled lower façade and the intact upper façade, which features flat arch window openings, decorative brick bands, and a corbelled cornice. The second-story windows have been replaced with 25-light fixed sash topped by stylized lintels of stucco.

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PL 64 – North Trade Building, 22-26 N. Trade Street
Property Name: W. J. Wilkins Building
Street or 911 Address: 28-38 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate:
DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1915 Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry Ext. Material: Brick
Later Covering:
Height: 2 story Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built in 1913, the Wilkins Building is a two-story brick structure with brick patterning on the upper façade and around its single one-over-one double-hung windows. The lower façade of the Wilkins Building and the adjacent structure were remodeled ca. 1980 into a continuous storefront treatment with arched plate-glass windows resting on corbelled brick sills and recessed metal-frame entries. The lower façade is sheltered by a hip-roof awning covered with metal roofing. The three-story elevation contains replacement windows in original openings on the two main floors and a single-leaf rear door that opens onto an exterior metal fire stair. At the basement level, window and door openings are topped by segmental brick arches; the window openings have all been bricked. A concrete loading platform is located at the rear of the building.

Drs. Allen J. Jervey and Marion C. Palmer opened a 12-bed hospital in 1924 on the second floor. Holland Brady Jr. and Dorothy Millikin, both born in 1925, were the first babies delivered in the small facility. The second story served as the local hospital until 1929, when St. Luke’s Hospital opened.

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1979   Lea & Roberts Original municipal survey
2007   Clay Griffith Tryon Downtown Survey
PL 65 – Wilkins Building, 28 N. Trade Street
Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00066  NR #:

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 20-26 Maple Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
  HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL  StudyList  SLDate:  NR  NRDate:
DOE-ER  DOEDate:
DOE-Keeper  Local Status:
Ownership: Private

Architectural Data: Primary
  Date: ca. 1980  Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick
Later Covering:
Height: 2 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm.
Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary
  Date:  Style Group:
Construction:
Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - office building

Written Summary:

Two-story brick commercial building built to the rear of Owen’s Pharmacy around 1980. Brick veneer façade features recessed entrance area, metal frame storefronts, large plate glass windows, and blind second story façade. Window and door openings are topped by soldier-course brick lintels, and a single rowlock course divides the upper and lower façade. Parapet capped with a terra cotta coping.

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PL 66 – Commercial Building, 22-26 Maple Street
Brock's Cleaners is a one-story, brick commercial building that has been enlarged multiple times and significantly altered with the addition of vinyl siding over many of the exterior walls. Located at the corner of Maple and Palmer streets, the original building presents a plain brick façade with replacement storefront windows and single-leaf entry, decorative panel in the upper façade, and flat parapet. Original metal-frame industrial windows remain intact along the Palmer Street elevation. A smaller block with a parapet roof stands adjacent to the original building (either an addition or second building), and it is covered entirely with vinyl siding. A hip-roof metal awning joins the two facades. Several additional blocks of varying heights have been added to the rear of the building so that the full building forms an "L" shape in plan. A gravel parking area is situated within the interior angle of the "L."

Marion Brock founded Brock's Cleaners in 1948 at this location. The Brock family home stood adjacent to the business (now the parking lot) on Maple Street. Brock and his family ran the business for 35 years until selling it Wes Sessoms of Hendersonville in the early 1980s.
PL 67 – Brock’s Cleaner’s, 46 Maple Street
Small, one-story, frame house with side-gable asphalt-shingle roof, concrete block foundation, shallow front-gable bay, and inset entry porch. The porch overhang is supported by a single, square wood post. Replacement wood steps lead to the concrete slab entry stoop. Windows are typically two-over-two sash with horizontal muntins. The whole house and garage, which is attached by a short enclosed breezeway, are covered with vinyl siding. A stone retaining wall with stone steps spans the property frontage along Maple Street. A row of mature pine trees are located behind the retaining wall.
PL 68 – House, 62 Maple Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

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Tryon, North Carolina
April 2008

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00069

Property Name: House
Street or 911 Address: 74 Maple Street
Location Description:
   - Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate: DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
   - Material Integrity: Medium
   - Condition: Good
   - Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary
   - Date: ca. 1960
   - Major Style Group:
Architectural Data: Secondary
   - Date:
   - Construction:
   - Ext. Material and
   - Height: 1 story
   - Roof: Side Gable
   - Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
   - 1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary
   - Date:
   - Construction:
   - Ext. Material:
   - 2nd Design Source and
   - Major Theme:
   - Group Association:
   - Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One-story, side-gable, brick house with asphalt shingle roof, interior brick chimney flue, and a single-leaf entry. A segmental arch entry canopy is supported on thin curved brackets. Windows are typically replacement one-over-one sash, and the gable ends are covered with weatherboards. A stone retaining wall with concrete steps spans the property frontage along Maple Street. A row of mature pine trees are located behind the retaining wall and along the driveway to the east.

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PL 69 – House, 74 Maple Street
The Thermal Belt Telephone Company building is a low, one-story, flat-roof, brick building with a recessed entrance and metal-frame façade. The façade is composed of a central double-leaf entry topped by a transom and flanked by metal-frame windows and opaque glass panels. The north elevation of the building features a similar recessed glass wall, single-leaf entry, and concrete steps to a lower level entrance. A tall one-story brick block is attached to the south end of the building at an odd angle. The block, which was probably added in the 1960s, features brick corner piers, large opening (originally a window?) filled with a cast concrete panel, and concrete-panel parapet. This block likely housed the company's communication equipment and was later enlarged to the northeast with a second addition composed of blind brick and concrete block walls.

The Thermal Belt Telephone Company was organized in 1948, and succeeded the Polk County Telephone Company, which operated from 1902 to 1948. The company was reorganized in 1957 with Dr. Marion Palmer as president and Ben Douglas as vice-president and general manager. At that time the company’s buildings--frame structures located on the west side of Palmer Street behind the Tryon Daily Bulletin offices--were renovated and new central offices were built on the east side of Palmer Street for the installation of new equipment. In 1965, Thermal Belt Telephone merged with Mid-Continent Telephone System.
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PL 70 – Thermal Belt Telephone Company, 169 Palmer Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00071

Property Name: Missildine's Pharmacy
Street or 911 Address: S. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
  HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1913 Major Style Group: Italianate
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Batten Later Covering:
Height: 3 story Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution: Strong, Maj. William (Attributed)

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:

Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

For many years this building was a popular gathering place, with Missildine's Drug Store on the first floor and offices and a large hall upstairs. Missildine's Drug Store began in 1896 on this site in a frame building which burned in 1913 and was immediately replaced with the present building. Merchandise sold by Missildine's included gas, ice and coal, as well as medicine. Two of the doctors who practiced on the second floor offices were Dr Earl G Grady and Dr AJ Jervey. The large hall accommodated the Masonic Lodge and civic groups including the Chamber of Commerce and the USO. In 1968 the building was purchased by Mrs F P Bacon who in 1946 with her husband had merged their Mountain Industries and Appalachian Handweavers with Blue Ridge Weavers which had begun in 1923 in the North Trade Building. The lower façade of the building has been remodelled with an austere steel and glass façade that is a sharp contract to the fine detailing of the upper stories. The rhythms of the window lintels, corbelled cornice, and stone beltcourse and inlays must have been much more pronounced before the red brick walls were painted white. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Built in 1913 to replace an earlier building that burned, Missildine's Drug Store occupied the prominent three-story, brick corner building through the 1940s. The exterior is enlivened by a rough ashlar parapet of rectangular stone blocks, an indented corbelled cornice, two pairs of louvered arched window openings with brick hoods, and an ashlar beltcourse. Two ashlar blocks are also set within narrow recessed panels above slender, second-story arched window openings. The lower façade has been severely remodeled in connection with the two adjacent buildings, which operated as Tryon Federal Bank in the late 20th century. A continuous
hip-roof, asphalt-shingle awning shelters the lower facades. The rear and exposed northwest side elevation feature similar pairs of arched window openings with brick hoods. A square concrete base adjoining the southwest corner of the building (at the intersection of Trade and Maple streets) served as the base for an exterior stair to the second story. The open stair attached to the northwest side of the building overlooking Maple Street and rose to a single-leaf doorway in the exterior wall (now bricked).

For many years Missildine’s Drug Store was a popular community gathering place, and Ernest Ellwood Missildine (d. 1942), the pharmacist, served several terms as mayor of Tryon. Missildine and Dr. Earle Grady opened the pharmacy in 1896, but two years later he became the sole owner. Maj. William Strong, who worked on several prominent Tryon buildings, oversaw the rebuilding of the drug store following the 1913 fire. In addition to the drug store on the first story, the second story contained offices and a large hall, which accommodated the Masonic Lodge, Chamber of Commerce, USO, and other civic groups. Dr. Grady, an early Tryon physician, had a second story office in the building. In 1967 the building was purchased by Mrs. F. P. Bacon to house the Blue Ridge Weavers, who remained in the building through the late 20th century before relocating to Pacolet Street. At that time, the building became part of Tryon Federal Bank and remodeled to function with the adjacent buildings.

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PL 71 – Missildine’s Pharmacy, S. Trade Street
Property Name: (former) Tryon Federal Savings & Loan
Street or 911 Address: S. Trade Street
Location Description:
    Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL    StudyList    SLDate:    NR    NRDate:
DOE-ER    DOEDate:    DOE-Keeper    Local Status:    Ownership: Private

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1915    Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick
Height: 2 story    Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date:    Style Group:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:    2nd Theme:
Group Association:    Religious Affiliation:

Written Summary:

This building is a fine example of the brick stores erected in North Carolina towns during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The carefully detailed masonry of the upper portion overshadows the lower façade which has been remodeled in plate glass framed with steel. The recessed panels is a frequently seen decorative device as are the bricks set on end at a diagonal. The cornice of molded rossetes flanked by brackets topped with ball finials is more elaborate than the adjacent buildings. The upper windows remain unaltered. (Lea & Roberts, 1979 - adapted)

Built around 1915, two-story brick building with a decorated parapet featuring stepped brick, repeated geometric design across the width of the façade, and a corbelled cornice. The four second-story windows have been replaced with fixed plate-glass. The lower façade, like the adjacent buildings, was remodeled in the late 20th century (1990s?), as Tryon Federal Bank expanded. Tryon Federal purchased the building in 1935 and operated from this location until 2006, when it moved into a new facility on North Trade Street.

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PL 72 – (former) Tryon Federal Savings and Loan, S. Trade Street
Written Summary:

This building is a fine example of the brick stores erected in North Carolina towns during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The recessed panels and the corbelled brackets and cornices are frequently seen decorative devices. (Lea & Roberts, 1979 - adapted)

Built around 1915, two-story brick building with a decorated parapet featuring a molded cornice with end brackets and rosettes, indented squares across the width of the façade, four narrow panels with mousetooth brick, and recessed panels above the windows. The four second-story windows have been replaced with fixed plate-glass. The lower façade, like the adjacent buildings, was remodeled in the late 20th century (1990s?), as Tryon Federal Bank expanded.
PL 73 – Jackson Building, S. Trade Street
Property Name: **South Trade Building**

Street or 911 Address: **25-27 S. Trade Street**

Location Description:
- Town/vicinity: **Tryon**

HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate: 

DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: **Private**

**Architectural Data: Primary:** Date: **ca. 1915**
- Major Style Group: **Std Comm/Indust**
- Construction: **Load Bearing Masonry**
- Ext. Material: **Brick**
- Later Covering:
- Height: **2 story**
- Roof: **Parapet/Comm.**
- Plan: **Core Form (Domestic):**
- 1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data: Secondary:** Date: 
- Style Group:
- Construction:
- Ext. Material:
- 2nd Design Source and

- Major Theme:
- Group Association:
- Religious Affiliation:
- Historic Function: **Commerce - professional building**

Written Summary:

Present home of the Tryon Toymakers, this plain red brick building is actually two buildings joined by a common corridor stair. The second level windows have been blocked off, but the upper rows of windows retains its louvered windows. Lower floor houses Arledge Pharmacy and Tryon Toymakers. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Built around 1915 after a fire destroyed a number of frame buildings on South Trade Street, two-story brick building with symmetrical nine-bay façade. The building contains two first-story commercial spaces, with a central doorway opening onto stairs to the second story offices. The storefronts appear to be original with recessed entrances, wood frame display windows, and paneled knee walls. The upper façade displays arched window openings, recessed panels, decorative brick bands, arched openings with louvered vents in the parapet, and a corbelled cornice. The second-story windows have been replaced with single-pane fixed glass. One interior space (#25) retains its pressed tin ceiling while the other space (#27) has been remodeled with dropped acoustical tiles and carpeted floor. The post office was located in the building for several years before a new post office was constructed on Pacolet Street in the 1940s. The Blue Ridge Weavers occupied the building for a number of years in the mid-twentieth century.

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PL 74 – South Trade Building, 25-27 S. Trade Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 31 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Medium  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1920  Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick  Later Covering:
Height: 1 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date:  Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built around 1920 after a fire destroyed a number of frame buildings on South Trade Street, a small one-story brick building. The façade features metal-frame storefront windows and single-leaf entry with transom, which were probably replaced in the 1950s or 60s. The storefront was also remodeled, switching from the recessed central entrance that appears in early photographs to a single-leaf door positioned to the side of the display window. The upper façade displays a single recessed panel and corbelled cornice, and the interior retains its pressed tin ceiling. The building has housed a number of businesses, including Tryon Real Estate, Appalachian Weavers, and a bookstore, which has occupied the space for many years.

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PL 75 – Commercial Building, 31 S. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00076  NR #:

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 35 S. Trade Street
Location Description:

Town/vicinity: Tryon

HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1920 Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built around 1920 after a fire destroyed a number of frame buildings on South Trade Street, a small one-story brick building. The storefront features a recessed entrance with single-leaf entry and sidelights and a replacement metal-frame display window. The knee wall beneath the storefront window is covered with stucco. The upper façade contains two plain openings with louvered vents and a stepped brick cornice. The interior has been remodeled with a dropped acoustical tile ceiling.

