

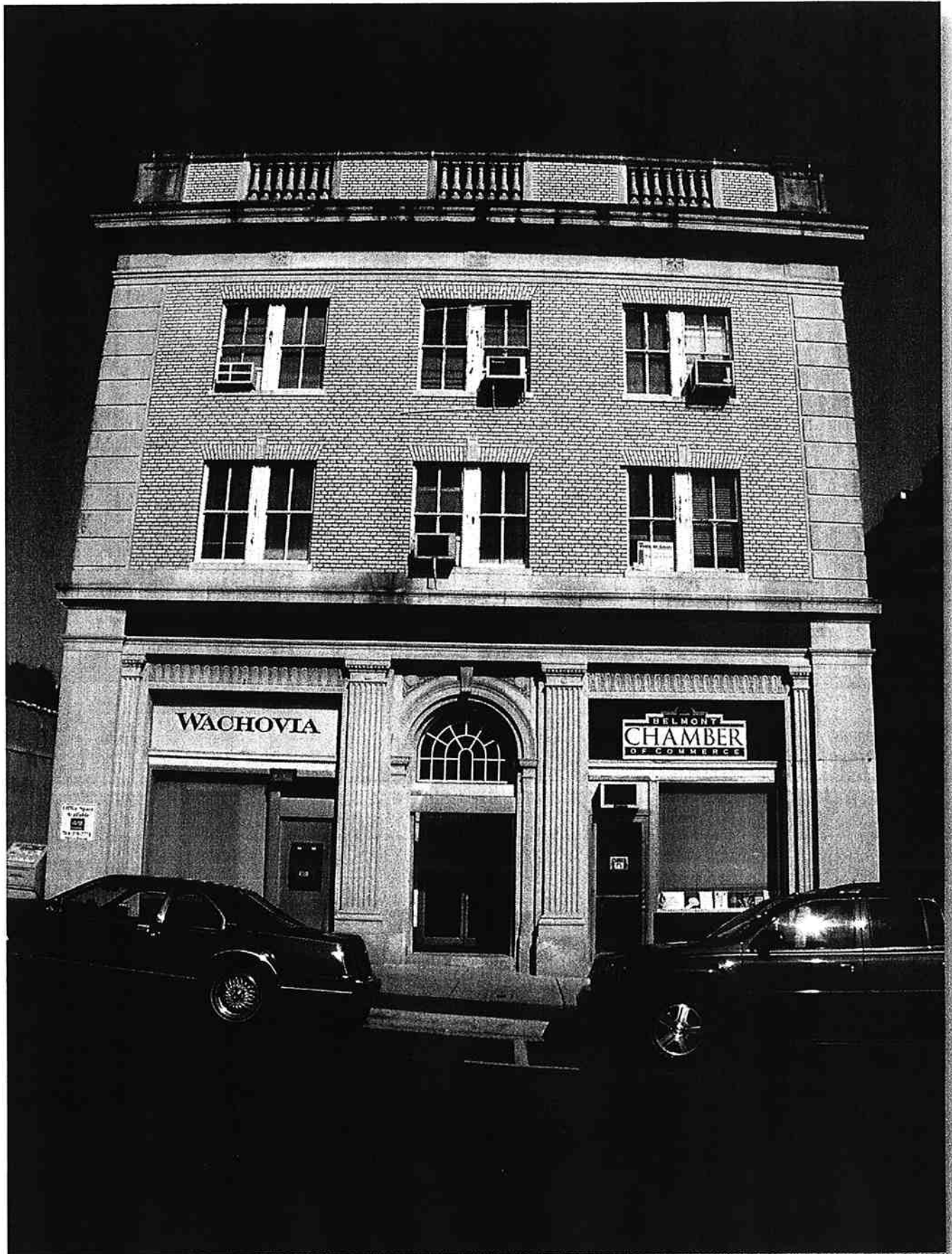
Proposal Of
The 1926 Bank of Belmont
To the Gaston County Register of
Historic Places
September 2007

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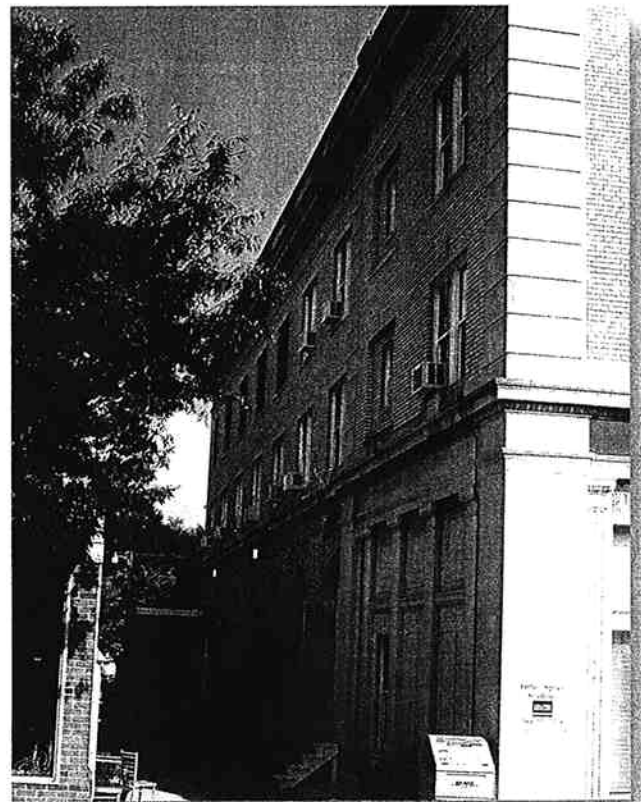
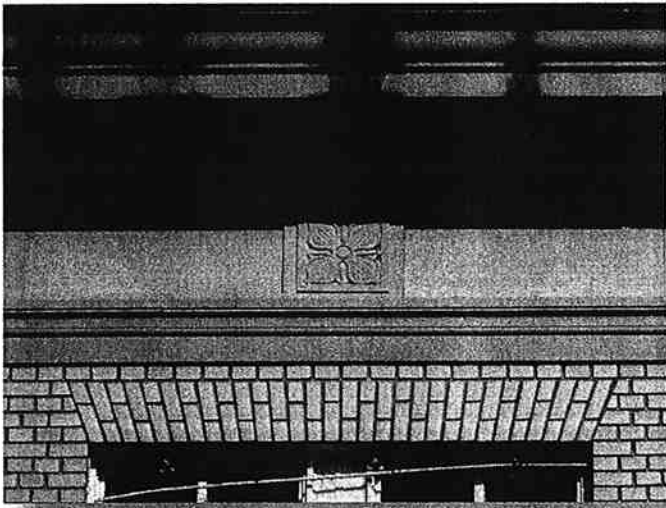
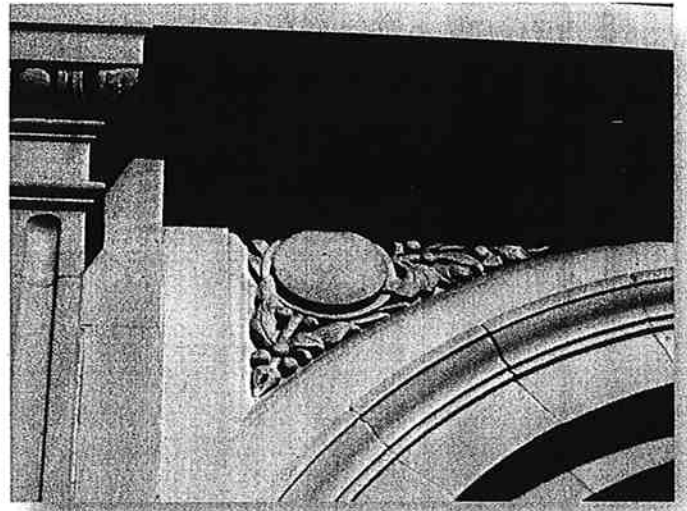
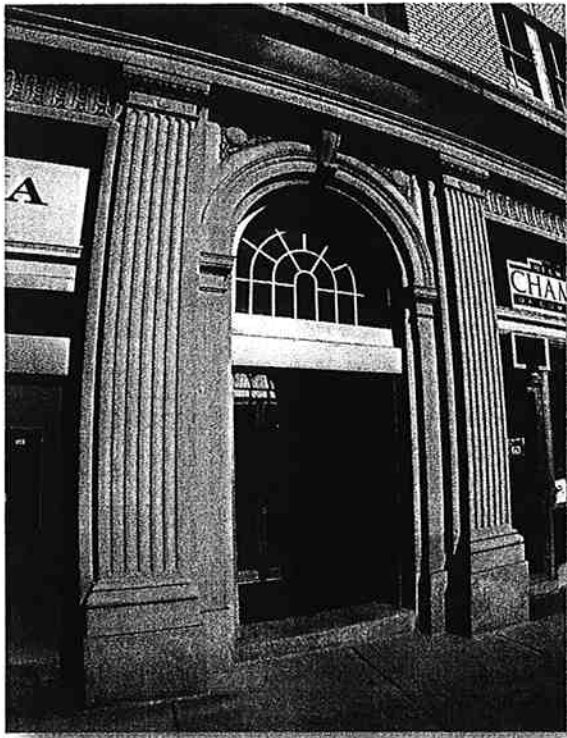
1. Name and location of the property. The property is known as the 1926 Bank of Belmont at 32 N. Main St., Belmont, Gaston County, N.C.
2. Name, address, and telephone number of the present owner. The property has recently been sold (August 24, 2007) to a North Carolina limited liability company known as 32 North Main Belmont, LLC; address of 330 S. Tryon Street, Suite 301, Charlotte, N.C. 28202; phone (704)347-0793
3. Photographs of the property.
4. Maps depicting location of the property.
5. Current deed reference of the property. A chain of title prepared by Lucy Penegar is included.
6. Historical sketch of the property. This report contains a brief historical sketch prepared by Mr. Mike Kemmet and reviewed by Lucy Penegar, commission member.
7. Architectural description of the property. This report contains an architectural description prepared by Mr. Jason Harpe, director of the Lincoln County Museum.
8. Reaction. A response to the nomination from the NC Department of Archives & History is included.
9. Documentation of why and in what way the property meets the criteria set forth in NCGS 109-399.4. This structure, designed by respected local architect Hugh E. White, exhibits the impressive Renaissance Revival style singular in Belmont, and reflects the industrial and economic growth and success realized by the bank's organizers, Mr. Robert L. Stowe, L.L. Jenkins, and W.B. Pruett.

