

419 N Person St

Address

**Blount Street** 

Historic District

**Historic Property** 

COA-0010-2021

**Certificate Number** 

1/26/2021

Date of Issue

11/26/2021

**Expiration Date** 

# **C**ERTIFICATE OF **A**PPROPRIATENESS **P**LACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

## **Project Description:**

Remove doors; remove window; alter front porch railing; remove miscellaneous defunct equipment

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**Raleigh Historic Development Commission** 

Pending the resolution of appeals, commencement of work is at your own risk.

	Type or print	the following:
Applicant name: Robert Wagner		
Mailing address: 92 Elam Ct.		
City: New Hill	State: NC	Zip code: 27562
Date: 1/19/2021		Daytime phone #: (919) 612-3945
Email address: rwagner	arch.com	
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Minor work (staff review) – of Major work (COA committee copies  Additions > 25% of both New buildings  Demolition of building All other  Post approval re-review of capproval	e review) – ten uilding sq. footage g or structure	Office Use Only  Transaction #:  File #: _COA-0010-2021  Fee: Amount paid: Received date: Received by:
Property street address: 419 N. Pe	erson St.	
Historic district: Blount Street		
Historic property/Landmark name (	(if applicable): Ru	ss-Sawyer House
Owner name: Robert and Kimberly	Wagner	
Owner mailing address: 92 Flam (	T New Hill NC	27562

For applications that require review by the COA Committee (major work), provide addressed and stamped envelopes for owners for all properties with 100 feet on all sides of the property, as well as the property owner.

Property Owner Name & Address
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I understand that all major work applications that require review by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission's COA Committee must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the date of the application deadline; otherwise, consideration will be delayed until the following committee meeting. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits for this project?  Yes No	Office Use Only
Yes No Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application?	Type of work: 29, 49, 57, 84
Yes No	

Des	ign Guidelines: please o	cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines (www.rhdc.org).				
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed).				
2.1/39	Wood	See separate "Description of Work" attached.				
2.6/49	Ext. Walls	See separate "Description of Work" attached.				
2.7/50	Windows& Doors	See separate "Description of Work" attached				
2.8/55	Entrances/Porches/Balconies	See separate "Description of Work" attached				

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Upon being signed and dated below by the Planning Director or designee, this application Certificate of Appropriateness. It is valid until $\underline{11/26/2021}$ .	n beco	mes the Minor Work
Please post the enclosed placard form of the certificate as indicated at the bottom of the Certificate shall not relieve the applicant, contractor, tenant, or property owner from obta City Code or any law. Minor Works are subject to an appeals period of 30 days from the	ining ar	ny other permit required by
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#### MINOR WORK APPLICATION

Russ-Sawyer House - 419 N. Person Street

January 19, 2021

### **Description of Work:**

This application is for work to occur at the Russ-Sawyer House at 419 N. Person Street. This two story structure was originally located at 214 E. Peace Street but was moved to its current location in 2007/2008 and placed onto a new masonry foundation. The house is currently vacant, without any water/power/sewer connections. The proposed work to the existing structure includes removal of two existing doors, removal of an existing mailbox, and alteration of existing front porch railings/post, as listed below.