Actions

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2007  12  Clay Griffith  Tryon Downtown Survey
PL 76 – Commercial Building, 35 S. Trade Street
Property Name: Tryon Bank & Trust Co.
Street or 911 Address: 39 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
Recommended for SL Study List SLDate: NR NRDate: DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Low Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1927 Major Style Group: Moderne
1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme:
Group Association:
Historic Function: Commerce - financial

Written Summary:

Built around 1927 for the Tryon Bank & Trust Company, a two-story brick bank building with a heavily altered façade. Documentary photographs of the bank dating to the 1940s depict an Art Moderne style façade with smooth stucco framing a large structural glass block wall (portions are still visible). The application of vertical brick veneer pilasters, cast concrete panels, projecting metal parapet, and boxed metal entry canopy have obscured the simple modernism of the earlier design. The rear elevation contains metal-frame casement windows and two smaller glass-block panels, which may serve to illuminate an interior stairwell.

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Year  Month  Surveyor  Action/Report
2007  12    Clay Griffith  Tryon Downtown Survey
PL 77 – Tryon Bank & Trust Co., 39 S. Trade Street
The building was erected in the 1930s to replace a silent movie theatre on the same site which had burned. The Art Deco marquee and doors of the façade stand out against a stark stuccoed background. The corbelled beltcourse identical to a typical brick cornice indicates that the top story was a later addition and that the wall beneath the stucco is brick. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Building built for Polk County Telephone and Telegraph Company in the late 1901s or early 1920s, but it was sold and converted to a silent movie theater in the late 1920s. Burned in 1936 and rebuilt according to designs by prolific Hendersonville architect Erle G. Stillwell (w/local architect Russell Walcott). Stillwell prepared drawings in June 1938 and the theater opened on Dec. 12,, 1938. Designs for the stylish Art Deco upper façade were not followed but utilized the surviving façade and corbelled brick cornice. A tall parapet was extended upward from the existing cornice, with three single-light, square windows to illuminate the projection room. The Art Deco-inspired façade features a stucco finish, decorative beltcourse, and double-leaf entrance doors with half-circle windows. A replacement marquee, which replicates the general outline of the original, shelters the recessed entrance, ticket window, and exterior concession window for African-Americans. Two single-leaf entrances, including an exterior door to the balcony, flank the recessed entrance. A tall parapet added above to house the projection room of the theater. The interior, which seats 285, was remodeled ca. 2000.
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PL 78 – Tryon Theatre, 45 S. Trade Street
Property Name: Tryon Supply Company Building
Street or 911 Address: 49 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

  Recommended for SL  StudyList  SLDate:  NR  NRDate:
  DOE-ER  DOEDate:
  DOE-Keeper  Local Status:
Ownership: Private

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1910  Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick  Later Covering: 
Height: 1 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic): 
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date:  Style Group: 
Construction:  Ext. Material: 
2nd Design Source and 
Major Theme:  2nd Theme: 
Group Association:  Religious Affiliation: 
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built ca. 1910, the one-story brick commercial building is one of the oldest structures on this block of South Trade Street. A photograph following the 1913 fire that destroyed most of the frame buildings on the block shows the distinct peaked parapet façade of the Tryon Supply Company remaining intact. The façade is capped by a corbelled brick and rough ashlar cornice of rectangular stone blocks. At the center, corbelled brick pilasters frame the peaked parapet, which is also topped by rectangular stone blocks of rough ashlar. The original storefront consisting of large display windows and recessed entrance under a continuous multi-light transom was removed around 2000 and replaced with a modern recessed storefront of metal and glass. The steel I-beam lintel, which appears in documentary photographs above the original storefront, remains intact. A large, steel fire escape stair has been attached to the rear of the building.
PL 79 – Tryon Supply Company Building, 49 S. Trade Street
**Historic Property Survey Summary**

**County:** Polk  
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**Ownership:** Private |

**Principal Resource**

| Architectural Data: Primary | Date: ca. 1910  
**Construction:** Load Bearing Masonry  
**Ext. Material:** Brick  
**Later Covering:** Stucco  
**Height:** 1 story  
**Roof:** Parapet/Comm.  
**Plan:** Core Form (Domestic): |
| Architectural Data: Secondary | Date:  
**Construction:**  
**Ext. Material:**  
**2nd Design Source and**  
**Major Theme:**  
**Group Association:**  
**Historic Function:** Commerce - specialty store |

**Written Summary:**

Built ca. 1910, the small, one-story brick commercial building is one of the oldest structures on this block of South Trade Street. The façade contains two storefronts, each with a single-leaf door flanked by a display window and topped by transoms. The window and door openings are arched and the transoms have been boarded. The upper façade contains significant brick corbelling, but the façade is now covered with rough stucco that obscures the brickwork details. Small arched window openings are located on the exposed side elevations.

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PL 80 – Commercial Building, 55 S. Trade Street
Property Name: Service Station
Street or 911 Address: 75 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status:

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Low  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1940  Major Style Group: Moderne
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Unknown-N/A  Later Covering: Later Brick Veneer
Height: 1 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group: 2nd Design Source and
Construction:  Ext. Material: 2nd Theme:
2nd Major Theme: Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

Originally built ca. 1940 as a one-story service station with a stepped parapet facade, the building has been remodeled for use as offices. Constructed of concrete block with a stucco finish, the building stands on tall steel supports above a steeply sloping site. The façade has been drastically remodeled with the addition of brick veneer, multiple metal-frame storefronts, and asphalt-shingle covered hipped parapet. A small cottage-style block at the south end retains its original tall side-gable roof. The side and rear elevations contain metal-frame industrial windows and casements and a stepped rear parapet. For many years this was Dick Burnette’s Gulf station.

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PL 81 – Service Station, 75 S. Trade Street
Property Name: Burrell's Fuel
Street or 911 Address: New Market Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate: DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1975 Major Style Group:
  Construction: Masonry Veneer
  Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering: Wood
  Height: 1 story Roof: Hip Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
  1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
  Construction: Ext. Material:
  2nd Design Source and
  Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
  Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
  Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

One-story, hip-roof commercial building at intersection of S. Trade St., New Market St, and railroad tracks. The exterior is finished with brick veneer and modern wood paneling with metal-frame plate-glass windows. Two single-leaf entries located on the north (front) elevation. The asphalt shingle roof features deep eaves, projecting purlins at the corners, and an interior brick chimney.

To the rear (southeast) of the building is an unexcavated mound supporting four metal fuel tanks laying horizontally. The four tanks rest on concrete piers. A concrete retaining wall on the west side of the mound supports a metal shed-roof canopy that shelters trucks during refueling.

H. J. Butler founded a fuel business in the early 1950s. Theodore L. Burrell (1923-1980 (or 82?)) worked for Butler Fuels for 17 years (and part-time for Cowan's Supermarket) before purchasing the business in 1970. Burrell, who renamed the company Burrell's Fuels, ran the business with his wife, Inez; his son, Harold, and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth. Following the death of Theo Burrell, Harold and Elizabeth Burrell took over operation of the business.

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PL 82 – Burrell’s Fuel, New Market Street
Property Name: Farmer's Federation Warehouse
Street or 911 Address: 201 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
  Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate: 
  DOE-ER DOEDate: 
  DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1925 Major Style Group: 19th-20th c. trad/vern
  Construction: Balloon Frame Ext. Material: Metal
  Height: 2 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
  1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
  Construction: Ext. Material:
  2nd Design Source and
  Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
  Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - warehouse

Written Summary:

Two-story wood frame warehouse built alongside the railroad tracks for the Polk County Farmer's Federation, an organization formed around 1920 in Buncombe County to support local farmers. Originally a rectangular building on a concrete foundation, the warehouse was enlarged in the second half of the 20th century to include a two-story front-gable pavilion on the front and a large one-story gable roof rear ell. In the 1980s a brick and glass, shed roof addition was built adjacent to the front pavilion to serve as a bar for the building's new function as a restaurant. A standing seam metal roof covers the entire building, and the original block and rear addition are sheathed with corrugated metal siding. The front pavilion features a brick lower story and weatherboards above. A shed roof porch, also added in the 1980s, is supported on brick piers. The large 12-light windows flanking the front entry remain intact, but the six-over-six windows on the upper façade have been removed. One remaining six-over-six window remains in place on the south side of the pavilion. At the rear a loading dock is sheltered by a shed-roof porch supported on log posts. Two original, sliding wood doors remain in place.

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PL 83 – Farmer’s Federation Warehouse, 201 S. Trade Street
Property Name: **Butler Dairy**  
Street or 911 Address: **215 S. Trade Street**  
Location Description:  
   Town/vicinity: **Tryon**

**Architectural Data:**  
Construction: **Load Bearing Masonry**
   Ext. Material: **Concrete Block**
   Height: **1 story**
   Roof: **Side Gable**

**Architectural Data:**  
Construction: **ca. 1945**
   Major Style Group: **Std Comm/Indust**

**Written Summary:**
Tall one-story, side gable, concrete block building with metal-frame industrial windows, corrugated metal siding in the gable ends, and an exterior end chimney slab. The center bay of the building appears to have been filled in with modern wood siding and a large plate-glass window. A tall opening with glass block and a replacement single-leaf entry are also visible on the façade (another door and window opening have been blocked in). A one-story, hip roof addition covered with vinyl siding also projects from the front of the building. A concrete loading dock and double-leaf metal doors have been added at the northeast corner. On the rear elevation, a metal roll-up door opens into the basement.

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<td>Tall 1-story, side gable, metal shed with a poured concrete foundation and two metal roll-up doors</td>
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PL 84 – Butler Dairy, 215 S. Trade Street
Property Name: (former) First Union Bank
Street or 911 Address: 255 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
   HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLD.Date: NR NRDate: DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1970 Major Style Group: Colonial Revival
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Hip Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - financial

Written Summary:

One-story, hip-roof, brick veneer bank building with projecting front gable entry porch and hexagonal cupola. The cupola, composed of louvered sides and a tall copper cap, rises from the center of the asphalt-shingle roof. A dentil course is located below the eaves. The seven-bay façade presents three one-over-one windows on either side of the center entrance bay. The windows rest on wood knee walls with applied molding. The front gable entry porch is supported by paired Tuscan columns and shelters paired single-leaf entry doors framed by pilasters and a classically-inspired surround. A single-leaf side entrance located on the north side of the building displays the same classical surround.

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Year  Month  Surveyor  Action/Report
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PL 85 – (former) First Union Bank, 255 S. Trade Street
Property Name: House
Street or 911 Address: 355 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
  HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1930 Major Style Group: Craftsman/Bungalow
Construction: Balloon Frame
Ext. Material: Unknown-N/A Later Covering: Vinyl
Height: 1 1/2 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One and one-half story, frame bungalow with a side gable roof, shed-roof front dormer, brick foundation, four-over-one Craftsman windows, and a partial width recessed porch. The porch is supported by tapered wood posts on brick piers. The house is covered with vinyl siding. The site contains a number of low retaining walls, both in front of the house and along the side, composed of river rock.

Outbuildings/Features
FeatureType Material CircaDate Condition Contrib Description
Garage Stucco 1930 Fair C 1-bay front-gable garage, stucco over concrete block?, vinyl in the gable ends, wood roll-up door

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Year Month Surveyor Action/Report
2007 12 Clay Griffith Tryon Downtown Survey
PL 86 – House, 355 S. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00087  NR #:

Property Name: House
Street or 911 Address: 345 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
   HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Low Condition: Fair Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1920 Major Style Group: 19th-20th c. trad/vern
Construction: Balloon Frame
Ext. Material: Unknown-N/A Later Covering: Vinyl
Height: 1 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Hall-parlor Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group: Construction:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One-story, side gable, frame dwelling with asphalt shingle roof, vinyl siding, brick foundation, full-width hip-roof porch, rear ell, and subsequent additions to the rear. Windows throughout are replacement two-over-two sash with horizontal muntins. Replacement thin, metal posts support the porch roof. A exterior brick chimney flue rises against the north side wall. Two further additions have been made to the rear ell, telescoping in size.

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Year Month Surveyor Action/Report
2007 12 Clay Griffith Tryon Downtown Survey
PL 87 – House, 345 S. Trade Street
Property Name: **House**
Street or 911 Address: **335 S. Trade Street**
Location Description: Tryon

**Recommended for SL Study List**

**Architectural Data: Primary**
- **Construction:** Balloon Frame
- **Ext. Material:** Asbestos shingle
- **Height:** 1 story
- **Roof:** Side Gable
- **Plan:** Core Form (Domestic)
- **Date:** ca. 1960

**Architectural Data: Secondary**
- **Construction:**
- **Ext. Material:**
- **Major Theme:**
- **Group Association:**
- **Religious Affiliation:**
- **Historic Function:** Domestic - single dwelling

**Written Summary:**

Small, one-story, frame house with side-gable asphalt-shingle roof, concrete block foundation, shallow front-gable bay, and inset entry porch. The porch appears to have been enclosed and covered with asbestos shingles. The siding may be original to the house. Windows are typically six-over-six replacement sash. A louvered vent opening is positioned in the front gable end, and an exterior brick end chimney is located on the south side of the house. One-story gable roof ell extends from the rear.