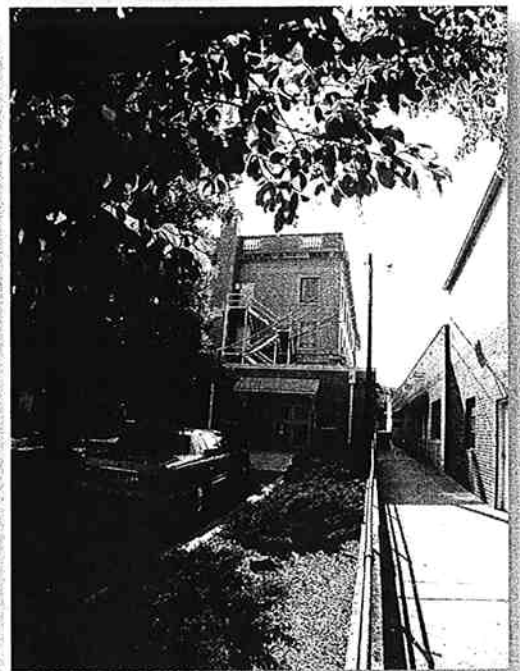
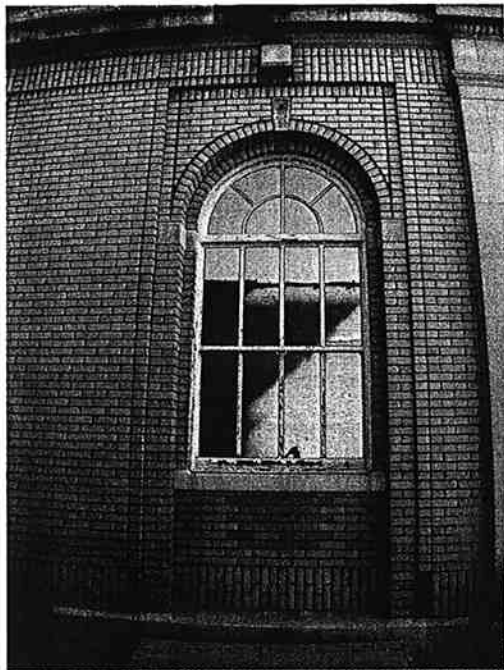
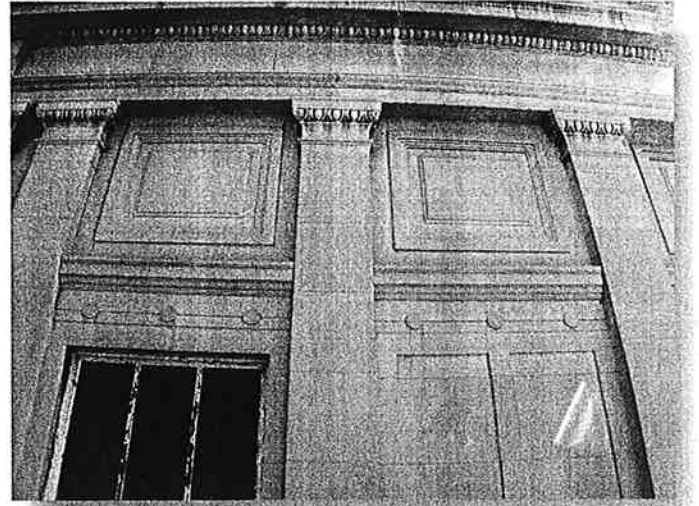
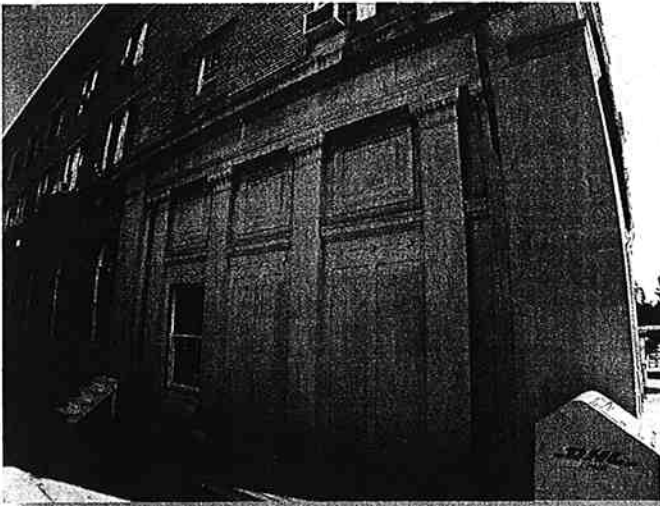


