

Building demolished. See also BN0003mrn.pdf (Downtown Asheville MRN)

Asheville Multiple Resource Area  
Buncombe County

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(#11)

NAME: *BN25* Schoenberger Hall

LOCATION: 60 Ravenscroft Drive

OWNER: Groves Printing Company  
251 Haywood Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

DESCRIPTION: Schoenberger Hall is a two-and-a-half-story residence located at the end of a circular driveway at the bottom of Ravenscroft Drive. Constructed of brick masonry laid in stretcher bond, it has a broad, Eastlake-detailed veranda around the north and west elevations, and is topped by a slate-shingled mansard roof with several large and small gables. The fenestration consists of paired and single four-over-two and four-over-four windows with stone lintels and sills, except for several Roman-arched windows on the first floor front and side elevations. A number of the windows have unusual casement type screens over the lower half of the sash. There are also two rose windows in the front gable of the house, and several sections of colored glass windows. A stone plaque giving the name and date of the house is inserted in the front wall. The bracketed cornice is of sheetmetal. The interior of the house includes much Eastlake style woodwork. Few basic changes have been made to the house, its major problems coming from deterioration due to standing empty for several years. The front elevation has been painted white.

SIGNIFICANCE: Schoenberger Hall is the former home of the Ravenscroft Associate Missions and Training School of the North Carolina Episcopal Diocese and the former residence of the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. It is also one of the oldest residences in the downtown and one of the best examples of Queen Anne/Eastlake styling.

The building was erected in 1887 to house the training school, a post-Civil War seminary established to train young country men, some Confederate veterans, for the ministry. The school was being displaced by the reestablishment of the Ravenscroft School for Boys in its original building (NR). \$11,000 was provided for the construction of the house by John Schoenberger of Pittsburgh, a friend of Bishop Theodore B. Lyman, and an additional \$3,000 provided by the diocese. (cont.)

DATE: 1887

PHOTO NO.: N.78-2---1671

UTM: 17-359260/3939420

ACREAGE: approx. 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: See plat map, Ward 4, Lot 243

DATE RECORDED:

BY:

Schoenberger Hall

Significance:

When the western portion of North Carolina was set aside as a separate diocese in 1898, Schoenberger Hall was designated as the official residence of the Bishop. First occupant of the newly-designated residence was Bishop Junius Horner. In 1957 the bishop's residence was moved, and the house sold to the daughter-in-law of Bishop Horner. The building has been used as a shop for a number of years, but is now empty and deteriorating.

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