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PL 88 – House, 335 S. Trade Street
Property Name: House

Street or 911 Address: 319 S. Trade Street

Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon

HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:

DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status:

Ownership: Private

Principal Resource

Material Integrity: Low
Condition: Good
Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1920
Major Style Group: 19th-20th c. trad/vern

Construction: Balloon Frame
Ext. Material: Unknown-N/A
Later Covering: Vinyl

Height: 1 1/2 story Roof: Cross Gable
Plan: Irregular

Core Form (Domestic):

1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:

Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One and one-half story, heavily altered, frame dwelling. The basic form is a single-pile block with projecting, front-gable center pavilion on the front. A full-width hip-roof porch wraps around the projecting bay and is supported by square posts on brick piers. The brick foundation and porch piers have been covered with a thin layer of concrete. Windows throughout are typically nine-over-nine replacement sash. A one-story bay projects on the north side, while a later exterior brick chimney rises against the south wall. A one and one-half story ell projects from the rear, with a one-story addition beyond the ell.

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PL 89 – House, 319 S. Trade Street
### Historic Property Survey Summary

**County:** Polk  
**SSN:** PL00090  
**Property Name:** Commercial Building  
**Street or 911 Address:** 289 S. Trade Street  
**Location Description:** Tryon

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**Written Summary:**

One-story, contemporary style office building finished with rough stucco over masonry walls, wood paneling, plate-glass windows, and a metal roof. The building is divided into three main sections, distinguished by parapet fire walls. The center portion features a recessed front wall and open roof area, forming a small courtyard.

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PL 90 – Commercial Building, 289 S. Trade Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 431 N. Trade Street
Location Description: Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL: StudyList: SLDate: NR: NRDate: DOE-ER: DOEDate: DOE-Keeper: Local Status: Ownership: Private

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1985 Major Style Group:
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - office building

Written Summary:

One-story, L-shape, brick veneer commercial building with polygonal front bay. The building replaced a early 1900s Victorian house with a polygonal front bay, which was torn down to make way for this building--originally a real estate office. The building is plainly finished with six-light-over-two-panel single-leaf doors, one-over-one wood windows, and two custom plate-glass windows in the gable end of the polygonal bay. The interior main floor is a continuous open space.

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PL 91 – Commercial Building, 431 N. Trade Street
Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk  SSN: PL00092  PIN:  Updated Mo: Yr:  Removed Outbldg

Property Name: Wilson House  Street or 911 Address: N. Trade Street  Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon  HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL: Study List: SLDate: NR: NRDate:
DOE-ER: DOEDate: DOE-Keeper: Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Medium  Condition: Fair  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1910  Major Style Group: 19th-20th c. trad/vern
Construction: Balloon Frame
Ext. Material: Unknown-N/A  Later Covering: Asbestos shingle
Height: 1 story  Roof: Side Gable  Plan: Hall-parlor  Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material: 2nd Design Source and
2nd Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One-story, side gable, frame dwelling with asphalt shingle roof, asbestos shingle siding, original two-over-two windows, and a rear gable-roof ell on tall basement. The three-bay façade presents a single-leaf glazed-and-paneled door under a gable canopy supported on triangular brackets and flanked by single windows. An attached shed roof porch (now enclosed with windows) abuts the rear ell and is accessed by replacement wood steps. An exterior brick chimney flue rises against the rear wall of the house. Square three-over-one Craftsman style windows are located in the rear ell. A single garage bay with roll-up door is located underneath the ell.

According to deed records the house appears to have been built by C. W. and Emma Wilson sometime between 1905 and 1919, on land they purchased from W. J. and Ida Gaines.

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PL 92 – Wilson House, N. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office  

Historic Property Survey Summary  

County: Polk  
SSN: PL00093  

Property Name: Tryon Elementary School  

Street or 911 Address: 100 School Place  
Location Description:  

HD, if any, and status: ()  
Recommended for SL Study List:  
DOE-Keeper:  
Ownership: Public - local  

Principal Resource  

Material Integrity: High  
Condition: Fair  
Location Integrity: Original  

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 1924  
Major Style Group: Neoclassical Revival  
Construction: Masonry Veneer  
Ext. Material: Brick  
Height: 2 story  
Roof: Front Gable  
Plan:  
1st Design Source and attribution:  

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: ca. 1950  
Style Group: Misc. Modernist  
Construction: Masonry Veneer  
Ext. Material: Brick  
2nd Design Source and  

Written Summary:

Built around 1924 to replace the outmoded facilities of the earlier school building that is now the Town Hall, the school exhibits the academic Neoclassical style popular for public institutions. The monumental temple-style portico of the main entrance emphasizes the school's imposing site at the crest one of Tryon's several hills. Southeast of this main building is a brick and frame barn-like structure built by the WPA that served as a gymnasium for many years. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Tryon Elementary School consists of several pieces, including the 1924 Neoclassical Revival style main building. The two-story brick auditorium at the south end of the main block was erected in 1927 and features brick pilasters with cast stone capital, stepped parapet, replacement doors, and cast concrete panels in the original window openings. In the 1950s, a new gymnasium was constructed northwest of the school to replace the original WPA-era gym (torn down in 2006?) located on a separate site to the southwest of the school. The gymnasium is a blocky brick structure with a prominent brick chimney and one-story, flat-roof wing across the front for offices and locker rooms. The school was further enlarged in the 1960s with one- and two-story brick and concrete classroom additions to the north of the main building. The addition projects from the northwest corner, with angled wings wrapping around to form an informal courtyard at the north end of the original building. The school occupies a prominent hilltop site that was formerly used as a vineyard.
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PL 93 – Tryon Elementary School, 100 School Place
Written Summary:

Now a private residence owned by Michael and Ruth Danis, this house was operated as a boarding house for a few years during the early 1900s. The forward portion of the house originally was the Whitney cottage, reputed to be the oldest structure on Melrose Avenue. In the late 1880s, Mr. Whitney had established behind his cottage a small vineyard that extended back to the banks below Lyncourt. He sold the house to Mr. William Lindsey who more than doubled its size with the two-story addition to the rear. Modest adornment of turned porch supports without spandrels and the stick-style ornamental bracing in the front gable accent the picturesque form of the house with its unusual central tower and dominant gable. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

The overall mass and form of the house has not changed significantly since the property was recorded in 1979, but the house has been covered with vinyl siding. A sharply-angled, hip roof, screened porch with brick knee walls and wood framing has been added at the southeast corner.

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PL 94 – Whitney House, 35 Melrose Avenue
Property Name: **Dr. M. C. Palmer Office Building**

Street or 911 Address: **136 Pacolet Street**

Location Description:
- **Town/vicinity:** Tryon
- **HD, if any, and status:**

Recommended for SL: StudyList: SLDate: NR NRDate: DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: **Private**

**Principal Resource**
- **Material Integrity:** High
- **Condition:** Good
- **Location Integrity:** Original

**Architectural Data: Primary**
- **Date:** ca. 1950
- **Major Style Group:** Rustic Revival

**Construction:** Balloon Frame
- **Ext. Material:** Weatherboard:Plain
- **Later Covering:**
- **Height:** 1 story
- **Roof:** Hip
- **Plan:** Core Form (Domestic):

**Architectural Data: Secondary**
- **Date:**
- **Style Group:**
- **Construction:**
- **Ext. Material:**
- **2nd Design Source and**
- **2nd Theme:**
- **Group Association:**
- **Religious Affiliation:**

**Historic Function:** Health Care - medical business/office

**Written Summary:**

One-story, frame office building with gable-on-hip asphalt-shingle roof, rough weatherboard siding, stone watertable, and metal-frame casement windows. The building has a simple rectangular plan with a central, single-leaf entry door sheltered by a gabled canopy supported on triangular brackets. The door is solid wood construction with iron strap hinges.

The building appears to have been the office of Dr. John Z. Preston (1909-1982), a Tryon physician, who first came to Tryon with his mother, Lois Preston, in 1923. Mrs. Preston was a teacher. An educated and married John Preston returned to Tryon in 1936 and established a family medical practice. Preston was also involved with St. Luke's Hospital. He continued to practice until his death in 1982.

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Dr. M. C. Palmer Office Building, 136 Pacolet Street
**Property Name:** Jackson and Jackson Building  
**Street or 911 Address:** 126 Pacolet Street  
**Location Description:** Tryon  
**Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:**  
**DOE-ER DOEDate:**  
**DOE-Keeper Local Status:**  
**Ownership:** Private  

**Principal Resource**  
**Material Integrity:** High  
**Condition:** Good  
**Location Integrity:** Original  

**Architectural Data: Primary**  
**Date:** ca. 1960  
**Major Style Group:** Std Comm/Indust  
**Construction:** Masonry Veneer  
**Ext. Material:** Stucco  
**Height:** 2 story  
**Roof:** Flat  
**Plan:** Core Form (Domestic)  

**Architectural Data: Secondary**  
**Date:**  
**Construction:**  
**Ext. Material:**  
**2nd Design Source and attribution:**  
**Major Theme:**  
**2nd Theme:**  
**Group Association:**  
**Religious Affiliation:**  

**Historic Function:** Industry - manufacturing facility  

**Written Summary:**  
Two-story, masonry industrial building erected around 1960 for Jackson & Jackson, Inc., a textile manufacturer. The rectangular plan building utilizes the change in topography to achieve its two-story height, and a set of concrete steps extends across a portion of the façade from the main upper level entrance to the lower level entrance and loading bay. The exterior finish is primarily stucco over masonry with two brick bands, both above and below a wide center stucco swatch on the upper level. The stucco band frames the rectangular window openings, which contain plate-glass windows. The main entrance is a replacement metal-frame glazed door and window unit. A side entrance with a solid metal single-leaf door is also located on the upper level. The lower level entrances consist of a single-leaf wood door and metal roll-up door.

J. N. Jackson and Nelson Jackson Jr. founded the Jackson & Jackson company in Tryon in 1913. Specializing in fine fabrics, Jackson & Jackson was notable for its "Cloth of Gold" line, which enjoyed a national reputation. The company remained in business through the late 20th century. The building has been purchased by First Baptist Church and used as an activity building.

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PL 96 – Jackson and Jackson Building, 126 Pacolet Street
Small one-story, side gable, stone dwelling with small jerkinheads, concrete block rear addition, and projecting bay window on the east side. The building sits close to Pacolet Street, with a dry-stack stone retaining wall extending across the front of the lot and stone steps against the front wall that lead to an entry stoop. The single-leaf wood door is pierced by a single window and supported by iron strap hinges. A gabled canopy supported on triangular brackets shelters the entry, which is flanked on either side by a single six-over-one double-hung window and a smaller window opening. The windows rest on cast concrete sills. The side elevations display single and double six-over-one windows with the exception of the multi-light bay window on the east side, which is supported by carved brackets. Louvered vents are positioned in the gable ends. A flat-roof, concrete-block addition with metal-frame casements extends to the rear of the building.
PL 97 – Dr. Allen Jervey Office Building, Pacolet Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 98 Pacolet Street
Location Description: Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1970 Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry Ext. Material: Stucco Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

One-story masonry building with full basement and two-story rear elevation. Asymmetrical stucco façade presents a projecting entrance vestibule, single-leaf glazed-and-paneled doors, three-part picture windows, and flat-roof canopy. A sidewalk along the west side of the building leads to steps down to a lower level entrance at the rear. The canopy, which is supported on slender metal posts, shelters the entrance, façade, and sidewalk on the west side. The canopy terminates with an attached shed-roof rear porch. The rear elevation contains two three-part picture windows on the upper level and two mirrored-glass windows on the lower level.

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PL 98 – Commercial Building, 98 Pacolet Street
**North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office**

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

**County:** Polk  
**SSN:** PL00099  
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**Property Name:** Commercial Building  
**Street or 911 Address:** 94-96 Pacolet Street  
**Location Description:**

**Recommended for SL**  
**StudyList**  
**SLDate:**

**NR**  
**NRDate:**

**DOE-ER**  
**DOEDate:**

**DOE-Keeper**  
**Local Status:**

**Ownership:** Private

**Principal Resource**

**Material Integrity:** Medium  
**Condition:** Good  
**Location Integrity:** Original

**Architectural Data: Primary:**

**Date:** ca. 1960  
**Major Style Group:**

**Construction:**

**Load Bearing Masonry**

**Ext. Material:** Unknown-N/A  
**Later Covering:** Wood paneling

**Height:** 1 story  
**Roof:** Flat  
**Plan:** Core Form (Domestic):

1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data: Secondary:**

**Date:**

**Style Group:**

**Construction:**

2nd Design Source and

**Major Theme:**

2nd Theme:

**Group Association:**

Religious Affiliation:

**Historic Function:** Commerce - other

**Written Summary:**

Small one-story, flat-roof commercial building with two interior spaces and central stairs. The façade contains a recessed entry with three single-leaf glazed-and-paneled doors framed by wood paneled walls. The center entrance opens into stairs to the lower level, while the two side entrances access commercial spaces illuminated by large plate-glass windows. Brick planters have been built in front of the brick knee walls supporting the storefront windows. The flat roof projects forward from the cornice to shelter the storefronts and is supported by triangular brackets. The two-story rear elevation is concrete block with replacement one-over-one windows on the upper level and two single-leaf entrances on the lower level. A metal shed-roof canopy supported on wood posts shelters the lower rear elevation.

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PL 99 – Commercial Building, 92-96 Pacolet Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 90 Pacolet Street
Location Description:

Recommended for SL: StudyList: SLDate: NR NRDate: DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1960 Major Style Group:
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Wood paneling Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Flat Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

One-story, flat-roof commercial building with deeply recessed storefront. Concrete block side walls and single concrete block post frame the recessed entrance, which is composed of metal-frame storefront windows, wood paneled walls, and a single-leaf entry. The paneling is painted with a mural of books on a bookshelf, reflecting its tenant, The Book Shelf, a local bookstore established in 1952. The two-story rear elevation contains three 3-part metal-frame casement windows on the upper level, two of which are topped with transoms. Two single-leaf glazed-and-paneled entries are centrally positioned on the lower level and flanked by single three-part metal-frame windows.