- Two ground level doors will be removed and the wall openings infilled and covered with siding to match the existing.
  - o One door, on southeast corner (front) of the house, was added in 1958 when the house was divided into 4 apartments\*.
  - One door, on the northwest corner (rear) of the house, formerly provided access to a stair leading down to the basement level when the house was located at its old location at 214 E. Peace Street. A basement no longer exists at the house's current location, the former basement stair was removed when the house was relocated, and the details/character and placement of this door are not in keeping with the original details of the house. The rough awning above this door will also be removed.
- One 2<sup>nd</sup> story window on the north side of the house will be removed and the wall opening infilled and covered with siding to match the existing. This window is not in keeping with the details and character of the house and it is not original to the house. This window was likely added during or after the 1958 apartment conversion when a new bathroom was added behind this window. The owner has performed selective demolition of interior window trim and plaster at this window and it has been verified that there was originally no window opening in this location; it was a solid wall. A hole was cut through the original plaster/lath and wall studs to create the opening and install window framing which is very roughly/poorly constructed. See attached photos of before/after selective demolition.
- A metal mailbox (set of 4 combined mailboxes), recessed into the exterior wall, will be removed and the hole infilled and covered in siding to match the existing siding. This mailbox was added in 1958 when the house was split into 4 apartments\*. (Note: A new mailbox will be proposed as part of a future, separate COA application.)
- The existing front porch railings/posts have been altered from their original configuration, and will be returned to their original design. At some point, likely during the 1958 conversion to apartments\*, the original front porch stairs, which were originally centered on the front door, were moved to the side of the porch. At this time a porch column was added at the front and the railing that was formerly located on the side of the porch was moved to the front, and a new portion of railing was constructed (with matching details) to complete the railing at the front. The side railing that was moved to the front is still fully in-tact and remains its original length and thus will fit perfectly when moved back to the side of the porch. The added post and added section of railing at the front will be removed. (New front porch steps, and walkway leading from porch to sidewalk, will be submitted in future separate COA application.)

The alteration work listed above will be done in conjunction with overall repair work on the entire exterior of the house which will include repairing and/or replacing all deteriorated exterior wood elements (siding, corner board, roof eaves, etc.) as necessary to match the existing, and refurbishing of the existing windows and exterior doors. After the exterior repairs are complete, the exterior of the house will be repainted but no change to the existing paint colors will be made unless/until a separate future COA is approved.

\*For reference, see the following page for copy of house information compiled by Matthew Brown, historian for Oakwood Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood, excerpted from the *Property Inventory of Historic Oakwood District*. Although this house is currently in the Blount Street Historic district it has been recommended for future inclusion into the Oakwood Historic district.

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=WA6960 **419** N. Person St. Russ-Sawyer House c.1903 (To be added to district) This Neoclassical Revival frame two-story was built at 214 E. Peace St. for Henrietta Russ, wife of former mayor William M. Russ. They lived nearby at 540 N. Blount St. The first resident of this house was John S. Jones, a grocer. The house has a hipped roof which was originally sheathed in slate shingles. There is a gabled projection on the leftward part of the front, and another on the left side of the house. The gables are pedimented. Beside the front gabled projection is a porch with a hipped roof supported by square-section posts with simple brackets and a square-section balustrade. This porch woodwork is not original; the original supports were probably Tuscan columns. The porch has a pedimented gabled projection in the center of the front of the house. The original front steps led to this gabled projection. The front door has a transom. Most windows are two over two. In the center of the front of the second story is a small oval window with four keystones and Neoclassical tracery. There is a one-story ell on the southern part of the rear. The house was divided into four apartments in c.1958. An extra door was cut into the left side of the house, near the front corner. The house was moved to 419 N. Person St. in 2008 by Mike Blake for LNR Properties, as part of the Blount Street Commons development.

153:474 Robert T. Burwell to Henrietta Russ May 23, 1899 \$3100 lot this house was built on & more: 65' along Blount, 210' along Peace

833:522 William M. Russ [son of William M. & Henrietta] & w Berta & other heirs of Henrietta Russ to J. G. & Mary Sawyer Apr 10, 1940 \$4650 lot this house was built on: beginning 153' E of SE intersection of Peace & Blount, 57' wide & 65' deep

1899-00 RCD: no listing for 214 or 216

1901 RCD: two J. S. Joneses, neither on Peace St.

1903 Sanborn: no house, this land is part of lot of 540 N. Blount

1903 RCD: J. S. Jones at 214, no listing for 216

1905-06 RCD: J. S. Jones at 214, Mrs. E. O. Watson at 216

1907-08 RCD: J. S. Jones at 214, Mrs. E. O. Watson at 216

1909 Sanborn: this house is 220 E. Peace. Main 2-story section with porch in front only of right side of house, one-story ell behind left side of house, slate or metal roof. Seems to be on same lot as 540 N. Blount & 218(212) E. Peace