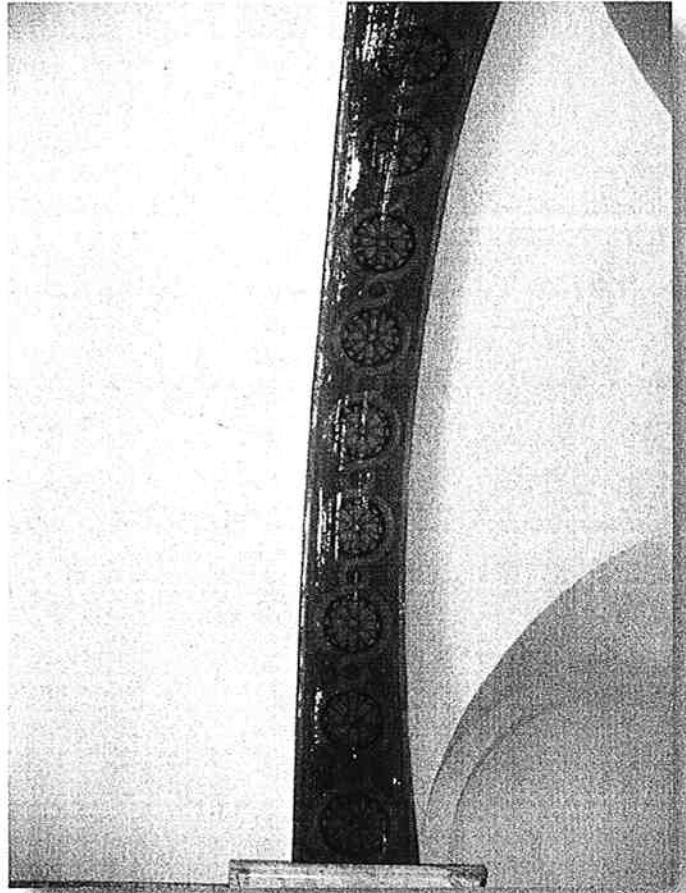
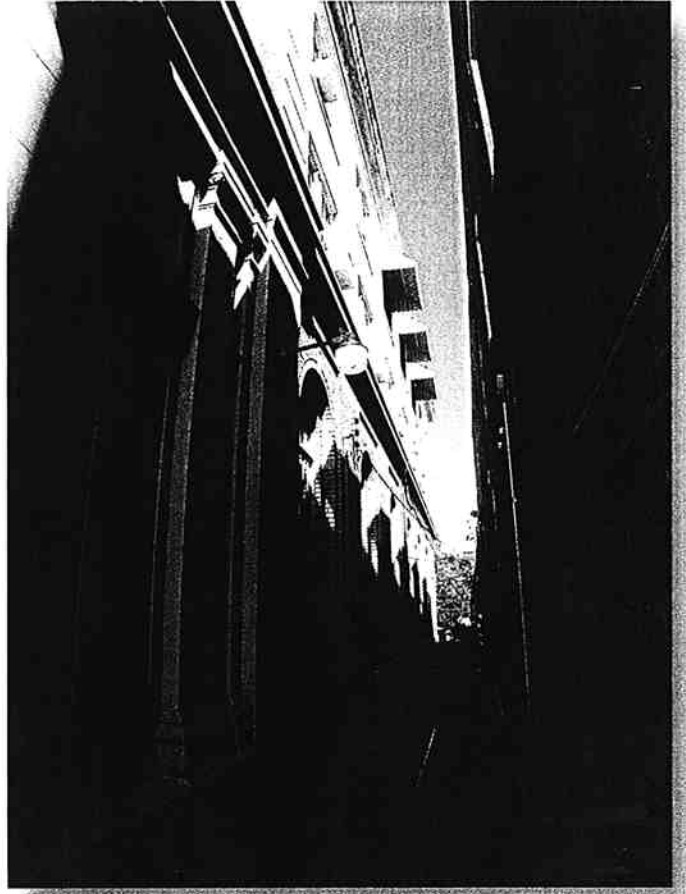
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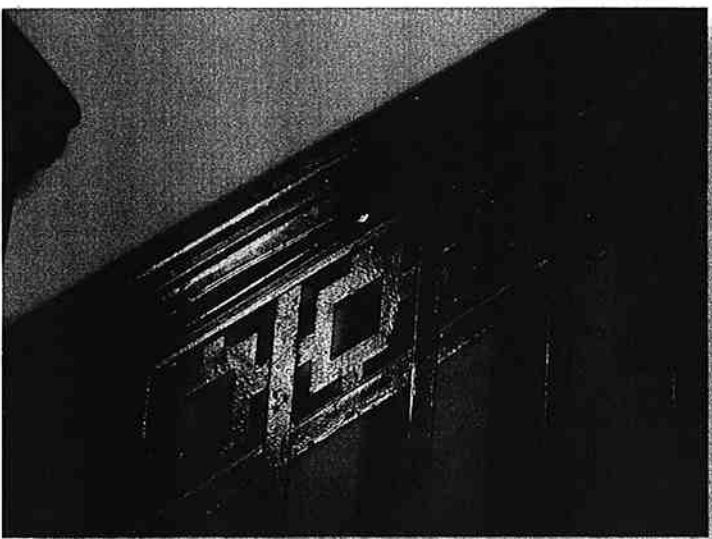
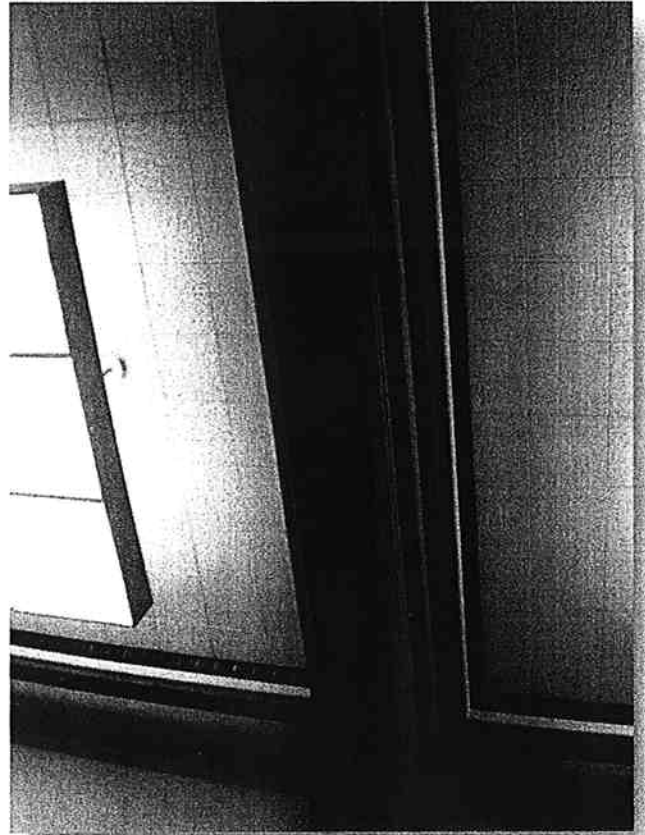
