Town of Boone
Historic Preservation Commission Advisory Meeting
3:00 PM, September 2, 2025
Planning & Inspections Conference Room
680 W. King St., Suite C
Boone, NC 28607

The public may attend the meeting in person at the Planning and Inspections Conference Room at 680 West King Street, Suite C, or online via WebEx, a video conferencing software.

Public Comment: To give public comment, you should appear in person at the physical location of this meeting. Persons who attend the meeting remotely via WebEx may be permitted to speak during public comment but are not assured of that opportunity.

WebEx Participation: To join online or by phone, email Planning and Inspections at planning@townofboone.net or call 828-268-6960, and you will receive an email invitation. Requests must be submitted no later than one hour before the meeting begins.

I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Agenda

III. Public Comment

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. August 5, 2025, HPC Advisory Meeting Minutes

V. Approval of Written Decision

1. A25-0169 Rivers House Trail - COA - Written Decision

VI. Review Boone/Kraut Creek Marker Draft Report

1. Boone/Kraut Creek Historic Marker Draft Report
2. Additional Research for Boone/Kraut Creek Marker Draft Report

VII. Other Matters

VIII. Adjournment

TOWN OF BOONE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
ADVISORY MEETING MINUTES
August 5, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Planning & Inspections Department & WebEx Video Conferencing

Historic Preservation Commission Members Present: Vardell Smyth-Chair, Bettie Bond-Vice-Chair, Krystal Carter, and Bennie Gaetano

Town Staff Present: Jessica Mitchell-Advanced Planning Specialist, Amy Snider-Commercial Zoning Administrator, and Alyson Wuagneux-Board Clerk

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Call to Order

Chair Smyth called the Boone Historic Preservation Commission meeting held in the Planning & Inspections Conference Room at 680 West King Street and via WebEx to order at 3:04 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Vice-Chair Bond made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Carter, to adopt the agenda.

Vote: Aye – 4
Nay – 0
The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Bond made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Carter, to adopt the minutes as written.

Vote: Aye – 4
Nay – 0
The motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion of Stoneman's Raid Interpretive Panel Draft Text

Ms. Mitchell discussed the Stoneman's Raid Interpretive Panel. She noted that Commission Member Gaetano and Commission Member Carter had been briefed on the project during orientation. She directed HPC members to page 8 and 9 of the packet, which included the revised draft text that had received the HPC's consensus in June. She explained that feedback from funding partners had since been received and was itemized in a memo on packet pages 10 and 11. She invited discussion on potential edits to the text.

Chair Smyth vocalized his interest in the new commission member's input. He opened discussion with **memo item one**, commenting that the term "raid" may not be historically accurate, suggesting "skirmish" as a more appropriate alternative. He explained that Stoneman's forces were not the occupying troops and that the Home Guard largely retreated, making "battle" an unsuitable descriptor. Ms. Mitchell acknowledged that Civil War Trails had previously used "The Battle of Boone" in their materials, possibly for attention-grabbing purposes. She suggested that "The Skirmish of Boone" could be considered if members preferred. Chair Smyth suggested simply changing the title to "Stoneman's Raid." Vice-Chair Bond favored the suggestion, stating she's never heard the event referred to as anything else.

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Chair Smyth emphasized that the panel should include "Stoneman's Raid" prominently, as it is a recognizable term throughout the state. He suggested that if Civil War Trails wished to include "The Skirmish of Boone" as a subtitle, it could be added beneath the main title, but reiterated that "Stoneman's Raid" should remain the primary heading. Ms. Mitchell noted that she would clarify with Civil War Trails and make sure it is at the top.

Ms. Mitchell moved onto **memo item two**, which was to clarify the former courthouse location using the suggestion listed on page 10 of the packet. Chair Smyth stated he's okay with the suggested addition, given the word count allowed for it, unless members would rather use those words to add something else. He suggested putting on the map "original courthouse" and "new courthouse" as a solution. Ms. Mitchell recalled members having discussed that suggestion previously. She noted that she would make sure Civil War Trails adds that information to the map. Vice-Chair Bond favored that plan.

Ms. Mitchell moved onto the **memo item three** on packet page 10, which outlined some grammatical errors in paragraph two with revisions shown on packet page 11.

Discussion moved to the **memo item four** outlined in the memo which was a suggestion to clarify the reference in paragraph two regarding Maj. Myles Keoghs "detachment" of the Twelfth Kentucky Union Volunteer Cavalry. Chair Smyth responded that the distinction may not be significant, noting that military designations were intentionally limited for clarity and space. He emphasized that Keogh was in command of the unit and that "detachment" and "command" could be used interchangeably. However, he acknowledged that Keogh was leading thousands of Union cavalry in a unified advance, not separate groups.

Chair Smyth reviewed the original phrasing, which incorrectly attributed 13 Union loyalists to Keogh's command, when they were actually part of the entire Second and Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry units.

Members discussed whether to use "detachment" or "command." Vice-Chair Bond preferred "command," as it implies cohesion with the larger force. Chair Smyth noted that the sentence already references the 6,000-man cavalry, making the scale clear. Vice-Chair Bond pointed out that "command" already appears in the sentence and "detachment" might help avoid repetition. Chair Smyth agreed and supported using "detachment."

The conversation shifted to the phrase "tasked with." Chair Smyth objected, stating the orders were explicit: "to dismantle the country." He proposed revising the sentence to reflect that the cavalry was ordered; members agreed to use "with orders to 'dismantle the country.'"

Clarification was needed regarding the phrase "of Virginia and North Carolina." Members discussed rephrasing the sentence to "ordered into Virginia and North Carolina to 'dismantle the country'" as a way to reduce confusion. Commission member Gaetano asked for clarity on the term, "country." Chair Smyth clarified that "country" referred to countryside, not nationhood. He favored keeping the suggested revision: "Priority was placed on avoiding battles while also destroying rail lines and materials that could be used by the retreating Confederate Army." Vice-Chair Bond suggested removing "also" for clarity, members agreed.

Ms. Mitchell introduced **memo item five**, returning to the reference of the 13 Union loyalists and the need to clarify their affiliation with the Second and Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry.

Chair Smyth expressed agreement with the suggested revisions on packet page 11, specifically for paragraph six. He noted that middle names were excluded to conserve space and questioned the necessity of including unit designations, especially since Kirk's command is the only one mentioned and the plaque is not about Kirk or his role in Stoneman's Raid. He explained that listing all of Stoneman's units would add significant word count, which had been intentionally avoided.

Ms. Mitchell pointed out the highlighted text in paragraph six could potentially not be included for word count constraints. Chair Smyth suggested simplifying the phrase to "Kirk's command of North Carolina

Mounted Infantry units" instead of listing "Second and Third," though he acknowledged the word savings might be minimal. Ms. Mitchell retrieved the latest draft text for live editing. Chair Smyth recalled that Kirk's forces burned the courthouse, though he wasn't certain of the timing. Vice-Chair Bond expressed surprise that this event was simultaneous with the occupation. Chair Smyth clarified that Stoneman's forces were in Boone for only about 24 hours before moving on. During that time, they arrested nearly every white male of conscriptable age and sent them to a POW camp in Tennessee. He noted this was historically significant but couldn't be included due to space limitations.