1909-10 RCD: J. S. Jones at 214, Mrs. E. O. Watson at 216

1914 Sanborn: house is 220/214 E. Peace; similar footprint to 1909

1948 RCD: James G. Sawyer, H. S. Bivens at 214

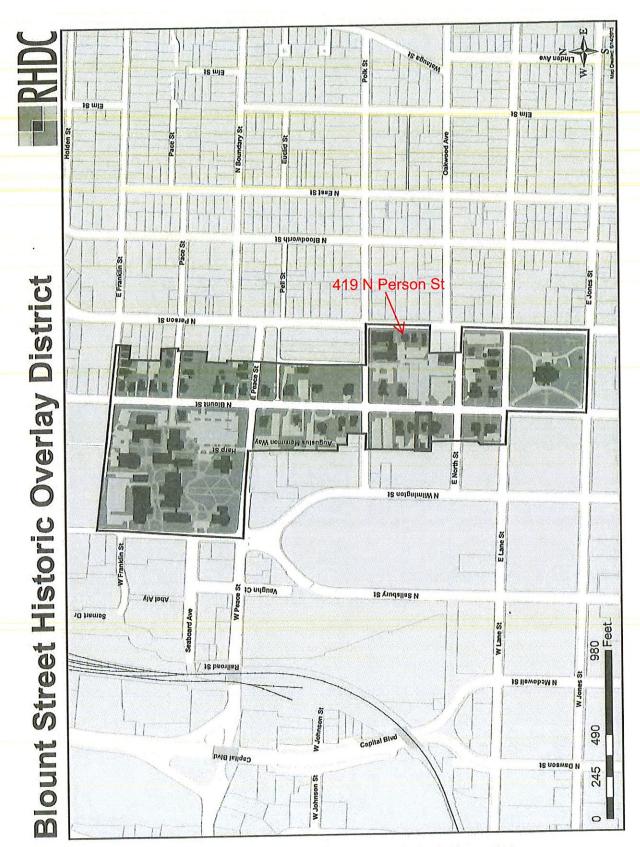
1950 Sanborn: similar to 1914 but composition roof: house still numbered 220/214, but there are houses to the east numbered 216 & 218