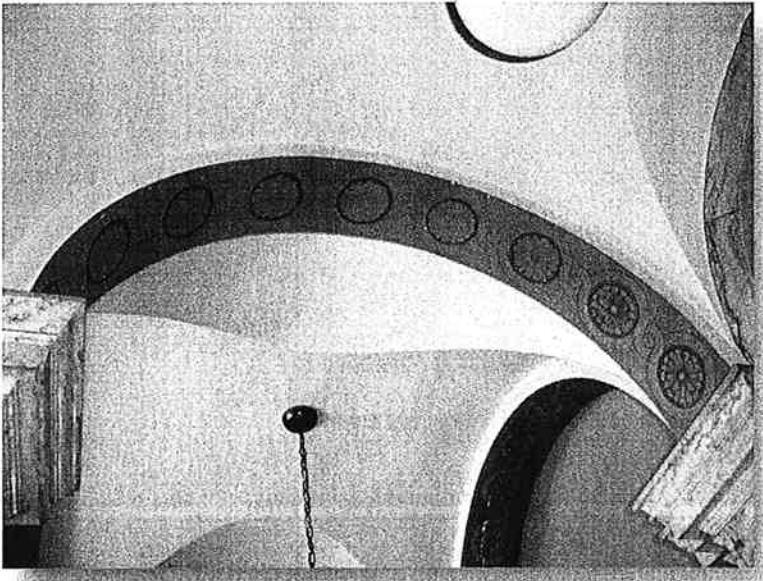
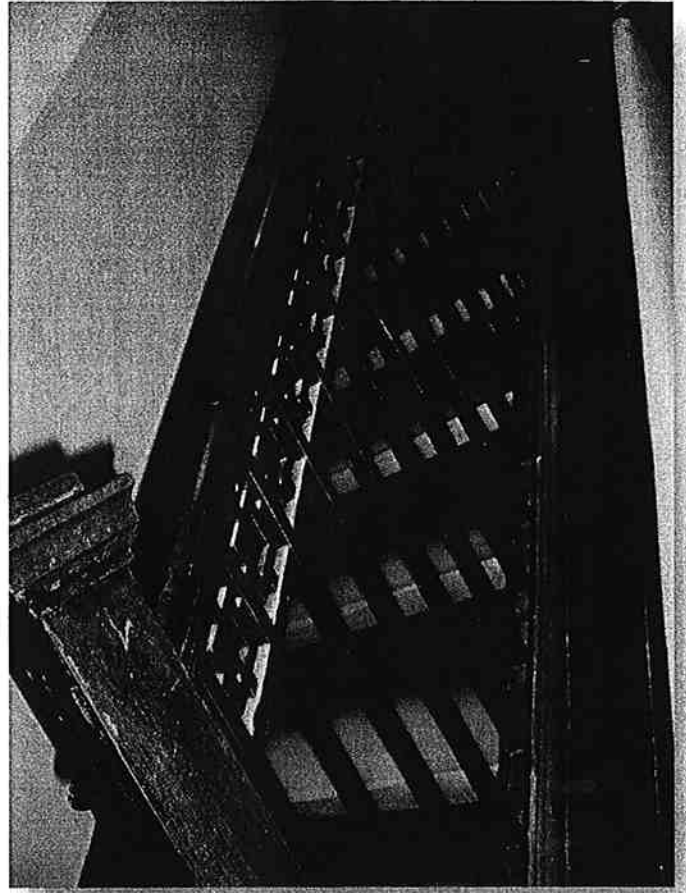
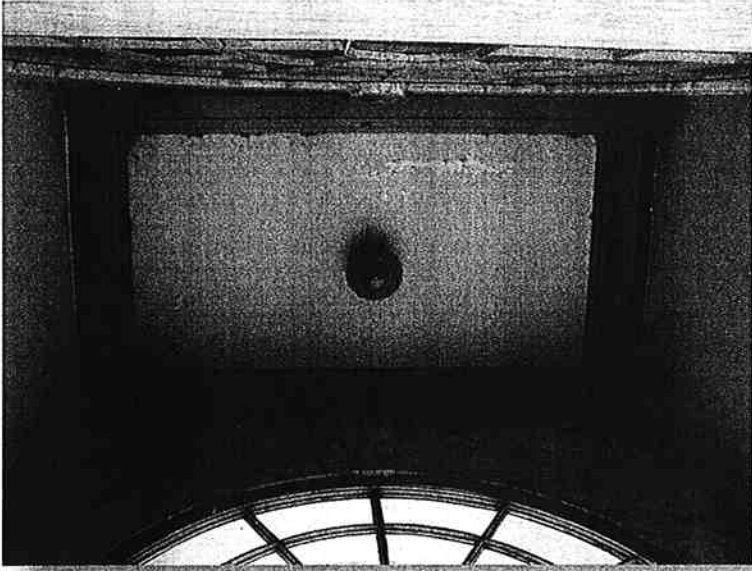
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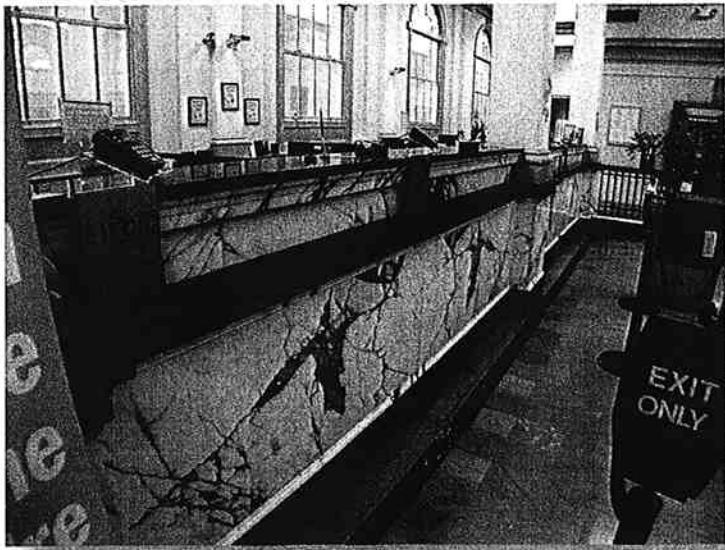
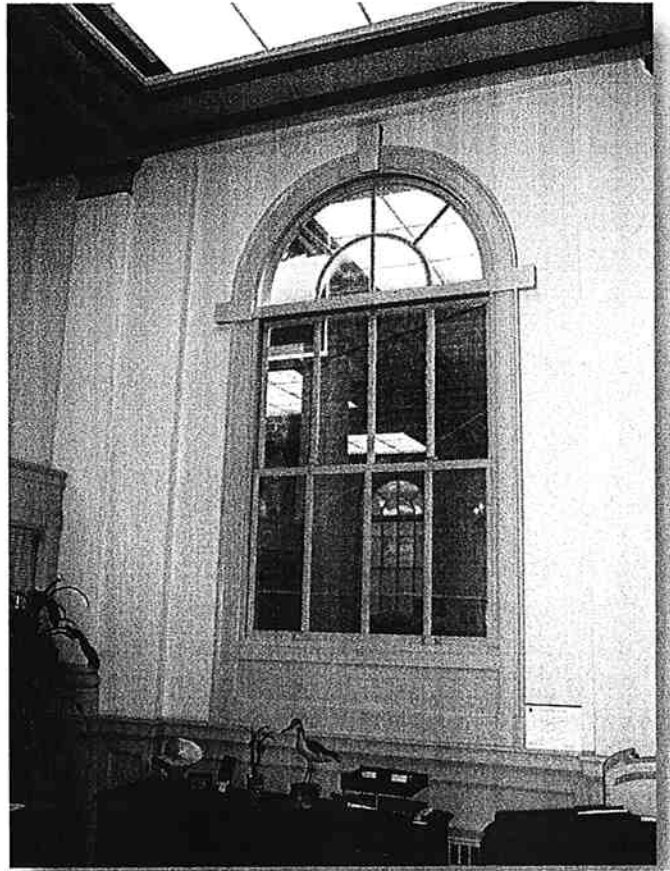