Vice-Chair Bond questioned whether or not the burning of the jail needed to be mentioned. Chair Smyth responded that it wasn't essential, especially since the courthouse burning was unrelated to Stoneman's occupation in Boone. Ms. Mitchell confirmed that the courthouse burned in 1873 during a non-military event, and Chair Smyth agreed to remove that reference. Members decided to omit both courthouse and jail references to conserve space.

Ms. Mitchell presented a revised version of the text for review based on the discussion during the meeting, noting the current word count stood at 269, excluding the image caption. Members read the updated text on screen. Chair Smyth reiterated removing "also" from the final sentence of paragraph two and reordering the phrasing to emphasize the destruction of rail lines and avoidance of battle. Vice-Chair Bond proposed adding "and avoiding battle" for smoother flow.

Discussion shifted to paragraph three and the phrase "to your right." Vice-Chair Bond asked whether this could be clarified on the map. Ms. Mitchell explained that the location will be referenced on the map. She explained that Civil War Trails also requested a physical reference in the text for readers standing at the panel. Chair Smyth suggested changing the phrasing to "stood in front of you;" however, Ms. Mitchell explained that due to accessibility and panel placement, the reference of "to your right" was accurate based on the location of Linney Street and the post office. Members understood and agreed that the map imagery would help clarify the location and reader orientation.

Vice-Chair Bond suggested using "requisitioned the Councill *home*" instead of "house." Chair Smyth responded that "house" and "home" are largely interchangeable in this context.

Commission Member Carter noted that the project had progressed significantly since her last involvement. Chair Smyth invited final thoughts. Members felt the text was well-formed, and Chair Smyth asked if everyone was satisfied with the current version. Members agreed to proceed.

(Revised version of Stoneman's Raid Interpretive Panel from HPC) – as discussed during the meeting

Stoneman's Raid

"The Fight Got Real Hot"

(Civil War Trails campaign banner in red bar) Stoneman's Raid

On the morning of March 28, 1865, Union cavalry under Maj. Myles Keogh rode into Boone on the road to your left, surprising about 100 Confederate Home Guard members who had gathered to drill near the courthouse, then located a short distance north of here.

Keogh's detachment was the vanguard of Union Gen. George Stoneman's 6,000-man cavalry command ordered into Virginia and North Carolina to "dismantle the country." Priority was placed on destroying rail lines and material that could be used by the retreating Confederate Army and avoiding battle.

As Keogh's men approached, shots rang out, and some Guardsmen fell back to the home of James W. Councill, which stood to your right. According to one account, Mrs. Councill, hearing the noise, stepped

outdoors with her child in her arms – but hurried back inside after the house was struck by a volley of gunfire.

"The fight got real hot," Sheriff A.J. McBride, one of the Home Guardsmen, recalled. The Union cavalry charged, sending the defenders fleeing up the slopes of Howard's Knob.

Union cavalry poured into town for the rest of the day, and Gen. Stoneman requisitioned the Councill house for his headquarters. Stoneman and most of his force left Boone the next day.

Beginning April 6, Col. George W. Kirk's Second and Third North Carolina Mounted Infantry ("Kirk's Raiders") occupied Boone for several weeks, blockading major routes through the mountains. At least 13 Union loyalists from Watauga County served in the regiments that occupied Boone, and another 5 volunteered with Union forces after Boone's occupation.

Both Union and Confederate soldiers are interred in the nearby Boone Cemetery.

Ms. Mitchell outlined next steps: she will share the revised version with funding partners and the town attorney before forwarding it to Civil War Trails for review. After all parties have reviewed, she explained that the text will eventually be presented to Town Council. She noted that the town attorney had requested to review panel projects. She reiterated that she will ensure all changes and map questions are addressed by Civil War Trails. Ms. Mitchell asked members whether the Watauga County Historical Society should be invited to review the updated version. Chair Smyth recommended doing so to maintain goodwill and ensure they feel included. Vice-Chair Bond agreed, emphasizing the importance of respect and transparency. Ms. Mitchell confirmed she will follow up and report back.

Chair Smyth concluded with a reflection on omitted details, such as the stabling of 9,000 horses at the site of the current county recreation center and the dramatic arrival of Union forces. He noted that Boone had not seen Union troops until their sudden appearance, which was kept secret and executed swiftly. He expressed interest in creating additional historic markers in the future.

Review Boone/Kraut Creek Historic Marker Draft Report

Ms. Mitchell shared that the packet includes a draft report prepared by Dr. Kristen Baldwin Deathridge's students, along with supporting research documentation, photos, and archived materials. One of the new HPC members, Commission Member Melody Oxendine, was part of the student team that worked on the report. Ms. Mitchell shared Commission Member Oxendine's expressed willingness to continue research in the fall semester, depending on her class load.

Ms. Mitchell offered two options for moving forward: members can share questions or feedback now, which she will pass along to Commission Member Oxendine, or they can wait until the September Advisory meeting when she will be present to discuss further.

Ms. Mitchell reiterated that this project is part of the HPC work plan and aligns with recent direction from Town Council. She noted that for the marker location mentioned in the report, HPC can accept the proposed site or suggest alternatives. She further informed members that any proposed location must be forwarded to Town Council for review and to determine next steps, including potential easements or other necessary actions.

Chair Smyth asked for clarification on the marker's location on the map. Ms. Mitchell responded that it is situated in the corner of the Watauga County NC Cooperative Extension (Ag Center). Vice-Chair Bond added that the photo on page 12 of the packet shows a small garden setup at the site.

Chair Smyth then inquired about the size of the marker, word count, and what content should be included. Ms. Mitchell explained that she had provided the students with examples of previous marker reports for

reference. She went on to explain that, unlike the interpretive panel for Stoneman's Raid, this marker will be one of the blue markers, similar to the Councill's Store marker. She noted that the sign company typically follows a general process and that the Councill's Store marker, one of the longer ones, but most markers fall within the 150 to 165-word range. Ms. Mitchell confirmed that the marker will contain only text, with no images, and referenced the Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery and the Councill's Store markers as the most recent examples.

Chair Smyth acknowledged the word count guidance and said he was still digesting the material. He encouraged members to identify the most compelling content for inclusion.

Commission Member Carter shared findings from her research, identifying W.F. Miller as William Frank Miller Sr., who initially partnered with the company's owners before buying it. She also found newspaper articles and deed records related to the canning company. Chair Smyth asked if this Miller was connected to Miller Brothers Army Surplus Store. Commission Member Carter responded that this Miller came from North Wilkesboro and wasn't sure about the connection.

Vice-Chair Bond expressed interest in the first paragraph of the report, which describes how Mr. Blair encouraged farmers to recognize the value of their cabbage and pursue better prices. She found the language and story compelling. Chair Smyth compared the story to Mount Olive's pickle plant initiative, noting the importance of visionary leadership in agricultural development. Vice-Chair Bond agreed, emphasizing the role of vision in helping farmers realize the potential of their crops.

Chair Smyth suggested brainstorming different versions of the marker text and refining the narrative. Ms. Mitchell noted that Commission Member Oxendine could potentially provide insight into word choices and content decisions when she returns.

Vice-Chair Bond expressed surprise that Mr. Tuckwiller was mentioned on page eight of the report, noting that he was still alive when her family moved to the area in the 1970s. She shared that his daughter was Joe Miller's first wife and suggested that there might be more material available, especially from USDA archives. Vice-Chair Bond mentioned that USDA provided a significant amount of material now housed in Digital Watauga, including photographs taken by Palmer Blair and other historical images. She speculated that Joseph Miller might have access to his grandfather's - Mr. Tuckwiller – materials.