1955 RCD: Lawrence Watcher, Wilbert Brown at 214 E. Peace

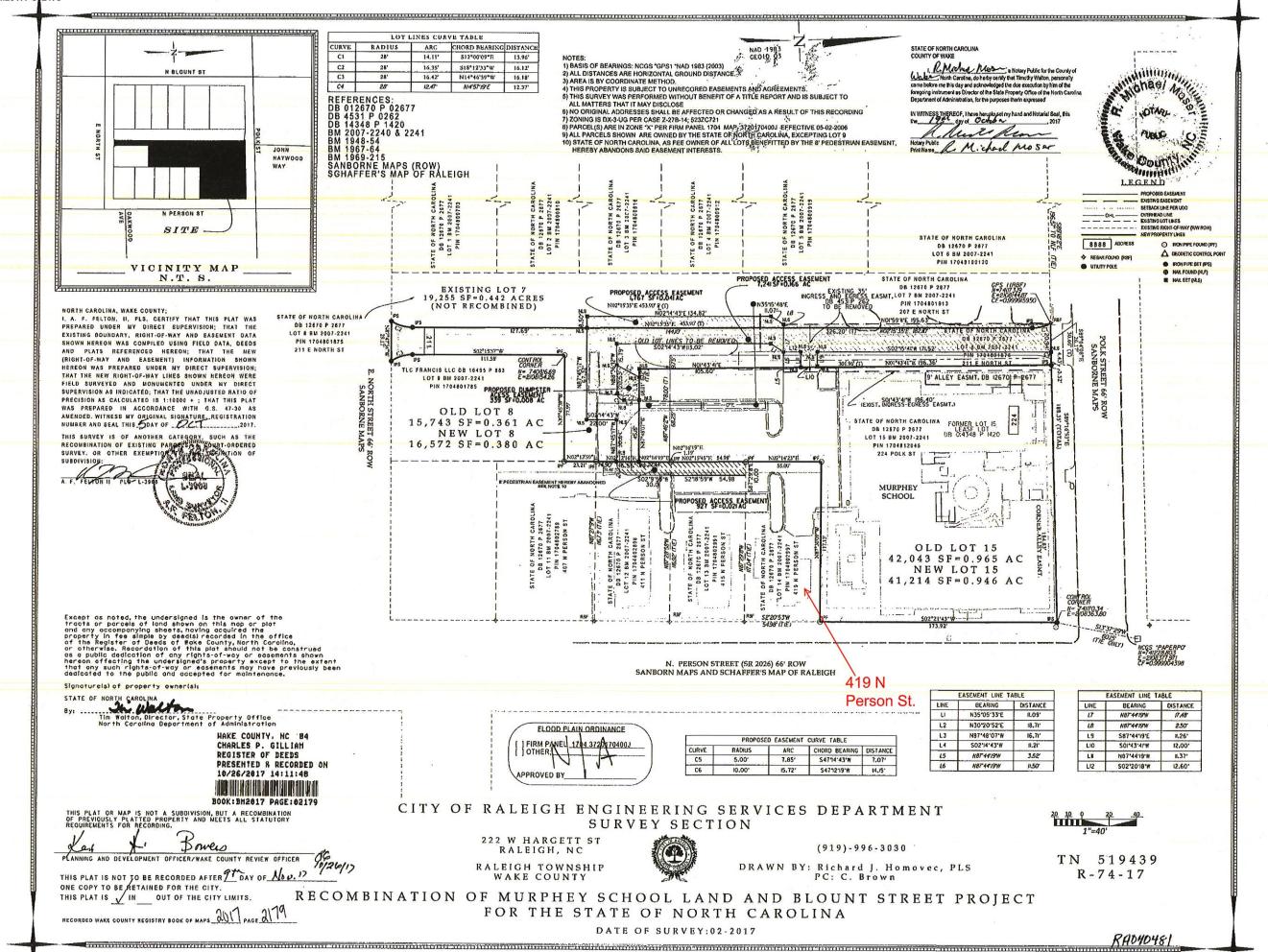
1963 RCD: four apartments at 214 E. Peace