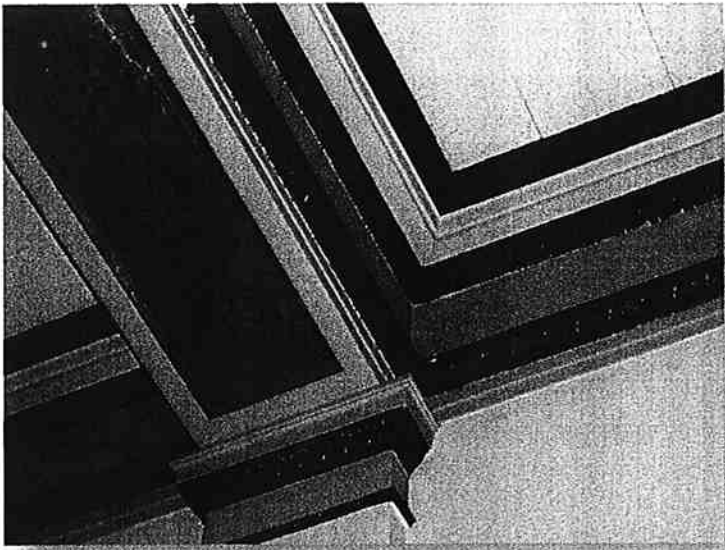
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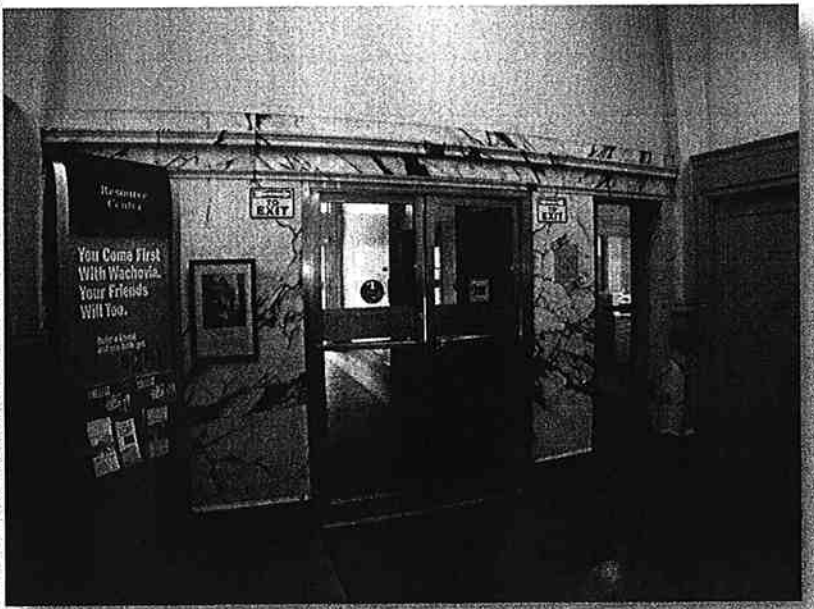
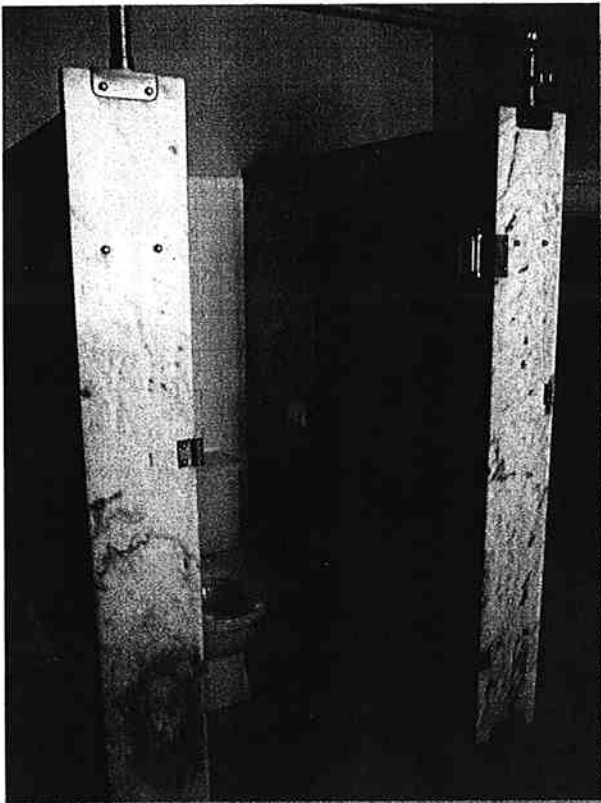
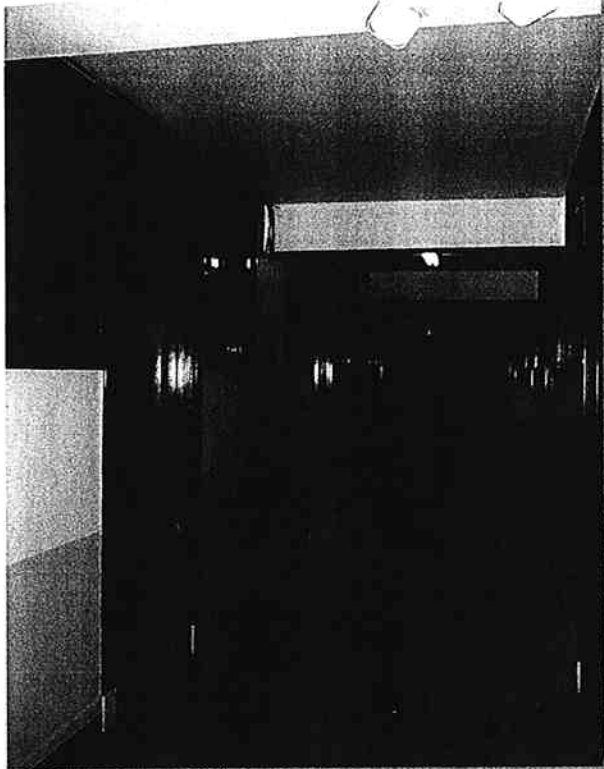