Chair Smyth proposed tabling the discussion until Commission Member Oxendine could join a future meeting. Ms. Mitchell emphasized the value of Commission Member Carter's research and encouraged her to continue contributing. She suggested that Commission Member Carter and Commission Member Oxendine could collaborate on the project and that HPC could provide direction and consensus at the next meeting.

Vice-Chair Bond pointed out that page 26 of the packet includes a reference to "Our State Magazine," previously known as "The State Magazine," which is now fully digitized. She recalled a presentation on the digitization project and highlighted the historical value of old advertisements, particularly those from Mt. Olive. Vice-Chair Bond found the evolution of Mt. Olive's branding fascinating and noted that the article stating "green cabbage remains a symbol of old mountain ways" would be worth reviewing.

Commission Member Carter shared that she had previously taught that article in her class and has existing research on the topic.

Chair Smyth commented on the importance of selecting key content for the marker, given the word count limitations, and suggested that additional information could be made available online.

Vice-Chair Bond expressed interest in learning more about H. Neil Blair and wondered if he was related to Palmer Blair. She noted that Palmer Blair's granddaughters have shown interest in getting the Blairmont house listed on the National Historic Register and may have relevant materials. Vice-Chair Bond also praised

Rogers Whitener's articles about Boone and Watauga County, particularly one on report page 16 about "cabbage for sauerkraut was an important crop in mountains."

Chair Smyth asked if there was anything else to cover and confirmed that tabling the discussion until Commission Member Oxendine could participate would be appropriate.

Ms. Mitchell explained that she included the materials early to give members time to review them and supported revisiting the topic later. She again acknowledged Commission Member Carter's interest and suggested exploring potential collaboration between Commission Member Carter and Commission Member Oxendine. Chair Smyth concluded that with their input, members could determine the direction for the marker text and finalize the wording.

HPC Recommendation of Chair/Vice Chair Positions

Ms. Mitchell introduced the next item in the packet, explaining that both the current Chair and Vice-Chair had submitted applications for their respective positions. She stated that the next step was to review the applications and make a formal recommendation, which she would then present to Town Council for consideration.

Chair Smyth asked if any members had a strong desire to serve as Chair or Vice Chair. Commission Member Gaetano responded that they did not at this time.

Ms. Mitchell clarified to Commission Members Carter and Gaetano that the Chair and Vice-Chair process was discussed during orientation, referencing Article Two of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), which outlines the responsibilities and procedures for selecting the Chair and Vice-Chair. She noted that although the process typically occurs in July, it was delayed due to postponed meetings and was now being addressed in August. She opened the floor for discussion.

Vice-Chair Bond expressed her willingness to serve and thanked the group for their efforts in keeping her informed. Chair Smyth complimented Vice-Chair Bond's experience and historical knowledge of the Town, noting its value to the commission.

Chair Smyth made a motion to continue with the current Chair and Vice-Chair. Commission Member Gaetano seconded the motion.

Vote: Aye – 4

Nay – 0

The motion passed.

Ms. Mitchell confirmed the recommendation was approved and would be forwarded to Town Council.

Other Matters

Statement of Conformity Report

Ms. Mitchell referenced packet page 50, explaining that since the Commission did not meet in July, she compiled a more comprehensive report covering the past 90 days. She acknowledged that some items may overlap with previous reports.

The first item discussed was 182 Howard Street. Ms. Mitchell stated that the project was approved and nearing completion, with Ms. Amy Snider as the project manager awaiting a zoning final. Chair Smyth asked about the nature of the work, and Ms. Snider responded that a window unit was being added underneath the stairs.

Ms. Mitchell then addressed the next property, 680 W King Street, which involved roof repairs to fix a leak. She confirmed the project was approved and completed, pending final paperwork.

Regarding 587 W King Street, Ms. Mitchell stated that the project was approved and also pending a zoning final. Ms. Snider added that this was part of renovations to the Horton Hotel 2, specifically the addition of a door downstairs that would match the stucco wall and include a wrought iron handrail.

Ms. Mitchell continued with 595 W King Street, noting that the project involved a gas line installation. Ms. Snider elaborated that the line was painted red to match the bricks and installed within the mortar joints without drilling into the brick. She confirmed the work was completed.

The final item discussed was the Town of Boone Fire Station at 729 W King Street. Ms. Mitchell stated that the roof repair project was approved and has been completed.

Jones House Local Historic Landmark Designation Report

Ms. Mitchell provided an update regarding the Jones House local historic landmark designation report. She stated that she had initially planned to forward the report to Town Council after recently receiving it. However, she explained that she is pausing that step due to comments received during staff-level review. These comments pointed out inconsistencies in the report.

Ms. Mitchell noted that she is currently reaching back out to Ms. Riley Ziegler, author and former Commission member, who has expressed interest in seeing the process through and is willing to assist with revisions. She may bring it back to the Commission for review before resuming the process, depending on the extent of the changes.

She clarified that the next step in the process would have been sending the report to Town Council, followed by submission to the State Historic Preservation Office. Ms. Mitchell emphasized that the project is still in its early stages and that the delay is minor, but she wanted the Commission to be informed that the project remains ongoing.

HPC Work Plan Recap

Ms. Mitchell began by recapping the work plan to review progress since the last meeting in June and to orient new Commission members. She mentioned that most of the information had already been covered during orientation. The commission currently has three ongoing projects: Stoneman's Raid interpretative panel, the Jones House local historic landmark designation report, and Boone Kraut Creek historic marker.

Ms. Mitchell explained that the remaining item on the work plan is the Boone Cemetery survey. She is working to determine what the updated survey process will look like, as significant time has passed since the original documentation. After discussing the matter with Dr. Eric Plaag, the conclusion is that the survey would need to be redone. Although she has the old inventories, she has not yet reviewed them in detail. A GIS component had previously been initiated by Mr. Chris Miller, GIS Coordinator, to help pinpoint grave locations, but Ms. Mitchell noted she has not yet determined how to integrate those pieces effectively.

She then dicussed completing the final CLG (Certified Local Government) credit for the reporting year, which ends in September. Ms. Mitchell proposed that Commission members participate in a training video provided by the Office of State Archaeology. The webinar covers cemetery care, cleanup, documentation, headstone restoration, and repair. Ms. Mitchell shared her availability and emphasized the need to complete the training before the end of September.

Members discussed possible dates, ultimately confirming August 11 at 2:00 PM as the training date.

Ms. Mitchell noted that Commission Member Oxendine was still out of town but would be offered the same training opportunity separately. She reminded members that the webinar link could be sent individually if needed, and that completing a three-question worksheet would then satisfy the CLG requirement.

Ms. Mitchell returned to the work plan recap, noting that aside from the Boone Cemetery survey, the Commission could consider tentatively planning what that project might look like. She then reminded the

Commission of other work plan items, including the Downtown street reports. Ms. Mitchell explained that existing reports are available on the Town website as examples.

Chair Smyth asked for clarification on what "street reports" entailed. Ms. Mitchell responded that these reports explore the history of street names—such as Howard Street—and may include anecdotes or corrections to local lore. She clarified that the reports focus on the streets themselves, not the structures along them. Remaining streets to be researched include King, Queen, Depot, Rivers, Water, and Burrell. Howard, Appalachian, and Junaluska have already been completed.

