

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Rowan	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Archibald Henderson Law Office
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Corner of Church and Fisher streets			
CITY OR TOWN: Salisbury (8th Congressional District, Hon. Earl Ruth)			
STATE North Carolina	CODE 37	COUNTY: Rowan	CODE 159

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) storage	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Rowan County Commissioners		
STREET AND NUMBER: North Main Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Salisbury	STATE: North Carolina	CODE: 37

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds, Rowan County Courthouse		
STREET AND NUMBER: North Main Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Salisbury	STATE: North Carolina	CODE: 37

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey		
DATE OF SURVEY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local		
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress		
STREET AND NUMBER: East Capitol and Independence Avenues, SE		
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE: 11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

- Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

- Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

- Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Archibald Henderson Law Office is a one-story frame building with a low hip roof and a Flemish bond foundation. The front (east) facade is three bays wide with a central entrance containing a flat-paneled door surmounted by a transom, enriched with geometric tracery. The north side features a single window to the left of an interior end chimney, while the south side contains only a single window. The rear facade is similar to the front but has no window in the right bay. All windows feature molded architraves, square sills, and nine-over-nine sash.

The interior consists of one large room with plaster walls. Beneath each window is a flat panel framed by the baseboard and an extension of the window architrave.

The well-executed three-part Federal style mantel that dominates the north wall is accented by a cable molding around the rectangular opening and a row of dentils below the molded shelf. The shelf rests on an unadorned frieze, which is supported by engaged fluted colonettes. To the left of the fireplace is a flat-paneled cupboard that appears to be original.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Between 1796 and 1818

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | <u>Law</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lot 19 in the original plan for the town of Salisbury is the site of the Henderson Law Office. The town trustees deeded it in 1755 to Nathaniel Alexander, governor of North Carolina (1805-1807). In 1773 it was sold to Colonel Adlai Osborne, the first "Clark [clerk] of the Crown for the County of Rowan" and an original trustee of the University of North Carolina. Osborne, who built an impressive house on the lot, sold it to Superior Court Judge Spruce Macay. Macay, whose law office was located on this lot near his house is remembered particularly as the legal preceptor of two of North Carolina's greatest men, Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States, and William Richardson Davie. Davie served as a general in the American Revolution, was a lawyer, legislator, and was "chiefly responsible for the establishment . . . of the University of North Carolina."

In 1796 Macay sold the lot and dwelling house to his brother-in-law, Archibald Henderson. Sometime after this date, Henderson built the small law office that stands on the southeast corner of the lot. Henderson was a lawyer and a congressman whose "chief distinction was gained in a long and extensive practice . . . in the federal circuit and state courts." An ardent Federalist, he ran for Congress and was elected in 1798 at the age of thirty. With the election of Jefferson in 1801 and the rising tide of Republicanism, however, Henderson withdrew himself from congressional politics and concentrated his energies on the profession in which he was preeminent, law. He was a member of the North Carolina General Assembly for three terms between 1807 and 1820, where he was an authority on legal constitutional questions. When he died in 1822, the property and law office were inherited by his daughter, Jane Caroline Henderson. Miss Henderson married a distinguished jurist, Nathaniel Boyden, a justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court who had also been a United States congressman. From Mrs. Boyden the property passed to her son, Archibald Henderson Boyden, for many years mayor and later postmaster of Salisbury. In 1952 A. H. Boyden's daughter, Mrs. Burton Craig, made a gift of the lot and the Henderson Law Office to Rowan County. The structure is presently being used for storage, but its restoration as a law office is under consideration.

Owned by several men of distinction, the Archibald Henderson Law Office is typical of a number of similar buildings which served lawyers in courthouse towns throughout the South. It is one of the best preserved and most interesting examples in North Carolina.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brawley, James S. The Rowan Story. Salisbury, North Carolina: Rowan Printing Company, 1953.