In the 1960s, The Book Shelf was located in the Washburn-Preston Building, one of the oldest commercial buildings in Tryon, at the corner of Pacolet and Chestnut streets. The old frame building was torn down in the late 1960s to make way for the modernist North Carolina National Bank (present Bank of America).

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PL 100 – Commercial Building, 90 Pacolet Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 84 Pacolet Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status:()

Recommended for SL    StudyList   SLDate:    NR    NRDate:
DOE-ER    DOEDate:    DOE-Keeper    Local Status:    Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High
Condition: Good
Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary:
   Date: ca. 1970
Major Style Group:
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick
Later Covering:
Height: 1 story
Roof: Side Gable
Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary:
   Date:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme:
2nd Theme:
Group Association:
Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - office building

Written Summary:
Small one-story infill commercial building with an asphalt-shingle side gable roof, exposed rafter ends, and brick façade. The façade features a projecting entrance section with a single-leaf door and tall plate-glass window. The other section of the façade contains three tall plate-glass windows. The two-story rear elevation is finished with stucco and has a band of plate-glass windows on the upper level. A single-leaf glazed door on the lower level is flanked by sidelights and sheltered by a flat canopy on triangular brackets. A large plate glass window is positioned to the side of the entry.

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PL 101 – Commercial Building, 84 Pacolet Street
Property Name: (former) United States Post Office
Street or 911 Address: 78 Pacolet Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
   Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
   DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 1948 Major Style Group: Neoclassical Revival
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Stucco Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Front Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
   1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction:
   2nd Design Source and
2nd Design Source and attribution:
Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Government - post office

Written Summary:

One-story, temple-front post office erected in 1948. Square columns with spare capitals and bases frame the four-bay façade. A round, louvered vent is positioned in the pediment. Large single-pane windows are topped by blind transoms with applied moldings. (The transoms were originally four-light.) The original double-leaf glazed-and-panel entry doors have been replaced by a solid single-leaf wood door with plate-glass sidelights. The two-story rear elevation feature a single round, louvered vent in the gable end, three pairs of replacement casement windows on the upper level, and a replacement metal door on the lower level. A large metal-frame window (with security bars) is centrally positioned on the lower level; a second window of this type is also located on the exposed east wall at the rear.

When the new post office was built on Pacolet Street in 1948, the move spurred a new wave of commercial development in this area of town. Much of Tryon's commercial activity was focused on Trade Street through the early 20th century, including the post office, which was located in the Jackson Building on South Trade Street prior to moving into this facility. The post office remained at this location until 1960, when a new building was completed across Pacolet Street. The Mills-Mosseller Rug Studio, a local firm, occupied the building from the 1960s until it moved into the old Pacolet Baptist Church in Lynn, a few miles north of Tryon, in 1978. Lillian Mills-Mosseller established the rug making studio in 1928.
PL 102 – (former) United States Post Office, 78 Pacolet Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office  

Historic Property Survey Summary  

County: Polk  
SSN: PL00103  

Property Name: Commercial Building  
Street or 911 Address: 70 Pacolet Street  
Location Description:  
  Town/vicinity: Tryon  
  HD, if any, and status: ()  

Recommended for SL  
  StudyList  
  SLDate:  
  DOE-ER  
  DOEDate:  
  DOE-Keeper  
  Local Status:  

Principal Resource  
Material Integrity: Low  
Condition: Good  
Location Integrity: Original  

Architectural Data: Primary  
  Date: ca. 1960  
  Major Style Group:  
  Construction: Load Bearing Masonry  
  Ext. Material: Brick  
  Later Covering: Wood paneling  
  Height: 1 story  
  Roof: Flat  
  Plan: Core Form (Domestic):  
  1st Design Source and attribution:  

Architectural Data: Secondary  
  Date:  
  Style Group:  
  Construction:  
  2nd Design Source and  
  2nd Theme:  
  Group Association:  
  Religious Affiliation:  
  Historic Function: Commerce - office building  

Written Summary:  

One-story, flat roof commercial building with deep recessed entrance and heavily remodeled façade. The façade is framed by brick corner posts with concrete caps and brick knee walls with stone block sills that support the storefronts. The upper façade is covered with wood paneling and topped by a metal coping. The recessed entrance occupies the center bay of the façade and provides access to single-leaf entry doors with transoms along the side walls. The front-facing wall at the back of the entrance bay contains three plate-glass windows. The two large storefronts consist of plate-glass windows surrounded by wood-frame single-panes on the sides and across the top. The two-story rear elevation is divided into two section with one section (west) projecting beyond the other. Both sections--each are four bays wide--are composed of concrete block with brick trim around the windows, which contain 18-light metal-frame sash. One bay on the lower level of each section is occupied by a single-leaf five-panel door.  

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PL 103 – Commercial Building, 70 Pacolet Street
Property Name: **Commercial Building**
Street or 911 Address: **60 Pacolet Street**
Location Description:
  - Town/vicinity: **Tryon**
  - HD, if any, and status: ()

**Recommended for SL**
  - StudyList: SLDate: NR NRDate:  

**DOE-Keeper**
  - Local Status: Ownership: **Private**

**Principal Resource**
- Material Integrity: **High**
- Condition: **Good**
- Location Integrity: **Original**

**Architectural Data: Primary**
- Date: **ca. 1970**
- Major Style Group:
- Construction: **Masonry Veneer**
- Ext. Material: **Brick**
- Later Covering:
- Height: **2 story**
- Roof: **Parapet/Comm.**
- Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
  - 1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data: Secondary**
- Date:  
- Style Group:
- Construction:
- Ext. Material:
  - 2nd Design Source and
- Major Theme:
- 2nd Theme:
- Group Association:
- Religious Affiliation:
- Historic Function: **Health Care - medical business/office**

**Written Summary:**

Irregularly-shaped, two-story commercial building located on a triangular site formed by the intersection of Pacolet and Depot streets. A wood-shingle hip roof parapet caps the building. The one-story Pacolet Street façade is asymmetrical with a single-leaf glazed-and-paneled door topped by a transom and multi-part window bands positioned across the top of the wall. The east side elevation features a blind cast concrete panel atop a metal frame storefront with a single-leaf entry and four-light window. The angled rear wall reveals a cutaway corner with single-leaf doors on both the upper and lower levels. The upper level door opens onto a metal balcony. The three-bay rear wall has multi-light metal-frame windows on both levels.

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PL 104 – Commercial Building, 60 Pacolet Street
Property Name: Southern Railway Depot
Street or 911 Address: 22 Depot Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Public - local

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 1906 Major Style Group:
Construction: Timber Frame
Height: 1 story Roof: Hip Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: 2nd Design Source and
Ext. Material:

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Transportation - rail-related

Written Summary:

Erected during the first quarter of this century, this is considered the third depot to be built in Tryon. The first depot, constructed when the railroad came to Tryon in the late 1870s, stood on the east side of the tracks opposite the lot now occupied by the Tryon Theatre. The second depot was built in 1896 on the same site as the present depot in an exotic, Victorian style boasting of a very deep roof overhang filled with curved brackets and a huge polygonal cupola at the center of the roof. The latest depot, in a conservative style similar to the majority of small town depots remaining throughout the state, incorporated the core of the second depot stripped of its elaborate decoration. This building is a good example of adaptive reuse as it was renovated in 1978 to provide offices for the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Polk County Community Foundation, Tryon Riding and Hunt Club, and the Polk County Historical Association. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

The present building is the third depot built for the town in 1906 by Southern Railway. The first building stood on the east side of the railroad tracks to the south (opposite the present location of the Tryon Theatre), and the second structure was built at the location of the present depot. The design of the depot was similar to other Southern Railway depots across the state with German siding, deep overhanging eaves supported by wood brackets, and a hipped tile roof. The depot was remodeled around 1950 with the addition of a brick wattertable, asbestos shingle siding, two-over-two horizontal muntin windows, and removal of the brackets. A projecting shed-roof bay on the southwest side (adjacent to the entrance) features large plate-glass windows and shelters an old horse-drawn carriage.
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PL 105 – Southern Railway Depot, 22 Depot Street
Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00106  NR #:

Property Name: Tryon Fine Arts Center
Street or 911 Address: 34 Melrose Avenue
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL  Study List  SL Date:  NR  NR Date:  
DOE-ER  DOE Date:  Local Status:  Ownership:

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: High  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary  Date: 1967-69  Major Style Group: Misc. Modernist
Construction: Steel Frame
Ext. Material: Concrete  Later Covering:
Height: 2 story  Roof: Flat  Plan:  Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution: Benkert, Ernst (Documented)

Architectural Data: Secondary  Date:  
Construction:  
Ext. Material:  
2nd Design Source and  
2nd Theme:
Major Theme:  
Group Association:  
Religious Affiliation:  
Historic Function: Recreation/Culture - theater

Written Summary:

   Constructed in 1967-1969 according to designs by Tryonite Ernst Benkert, this steel-framed concrete building combine severely geometric shed-roofed and flat-roofed forms of varying heights. The center was constructed to house Tryon Crafts, Inc, the Tryon Concert Association, the Tryon Little Theatre, the Film Club, Tryon Painters and Sculptors, and Tryon Photographic Society, which were in desperate need of adequate facilities. Area residents raised the funds (over $210,000) for the building without any financial assistance from outside sources after they received a $25,000 bequest from the Estate of Violet Erkine Parish-Watson for a "civic auditorium and art center" that stipulated a matching sum raised by public subscription. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

   No significant alterations since 1979 survey. The multi-level building displays various rooflines, shed-roof wings, and tall staging area at the rear. The three-bay façade, which consists of paired windows over double-leaf entries, is sheltered by a flat roof canopy on slender steel supports with stylized cut-outs.

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Downtown Tryon Survey Summary Report
Tryon, North Carolina
April 2008
PL 106 – Tryon Fine Arts Center, 34 Melrose Avenue
Property Name: North Carolina National Bank

Street or 911 Address: 201 Chestnut Street

Location Description:
Town/vicinity: Tryon

Recommended for SL: ()
StudyList: 
SLDate: 
NR: 
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DOEDate: 
DOE-Keeper: 
Local Status: 
Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: High
Condition: Good
Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary
Date: 1966
Major Style Group: Misc. Modernist
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick
Height: 2 story
Roof: Parapet/Comm.
Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary
Date: 
Construction: 
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 
2nd Theme: 
Group Association: 
Religious Affiliation: 
Historic Function: Commerce - financial

Written Summary:

Fortress-like two-story modern bank building constructed for North Carolina National Bank in 1966. Roughly square in plan, the building features recessed glass facades on both the front and rear (north and south), blind side elevations, and tall shingled parapets. Both the front and rear elevations feature the recessed glass façade with end bays articulated by brick parapet walls. The end bays contain window units that are half the height of the main façade, and therefore the roof parapet, with flared eave, is twice as tall as the parapet in the center section. The glass facades are ten bays wide on two levels with a double-leaf entry at the center. The side elevations also feature center bays articulated by brick parapet walls, with a secondary entrance on the east side and a drive-thru teller window on the west side. A gable-roof canopy on wood posts shelters the two drive-thru bays.

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PL 107 – North Carolina National Bank, 201 Chestnut Street
One-story, flat roof post office built in 1960 to replace the former facility across the street. The façade features a recessed glass curtain wall with metal frame windows and doors and opaque colored glass in the upper sections. The east wall, where the façade is recessed, is pierced with square openings in three columns of seven. On the east elevation, a fourth column of square openings are filled with glass block and illuminate the interior. The east elevation also features two large, three-part windows with lower hoppers and opaque colored glass in the upper section. At the rear a flat canopy supported by a steel I-beam and pipe column shelters the loading dock. The interior arrangement is roughly L-shaped with north and east corridors lined with mailboxes and a small lobby and service counter located at the west end of north corridor.
PL 108 – United States Post Office, 95 Pacolet Street
The church building was built in two sections: the 1-story front-gable sanctuary and the 3-story, L-shaped education wing constructed between 1948 and 1952 and attached at the rear of the sanctuary. The whole complex sits atop a slight rise and is surrounded by tall stone retaining walls abutting the sidewalk. The sanctuary façade continues this motif with a stone veneer, pointed arch opening framing the double-leaf paneled wood doors. Two stained-glass windows flank the entry. The eight-bay side elevations feature stained-glass windows framed with half-timbering and stucco walls above a brick watertable. The sanctuary was rebuilt in 1954, following the completion of the educational wing, to replace the earlier frame building from the 1920s. The two-story rear block, which connects the sanctuary and educational building, was added to the sanctuary around 1940 and later remodeled with the rest of the facility. The education wing is a three-story, front gable, stucco building with modern window units.

The First Baptist Church was organized in 1891 following a discussion between Joe Cox, T. T. Ballenger, and John Garrison regarding the lack of a Baptist church in Tryon. In 1922, the church was able to retain a full-time pastor in residence and a parsonage was built at a cost of $5,000. Work on the education building began in 1948 and was completed in 1952. Rev. Henry O. Hearn oversaw the construction of a new sanctuary, constructed at a cost of $63,000 between October 1953 and June 1954. An extensive renovation program began in 1967 and continued through 1973, including renovation of the sanctuary and purchase of a new organ. Landscaping work was done in the early 1980s.
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**PL 109 – Tryon First Baptist Church, 125 Pacolet Street**
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office
Downtown Tryon Survey Summary Report
Tryon, North Carolina
April 2008

Historic Property Survey Summary
County: Polk
SSN: PL00110 NR #:

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 157 N. Trade Street
Location Description: Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL Study List SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary Date: ca. 1940 Major Style Group: Colonial Revival
Height: 1 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and
2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:
Built in the late 1930s or early 1940s as a flower shop and greenhouse, the building is a one-story, brick structure topped by a side gable roof with flat terra cotta tiles. The single-leaf entry is flanked by two three-part picture windows, with the large center pane framed by five-light sidelights. A stone veneer watertable, diagonal wood siding, and three replacement plate glass windows were added after 2000.