Ms. Mitchell then introduced the Winklers Creek Dam site as another potential research project. She summarized information she had gathered following the last discussion and to share this information via email to any member interested in pursuing the research. Chair Smyth expressed interest and asked Ms. Mitchell to send him the materials.

Ms. Mitchell mentioned that she had started a Google Doc to compile available resources, references, and research links that could be used for the Commission's projects. She planned to share the document with new members and clarified that it was not intended for storing research findings, but rather as a centralized place to access useful links and references.

Chair Smyth asked whether using a shared Google Doc would conflict with open meeting laws. Ms. Mitchell explained that the document was only for resource sharing and not for collaborative research, which would require more formal coordination. She suggested that if more than one member wanted to work on a project, they could discuss an arrangement during a meeting.

Ms. Mitchell concluded by offering to send reminders before packet postings so members could contribute any relevant materials to upcoming Advisory meetings.

Adjournment

Chair Smyth welcomed both new and returning members and called for a motion to adjourn. Commission Member Carter made a motion, seconded by Commission Member Gaetano, to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Vote: Aye – 4
Nay – 0

The motion passed.

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Vardell Smyth, Chair **Alyson Wuagneux, Board Clerk**

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CASE A25-0169
RIVERS HOUSE TRAIL
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

WRITTEN DECISION OF THE
TOWN OF BOONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVING A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

This application for a Certificate of Appropriateness pursuant to the Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance ("UDO") came before the Town of Boone Historic Preservation Commission (the "Commission") on June 10, 2025, for a quasi-judicial hearing. Commission members present were Vardell Smyth, Bettie Bond, and Ayden Basinger.

The Town of Boone has submitted an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Major Work for the parcel adjacent to 150 Clay House Drive (WT0530 R. L. Clay House), designated as a Historic Landmark within the Town of Boone for the construction of 4,786 feet of trail that will become the southern terminus of the Northern Peaks State Trail, installation of 128 stone steps near the State Champion Sugar Maple Tree, Baby, and for the historical review and recommendation on the addition of Trailhead Signage.

Based on the testimony of the witnesses, the Application, the Staff Report and related materials, and the exhibits and other evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission finds that the requested Certificate of Appropriateness should be granted and, in support thereof, makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Commission finds that substantial, material, competent evidence was presented establishing the following facts:

1. The property at issue consists of approximately 10.879 acres owned by the Town of Boone, located adjacent to 150 Clay House Drive, and consists of parcels known as Watauga County PIN 2900-69-9070-000, 2900-79-0308-000, 2900-69-8483-000, and 2900-69-6458-000 (hereinafter, the "Property").
2. The Property is zoned B1 Downtown Interface in addition to the Downtown Boone Local Historic District Overlay, Special Flood Hazard Area, and Viewshed Protection Area Overlay.
3. Access to the trailhead will be from Moretz Drive.
4. The ¾ to one-mile trail will not remove or damage any healthy historic trees on the property.
5. A short section of the trail near the Daniel Boone Monument will be an aggregate surface, with the remainder of the trail being a natural surface.
6. The timber frame trailhead sign will be historically appropriate.
7. Deed restrictions allow the property to have a recreational use.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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Based upon the application, the evidence submitted, the foregoing findings of fact, and UDO Section 6.01, the Historic Preservation Commission on May 13, 2025, makes the following Conclusions of Law:

1. The proposed development is congruous with the special character of the Downtown Boone Local Historic District. (3-0 vote)

ACCORDINGLY, based on the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACT and CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, the Historic Preservation Commission hereby grants the Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to the following conditions:

1. Where there is a conflict between the application information and the plans (submitted March 5, 2025, and revised May 28, 2025), the plans control. Insignificant deviations may be permitted to comply with the requirements of the UDO.
2. Any commitments and representations concerning the proposed exterior modification made by the applicant or its representatives at the public hearing shall also become a condition of the permit and a basis for a stop work order and/or permit revocation if violated.
3. The applicant shall submit the necessary applications, plans, details, and specifications which meet the requirements of the Town Code, UDO, Building Code, and any other applicable codes for review and approval necessary to issue Zoning and Building Permits.

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This decision shall be deemed filed with the Clerk of the Commission as of the date it has been signed by the Commission Chair and served on the Applicant/Appellant and any other Parties per the Certificate of Service attached hereto.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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Vardell Smyth, HPC Chair

Attest:

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Brenda Henson, Board Clerk

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL and CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE]

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Notice of Right to Appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the decision of this Commission, an appeal may be taken to the Boone Board of Adjustment within thirty (30) days after the date this order is filed with the Clerk of the Commission. See N.C.G.S. § 160D-947(e2) and Section 6.05 of the Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this _____ day of _____, 20_____, the foregoing written decision of the Town of Boone Historic Preservation Commission was filed with the Clerk to the Boone Historic Preservation Commission and served upon the following person(s), being the applicant/appellant/petitioner, the other parties to the Commission's proceedings (if any), and each person making a written request for a copy of this decision at the hearing (if any), by depositing a copy of same, enclosed in a first-class, postpaid wrapper in a post office or official depository under the care and custody of the United States Postal Service addressed as follows:

Applicant:
Town of Boone
Attn: Laney Wise
567 West King Street
Boone, NC 28607
laney.wise@townofboone.net

Property Owner:
Town of Boone
567 West King Street
Boone, NC 28607
amy.davis@townofboone.net

In addition, a copy of the foregoing document was provided on the same date by email if and as so indicated above.

By:_____
Brenda Henson, Clerk to the Town of Boone Historic Preservation Commission

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Proposal for a Town of Boone Historical Marker

Prepared by Brianna Anctil, Melody Oxendine, and Lara Morgana Cording
May 2025 [DRAFT}

A. SUBJECT OF PROPOSED MARKER:

North State Canning Company (Boone Kraut Factory)

B. SITE TO BE MARKED:

Parcel ID: 2900-69-7872-000, 971 West King Street

C. PROPOSED LOCATION OF MARKER:

913 West King Street located roughly 15 yards east from the building that used to be part of the factory. Next to the lower (northwest) entrance to the parking lot near the front facade in a landscaped green space.



Fig. 1. Google, *Google Maps*, screenshot of 913 West King Street, Boone, NC.

D. HISTORICAL SKETCH:

The North State Canning Company, more commonly remembered as the Boone Kraut Factory, was founded in 1923 in Boone, North Carolina.[1] County Agent John B. Steele recognized that Watauga cabbage farmers were not getting fair prices for their extraordinary cabbage and saw it as an opportunity to develop a cabbage processing facility in Boone. He saw farmers, like H. Neal Blair, who had been growing cabbage for generations that could make more money on their crop if they organized with other farmers to sell cabbage and kraut to bigger markets.[2] In 1923, Blair was on board with Steele's plan and published a short piece defending his reasoning as to why the kraut factory should be built in Watauga County and how it would operate. Blair argued that North Carolina's kraut had been coming from Northern and Mid-western states and Watauga farmers were not seeing financial gains from growing cabbage or canning kraut, but they could if they sold their cabbage to the factory.[3]

The cabbage processing factory was established at the west end of Boone through the collective efforts of local farmers under the Blue Ridge Farmers Association.[4] According to a 1947 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, the facility was located on upper King Street.[5] The facade faces Green Street and the southernmost side of the building faces Poplar Grove road. The Geographic Information System (GIS) maps of the building provided by the Watauga County Property Records prove that the continued use of this building has been consistent until the company's liquidation in 1981. Contemporary records from the Watauga County tax database place the site at 971 West King Street, now occupied by the Agricultural Services Center.[6] The parcel of land was sold to Watauga County on November 24th, 1987 for 400,000 dollars.