Rowan County Records, Rowan County Courthouse, Salisbury, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills)

Rowan County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	35	40	03	80	28	20
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{4}$ Acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Survey and Planning Unit, John B. Wells, Supervisor

ORGANIZATION

State Department of Archives and History

DATE

July 6, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:

109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina

CODE

37

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name H. G. Jones

Title Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date July 6, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

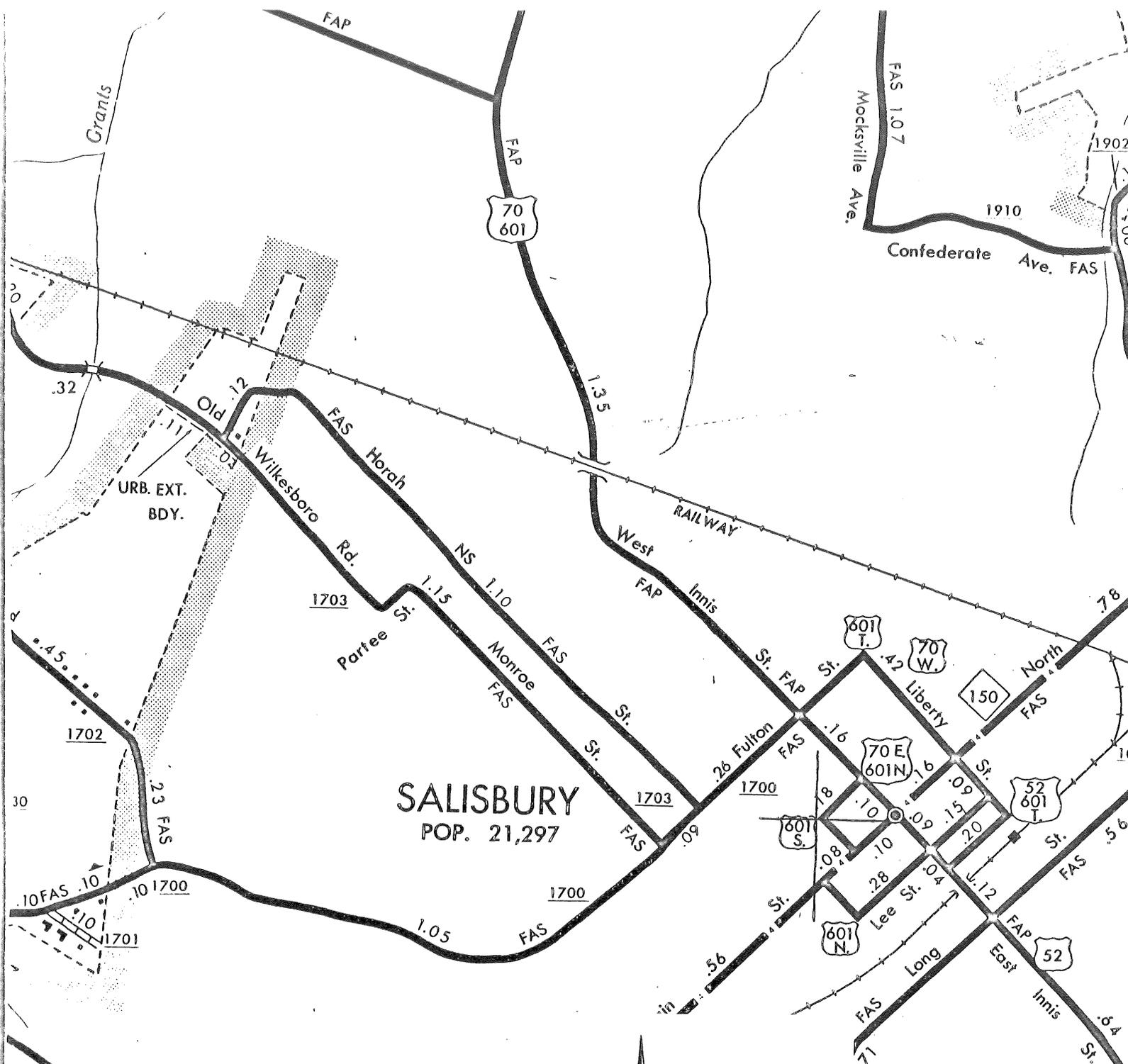
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

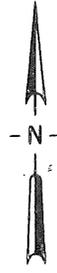
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



Archibald Henderson Law Office
 Church and Fisher streets
 Salisbury, North Carolina

State Highway Commission
 Scale: 4" / 1 mile
 July 1, 1967



Latitude			Longitude		
degrees	minutes	seconds	degrees	minutes	seconds
35°	40'	03"	80°	28'	20"