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PL 110 – Commercial Building, 157 N. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office  

Historic Property Survey Summary  

County: **Polk**  
SSN: **PL00111**  

Property Name: **Commercial Building**  
Street or 911 Address: **163 N. Trade Street**  
Location Description:  

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**Principal Resource**  
**Material Integrity:** **Medium**  
**Condition:** **Good**  
**Location Integrity:** **Original**  

**Architectural Data: Primary:**  
- **Date:** ca. 1925  
- **Major Style Group:** **Colonial Revival**  

**Construction:** **Masonry Veneer**  
**Ext. Material:** **Brick**  
**Height:** **1 story**  
**Roof:** **Side Gable**  
**Plan:** **Core Form (Domestic):**  

**Architectural Data: Secondary:**  
- **Date:**  
- **Style Group:**  
- **Ext. Material:**  
- **2nd Design Source and**  
- **2nd Theme:**  
- **Group Association:**  
- **Religious Affiliation:**  
- **Historic Function:** **Commerce - office building**

**Written Summary:**

A one-story, side-gable, brick commercial building with a symmetrical seven-bay façade and tile roof. The façade features brick pilasters with cast concrete bases and capitals, flat arch window openings with cast concrete keystones and sills, three original six-over-six double-hung windows. The other three façade windows have been replaced with single-pane fixed glass. On the north side elevation, a single-leaf replacement entry door is accessed by concrete steps and flanked by single eight-over-three windows. A hip-roof rear addition was added in the 1930s, and a tall brick chimney rises from the rear of the block. A narrow section of the rear addition projects beyond the north side wall and contains an arched door opening and distinctive wood door. The door displays a circular motif filled with latticed wood bands above two vertical panels. The building was reportedly built as the office for the coal and oil fuel station that stood at the top of the slope beside the railroad tracks.

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PL 111 – Commercial Building, 163 N. Trade Street
Property Name: **Oak Hall Condominiums**
Street or 911 Address: **77 Chestnut Street**

**Recommended for SL Study List:**

**DOE-ER DOEDate:**

**DOE-Keeper Local Status:**

**Ownership:** Private

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**Construction:** Balloon Frame

**Ext. Material:** Wood

**Height:** 2 story

**Roof:** Side Gable

**Plan:** Core Form (Domestic): N/A - Unspecified

**1st Design Source and attribution:**

**Architectural Data: Secondary**

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**Construction:**

**Ext. Material:**

**2nd Design Source and:**

**Major Theme:**

**Group Association:**

**Historic Function:** Domestic - multiple/apartment

### Written Summary:

Complex of four multi-unit buildings with frame construction, side gable roofs, weatherboard siding, one-over-one sash, projecting wall planes, and varying roof heights. The units are typically two-story and take advantage of the rolling topography.

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PL 112 – Oak Hall Condominiums, 77 Chestnut Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL.00113

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 66-73 Ola Mae Way
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon

HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommeded for SL      StudyList      SLDate:      NR      NRDate:
DOE-ER      DOEDate:
DOE-Keeper  Local Status:  Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Medium  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 1964  Major Style Group:
Construction: Steel Frame
Ext. Material: Metal  Later Covering:
Height: 1 story  Roof: Side Gable  Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: 2002  Style Group:
Construction: Steel Frame  Ext. Material: Metal
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:  2nd Theme:
Group Association:  Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

One-story, metal-frame, metal-sided building erected in 1964. In 2002 the building was enlarged with the addition of a one-story, front gable, metal building with an engaged porch on slender wood posts. A wood deck was added to connect the two sections on the exterior. A second, freestanding, one-story metal building was also added in 2002 for an artist's studio. Located adjacent to the railroad tracks, the site contains concrete remnants of an old trestle and coal pit operated by the Standard Oil Company in the 1920s.

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PL 113 – Commercial Building, 66-73 Ola Mae Way
One-story Art Deco-inspired filling station built in the late 1930s or early 1940s and substantially altered with the addition of modern wood siding and wood-shingle pent roof. The original stucco façade has been completely obscured by modern materials, but portions of the stucco exterior and stylized pilasters remain visible on the side elevations. A concrete block, shed roof addition was built to the rear of the building in the 1950s or 60s.
PL 114 – Filling Station, 177 N. Trade Street
Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00115

Property Name: Burrell's Fuel Building
Street or 911 Address: 231 N. Trade Street
Location Description: Tryon

Property Name: Burrell's Fuel Building
Street or 911 Address: 231 N. Trade Street
Location Description: Tryon

Written Summary:

One-story modern brick commercial building with wood-shingle hipped parapet, metal-frame door and window storefront units, and some decorative brick patterning. The offices of Burrell's Fuels occupy half of the building, which is shared with a retail business.

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PL 115 – Burrell’s Fuel Building, 231 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Arledge Printers
Street or 911 Address: 255-257 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
   HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status:
Ownership: Private

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 1964 Major Style Group: Misc. Modernist
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Other Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and
2nd Theme:
Major Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

One-story, brick commercial building erected in 1964 for a small grocery and printing company. The three bays at the north end of the five-bay building were built first for the grocery, and immediately upon completion the remaining two bays were constructed. A folded-plate roof supported on projecting steel I-beams lends the building its distinctive visual appearance. The center bay projects forward (the three original bays, including the center bay, are currently being rehabilitated). Each bay appears to have contained a large storefront window, single-leaf entry, and brick knee wall, although the southernmost storefront has been covered with plywood.

Arledge Printers started in 1940 as the job shop for the Tryon Daily Bulletin newspaper. The company operated from the basement of the Bulletin building (old Bank of Tryon) until 1955, when it moved to N. Trade Street. It moved to its present location in 1964, when the building was completed. The other section of the building housed Ballew's Grocery, which had been at this location for some time. The grocery was located in an earlier building that stood close to the road.

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PL 116 – Arledge Printers, 255-257 N. Trade Street
Property Name: **Carrie Lee Massey Building**  
Street or 911 Address: **123 W. Howard Street**  
Location Description:  
Town/vicinity: **Tryon**  
HD, if any, and status: ()  
Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:  
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership:  

**Principal Resource**  
Material Integrity: **Medium**  
Condition: **Fair**  
Location Integrity: **Original**  

**Architectural Data: Primary**  
Date: ca. 1950  
Major Style Group:  
Construction: **Load Bearing Masonry**  
Ext. Material: **Stucco**  
Later Covering: **Wood paneling**  
Height: **1 story**  
Roof: **Side Gable**  
Plan: **Core Form (Domestic):**  

**Architectural Data: Secondary**  
Date: Style Group:  
Construction: Ext. Material:  
2nd Design Source and attribution:  

**Architectural Data: Group Association**  
Religious Affiliation:  

**Historic Function:** **Commerce - other**  

**Written Summary:**  
Narrow, one-story concrete block commercial building with two-story rear elevation, metal side-gable roof, and stucco façade. With its long side facing Howard Street, the building presents an asymmetrical façade with two single-leaf replacement doors and an assortment of windows. One entrance, located at the northwest corner, is flanked by tall, slender four-over-four double-hung sash. A center entrance is positioned within a section of the façade covered with wood paneling (possibly infill material) and flanked by two-over-two windows with horizontal muntins. A single, larger two-over-two window with horizontal muntins is located near the northeast corner. The narrow east end elevation contains a replacement two-over-two window on the upper level, weatherboards in the gable end, and a replacement single-leaf door on the lower level. The west end elevation displays a single eight-over-eight window and an exterior brick chimney. The rear elevation features two eight-over-eight windows and an off-center replacement single-leaf door on the lower level. The upper level contains a replacement two-over-two window to the east of the center bay; the window opening to the west has been filled with concrete block. Aluminum siding covers the wide center bay, probably covering some later alteration to the rear wall. A slight change in roof pitch is noticeable above the center bay.  

The origin of this building remains unclear at this time. The footprint of the building does not correlate to either Sanborn or tax maps, but local sources recall it having been at this location for many years. The building is remembered as the home of Carrie Lee Massey's beauty shop on the upper level and the Moonlight Grill below. The Moonlight Grill, which also occupied the west end of the main floor, was
reportedly a popular, sometimes raucous night spot. The building is remembered with a rear ell, possibly a covered patio or deck, that no longer stands. Carrie Lee Massey was a significant individual within the community. In addition to her beauty shop, which she ran through the 1980s, Massey served three terms on the Tryon School Board and acted as director of Roseland Community Center.

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PL 117 – Carrie Lee Massey Building, 123 W. Howard Street
Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00118  NR #: 

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 187 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL   StudyList   SLDate:   NR   NRDate: 
DOE-ER   DOEDate: 
DOE-Keeper   Local Status: 

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Low  Condition: Fair  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1940  Major Style Group: Moderne

Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Stucco  Later Covering: Vinyl
Height: 1 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm.  Plan: Core Form (Domestic):

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: 
Construction:  2nd Design Source and

2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:  2nd Theme:
Group Association:  Religious Affiliation:

Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

One-story Art Deco-inspired auto service garage built in the late 1930s or early 1940s and a substantially altered with addition of vinyl siding and a front-gable porch. The original stucco façade—with the exception of stylized corner posts—has been completely obscured by modern materials. The concrete slab porch with stone facing and stone planters is a later addition. The attached front gable porch roof is supported on square posts. Behind the flat parapet, an asphalt-shingle gable roof and vinyl sided walls change the historic appearance of the building.

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PL 118 – Commercial Building, 187 N. Trade Street
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Tryon, North Carolina
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North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00119

Property Name: Ballew House
Street or 911 Address: Location Description:
HD, if any, and status: ()
Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate:
DOE-Keeper Local Status:
Ownership: Private

Principal Resource

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1936
Construction: Log Major Style Group: Rustic Revival
Ext. Material: Log Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Hall-parlor Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme:
Group Association:
Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One-story, Rustic Revival-style dwelling constructed with saddle notched logs. The cabin rests on a stone foundation and features a metal-shingle side-gable roof, interior brick chimney, weatherboards in the gable ends, and expose rafter ends. The single-leaf glazed-and-paneled front entry is sheltered by a gabled canopy that is supported on log brackets; a side entrance is unsheltered. A one-story, one-room addition, built around 2000, extends from the north side and is composed of weatherboards, standing seam metal roof, and concrete block foundation. Windows throughout are typically replacement one-over-one sash.

Marshall and Ola Mae Ballew were married in 1935, and in August 1936 purchased eight acres between Trade Street and the railroad, including the knoll where the cabin sits, from Elbert and Zella Arledge. The Ballews ran the grocery on North Trade Street at its intersection with Howard Street, and walked a path between the store and their house.

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PL 119 – Ballew House, End of private road, SW corner of intersection of N. Trade Street and Howard Street
The austere structure has served three diverse purposes. It was built in 1906 as a public school to replace the first frame public school on Grady Avenue and remained an education institution until 1922 when it was converted, upon the construction of the Tryon Elementary School, to a hotel called consecutively, Edgewood Inn, Hotel Tryon, and Buckingham Inn. The Town of Tryon acquired the building in the 1950s and converted it to its current public use which has necessitated additions for the police and fire departments. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

Relatively simple three-story building with massive brick piers attached to the façade and framing the center entrance bays. The center piers, along with smaller corner piers, rise above the peaked parapet with corbelled caps. Window openings are framed by soldier course lintels and granite sills and contain replacement metal-frame windows. The main entrance has been remodeled with plate-glass windows, wood paneling, single-leaf entry to one side, and projecting flat canopy roof. The two first-story bays to either side of the center piers have been partially enclosed with brick and metal-frame door and window units. The side and rear elevation also contain replacement windows, and two exterior brick chimney flues on the rear elevation mimic the placement of the large piers on the façade. A one-story side addition on the north side features some Classical detail with modillion blocks in the eaves and a granite architrave with an articulated keystone and corner blocks above a large window opening. Similar architraves were likely positioned above all of the first story openings. After the Town of Tryon acquired the building in 1953, the side block was enlarged around the northwest corner to house the police department. The addition is a one-story flat-roof
brick block with metal-frame windows and security bars.

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PL 120 – Tryon Town Hall, 301 N. Trade Street
Property Name: (former) Tryon Fire Department
Street or 911 Address: 291 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
    Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status:

Recommended for vicinity:
DOE-ER  DOEDate:   DOE-Keeper  Local Status:   Ownership: Public - local

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1954
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering: Concrete
Height: 2 story Roof: Flat Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Government - fire station

Written Summary:
Two-story, flat-roof brick building constructed as an addition to the adjacent Town Hall around 1954 to house the fire department. The two-bay façade was remodeled in 1995 for the police department and substantially altered with the removal of the truck bays, addition of brick veneer and cast concrete panels, and installation of new doors and windows. The rear elevation has also been remodeled with brick infill in original openings, although several metal-frame casement windows with concrete sills remain in place on the second story.

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PL 121 – (former) Tryon Fire Department, 291 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 285 N. Trade Street
Location Description: Tryon
Recommended for SL: No
Recommended for Rehab: No
Recommended for Outbldg: No
Recommended for Not Fnd: No
Recommended for Newly ID'd: Yes

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: Medium
Condition: Good
Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1910
Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick
Later Covering: 
Height: 2 story
Roof: Parapet/Comm.
Plan: Core Form (Domestic): 1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:
Two-story brick commercial building with replacement storefront, four second-story windows, concrete sills, and simple corbelled cornice. The second-story windows are covered with operable wood shutters. The blind south side elevation shows the ghosts marks of abutting buildings that are no longer standing and a corbelled stepped parapet. The rear elevation contains single-leaf replacement entry door, glazed-and-paneled wood roll-up door in a single truck bay, and three, second-story metal-frame replacement windows.

During the 1930s and 40s, the building housed the town's offices and fire department, as evidenced by the single truck bay at the rear of the building. The building, however, appears to have been originally built for commercial purposes and likely returned to that use after the town purchased the present Town Hall building in 1953.