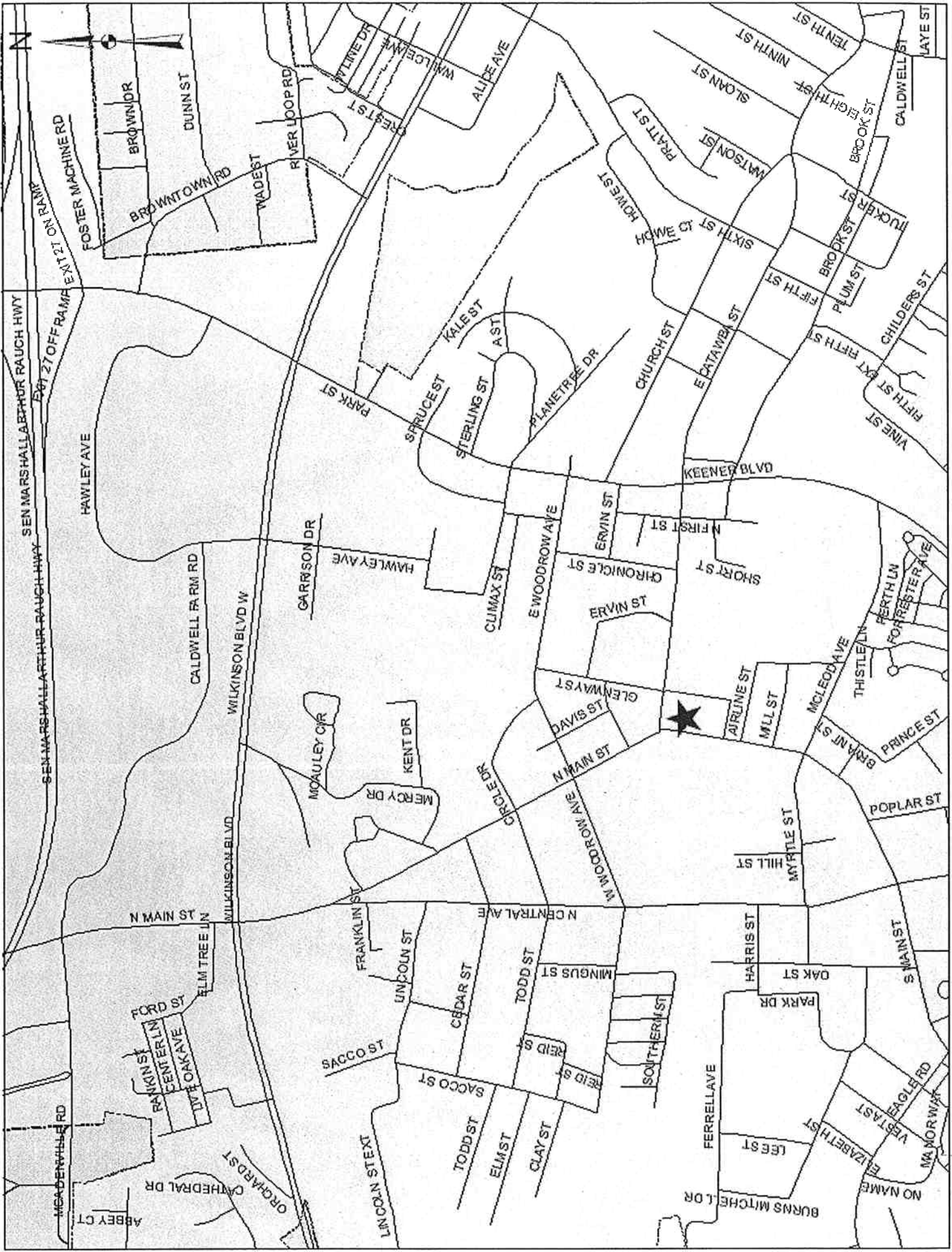












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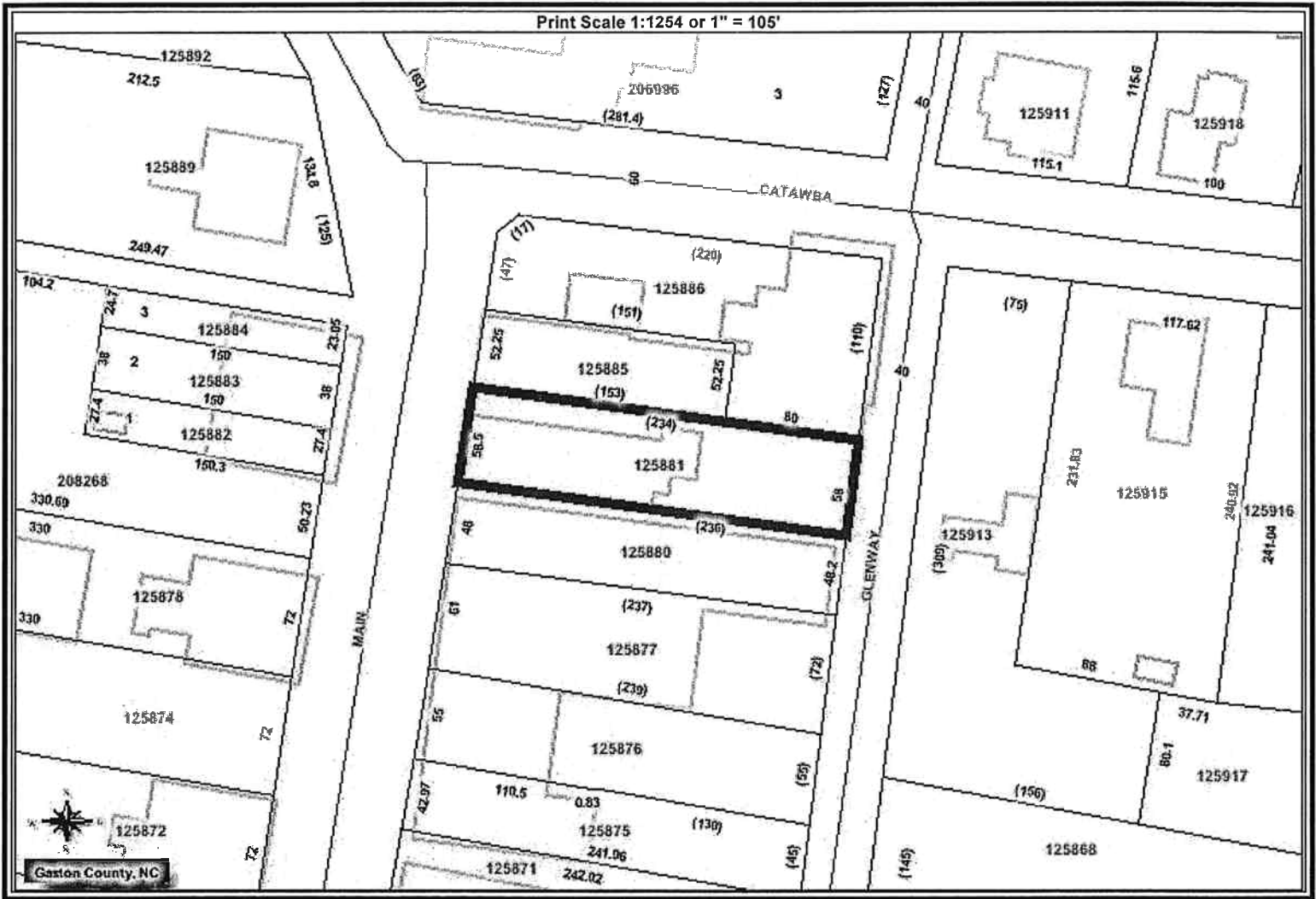
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Print Date: 9/11/2007



PARCEL INFORMATION

PID #: 125881
 PIN #: 3594-19-7765
 NEIGH.HOOD #: BE001
 NEIGH.HOOD NAME: DOWNTOWN BELMONT

OWNER ID #: 1430735
 CURRENT OWNER 1: FIRST STATE INVESTORS 3300 LLC
 CURRENT OWNER 2: C/O BURR WOLFF LP
 MAILING ADDRESS 1: C/O AMERICAN FINANCIAL REAL TS
 MAILING ADDRESS 2: P O BOX 167129
 CITY: IRVING
 STATE: TX
 ZIP CODE: 75016-7129
 JAN1 OWNER 1: FIRST STATE INVESTORS 3300 LLC
 JAN1 OWNER 2: C/O BURR WOLFF LP

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 32 N MAIN ST
 DEED BOOK: 4086
 DEED PAGE: 0333
 DEED TYPE: WD
 SALES AMOUNT: \$46,000
 DEED RECORDING DATE: 12/15/2004
 PLAT BOOK:
 PLAT PAGE:
 LEGAL DESC 1: .
 LEGAL DESC 2:

STRUCTURE CODE #: BANK2
 STRUCTURE TYPE: BANK - BRANCH
 YEAR BUILT: 1927
 SQ FT: 16122

BASEMENT: NO
 # BEDROOMS: 0
 # BATHS: 0
 MULTI-STRUCTURES: NO
 ACREAGE: 0.31
 TAX DISTRICT: BELMONT CITY
 TOWNSHIP CODE: 15
 TOWNSHIP DESC: SOUTH POINT TOWNSHIP
 VOLUNTARY AG DIST: No
 LAND VALUE: \$151,536
 IMPV. VALUE: \$901,445
 TOTAL VALUE: \$1,052,981
 PRESENT USE VALUE ASSESSMENT: NO

32 N. Main Street, Belmont, NC

The Bank of Belmont Building



32 N. Main Street was built in 1926/1927 to house the Bank of Belmont. It is located within the Historic District of Belmont, one of Gaston County's important historic textile mill towns. Situated on a small peninsula formed by the Catawba River, approximately ten miles west of Charlotte, Belmont is surrounded by modern suburban development, small farms, and turn of the century textile mill communities.¹ The historic district is composed of all or portions of forty-five city blocks, encompassing the original central business district and the most intact adjacent residential areas developed primarily in the early twentieth century.² The center of The Belmont Historic District is Main Street, with Belmont's downtown concentrated between Catawba Street (where the R.L. Stowe Mills Office Building is located) and the Southern Railway, whose line was initially

called the Atlanta & Charlotte Airline Railway. Beyond Main Street lay historic residential structures and neighborhoods that housed the influential as well as the lay inhabitants of Belmont.

The Town of Belmont was incorporated in 1895 by W.B Puett, Mayor, and R.L. Stowe, C.A. Fite, and J.W. Armstrong Commissioners.³ Between 1900 and 1910 Belmont experienced much of it's growth, due a flurry of industrial activity centered around the textile industry.

Out of that industrial activity, more importantly the textile industry, the Bank of Belmont was chartered on December 11, 1906, with an authorized capital of \$50,000. The following were the original organization officers: R.L. Stowe, President; L.L. Jenkins, Vice President; W.B. Puett, Cashier.⁴ The launch of the bank was ultimately started by the support of the Stowe-Lineberger group of textile mills. Mr. Stowe, whose family came from Virginia in the 1800's, organized the first cotton mill in Belmont.