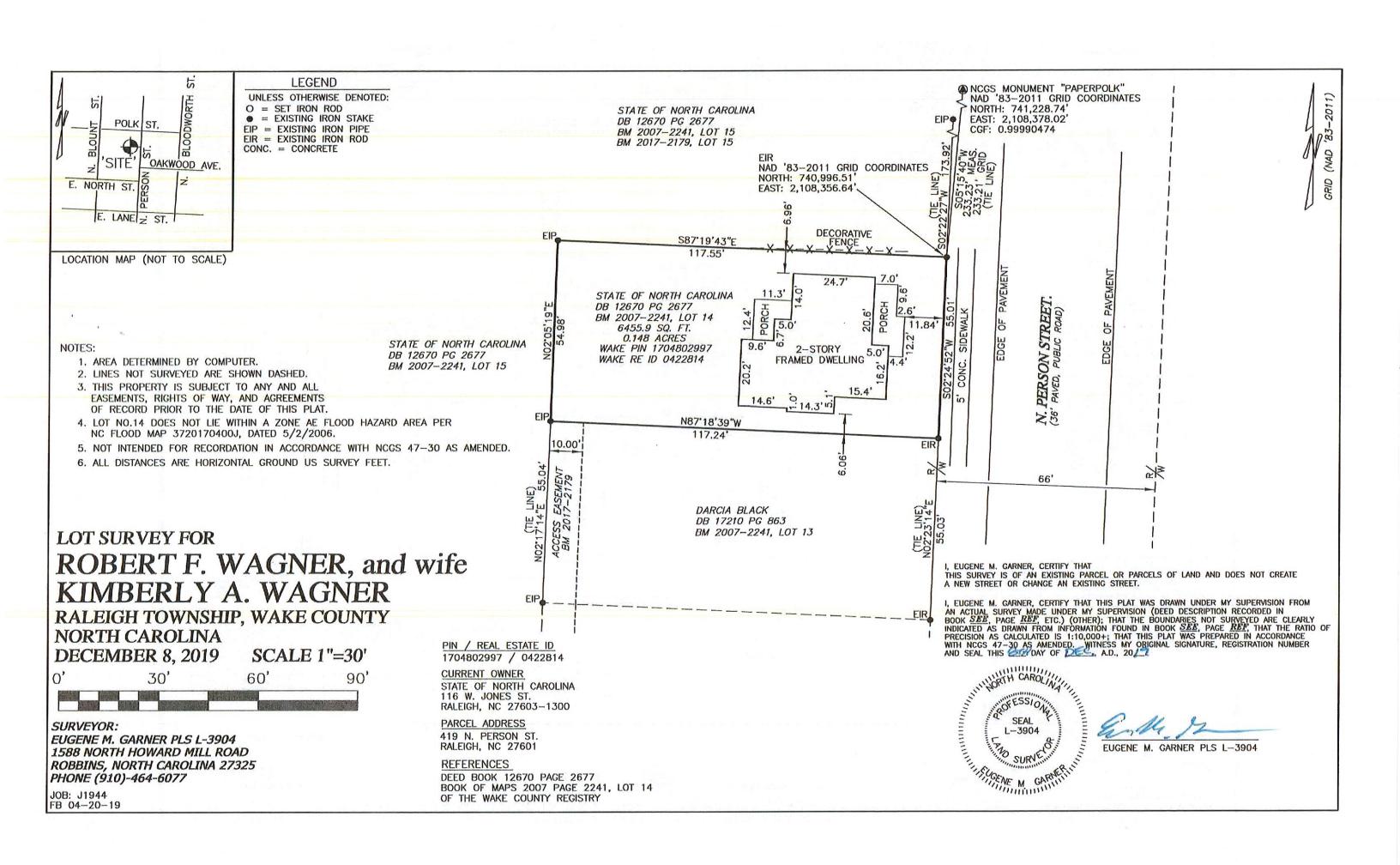
1973 RCD: four apartments at 214 E. Peace

2012 Wakegov: house is at 419 N. Person; similar footprint to 1950



Location Map - NPS Certified Blount Street Historic District Boundaries (Raleigh, NC)