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[1] Jeter, F. M. "Kraut Industry Now on Its Feet." *Watauga Democrat.* (Boone, NC), Dec. 18, 1924. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn82007642/1924-12-18/ed-1/seq-1/#pageinformation

[2] Jeter, F. M. "Kraut Industry."

[3] Blair, H. Neal. "Kraut Factory for Watauga County," *Watauga Democrat.* (Boone, NC), Jan. 11, 1923. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn82007642/1923-01-11/ed-1/seq-4/#words=CREEK+kraut+krauted

[4] "Watauga's First Kraut Factory Is Now Running At Full Blast." *Watauga Democrat.* (Boone, NC), September 27, 1923. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn82007642/1923-09-27/ed-1/seq-1/#words=Creek+kraut

[5] *Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina 1947*, Map, New York, Sanborn Map Company 1947, Library of Congress, Digital Sanborn Maps 1867-1970. https://digitalsanbornmaps-proquest-com.proxy006.nclive.org/browse_maps/28/5139/24744/25818/329032?accountid=7980

[6] Watauga County Property Records. Parcel Map. 971 King Street. 2024. https://tax.watgov.org/WataugaNC/maps/mapadv.aspx#2.

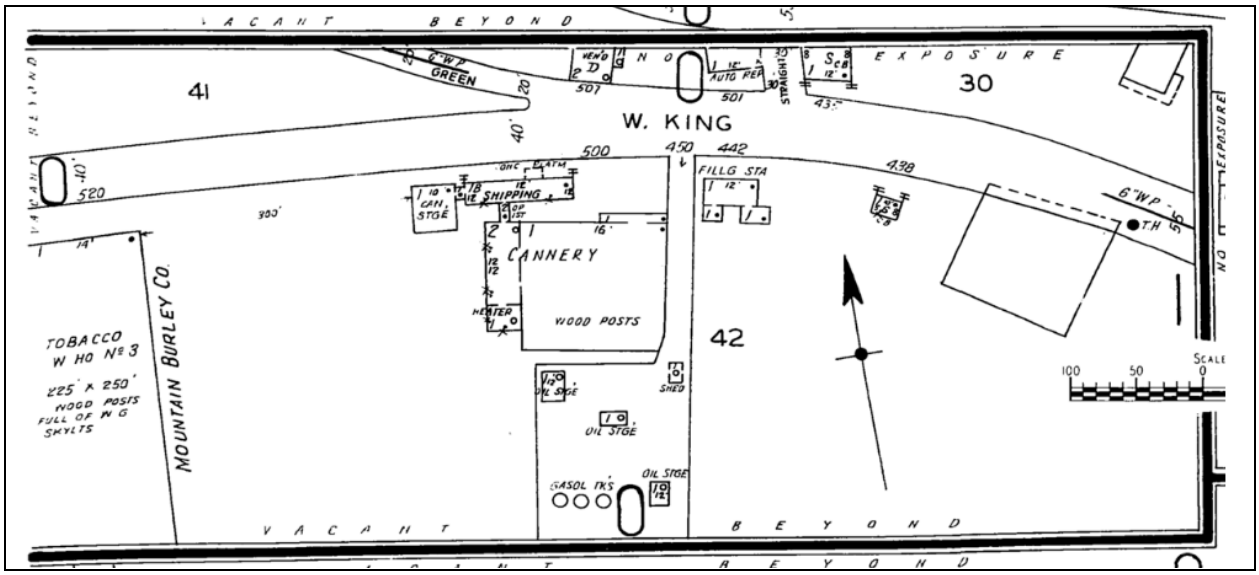

Fig. 2. *Boone, Watauga County, North Carolina 1947*, Map, New York, Sanborn Map Company 1947, Library of Congress, Digital Sanborn Maps 1867-1970.

Based on the available maps and photos of the building during its operation, it is not possible to conclusively determine what original architectural features of the North State Canning Factory remain. The 1947 Sanborn map suggests that the Cannery building has been torn down and the current structure is what was used for shipping. The architectural characteristics—consistent with mid-20th-century industrial construction—suggest that the existing building likely retains most of its original architectural elements, but it is unclear what exactly has been altered or renovated.

The old North State Canning Company building is situated on the western edge of Boone's historic downtown corridor in a transitional zone between commercial, civic, and residential land uses. King Street, a primary artery through Boone, connects the site to the town's central business district to the east and to more suburban and rural landscapes to the west. The immediate surroundings are characterized by a mixed-use context. To the north, across Green Street, the area transitions into a residential neighborhood, with modest single-family homes and small apartment complexes nestled into the hillside. To the south and west, near Poplar Grove Road, the landscape becomes more utilitarian and open, with parking lots, service entrances, and low-density development. The proximity to Appalachian State University just a few blocks east also contributes to a lively, student-influenced atmosphere in the broader area.



Fig. 3. Google, *Google Maps*, screenshot of 971 West King Street, Boone, NC.

The building, now occupied by the Agricultural Services Center, is representative of mid-20th-century utilitarian industrial architecture. The structure is a large, rectangular, single-story complex, reflecting functional priorities over decorative considerations. The north elevation faces the opening of Green Street, across West King, and serves as the building's primary façade. It is constructed primarily of red brick laid in a running bond pattern and has a row of symmetrical metal-framed windows. It has a flat roof with no overhang, consistent with mid-20th-century utilitarian industrial design. The east elevation does not have a brick facade, but has a plain gray siding. It features a service entrance, reflecting its use as a loading and shipping building for the factory which would have facilitated the movement of goods. The rear elevation faces Poplar Grove Road.

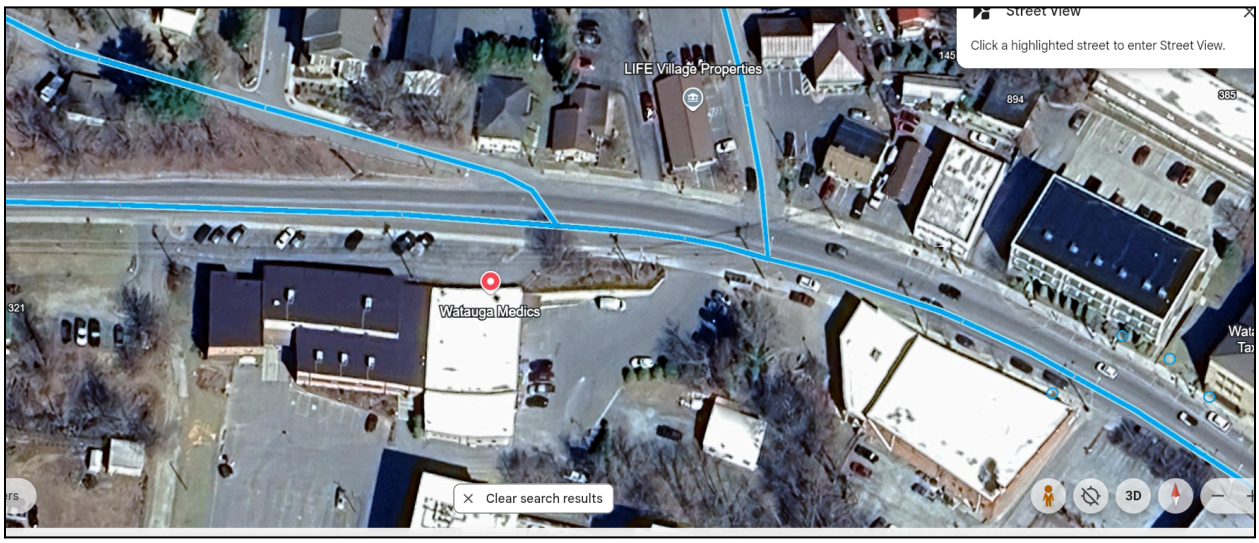

Fig. 4. Google, *Google Maps*, aerial view of 917 West King Street, Boone, NC.