At the time the building was completed, the three-story building was the tallest structure for miles. It now still stands as the tallest building in downtown Belmont. Most marvelous of all, the new bank building had an elevator.⁵ The building was designed using renaissance revival architecture by well-known architect Hugh White, who also designed the Citizens National Bank building in Gastonia. The bank's classically detailed first story has fluted pilasters flanking the round-arched entrance. The simple buff brick upper stories are enclosed by quoins and crowned by a dentil molded cornice and

balustrade; Fine interior detailed abound. The lobby features marble-sheathed walls and pilasters, and a barrel ceiling whose metallic ribs are painted in a floral design. The floral motif is carried to the classical moldings and marble fixtures as well.⁶

Hugh Edward White (1869-1939) was an architect whose designs had an impact on Gaston County. The Gastonia High School, designed by White and built in the 1920's was noted as the most important and visible educational building of its generation in Gastonia and Gaston County. The commercial buildings designed by White and his firm likewise echo nationally popular styles accommodating specific client requirements. A number of these buildings, including the Standard Hardware Company Building (#10), the Citizens National Bank Building (#60), the Bank of Belmont (#100), and the Webb Theater (#125) are accomplished examples of their type, while other buildings such as the now lost P. P. Leventis Company Store and Warehouse (#38) are typical of literally hundreds of buildings from the period, across the state, where a few stylish details, well-placed by the architect, elevate even modest, relatively conventional buildings above the appearance of its contemporaries.⁷

Throughout the 20th century and now into the 21st century, the building has housed many of downtown Belmont's prominent professional and legal firms. In addition it serves as the home for the Belmont Chamber of Commerce.

In the 1980's, J. Paul Ford retired from the Bank of Belmont and coincidentally the bank merged with Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, becoming the cornerstone

of Wachovia's Gaston County operations.⁸ Wachovia Bank & Trust later merged with First Union and the Wachovia name remained. Today Wachovia still operates a bank branch out of the first floor of the building. After the merger with First Union, the building was sold to American Financial Realty Trust as a part of a larger portfolio of Bank assets in 2004.

Endnotes

¹National Register of Historic Places–Belmont Historic District – Section 7 page 1

²National Register of Historic Places–Belmont Historic District – Section 7 page 1

³Gastonia & Gaston County 9

⁴Gaston & Gaston County 128

⁵Between Two Rivers 98

⁶The Architectural Heritage of Gaston County North Carolina 345

⁷ Hugh Edward White, Architect, National Register of Historic Places, Multiple Property
Documentation3

⁸Like Gaston County, banking grew with cotton mills, Gaston Gazette, Robert A. Ragan

Bank of Belmont

Summary of Significance

The Bank of Belmont was built in 1926 in the historic commercial district of downtown Belmont, Gaston County, North Carolina. The high stylized, impressive three-story Renaissance Revival bank building architecturally outdistances contiguous commercial buildings that form the core of Belmont's economic, social, and political infrastructure. The Bank of Belmont reflects the industrial and economic growth and success realized by textile magnet Robert L. Stowe and other business in this city during the 1920s, and is an exemplary local edifice that exhibits characteristic usages of Renaissance architecture that include classical orders, round arches, and symmetrical composition. The Bank of Belmont possesses local and statewide architectural and historic significance as a well-preserved building from the Renaissance Revival style, singular in Belmont, its association with the Robert L. Stowe - the bank's organizer, and the integrity and retention of its sophisticated and unparalleled interior and exterior features.

Architectural Description

The former Bank of Belmont is situated on .310 acres in commercial district of Belmont, Gaston County, North Carolina. The property, rectangular in shape, is bordered on the north and south by commercial buildings, on west by Main Street, on the east by Glenway Street. The nominated property includes the interior and exterior envelope of the building. The current owner is First State Investors, who have owned the property since 2005. The most recent deed to the former Bank of Belmont is listed in the Gaston County Deed Book 4086 at page 0333. The tax parcel number is 125881.

Organized by Robert L. Stowe in 1906 and originally housed in the Belmont Hotel Building at 21-25 North Main Street, the Bank of Belmont began its operations at 32 North Main Street upon the completion of the building in 1926. Stowe led the economic and industrial movement in Belmont that began in 1889 with the opening of the Stowe Mercantile Company, and the formation of Belmont's first cotton mill in 1901. Stowe, his brother S.P. Stowe, and Abel C. Lineberger provided the impetus for the organization and construction of over twenty other textile mills in Belmont.¹ Stowe and his partners' foresight and New South entrepreneurial spirit made an indelible mark on the fabric of Belmont's downtown, and provided a foundation upon which the city is building its current revitalization projects. These men cemented a legacy that pervades the city's renewed spirit of community, adaptability, and willingness to approach progress and growth while embracing the core principles and standards of historic preservation.

Occupying a seat of prominence in Belmont's historic commercial district, the Bank of Belmont is the current home of Wachovia Bank and the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, located on the first floor, and various small businesses on the second and third floors. The building is separated from North Main Street by sidewalks, pedestrian parking

¹ Kim Withers Bregle, *The Architectural Heritage of Gaston County, North Carolina* (Gastonia, N.C.: Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, 1982), 253-272.

spaces, and large brick planters. The bank is a three-story commercial building that measures 16,122 square feet, and exhibits an abundance of ornately detailed interior features and classical exterior features that distinguish it from other buildings in Belmont. The dense robust elements of the first-story are soothed by the simplicity of the second and third story exterior elements, and reflects the grandeur, progressive architecture, and attention to Classical ornamentation prevalent in the United States from the final decade of the nineteenth century through the first four decade of the twentieth century.²

The front façade composes the western elevation and is three bays wide. The focal point of the front façade is the round arched front entrance that is flanked by fluted pilasters and surmounted by egg-and-dart capitals. An unassuming cornice with egg-and-dart molding separates the first floor from the second and third floors, and cornice with a wide frieze and dentil molding divides the third floor and the roof. The top two stories include three bays of paired two-over-two steel windows separated by steel mullions that now include contemporary air conditioning window units. Pronounced symmetrical quoins enclose the second and third floors, and a balustrade crowns the third floor. Stone pedestals with recessed dados, surbases, and plinths corner the balustrade, and four sections of buff brick add balance and proportion to three sections of seven simple balusters. An automated teller machine (ATM) is located to the north of the front entrance, and Belmont Chamber of Commerce maintains an office at the southwestern corner of the first floor.

The northern elevation is nine bays wide, and a wide walkway affords access to the rear of the bank, and an adjacent commercial building houses various local businesses. Colossal one-story columns atop pronounced bays and surmounted by egg-and-dart molded capitals and three raised stone panels define the first two bays of the first story, and a three-over-three steel window occupies the second bay. The first story maintains a tall frieze crowned by a cornice with egg-and-dart molding, and buff brick similar to the front façade provides the exterior surface material for the top two floors. Two pairs of two-over-two windows divided by a steel mullion occupy the first bay of this elevation, and two three-over-three windows occupy the second bay. The second bay windows rest upon brick lintels, and are surmounted by keystones. Egg-and-dart molding on the first floor, and broad, symmetrical quoins and dentil molding on the third floor terminate at the second bay and introduce the buff brick exterior of the remaining six bays of the northern elevation. Arched windows surmounted by keystones and diamonds dominate the third through eighth bays of the first floor, and a three-over-three window occupies the first floor's ninth bay. The third and fourth bays of the second and third floors contain pairs of two-over-two windows divided by metal mullions. The fifth through ninth bays of the second floor include two-over-two sashes resting atop stone sills. The fifth through ninth bays of the third floor possess single-paned window sashes. The bank's basement is accessible from this elevation.

² Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1997), 397-407; Cyril M. Harris, *Dictionary of Architecture and Construction* (New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1975), 402; Carole Rifkind, *A Field Guide to American Architecture* (New York: The New American Library, Inc., 1980), 217.

The southern elevation is nine bays wide, provides access to the bank's basement, and is consistent with the northern elevation, with the exception of two metal awnings located on the bank's third floor windows. The first bay of the second and third floors at this elevation maintains two pairs of two-over-two windows separated by a metal mullion and surmounted by keystones. The second bay of the second and third floors boasts single two-over-two windows at each floor. Arched windows surmounted by keystones and diamonds occupy the third through seventh bays. The eighth bay of the first floor is filled with buff brick, and the ninth bay maintains a three-over-three steel window. Windows with a large single pane occupy the fifth through nine bays of the third floor. Metal awnings shade the fifth and sixth bays of the third floor.

The building's eastern elevation is dominated by a fire escape and contemporary addition faced in buff brick consistent with the building's overall integrity. The first bay is marked on the first floor by a three-over-three window, on the second floor by a three-over-three window, and on the third floor by a window with a single pane. The contemporary addition provides access to the bank's central offices and teller lines on the bank's ornately adorned first floor.