PRFI IMINARY DRAWINGS NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION - FOR REVIEW ONLY **GENERAL NOTES:**  PATCH/REPAIR/REPLACE EXISTING WOOD SIDING AND TRIM TO MATCH ORIGINAL AND REPAINT. RECONSTRUCT ORIGINAL "WATER TABLE" TRIM AT BASE OF SIDING AND PAINT. ORIGINAL WATER TABLE TRIM WAS REMOVED IN THE PAST AND THIS AREA IS CURRENTLY COVERED WITH PAINTED OSB SHEATING. Rev Date Description of Issue Project Title 3. PATCH/REPAIR/REPLACE ALL OTHER EXISTING WOOD ELEMENTS TO MATCH ORIGINAL AND REPAINT. THIS INCLUDES WINDOWS, DOORS, CORNER BOARDS, & ROOF EAVES/SOFFITS. RUSS-SAWYER HOUSE 4. EXISTING BRICK FOUNDATION WALL TO REMAIN UNPAINTED. 5. SEE ADDITIONAL LETTERED "ELEVATION NOTES" FOR ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION OF SCOPE OF WORK. 6. ELEMENTS TO BE DEMOLISHED ARE SHOWN WITH HEAVY, DASHED LINE. **ELEVATION NOTES:** REMOVE EXISTING EXTERIOR DOOR, DOOR FRAME, AND TRIM AND INFILL OPENING WITH NEW STUD WALL FRAWING/HEADER AND REPAIR/REPLACE SIDING TO COVER THE OLD OPENING. SIDING TO MATCH ORIGINAL AND BE PAINTED. B PEMOLISH EXISTING SMALL SHED ROOF ABOVE DOOR.
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DEMOLISH EXISTING LIGHTING OR TELECOM DEVICE, PATCH/REPAIR/REPLACE SIDING TO MATCH ORIGINAL. DEMOUSH EXISTING PLUMBING PIPING AND PATCH/REPAIR/REPLACE EAVE TRIM TO MATCH ORIGINAL. EDMOUSH EXISTING WINDOW, WINDOW FRAME, AND TRIM. REFRAME WALL AND REPAIR/REPLACE SIDING TO COVER THE OLD OPENING. SIDING TO MATCH ORIGINAL AND BE PAINTED. 419 N. PERSON ST. RALEIGH, NC 27604 NOT USED © DEMOUSH EXISTING METAL MAIL BOX AND INFILL OPENING WITH NEW STUD WALL FRAMING AS NEEDED. REPAIR/REPLACE SIDING TO COVER THE OLD OPENING, SIDING TO MATCH ORIGINAL AND BE PAINTED. Project Phase
ISSUED FOR INFORMAL REVIEW
Drawn EXISTING PORCH POST HAS APPARENTLY ROTTED AT BASE AND DROPPED APPROX. 3" AND DROPPED CORNER OF PORCH ROOF AND RAILING, REPAIR POST AND RETURN CORNER OF PORCH ROOF AND RAILING TO CORRECT HEIGHTS. (1) Date 1/25/2021 Drawn By RW/KW Project Number 2017000 Checked By KW/RW Sheet Title DEMOLISH THIS PORCH POST AND THIS SHORT SECTION OF RAILING. **GENERAL** RECONSTRUCT ORIGINAL "WATER TABLE" TRIM AT BASE OF SIDING AND PAINT.
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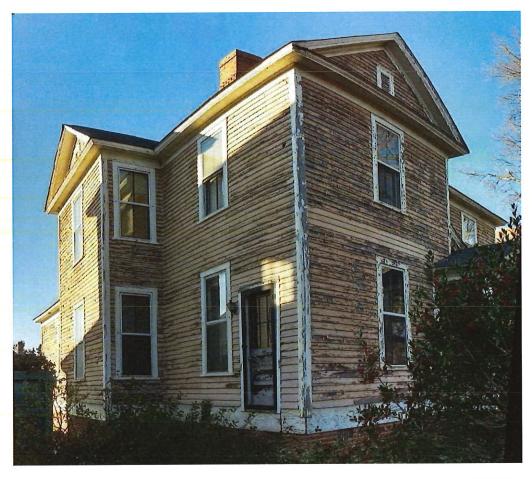
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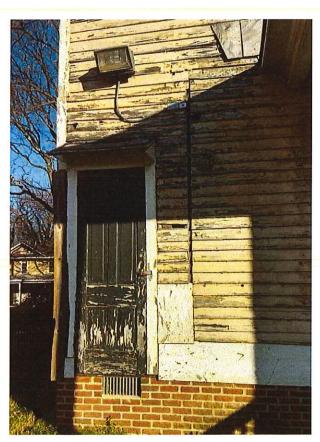
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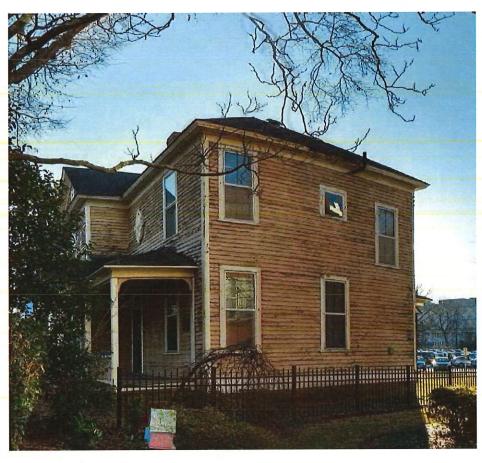
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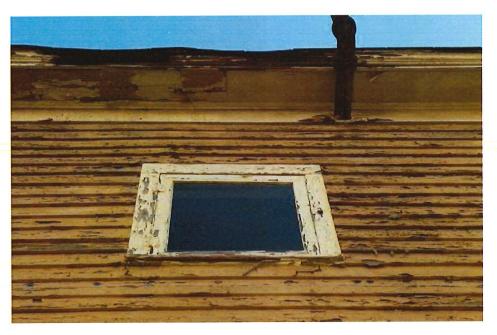
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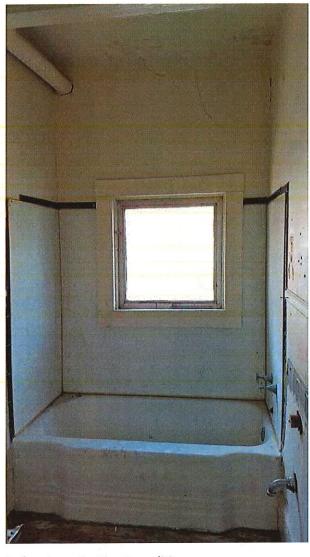
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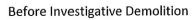