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PL 122 – Commercial Building, 285 N. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00123 NR #:

Property Name: Tryon Federal Savings & Loan Bank
Street or 911 Address: 341 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 2006 Major Style Group:
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 1/2 story Roof: Cross Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
2nd Theme:
Group Association:
Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - financial

Written Summary:

Contemporary bank building completed in 2006 for Tryon Federal Savings & Loan, which had been located on South Trade Street since 1935. The bank is a large 1 and 1/2 story brick veneer building with a double cross-gable roof (two gables running side-to-side and two front gables) with lattice vents in the gable ends. The façade features two front-gable wall dormers, louvered vents with cast concrete lintels, double-leaf entry, and four-light windows. A partial-width hip-roof porch shelters two window bays and the entry, which are all topped with transoms. The porch roof is covered with metal roof, displays exposed purlin ends, and is supported by clusters of four square posts on stone veneer bases. The two façade windows not sheltered by the porch are topped with cast concrete lintels. A one-story, hip-roof addition with banks of four-light windows extends from the north side of the building. A three-bay porte cochere supported by clustered square posts on stone veneer bases serves as the drive-thru and terminates in an open brick pavilion that shelters the ATM machine.

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PL 123 – Tryon Federal Savings & Loan Bank, 341 N. Trade Street
Property Name: **Duke Power Office**

Street or 911 Address: **25 School Street**

Location Description: **Tryon**

**Written Summary:**

Duke Power Company built its Tryon Business Office around 1988 and sold the building to the Polk County Board of Education in 1996 for use as a preschool facility. The building is a contemporary design marked by its stone veneer and glass façade under a steep front gable. The tall main block extends to the rear with two shorter wings extending at an angle to either side. Side and rear walls are sheathed with modern wood siding and pierced by groups of fixed plate-glass windows. The rear and side wings are topped by gable-on-hip asphalt shingle roofs.

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Property Name: **Toy House**

Street or 911 Address: **43 E. Howard Street**

Location Description:

- Town/vicinity: **Tryon**
- HD, if any, and status: ()

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**Written Summary:**

Designed by local architect J. Foster Searles in 1925, this charming structure was built to house the workshop of the Tryon Toy Makers and Wood Carvers which flourished here in the 1930s. Master craftsmen, including the founders Charlotte Yale and Eleanor Vance and H Moss Guilbert, have worked here until recent years when the house was purchased by Mr and Mrs Dan Williams. The hooded chimneys, steep gable roof with arched entrance hood, Tudor door, and stucco walls create the picturesque flavor of a rustic English cottage that suggests the purpose for which this house was built. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

The basic form and materials of the original Toy House and adjacent workshop, built in the late 1930s, remain intact from the 1979 survey, although the buildings have been enlarged. In particular, a one-story, shed-roof frame addition has been made to the house on the east side. The stucco addition projects forward from the façade and contains banks of single-pane casement windows flanking a single-leaf entry. The L-shaped workshop features stucco walls, asphalt-shingle gable roof, and projecting wing with board-and-batten siding. A shed-roof one-room block and exterior brick flue are located in the interior angle of the "L." Replacement French doors, picture window, and wood deck are all modern alterations to the workshop.

The Toy House occupies a sloping, wooded site above Howard Street with views to the depot and downtown Tryon. A tall stone retaining wall extends across the front of the property with steps built into the wall. The Toy House opened as a retail showroom fro the Tryon Toymakers and Wood Carvers on September 5, 1925. The design of the house intentionally rejects the primitivism of traditional log structures, which had been a common stylistic association for regional crafts organizations, in favor of the more romantic,
picturesque cottage form.

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PL 125 – Toy House, 43 E. Howard Street
Property Name: (former) Tryon Presbyterian Church

Street or 911 Address: 201 Freeman Hill Road
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
   HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: 1927 Major Style Group: Gothic Revival
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 2 story Roof: Cross Gable Plan: Cruciform Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Religion - religious facility

Written Summary:

Built in 1927 as Tryon's First Presbyterian Church, the cruciform building was sold to the Jeff L Nelson Masonic Lodge, in 1967 when the congregation erected a new church building on Harmon Field Road. The ornamental bracing, heavy carved brackets that support the slightly flared gables, and the large arched window between buttresses lend the building a Gothic character that reflects the original use of the building and its rustic setting. (Lea & Roberts, 1979)

The congregation of Tryon Presbyterian Church organized in 1922, and a building committee was formed in March 1924 with the purpose of selecting a site to build a church. The committee chose a site on Freeman Hill and erected a 2-story, cruciform plan, brick building at a cost of $10,000. The first service was held in the new building on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1927.

Perched on its hillside site, the red brick walls, pebbledash stucco gable ends, ornamental truss bracing, and carved purlin brackets present a striking visual image. The building retains its six-over-six and eight-over-eight double-hung windows throughout, although several openings on the east side have been bricked. The large, arched window on the west wall contains three twelve-over-twelve sash. The double-leaf glazed-and-paneled main doors are positioned within a segmental arch opening and under a blind fanlight. Buttresses are topped with cast concrete caps.
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<td>1980</td>
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<td>Gabled canopy roof supported on wood poles; slight overhang at ridgeline allows venting of BBQ smokers sheltered by the canopy</td>
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**Written Summary:**

Main salesroom of auto dealership is a tall one-story building with large metal-frame storefronts divided by square brick piers set at 45-degree angles and a mansard parapet. The salesroom is extended to the east and southeast with one-story concrete block and metal-sided service areas. The dealership stands on property that once belonged to the Arledge family, whose 1910s homeplace was sold in 1960. By 1929, however, an early auto dealership, Tryon Motors, had already been established at the corner of N. Trade and Howard streets, just north of the Arledge house.

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<td>Body Shop</td>
<td>Metal</td>
<td>1990</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>1-story, 5-bay, gable roof metal building; substantially enlarged in Dec. 2007</td>
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PL 127 – Stott’s Ford, 220 N. Trade Street
Property Name: **Morris House**

Street or 911 Address: **12 Palmer Street**

Location Description:

  - Town/vicinity: **Tryon**
  - HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL: [ ]

Study List: [ ]

SL Date: [ ]

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DOE-ER: [ ]

DOE Date: [ ]

DOE-Keeper: [ ]

Local Status: [ ]

Ownership: **Private**

**Principal Resource**

Material Integrity: **High**

Condition: **Good**

Location Integrity: **Original**

Architectural Data: **Primary**

- Date: **ca. 1940**
- Major Style Group: **Period Cottage**

Construction: **Masonry Veneer**

- Ext. Material: **Brick**
- Later Covering: [ ]

Height: **1 story**

Roof: **Side Gable**

Plan: **Center passage**

Core Form (Domestic): [ ]

1st Design Source and attribution: [ ]

Architectural Data: **Secondary**

- Date: [ ]
- Style Group: [ ]

Construction: [ ]

- Ext. Material: [ ]

2nd Design Source and attribution: [ ]

Major Theme: [ ]

- 2nd Theme: [ ]

Group Association: [ ]

Religious Affiliation: [ ]

Historic Function: **Domestic - single dwelling**

**Written Summary:**

One-story, brick Period Cottage built around 1940 with a side-gable asphalt-shingle roof, interior brick chimney, and one-story rear ell. The gable ends display small jerkinheads, and exposed rafter ends are found throughout. Windows are paired and single two-over-two double-hung sash. The single-leaf entry door is sheltered by a front gable canopy supported on curved wood brackets; a single-leaf side entrance is also sheltered by a gabled canopy supported by brackets.

**Outbuildings/Features**

- **Garage**
  - Material: **Wood**
  - Circa Date: 1940
  - Condition: **Good**
  - Contribution: **C**
  - Description: 1-bay, front gable, frame garage double-leaf wood garage doors, German siding, side ell

**Actions**

- **Year**: 2007
- **Month**: 12
- **Surveyor**: Clay Griffith
- **Action/Report**: Tryon Downtown Survey
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00129 NR #:

Property Name: Blue Ridge Lawn and Power Equipment Co.
Street or 911 Address: 83 Palmer Street
Location Description:

Town/vicinity: Tryon

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1960 Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Front Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

One-story, front-gable, masonry commercial building erected around 1960(?). The symmetrical brick façade features a double-leaf entry of glazed wood doors, single metal-frame 12-light windows flanking the entrance, and recessed panel in the upper façade. The gable end is covered with wide weatherboards. The side and rear elevations are concrete block with single, large metal-frame windows located one bay beyond the façade and smaller square windows further back on side walls. The building is capped with a metal roof, which extends out to a large open shed on the southeast side of the building. The shed, which was added ca. 2000, is supported by square wood posts.

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PL 129 – Blue Ridge Lawn and Power Equipment Co., 83 Palmer Street
Property Name: **Tryon Maintenance Department**

Street or 911 Address: **77 Maple Street**

**Written Summary:**

One-story, hip-roof brick office with a two-story rear elevation. The building features an asphalt-shingle hip roof, exposed rafter ends, six-over-one widows with concrete sills, and an engaged, partial-width hip-roof porch supported on square wood posts. The single-leaf entry door and small one-over-one windows on the northeast side are replacements. A one-story, concrete block, shed roof addition projects from the rear of the building, and an exterior brick flue rises against the rear wall.

Through the early 20th century the building appears to have been used as the office for a building supply company, with two large warehouses located behind the building at the approximate location of the present sheds.

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<td>1990</td>
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<td>One-story, gable roof, steel frame shed with metal siding</td>
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<td>Shed and truck bay</td>
<td>Metal</td>
<td>1990</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>N</td>
<td>Large, one-story, gable roof, steel frame shed with metal siding</td>
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PL 130 – Tryon Maintenance Department, 77 Maple Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00131  NR #:

Property Name: House
Street or 911 Address: 200 E. Howard St
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: Medium  Condition: Deteriorated  Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1920 Major Style Group: 19th-20th c. trad/vern
Construction: Balloon Frame
Ext. Material: Weatherboard:Plain Later Covering:
Height: 1 1/2 story  Roof: Side Gable  Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One and one-half story, side gable, frame dwelling with shed roof rear and side additions. The house, which is badly deteriorated, features weatherboard siding, brick pier and concrete block foundation, replacement one-over-one windows, screened side porch, and front gable, partial-width porch on turned posts. The house appears to have had two single-leaf entries (possibly converted to a duplex at a later date?)—one opening is boarded over and the other contains a 1960s replacement door. One original six-light window in the west gable end remains intact, but the opening on the east side is covered with screen. The east side addition is partially screened, and the rear portion is sheathed with German siding. A full-width shed roof addition is located across the rear of the house.

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<td>Garage</td>
<td>Wood</td>
<td>1940</td>
<td>Good</td>
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<td>Original one-bay garage built around 1940 has been completely remodeled (or rebuilt) as detached two-story, hip-roof apartment</td>
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PL 131 – House, 200 E. Howard Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

County: **Polk**  
SSN: **PL00132**  
NR #: 

Property Name: **House**
Street or 911 Address: **160 E. Howard Street**
Location Description:  
Town/vicinity: **Tryon**

**Principal Resource**  
Material Integrity: **High**  
Condition: **Good**  
Location Integrity: **Uncertain**

**Architectural Data: Primary**  
Date:  
Major Style Group: **Craftsman/Bungalow**
Construction: **Balloon Frame**
Ext. Material: **Unknown-N/A**  
Later Covering: **Wood shingles**
Height: **1 story**  
Roof: **Front Gable**  
Plan: **Shotgun**
1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data: Secondary**  
Date:  
Style Group: 
Construction:  
2nd Design Source and 

Major Theme:  
Group Association: 
Religious Affiliation: 
Historic Function: **Domestic - single dwelling**

**Written Summary:**

One-story, front-gable Craftsman-influenced dwelling of uncertain origin. The house appears to have either been moved to this location or built between 1950 and mid-1970s. In either case, the house has been substantially remodeled in recent years with the addition of new wood shingle siding, new asphalt roof shingles, stucco foundation, decorative barge boards, replacement six-over-six windows, and a one-story hip-roof rear addition on the lower level. The interior chimney has been covered with wood shingles and gable roof, giving it the appearance of a cupola.

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PL 132 – House, 160 E. Howard Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office  

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

County: **Polk**  
SSN: **PL00133**  

**Property Name:** Commercial Building  
Street or 911 Address: **65 Palmer Street**  
Location Description: Town/vicinity: **Tryon**  
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDated: NR NRDate:  
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: **Private**

**Principal Resource**  
Material Integrity: **High**  
Condition: **Good**  
Location Integrity: **Original**

Architectural Data: Primary:  
Date: **ca. 2000**  
Major Style Group:  
Construction: **Steel Frame**  
Ext. Material: **Metal**  
Later Covering:  
Height: **1 story**  
Roof: **Shed**  
Plan: **Core Form (Domestic)**

Architectural Data: Secondary:  
Date:  
Style Group:  
Construction:  
2nd Design Source and  
2nd Design Source and  
Major Theme:  
2nd Theme:  
Group Association: **Religious Affiliation:**

Historic Function: **Commerce - other**

**Written Summary:**

One-story, shed-roof, metal building with three garage bays, metal roll-up doors, and two single-leaf metal doors. The building appears to be used to service power and lawn equipment.

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PL 133 – Commercial Building, 65 Palmer Street
Property Name: Service Station
Street or 911 Address: 62 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon

Recommended for SL: StudyList: SLDate: NR: NRDate:
DOE-ER: DOEDate:
DOE-Keeper: Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: Medium
Condition: Good
Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1940
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Unknown-N/A
Later Covering: Wood
Height: 1 story
Roof: Parapet/Comm.
Plan: Core Form (Domestic):

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and
2nd Theme:

Major Theme: Group Association:
Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

Built around 1940 and substantially enlarged in the 1950s, this one-story masonry building was originally erected as a freestanding Amoco filling station. The exterior front and south side wall have been covered with board-and-batten siding, although the original single-leaf glazed entry door and two storefront windows topped by multi-light transoms remain intact. The façade is sheltered by a projecting hip-roof canopy covered with asphalt shingles. A large two-story, concrete-block addition was erected at the rear and the main block was extended to the northwest to abut the building at 70-74 N. Trade Street, more than doubling the size of the original building. The rear section features metal-frame industrial windows, replacement three-part picture window, and partially enclosed garage entrance.