In order to construct the kraut factory, Blair, in his 1923 article, asked for $40 from the 125 farmers and businessmen in the county to help build the $5,000 factory in Boone. About 90 cabbage farmers were organized into the Blue Ridge Farmers Association which helped fund the construction and later grew cabbage to sell to the factory. They were organized under Blair and Steele.[7] At the time, Blair believed that the factory would handle 50 acres of kraut cabbage and 50 acres of market cabbage, but that it would grow into a large trade business.[8] In the first season in 1923, 350 tons of cabbage were delivered to the factory by Association members– a good sign for the new local industry. The factory was prepared for the surplus and farmers earned a better price than usual by selling to them, which bolstered the local economy.[9] The next challenge was marketing the North State kraut. They found it difficult to market sauerkraut to places like Raleigh as kraut was considered a "low brow" food for that region of the state.[10] A highly reputable doctor from Raleigh, Dr. Lowery, helped to market it by highlighting the health benefits of fermented foods which helped some, but many grocers had contracts for a couple years already and could not contract with North State Canning Company yet.[11] With the help of a local salesman, Mr. Betty, the kraut factory was able to sell their product in nearby grocery stores and get the word out about the kraut made from cabbage grown in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.[12] By the late 1920s, the factory was handling 1,000 tons of cabbage per season and had become an important factor in the local economy.[13]

The association between the sauerkraut manufactured in Boone and the cabbage grown in Watauga county was integral to the marketing of the product. The can labels had an image of blue mountains with a note that said, "Pride of the Blue Ridge" and "Grandfather Mountain."[14] It is implied that the sauerkraut in the can is one of the great prides of mountains and a staple in the region's culture and it is historically a staple in the diet. The can also includes a brief recipe for spare ribs with kraut that presumably any consumer of the canned kraut could make at home.[15] Additionally, newspaper articles from western North Carolina offered information about how to make kraut and what side dishes to pair it with, highlighting the importance of cabbage and sauerkraut as a staple in the mountain diet.[16] Some newspapers from the North Carolina coast

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[7] Jeter. "Kraut Industry."
[8] Blair, "Kraut Factory."
[9] Jeter. "Kraut Industry."
[10] Jeter. "Kraut Industry."
[11] Jeter. "Kraut Industry."
[12] Jeter. "Kraut Industry."
[13] "Will grow cabbage for making Kraut" *Forest City Courier* (Forest City, NC), June 13, 1929. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn91068175/1929-06-13/ed-1/seq-10/#words=Creek+Kraut+kraut+KRAUT
[14] North State Canning Company, "10 oz. Chopped Kraut Label From North State Canning Co.," *Digital Watauga*. https://digitalwatauga.org/items/show/20894.
[15] North State Canning Co. "10oz. Chopped Kraut."
[16] "Make Sauer Kraut for Winter Meals." *Alleghany News.* (Sparta, NC), Sept. 11, 1947. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn90057235/1947-09-11/ed-1/seq-4/#words=Creek+kraut+Kraut

include recipes for sauerkraut in the winter which demonstrates how the North State Canning Company had successfully marketed to the coastal regions of the state as an "old-fashioned," homely food for when they faced cold temperatures like the mountain region.[17]



Fig. 5. 10oz. Chopped Kraut Can Label. *Digital Watauga.* Date unknown.

Shortly after the kraut factory was up and running, John B. Steele wrote some of his observations of the factory on the local economy and the cabbage market. Essentially, by manufacturing sauerkraut, it stops some cabbage from entering the market and leaves only the highest grade cabbage to be sold which prevents oversaturation and a drop in prices.[18] The kraut factory, with the help of the Blue Ridge Farmers' Association, had tremendous benefits for Watauga farmers and consumers by maintaining high quality crops and regulating market prices.

By the 1960s, Watauga County was the number one cabbage producer in the state and 32nd in the nation.[19] The cabbage economy was integral for Watauga county folks. In 1967, only about 60 farmers were under contract to supply the factory with cabbage, but the factory was more profitable than ever.[20] That same year, the kraut factory added an additional 12 40-ton vats

[17] Cecily Brownstone. "For Good Winter Supper, It's Old-Fashion Kraut." *Carteret County News-Times.* (Morehead City and Beaufort, NC), Jan. 28, 1955. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn94058246/1955-01-28/ed-1/seq-10/#words=Creek+kraut+Kraut

[18] Steele, B. John. "County Agent Makes Usual Monthly Report." *Watauga Democrat.* (Boone, NC), Oct. 4, 1923. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn82007642/1923-10-04/ed-1/seq-1/#words=CREEK+Creek+kraut

[19] North State Canning Company, "10 oz. Chopped Kraut Label."

[20] Minor, Joe. "New Boone Cannery Building to Double Production of Kraut," *Watauga Democrat.* (Boone, NC), May 25, 1967. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn82007642/1967-05-25/ed-1/seq-1/

to the 32 vats that were in use the year prior in order to double the factory's production.[21] The old vats, made of cypress lumber that last indefinitely with minor maintenance, were moved to a new building and continued to be used.[22] A wooden building housed the vats. It, along with a rock building and large two-story warehouse made up the buildings of the factory.[23] Generally, farmers across Watauga and Ashe counties delivered their cabbage crops to the south of the new building. The season for growing kraut began in July and lasted through October when the first freeze usually hits.[24] It took about 30 days to turn cabbage into kraut that is ready to be canned, so the vats were filled two to three times per season.[25] The factory processed as many as 24,000 cans of kraut per day, but when the expansion completed, it was projected that more than 3,000 tons of kraut would be produced each year.[26] When the kraut was canned, the cans were placed upright, labeled, and prepared for shipment. Consumers as far north as Maryland and as far south as Florida bought the kraut and its juice.[27]