Interior Description

The interior of the Bank of Belmont retains many of its original ornate details and features, and is replete with architectural classicism, flair, and elegance. Contemporary single-paned, metal double doors surmounted by a round arched transom provide access to and help light the bank's lobby. The covered entry whose plastered ceiling is highlighted by a cornice of a various layers of molding separates the rounded transom of the front façade from the rounded transom over the metal double doors. The lobby is adorned with marble-sheathed walls and pilasters, and floral designs supply a touch of the Renaissance color palette and decorative motifs to the metallic ribs of the barrel ceiling. The original passenger elevator and car-station panel affords access to the upper floors, and the walnut surrounds of the sliding doors beckon back to a bygone era of prosperity in Belmont.

Marble counters and contemporary office additions compartmentalize teller lines and central offices within the bank's interior, and separate the nucleus of the first floor from the centrally-located safe and subsidiary offices located at the bank's eastern elevation. The first floor's interior architectural details accentuate the building's exterior features with their bright, classic, and well-preserved floral patterns that adhere to the load-bearing beams. These painted, artistic, and aesthetically pleasing features are consistent with those exhibited in the lobby. Other distinctive features include various layers of friezes and gold-painted molding from the egg-and-dart pattern and motifs of acacia leaves. Large square columns supported by bases and pedestals dominate the first floor. A few of the pedestals have recessed dados.

A second distinctive feature of the first story is a wide 180-degree turn stairway, which retains its original square, pine newel posts and caps, square wooden balusters surmounted by square-patterned features, and marble treads. The original walnut banister

rests upon balusters that terminate in the original pine cove-molded treads. Walnut risers provide integral support for and aesthetic appeal to the three-story stairway that leads to the building's upper office spaces.

The second and third floor hallways lead to various offices that maintain architectural significance consistent with the building's overall integrity. The second floor holds five offices on both the northern and western elevations. The doors leading to each office maintain a large single frosted-pane glass over double-recessed panels, and are flanked by three-over-three single-paned windows surmounted by a single-paned transom separated by three muntins. Each of the bathrooms on these floors retains the original marble dividers, walnut recessed-paneled doors, hardware, tiled floors and backsplashes.

WBBD 3350
PID#: 506247
Belmont Main
Gaston County, NC

Exhibit "A"
Legal Description

All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Southpoint Township, Gaston County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the two-story brick store building known as the Dr. Davis building, at the eastern margin of Main Street in the Town of Belmont, and runs thence South $84\frac{1}{3}$ East two hundred fifty eight (258) feet and three (3) inches along the outside of the north wall of said building to a stake in the old Stowe line; thence along the old Stowe line in a northerly direction fifty eight (58) feet and six (6) inches to an iron stake; thence North $84\frac{1}{3}$ West two hundred fifty nine (259) feet to an iron stake in the eastern margin of said Main Street; thence along said margin of said Main Street South $5\frac{1}{2}$ West fifty eight (58) feet and six (6) inches to the BEGINNING, being the identical lot or parcel of land described in the ninth paragraph of the petition or complaint in said Special Proceeding, as per survey made under the order of said court by John L. Stacey, dated July 10th, 1925, a survey and plat of which is filed with the papers in said action; and which was conveyed by O. F. Mason and R. G. Cherry, Commissioners, to the Bank of Belmont by deed dated the 14th day of July, 1925 and recorded on the 15th day of July, 1925 on Page 252, Book 199, in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Gaston County, North Carolina.

The above land was conveyed to Grantor by The Bank of Belmont, see Book 204, Page 631.



**RESOLUTION TITLE: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE 1926
BANK OF BELMONT AS AN HISTORIC
PROPERTY.**

WHEREAS, all the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 3C, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and,

WHEREAS, the town council of Belmont has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission on the 3rd day of December 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County has also taken into full consideration statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission on the 13th day of December, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the structure known as the 1926 Bank of Belmont, designed by respected local architect Hugh E. White, exhibits the impressive Renaissance Revival style of architecture and reflects the industrial and economic growth and success realized by the bank's organizers, Mr. Robert L. Stowe, L.L. Jenkins, and W.B. Pruett; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission has demonstrated the historic significance of the building and property known as the 1926 Bank of Belmont.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners:

1. That the building and property known as the 1926 Bank of Belmont at 32 N. Main Street, Belmont, Gaston County, North Carolina, is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3C, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For the purposes of description only, the location of said building and property is noted as being situated on the tract of property more specifically described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Southpoint Township, Gaston County, North Carolina and being described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the two-story brick store building known as the Dr. Davis building, at the eastern margin of Main street in the Town of Belmont, and runs thence South 84-1/3 East two hundred fifty eight (258) feet and three (3) inches along the outside of the north wall of said building to a stake in the old Stowe line; thence along the old Stowe line in a northerly direction fifty eight (58) feet and six (6) inches to an iron stake; thence North 84-1/3 West two hundred fifty nine (259) feet to an iron stake in the eastern margin of said Main Street; thence along said margin of said Main Street South 5-1/2 West fifty eight (58) feet and six (6) inches to the BEGINNING, being the identical lot or parcel of land described in the ninth paragraph of the petition or complaint in said Special Proceeding , as per survey made under the order of said court by John L. Stacey, dated July 10th, 1925, a survey and plat of which is filed with the papers in said action; and which was conveyed by O.F. Mason and R.G. Cherry, Commissioners, to the Bank of Belmont by deed dated the 14th day of July, 1925 and recorded on the 15th day of July, 1925 on Page 252, Book 199, in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Gaston County, North Carolina.

The above land was conveyed to Grantor by Wachovia Bank, National Association, see Book 4086, Pages 333-336.

2. That said building and property may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled or removed until three hundred sixty-five days written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission.
3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural exterior feature in or on the said building or property that does not involve a change in design, material, or other appearance thereof, nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition, or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or similar official certifies to the Commission that said an action is required for the public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the property owners from making any use of this property not prohibited by any other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.
4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the said building and property's designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed upon the said building or property. If the

owner objects, the sign will be placed on a nearby public right of way.

5. That the owner and occupant of the building and property known as the 1926 Bank of Belmont be given the notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the Offices of the County Clerk, Gaston County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department, and Tax Supervisor as required by applicable law.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

County of Gaston County
State of North Carolina

The public will take notice that the Gaston County Historic Preservation Commission will hold a joint public hearing with the Town Council of Belmont, at City Hall 115 N. Main Street, Belmont, N.C. on December 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., and with the Gaston County Board of Commissioners in the Commissioners Room of the Gaston County Courthouse, 325 N. Marietta Street, Gastonia, N.C. on December 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. on the question of designating the 1926 Bank of Belmont as historic property.

The public is invited to provide citizen input on the following issues: That the building and property known as the 1926 Bank of Belmont, located at 32 N. Main Street, Belmont, N.C., be designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3C, Article 19, Chapter 160A of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For the purpose of description only, the building and property is more specifically described as:

All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Southpoint Township, Gaston County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner of the two-story brick store building known as the Dr. Davis building, at the eastern margin of Main Street in the Town of Belmont, and runs thence South 84-1/3 East two hundred fifty eight (258) feet and three (3) inches along the outside of the north wall of said building to a stake in the old Stowe line; thence along the old Stowe line in a northerly direction fifty eight (58) feet and six (6) inches to an iron stake; thence North 84-1/3 West two hundred fifty nine (259) feet to an iron stake in the eastern margin of said Main Street; thence along said margin of said Main Street South 5-1/2 West fifty eight (58) feet and six (6) inches to the BEGINNING, being the identical lot or parcel of land described in the ninth paragraph of the petition or complaint in said Special Proceeding, as per survey made under the order of said court by John L. Stacey, dated July 10th, 1925, a survey and plat of which is filed with the papers in said action; and which was conveyed by O.F. Mason and R.G. Cherry, Commissioners, to the Bank of Belmont by deed dated the 14th day of July, 1925 and recorded on the 15th day of July, 1925 on Page 252, Book 199, in the Office of the Register of Deeds, Gaston County, North Carolina.

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