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PL 134 – Service Station, 62 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Commercial Building

Street or 911 Address: 70-74 N. Trade Street

Location Description: Tryon

Principal Resource

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1925
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick
Later Covering: Stucco/half-timbering
Height: 1 story
Roof: Parapet/Comm.
Plan: Core Form (Domestic): 1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
Group Association:
Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

Built in the 1920s, a small one-story, concrete-block commercial building contains multiple interior spaces. The façade has been altered with the application of a stucco and half-timbered finish. Three original single-leaf glazed wood doors and two metal-frame display windows are sheltered by a cloth awning on an open frame. The applied “half-timbering” partially obscures the original door and window frames. The rear of the building presents a single-leaf metal-frame door into the basement, several single metal-frame replacement windows, and an exterior brick flue rising against the rear wall.

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**Written Summary:**

Built in the 1950s, one-half of a one-story, brick commercial building that is divided into two front-to-back commercial spaces and rests on a full basement. The plain buff-colored brick façade features a recessed entrance under a soldier course lintel, original storefront windows, decorative panel in the upper façade, and flat parapet with a terra cotta coping. The replacement entry consists of a single-leaf glazed door surrounded by aluminum siding infill. A large two-story, brick addition was built at the rear of #78 in the 1980s and contains one-over-one windows and loading entrance with a roll-up garage door.

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North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office
Quad: Landrum
PIN:
Historic Property Survey Summary
County: Polk
SSN: PL00137 NR #:

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 82 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
  Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
  DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1950 Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
  1st Design Source and attribution:
Architecture Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
  2nd Design Source and
Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built in the 1950s, one-half of a one-story, brick commercial building is divided into two front-to-back commercial spaces and rests on a full basement. The plain brick façade features recessed entrances under a soldier course lintel, original storefront windows, decorative panels in the upper façade, and flat parapet with a terra cotta coping. The recessed entrance contains a replacement single-leaf wood door, fanlight, and sidelights. The façade is painted white, likely obscuring the original buff-colored brick veneer. The exposed original two-story rear elevation contains metal-frame industrial sash, metal exterior door, and a roll-up garage door at the northeast corner.

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Year Month Surveyor Action/Report
2007 12 Clay Griffith Tryon Downtown Survey
PL 137 – Commercial Building, 82 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 86 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL
StudyList
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DOE-Keeper
Local Status:
Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: High
Condition: Good
Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary
Date: ca. 1920
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick
Height: 1 story
Roof: Parapet/Comm.
Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary
Date: Style Group:
Construction:
Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and
2nd Theme:
Group Association:
Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built in the early 1920s, a small one-story, brick commercial building. The storefront contains a recessed entrance, original metal-frame display windows and transoms. The replacement entry, added in 1994, consists of a single-leaf wood door flanked by sidelights and a boarded transom. The upper façade features a decorative panel with two square louvered vents and a corbelled cornice. At the rear, two flat-arch window openings have been altered—one has been converted to a doorway and the other has been bricked. The interior retains its original pressed tin ceiling.

The building has housed many businesses, including John Cowan’s grocery, which opened here in 1933. In 1934, Pop Burnette opened Pop’s Beer Garden in the building. Burnette’s bar is reportedly the first establishment to legally sell beer following the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution. A bar remained in this location for many years, despite numerous name changes—Whitey’s, Sam’s Place, and Doc’s. Following the death of Horace "Doc" Sain, the business was sold and moved next door (#82), keeping the name "Doc’s" at first and later renamed Preston’s (now Elmo’s Pub).

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2007   12    Clay Griffith  Tryon Downtown Survey
PL 138 – Commercial Building, 86 N. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00139  NR #:

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 90 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL  StudyList  SLDate:  NR  NRDate:
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DOE-Keeper  Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: High  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1920  Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry
Ext. Material: Brick  Later Covering:
Height: 1 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm.  Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
Group Association:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built in the 1920s (between 1919 and 1925), the front-to-back commercial space constitutes one-third of the Gentry Building, a one-story brick commercial building divided by brick firewalls. The continuous brick façade is defined by a single decorative panel extending above the three individual storefronts. Two square vent openings with decorative metal grilles are set within the panel above each of the storefronts. The flat parapet is topped by a concrete coping. The original storefronts consist of a single-leaf glazed door and large display window topped by leaded glass transoms. Interiors display decorative pressed tin ceilings.

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PL 139 – Commercial Building, 90 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 94 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary Date: ca. 1920 Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

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Downtown Tryon Survey Summary

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00141  NR #: 

Property Name: **Tryon Barber Shop**
Street or 911 Address: 98 N. Trade Street
Location Description:
  - Town/vicinity: **Tryon**

Recommended for SL  StudyList  SLDate:  NR  NRDate:
DOE-ER  DOEDate:
DOE-Keeper  Local Status:  Ownership: **Private**

**Principal Resource**

Material Integrity: **High**  Condition: **Good**  Location Integrity: **Original**

Architectural Data: Primary:
  - Date: ca. 1920
  - Major Style Group: **Std Comm/Indust**
Construction: **Load Bearing Masonry**
Ext. Material: **Brick**  Later Covering:
Height: **1 story**  Roof: **Parapet/Comm.**  Plan: **Core Form (Domestic):**
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary:
  - Date: 
  - Style Group: 
Construction:
2nd Design Source and 

Major Theme: 
Group Association: 
Religious Affiliation: 
Historic Function: **Commerce - specialty store**

**Written Summary:**

Built in the 1920s (between 1919 and 1925), the front-to-back commercial space constitutes one-third of the Gentry Building, a one-story brick commercial building divided by brick firewalls. The continuous brick façade is defined by a single decorative panel extending above the three individual storefronts. Two square vent openings with decorative metal grilles are set within the panel above each of the storefronts. The flat parapet is topped by a concrete coping. The original storefronts consist of a single-leaf glazed door and large display window topped by leaded glass transoms. Interiors display decorative pressed tin ceilings.

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PL 141 – Tryon Barber Shop, 98 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Cowan's Supermarket  
Street or 911 Address: 112 N. Trade Street  
Location Description:  
   Town/vicinity: Tryon  
HD, if any, and status: ()  

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:  
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private  

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Low  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original  
Architectural Data: Primary  Date: 1951  Major Style Group: Std Comm/Indust  
Construction: Load Bearing Masonry  
Ext. Material: Brick  Later Covering: Later Brick Veneer  
Height: 1 story  Roof: Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):  
1st Design Source and attribution:  
Architectural Data: Secondary  Date: Style Group:  
Construction:  Ext. Material:  
2nd Design Source and  
Major Theme:  2nd Theme:  Group Association: Religious Affiliation:  
Historic Function: Commerce - department store  

Written Summary:  

A large, one-story, concrete-block masonry building erected in 1950-51 as a modern air-conditioned supermarket. John Cowan started a grocery business in 1933, occupying several buildings in this block of Trade Street, before reaching the point of needing its own space. The supermarket opened on March 1, 1951, and was billed as Tryon’s first modern supermarket. Cowan also served eight years as mayor of Tryon.  
The building, however, was completely remodeled around 2000, including the storefront, upper façade details, roof skylight, and interior atrium plan with multiple interior commercial spaces. The brick façade features a decorative metal cornice with curved modillion brackets supporting a simple entablature and flat parapet capped with a terra cotta coping. Above the center bay, the parapet rises to form an extended vertical panel topped with a segmental arch and framed by brick pilasters. The metal-frame storefront windows and doors are sheltered by a cloth awning, and rock-veneer planters are located in front of the brick kneewalls. A secondary entrance is located at the rear corner of the building on the exposed northwest side wall.  

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PL 142- Cowan’s Supermarket, 112 N. Trade Street
Plain one-story, concrete block commercial building with a simple brick façade built around 1955. The buff-colored brick veneer façade features replacement metal-frame storefront with single display windows flanking a single-leaf entry. The storefront opening is topped by a soldier course brick lintel. The façade is sheltered by a hip-roof awning covered with asphalt shingles. A two-part display window and a single-leaf rear entrance, both sheltered by cloth awnings, have been cut into the exposed north side wall of the building.
PL 143 – Commercial Building, 120 N. Trade Street
Property Name: **Andrews Furniture Co. Building**

Street or 911 Address: **148 N. Trade Street**

Location Description:
- **Location:** Tryon

**Principal Resource**
- **Material Integrity:** High
- **Condition:** Good
- **Location Integrity:** Original

**Architectural Data: Primary**
- **Date:** ca. 1946
- **Major Style Group:** Std Comm/Indust
- **Construction:** Load Bearing Masonry
- **Ext. Material:** Brick
- **Height:** 1 story
- **Roof:** Parapet/Comm.
- **Plan:** Core Form (Domestic)

**Architectural Data: Secondary**
- **Date:**
- **Style Group:**
- **Construction:**
- **Ext. Material:**
- **Later Covering:**
- **Major Theme:**
- **Group Association:**
- **Religious Affiliation:**

**Historic Function:** Commerce - specialty store

**Written Summary:**

Plain one-story, concrete block commercial building with a simple brick façade built around 1946 for the Andrews Furniture Company, tenants of the building through the late 20th century. The brick veneer façade features a metal-frame storefront with large display windows, recessed entrance, and a single decorative panel in the upper façade. A flat metal awning hung from metal rods anchored to the upper façade shelters the storefront. R. Oliver Andrews founded the business in 1946, and in 1957, he sold the company to Robert B. Scruggs, who continued to operate the store with his son, Robert F. Scruggs, into the 1980s.

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PL 144 – Andrew’s Furniture Co. Building, 148 N. Trade Street
Property Name: **Commercial Building**

Street or 911 Address: **152 N. Trade Street**

Location Description:
- **Tryon**

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**Written Summary:**

Originally built in the 1920s as a freestanding structure, the one-story commercial building now abuts later buildings on both sides. Storefront consists of center single-leaf metal-frame entry flanked by square plate-glass storefront windows. Three decorative bands on the upper façade are likely raised brick courses now covered with stucco. The building to the north (#158 N Trade St) features a similar stucco finish and suggests that the façade treatment is a later alteration. The rear elevation contains three one-over-one double-hung windows on the main level and a replacement metal door to the basement.

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PL 145 – Commercial Building, 152 N. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

**Location:** Downtown Tryon Survey Summary Report

**County:** Polk

**Address:** 104 Palmer Street

**Surveyor:** Clay Griffith

**Written Summary:**

One-story concrete block commercial building erected in the late 1980s features a stucco finish, asphalt-shingle side gable roof, and stepped-parapet end walls. A projecting center bay on the façade is sheltered by an engaged shed roof and consists of large plate glass windows. A single-leaf entry is located to the side of the center bay and also sheltered by the projecting roof.
PL 146 – Commercial Building, 104 Palmer Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

**County:** Polk  
**SSN:** PL00147  
**Property Name:** Cowan's Hardware

**Street or 911 Address:** 104 N. Trade Street

**Location Description:**

- **Town/vicity:** Tryon

**Recommended for SL:**  
**DOE-ER:**  
**DOEdate:**

**DOE-Keeper:**  
**Local Status:**

**Principal Resource**  
**Material Integrity:** Medium  
**Condition:** Good  
**Location Integrity:** Original

**Architectural Data:** Primary: Date: ca. 1920  
**Major Style Group:** Std Comm/Indust

**Construction:** Load Bearing Masonry

**Ext. Material:** Brick  
**Later Covering:** Metal

**Height:** 1 story  
**Roof:** Parapet/Comm.  
**Plan:** Core Form (Domestic): 1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data:** Secondary: Date:  
**Style Group:**

**Construction:**  
**Ext. Material:**

**2nd Design Source and**

**Major Theme:**

**Group Association:**  
**Religious Affiliation:**

**Historic Function:** Commerce - department store

**Written Summary:**

Built in the 1920s, a one-story, brick commercial building divided in the center by a brick firewall. The heavily modified storefront features metal veneer wall coverings, replacement doors and windows, and a heavy awning covered with asphalt shingles. The visible areas of the upper façade reveal two decorative brick panels and a flat parapet (split in the middle in line with the firewall) with a terra cotta coping. The rear elevation of the building remains relatively intact with buff-colored brick courses accenting the side and rear walls, large metal-frame industrial windows, and a concrete loading bay with a wood paneled roll up door topped by a four-light transom. The interior displays the original wood floors and decorative pressed tin ceiling.

John Cowan opened a grocery business in 1933, and later operated a feed store, dry goods, restaurant, and department store. A documentary photo of the building, with its original recessed-entry storefront and leaded glass transom, depicts a window sign reading "Cowan’s Grocery. Meats. Seed. Feed." With the construction of the adjacent supermarket in 1951, the remaining components of the business were consolidated into Cowan’s Hardware, organized in 1956.

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PL 147 – Cowan’s Hardware, 104 N. Trade Street
Property Name: Sunnydale
Street or 911 Address: 334 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()
Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource
Material Integrity: Medium Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original
Architectural Data: Primary Date: ca. 1938 Major Style Group: Rustic Revival
Construction: Log
Ext. Material: Exposed Logs Later Covering:
Height: 1 1/2 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
Group Association: 2nd Theme:
Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Recreation/Culture - other

Written Summary:

Sunnydale is a one and one-half story Rustic Revival style building constructed of saddle-notched logs and topped by a asphalt-shingle side gable roof with log purlins. The center block is flanked by two end wings with a slightly lower roof line and features a projecting front-gable entry porch (originally open, but now enclosed with multi-light windows). The building rests on stone foundation walls. The gable ends, entry porch, and shed-roof side addition at the north end are sheathed with board-and-batten siding. Two stone chimneys rise from within the building and a brick flue is located against the south wall. Original six-over-six double-hung windows remain in place, as well as a single nine-over-nine window in the south gable end. Shed roof additions to the rear are sheathed with board-and-batten siding and presumably contain the building's commercial kitchen.