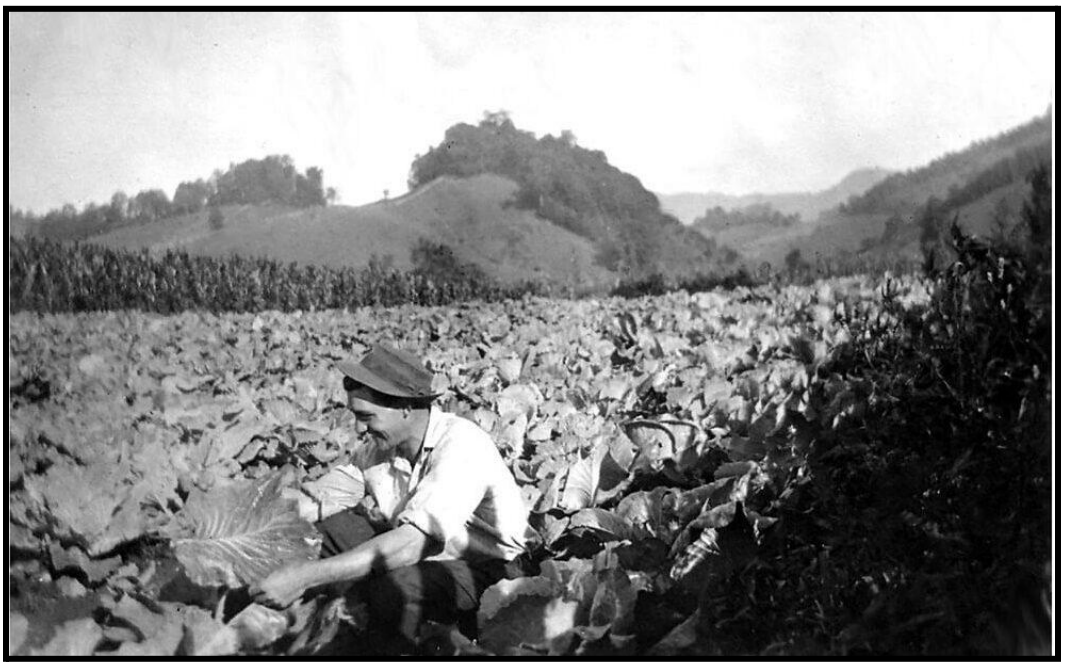

Fig. 6. Man harvesting cabbage with the mountains in the background, date unknown, *Our State Magazine.*[28]

[21] Minor. "New Boone Cannery."
[22] Minor. "New Boone Cannery."
[23] Minor. "New Boone Cannery."
[24] Minor. "New Boone Cannery."
[25] Minor. "New Boone Cannery."
[26] Minor. "New Boone Cannery."
[27] Minor. "New Boone Cannery."
[28] Our State Magazine. "Green Cabbage Remains a Symbol of Old Mountain Ways and Comforting Suppers." Our State. September 26, 2019. https://www.ourstate.com/where-the-cabbage-is-king-the-history-of-green-cabbage-in-watauga-county-north-carolina/

The factory raked in $225,600 for the Watauga county economy in 1968.[29] The county agent in 1969, L.E. Tuckwiller, estimated that the market cabbage would take up a total of 300 acres in the county and kraut cabbage would take up about 80 acres of land in the county.[30] Typically, kraut cabbage is larger and more brittle than the market cabbage.[31] This was a slight increase for kraut cabbage, but a significant decrease for market cabbage from 1959. Tuckwiller argued that the drop in acreage does not indicate that cabbage was becoming less desirable, but that there was a shortage of labor and a higher cost of labor, requiring farmers to cut back on how much they grew.[32] By this time, most of the cabbage was handled through four local product companies, V. C Shore and Sons, Hollar and Greene Product Company, Critcher Brothers, and Goodnight Brothers Produce Company.[33] And of course, the North State Canning Company took the majority of the kraut cabbage grown in the county to produce Watauga Kraut.

The North State Canning Company continued to operate at full capacity as an economic powerhouse for farmers in the county, but ten years later in 1978, the factory underwent drastic changes. The company had been in the family of W. F. Miller Jr. since 1928, but he and his wife sold it to Nina and Tom Ennis who took it over on the first of the year.[34] Nina's father, Charles P. Minges, loved sauerkraut and became obsessed with Watauga kraut, so he and Nina called Miller to ask if he would consider selling the company.[35] He and his wife had been considering retiring, so Miller sold them the company.[36] The Minges family, who also had connections to the Pepsi-Cola bottling industry, had owned a candy manufacturing company in Rockingham in Richmond county North Carolina, but they moved their operations to Boone and combined it with the kraut manufacturing plant and renamed it North State Foods.[37] The candy continued to be produced under the label of Nina-Menz.[38]

Later, in 1981, there was discussion that North State Foods would cease operations, but it is not clear why they would close their doors. Many Watauga county locals saw the production of sauerkraut at the factory as an enlargement of the home operation and bought from them once it began operating.[39] They were largely thankful that the company turned their cabbage into a cash

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[29] "Market and Kraut Cabbage in Watauga Bring $225,600," *Watauga Democrat* (Boone, NC), Aug. 28, 1969. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn82007642/1969-08-28/ed-1/seq-12/#words=Creek+kraut+Kraut

[30] "Market and Kraut Cabbage." *Watauga Democrat.*

[31] "Market and Kraut Cabbage." *Watauga Democrat.*

[32] "Market and Kraut Cabbage." *Watauga Democrat.*

[33] "Market and Kraut Cabbage." *Watauga Democrat.*

[34] Conrad Paysour, "Candy and Kraut Do Mix," *Watauga Democrat* (Boone, NC), May 7, 1978. https://digitalwatauga.org/items/show/33569

[35] Paysour. "Candy and Kraut."

[36] Paysour. "Candy and Kraut."

[37] Paysour. "Candy and Kraut."

[38] Paysour. "Candy and Kraut."

[39] Rogers Whitener, "Cabbage for sauerkraut was important crop in mountains," *Black Mountain*

crop, bolstering the local economy.[40] A closure of the factory would mean that locals would have to return to the home fermentation process, which was a long tradition for mountain families prior to the 1920s. A 1924 article from the *North Wilkesboro Hustler* advised readers not to rely entirely on the factory kraut and keep their barrel fixtures and other kraut-making supplies.[41] Hopefully the high country farmers listened to the *Hustler* and kept their supplies because in 1981, the company officially liquidated their assets, paid out their shareholders, and ended their manufacturing operations for good.[42]

Despite the company's economic success during its operating years, it had some downsides for the town. Since the building was located with Boone Creek directly behind it, parallel to Poplar Grove road, it became heavily polluted from kraut drainage flowing directly into the water. The pollutants in the water gave it the distinct smell of sauerkraut. The smell became so synonymous with the creek that it gained its nickname, "Kraut Creek."

The creek had been piped, paved over, and faced pollution during the factory's operation that continues to be an ongoing issue. Appalachian State University proposed a revitalization project to daylight more of the steam and restock the waterway in 2005.[43] The allocation of water caused increased flooding and bank erosion, as seen numerous times in 2010.[44] When the creek flooded it created large surges of water, which even led to the drowning of a young boy. To combat this issue, Appalachian State University started to create an ecological and hydrophilic landscape by creating larger stream banks and a wider river bed in Durham Park which is located northwest of the Convocation Center between Blowing Rock Road and River Street.[45] In 2005, the geology department focused on increasing green spaces in Boone by curating more river-friendly topography through campus. The geology department, in a hydrology assessment, proposed numerous designs for how the town could best utilize and improve upon the creek. The document details the landscape in 2005 and recommends how to improve the health and well-being of the stream. In 2015, Appalachian State University aimed to "daylight" more of the

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News (Black Mountain, NC) Feb. 12, 1981. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn96086030/1981-02-12/ed-1/seq-2/#words=Creek+kraut+Kraut

[40] Whitener, "Cabbage for sauerkraut."