Existing North Facade



Existing window to be removed







Close-up of top of window showing original wall stud that has been cut. No window header is present.







## Morton, Erin

From: Rob Wagner <rwagner@wagnerarch.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:18 AM

To: Morton, Erin
Cc: Kinane, Collette

Subject: RE: COA-0010-2021 (419 N Blount St) Minor Work

Attachments: Front Porch\_419 N Person Street.pdf

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Erin,

Thanks for reviewing our application so quickly. I will responds shortly with the revised drawings requested in Item #1 but, in the meantime, see info listed below and attached to address Items #2 and #3.

- 1. No problem. Will send in separate email to follow shortly.
- 2. Water table will be wood. My apologizes for not clarifying/including that in the drawings. I will add this info to the revised drawings. Thanks for catching that.
- 3. No photos, unfortunately. We searched and could not locate any, other than those taken by SHPO shortly before the house was moved from 214 E. Peace Street. I contacted Ian Dunn at the State Archives and he said he doesn't believe he has any but is double-checking for me. I will hopefully hear back from him today or tomorrow. See attached 2-page PDF with photos of front porch with info we feel provides sufficient evidence that the porch railings and posts were altered (likely during the 1958 conversion into 4 apartments) and how we think the railings were originally configured. I'm sorry I didn't included this information/detail with the original application.

Rob Wagner, RA, LEED AP (919) 612-3945

Wagner Architecture, pllc 92 Elam Ct., New Hill, NC 27562

From: Morton, Erin [mailto:Erin.Morton@raleighnc.gov]

Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 2:37 PM

To: Rob Wagner <rwagner@wagnerarch.com>
Cc: Kinane, Collette <Collette.Kinane@raleighnc.gov>
Subject: COA-0010-2021 (419 N Blount St) Minor Work

Hi Rob,

Thank you for submitting a minor work COA application for 419 N Blount Street. The proposed work in large part appears to be approvable at the staff level. We need a few items in order to consider the application complete.

- 1. We print all COA applications for our filing requirements at size 11x17. Please provide an amended drawing set with one elevation per sheet and scaled so that all relevant information is legible when printed at 11x17.
- 2. What is the material of the water table element proposed to be rebuilt?

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3. We think you are likely correct that the front railing was modified from its original condition. If you are able to provide any historic photographs of the original condition of the building on Peace Street, that would be helpful to us.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Best, Erin

# **Erin Morton**

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