Harold Shelnutt built Sunnydale as a dance and recreation hall in the late 1930s, and reportedly named the building for a friend of his daughter. In the early 1940s, Ernest and Anna Kerhulas purchased Sunnydale, which became a popular eating establishment and dance hall during World War II. On weekends especially, soldiers from Camp Croft in Spartanburg, SC, came to Sunnydale for a bit of relaxation. The Kerhulas family ran the restaurant for many years, but it was later sold out of the family although it has continued to serve as a restaurant under various names: Hearthstone Inn and presently El Chile Rojo.
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PL 148 – Sunnydale, 334 S. Trade Street
Property Name: Tryon IGA
Street or 911 Address: 370 S. Trade Street

Historic Function: Commerce - department store

Written Summary:

The supermarket building appears to have been built around 1957. The one-story brick building features a tall, flat parapet façade that is now covered with stucco. A flat roof canopy supported on round posts with square bases and caps spans the full width of the façade and shelters the large storefront windows. The main roof is a raised lozenge shape, probably reflecting the use of steel trusses with curved top members to support the roof deck. One-story, flat roof additions project from the rear of the building. The interior is a large open space with intermediate posts supporting the large ceiling span, and the ceiling panels feature a stylized geometric pattern.

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PL 149 – Tryon IGA, 370 S. Trade Street
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Tryon, North Carolina
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Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00150 NR #: 

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 354 S. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon
   HD, if any, and status: ()
   Recommended for vicinity: Tryon
   HD, if any, and status: ()
   DOE-ER DOEDate: 
   DOE-Keeper Local Status:
   Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Good Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 2003 Major Style Group: Other
Construction: Steel Frame
Ext. Material: Metal Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Shed Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Commerce - other

Written Summary:

One-story, steel-frame commercial building with three interior retail spaces, plate glass storefronts, stone veneer façade, exterior metal siding, flat front parapet, and full-width, shed-roof canopy.

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PL 150 – Commercial Building, 354 S. Trade Street
Property Name: **House**
Street or 911 Address: **E. Howard Street**
Location Description:
- Town/vicinity: **Tryon**
- HD, if any, and status: ()
- Recommended for SL: StudyList, SLDate: NR, NRDate: DOE-ER, DOEDate: DOE-Keeper, Local Status: Ownership: **Private**

**Architectural Data**
- **Primary:** Date: **ca. 1940**
- Construction: **Balloon Frame**
- Ext. Material: **Weatherboard:Plain**
- Height: **1 story**
- Roof: **Side Gable**
- Plan: 
- 1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data**
- **Secondary:** Date: 
- Construction: 
- Ext. Material: 
- 2nd Design Source and 
- Major Theme: 
- Group Association: 
- Historic Function: **Domestic - single dwelling**

**Written Summary:**

Remodeled and substantially altered one-story, side-gable frame dwelling with front gable entry bay, two interior brick chimneys, and side entrance with gable roof canopy on square wood posts. Two gabled dormers positioned in front of the chimneys contains attic vents. Windows throughout are replacement six-over-six sash. A two-story hip-roof addition projects from the rear with a picture window on the upper level, and an inset, screen corner porch stands on tall concrete piers above a lower deck.

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PL 151 – House, E. Howard Street
Property Name: **Commercial Building**

Street or 911 Address: **38 N. Trade Street**

Location Description:
- Town/vicinity: **Tryon**
- HD, if any, and status: ()

**Recommended for SL**
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**Local Status:**
**Ownership:** **Private**

**Architectural Data: Primary:**
- **Date:** **ca. 1920**
- **Major Style Group:** **Std Comm/Indust**

**Construction:** **Load Bearing Masonry**
**Ext. Material:** **Brick**
**Later Covering:**
**Height:** **2 story**
**Roof:** **Parapet/Comm.**
**Plan:** **Core Form (Domestic):**
**1st Design Source and attribution:**

**Architectural Data: Secondary:**
- **Date:**
- **Style Group:**
- **Construction:**
- **Ext. Material:**
- **2nd Design Source and**
- **2nd Theme:**
- **Group Association:**
- **Religious Affiliation:**
- **Historic Function:** **Commerce - specialty store**

**Written Summary:**

The two-story brick commercial building, which has been the long-time home to Owens Pharmacy among other businesses, was constructed around 1920, several years after the adjacent Wilkins Building was completed. The two buildings are similar in height and mass, and the lower façades of both buildings were remodeled ca. 1980 into a continuous storefront treatment with arched plate-glass windows resting on corbelled brick sills and recessed metal-frame entries. The lower façade is sheltered by a hip-roof awning covered with metal roofing. The unembellished upper façade rises to a flat parapet and contains paired one-over-one sash on its façade and the second-story side elevation. Two other secondary storefronts (both heavily altered) are located on the side facing Maple Street.

An A&P grocery was among the early tenants of the building, and the Tryon Daily Bulletin was started in the basement here. The small hospital started by Drs. Allen J. Jervey and Marion C. Palmer in 1924 occupied the second floor of both this building and the adjacent Wilkins Building. The second story served as the local hospital until 1929, when St. Luke’s Hospital opened.

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PL 152 – Commercial Building, 38 N. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00153  NR #: Nos Alts Det

Property Name: Kell House
Street or 911 Address: 50 Melrose Avenue
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate:
DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: High  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1940  Major Style Group: Colonial Revival
Construction: Balloon Frame
Ext. Material: Weatherboard:Plain  Later Covering:
Height: 1 1/2 story  Roof: Side Gable  Plan: Center passage  Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:
Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
Group Association:
Historic Function: Domestic - single dwelling

Written Summary:

One-story, side-gable frame dwelling built around 1940 with simple Colonial Revival style details including dentil molding and classical door surround. Windows throughout are typically six-over-one double-hung sash, and a brick chimney rises from the tall asphalt-shingle roof. The west elevation contains a single-leaf side entrance and projecting bay window. Single double-hung windows are located in the gable ends. A center gable-roof pavilion projects at the rear and features a semi-circular window in the gable end. An attached shed-roof entry porch located at the northwest corner of the rear pavilion is supported by a wood post and shelters a single-leaf rear entrance. The house rests on a brick foundation.

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PL 153 – Kell House, 50 Melrose Avenue
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00154 NR #:

Property Name: House
Street or 911 Address: 211 Walnut Street
Location Description:

town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL: StudyList: SLDate: NR: NRDate:
DOE-ER: DOEDate: DOE-Keeper: Local Status: Ownership: Private

Principal Resource Material Integrity: High Condition: Fair Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1950 Major Style Group:
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Side Gable Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date: Style Group:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Domestic - other

Written Summary:

Possibly built as a mixed-use building, the one-story brick structure rests on a full basement that is exposed by the sloping nature of the site. Situated close to Walnut Street, the lower level façade is finished with stone veneer and contains a single-leaf wood entrance door opening onto the sidewalk. Windows throughout metal-frame casements of various sizes or metal-frame double-hung sash with horizontal muntins. A solid single-leaf entrance door is located on the south elevation. A gable-roof ell extends to the rear with an enclosed porch located within the interior angle of the ell. The porch contains large plate-glass panes above a stuccoed knee wall. A single-leaf rear entrance is sheltered by a gable-roof canopy supported on triangular brackets.

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PL 154 – House, 211 Walnut Street
Written Summary:

One-story, frame Ranch house with asphalt-shingle hip roof, two-over-two double-hung windows with horizontal muntins, brick water table, weatherboard siding, and board-and-batten siding between the two single-leaf front entrances. The building rests on a concrete block foundation. A one-room, shed-roof addition projects from the west side, abutting steps that lead to basement entrances at the rear. An attached shed-roof porch supported on thin metal posts is located at the east end and shelters a concrete patio. A concrete slab deck at the rear is supported on a wall of pierced concrete block and is accessed from the house through sliding glass doors. A shed roof canopy supported on wood posts also projects from the rear and shelters the basement entrance.

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PL 155 – House, 213 Walnut Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

County: Polk
SSN: PL00156  NR #:

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: 145 N. Trade Street
Location Description:

- Town/vicinity: Tryon
- HD, if any, and status: ()
- Recommended for SL: 
- StudyList: 
- SLDate: 
- DOE-ER: 
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- DOE-Keeper: 
- Local Status: 
- Ownership: Private

**Principal Resource**
- Material Integrity: High
- Condition: Good
- Location Integrity: Original

**Architectural Data: Primary**
- Date: ca. 1940
- Major Style Group:
- Construction: Masonry Veneer
- Ext. Material: Brick
- Later Covering:
- Height: 1 story
- Roof: Side Gable
- Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
- 1st Design Source and attribution:

**Architectural Data: Secondary**
- Date: 
- Style Group:
- Construction:
- 2nd Design Source and 
- 2nd Theme:
- Major Theme:
- Group Association:
- Religious Affiliation:
- Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built in the early to mid-1940s, the building is a one-story, brick structure topped by a side gable roof with flat terra cotta tiles. The symmetrical five-bay façade features a recessed entrance bay flanked by three-part picture windows, with the large center pane framed by five-light sidelights. A stone veneer watertable and arched opening at the entrance bay appear to be later additions. The interior retains its original wood floors and primary wall materials.

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PL 156 – Commercial Building, 145 N. Trade Street
North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: Polk
SSN: PL00157  NR #:

Property Name: Commercial Building
Street or 911 Address: N. Trade Street
Location Description:
   Town/vicinity: Tryon

HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL  StudyList  SLDate:  NR  NRDate:  DOE-ER  DOEDate:

DOE-Keeper  Local Status:  Ownership: Private

Principal Resource  Material Integrity: Medium  Condition: Good  Location Integrity: Original

Architectural Data: Primary  Date: ca. 1950  Major Style Group: Colonial Revival
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick  Later Covering:
Height: 1 story  Roof: Side Gable  Plan: Core Form (Domestic):

Architectural Data: Secondary  Date:  Style Group:
Construction:
2nd Design Source and

Major Theme:
Group Association:
Historic Function: Commerce - specialty store

Written Summary:

Built in the 1950s, the one-story, brick building topped by a side gable roof with flat terra cotta tiles served for many years as an ABC store. The façade features two, wide entrances and two three-part picture windows. The north window is similar to the adjacent buildings (#145 and #157) with a large center pane framed by five-light sidelights; the south window appears to be a replacement but maintains the general form of the original sash. The entrance located in the center of the façade has been boarded over but the southeast corner entry retains a single-leaf glazed door. A stone veneer watertable may be a later addition.

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PL 157 – Commercial Building, N. Trade Street
Property Name: Tryon Fire Department
Street or 911 Address: 56 W. Howard Street
Location Description:
  Town/vicinity: Tryon
HD, if any, and status: ()

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: NR NRDate: DOE-ER DOEDate: DOE-Keeper Local Status: Ownership: Public - local

Architectural Data: Primary: Date: ca. 1990
Construction: Masonry Veneer
Ext. Material: Brick Later Covering:
Height: 1 story Roof: Hip Plan: Core Form (Domestic):
1st Design Source and attribution:

Architectural Data: Secondary: Date:
Construction: Ext. Material:
2nd Design Source and
Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
Group Association: Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: Government - fire station

Written Summary:

Modern, one-story brick fire station with six truck bays and angled administrative wing at the west end. The large truck bays are accessed through glazed roll-up doors. The administrative wing is angled forward slightly and framed at the front by a landscaped area defined by a brick retaining wall. The inset entrance area is supported by a single brick corner post. The asphalt shingle hip roof flares slightly to form deep eaves.

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PL 158 – Tryon Fire Department, 56 W. Howard Street
**Property Name:** Commercial Building  
**Street or 911 Address:** 158 N. Trade Street  
**Town/vicinity:** Tryon  
**Recommended for SL:**  
**DOE-E:**  
**DOE-ER:**  
**DOE-KEEPER:**  
**DOE-Keeper Local Status:**  
**Ownership:** Private  
**Principal Resource** Material Integrity: Medium  
**Condition:** Good  
**Location Integrity:** Original  
**Architectural Data: Primary** Date: ca. 1940  
**Construction:** Masonry Veneer  
**Ext. Material:** Stucco  
**Later Covering:**  
**Height:** 1 story  
**Roof:** Parapet/Comm. Plan: Core Form (Domestic):  
**1st Design Source and attribution:**  
**Architectural Data: Secondary** Date:  
**Construction:**  
**2nd Design Source and**  
**Major Theme:**  
**Group Association:**  
**Historic Function:** Commerce - specialty store  

**Written Summary:**

This one-story commercial building, built ca. 1940, was constructed as two separate blocks, with one section extending further to the rear than the other. The angled wall at the northeast corner is a later addition. The buildings replaced a freestanding filling station that had occupied the corner site in the 1920s and 30s. Sheltered by a metal awning, the storefront consists of two single-leaf metal-frame entries topped by transoms and flanked by square plate-glass storefront windows. Three decorative bands on the upper façade are likely raised brick courses now covered with stucco and match the design elements of the adjoining structure (#152) from the 1920s. One-over-one windows on the side elevation appear to be replacements. Two brick chimney flues (now covered with stucco) are located on the north side elevation and another flue is located at the rear of the building. Exterior wooden stairs rise to a single-leaf rear entry with metal door. Two small window openings flank the rear entry.

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PL 159 – Commercial Building, 158 N. Trade Street