[41] "Mountain Cabbage and Kraut. *North Wilkesboro Hustler.* (North Wilkesboro, NC), Oct. 8, 1924. https://newspapers.digitalnc.org/lccn/sn92072938/1924-10-08/ed-1/seq-1/#words=Creek+kraut+Kraut

[42] Robert and Mary Capps to Watauga County. *Deed of Sale.* Book 83, p. 187, Watauga County Register of Deeds, Boone, North Carolina.

[43] Department of Geography and Planning, *Boone Creek, Today and Tomorrow; a Design Inquiry*, Appalachian State University. 2004. 29

[44] Anna Oakes, "Boone Resolution Honors Boy Who Drowned in 2010," *Watauga Democrat* (Boone, NC) Sept. 23, 2015. https://www.wataugademocrat.com/news/boone-resolution-honors-boy-who-drowned-in-2010/article_0eb4844b-d94d-5587-9f2a-655fc134d548.html

[45] Department of Geography and Planning, *Boone Creek.* 15.

creek by removing the piping and exposing the river to the natural area in an attempt to reduce flooding.[46] According to the Appalachian State University Master Plan for 2025, the university will continue to attempt to daylight more of the creek and continue to work to reduce pollution.[47]

Additionally, the contaminants in Boone Creek from the North State Canning Company "killed off everything" in the stream.[48] While the wildlife and trout that now inhabit the stream had to be reintroduced and manually stocked into the stream, it is unclear as to when this was done. Another report compiled by the Appalachian State University Geology Department included a study, *Real Time Data From Boone Creek, NC*. An online database measured pressure, water level, and temperature every fifteen minutes through a series of twenty-eight temperature data loggers, seven electrical conductivity sensors, two still-well stream gauges, and four stage gauges.[49] This monitoring allowed for the town and university to observe the stream and collect data that had been neglected for years. Allowing the creek to be monitored for development projects, research, and to bring attention to the features on campus that could be utilized by students, Appalachian State University has taken great liberty to decrease pollution, stabilize, and research the Boone Creek for future generations by protecting and improving the environment so it can continue to be enjoyed by both students and community members alike.

After the closure of the North State Canning Company, the building sat vacant for about six years until the Watauga Agricultural Center opened in 1987 in the same location. Currently, the Town of Boone and Watauga County use the building to hold conferences, educational seminars, classes, and offer equipment rentals. This Agricultural Center functions as a section of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension led by North Carolina State University and North Carolina A&T University. The Extension's goal is to establish a branch in each county to be a research-based educational resource that identifies problems and issues within the discipline of agriculture while providing solutions. This information is then broadcast to communities at seminars hosted at the Agricultural Centers across the state.[50]

Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture (BRWIA) manages the High Country Food Hub, and it has been housed in the Agricultural Center since September of 2016. Watauga County Commissioners approved use of the building for the operation, and BRWIA secured funding from multiple sources, including the Town of Boone. Locals requested more areas for food storage and supplies within Boone, especially during the winter months, and the Agricultural

[46] Anna Oakes, "Boone Creek Restoration Begins as Part of $54M Standard Project," *Watauga Democrat* (Boone, NC) Apr. 8,2015. https://www.wataugademocrat.com/news/boone-creek-restoration-begins-as-part-of-54m-standard-project/article_849e82fe-dd74-11e4-9b52-9f3fe07d525f.html

[47] Appalachian State University. n.d. "Boone Creek Daylighting," App States Future. https://www.appstate.edu/appalachians-future/building-physical-infrastructure/boone-creek/

[48] Department of Geography and Planning, *Boone Creek.* 5.

[49] Department of Geology, "Realtime Data from Boone Creek, Boone NC," Appalachian Geology. Appalachian State University. n.d. https://www.appstate.edu/~hydro/

[50] "How Extension Works," n.d. NC State Extension, https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/how-extension-works/

Center, with its familiarity to farmers and gardeners, proved to be the ideal location.[51] The Food Hub operates as an online farmers' market selling vegetables, fruits, flowers, meat, and body care products. Its large selection of goods can be picked up in several locations including; Boone, Banner Elk, Blowing Rock, West Jefferson, and Deep Gap. The Food Hub now proves to be a useful tool for farmers to work within the local community sharing and selling their goods.[52] It also plays a key role in keeping local heritage and traditions alive while maintaining the spirit of the building based around providing the community with nutrition. The connection between the current Watauga Agricultural Center and High Country Food Hub to its birth as a locally focused major supplier of high quality sauerkraut and other farm products through the North State Canning Company shows a deep correlation and connection to the heritage of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

E. PROPOSED MARKER TEXT:

Option 1:

The North State Canning Company operated near here from 1923 to 1981. County agent John B. Steele and local farmers, including H.N. Blair, created the Blue Ridge Farmers Association which managed the company. By the 1960s, Watauga County was the number one cabbage producer in the state and 32nd in the nation, and was essential to local farmers. During processing, the Canning Company drained into local water, polluting Boone Creek over the years. The smell was so pungent across the Town of Boone that the waterway gained its nickname "Kraut Creek." In 1978, North State Canning Company, then owned by W. F. Miller, Jr., sold the company to Nina and Tom Ennis who merged kraut production with their candy business, Nina-Menz. In 1981, the factory shuttered their doors and stopped production. [132 words]

Option 2:

The North State Canning Company, operating from 1923 to 1981, was a local company established at the west end of Boone through the collective efforts of county agent John B. Steele and local farmers like H. N. Blair under the Blue Ridge Farmers Association. By the 1960s, Watauga County was the number one cabbage producer in the state and 32nd in the nation. The factory raked in $225,600 for the Watauga county economy in 1968. During processing, the Canning Company dumped Kraut drainage into the creek, which led to the pollution of the Boone Creek over the years. The smell was so pungent across the town of Boone it gained its nickname "Kraut Creek." In 1978, North State Canning Company under W. F. Miller Jr. sold the

[51] "About," High Country Food Hub, 2016. https://www.highcountryfoodhub.org/about.html
[52] "Local Food at the Click of a Button." n.d. High Country Food Hub. https://www.highcountryfoodhub.org/

company to Nina and Tom Ennis who merged kraut production with their candy business, Nina-Menz. In 1981, the factory shuttered their doors and stopped producing kraut and candy. [156 words]

F. FURTHER RESEARCH SUGGESTIONS

Despite group efforts to fill in the historical narrative about the North State Canning Company, there are still some gaps in the narrative that our collective research was unable to fill. Shortly after the company was founded in a cooperative effort under Steele and Blair, a *Watauga Democrat* newspaper article confirmed that the ownership was then transferred to W. F. Miller around 1928. It is unclear how and why he acquired the company. We were not able to determine what the full name for Miller is which makes it difficult to find more information about him. It would be possible to find more information about how this ownership change happened by determining Miller's full name and digging through more deeds at the Watauga County Register of Deeds website.[53]

It is also unclear if and what the Canning Company building was used for between the closing of the factory and its use now as The Agricultural Center. Property tax records and a 1987 deed indicate that it was bought by the county from Robert and Mary Capps, however it is unclear if and how the Capps used the building or how the county used the building.[54] It is also unknown how the Capps family came to own the property. It has been difficult to track down deeds in the Watauga County Register of Deeds, but with more time, it may be possible to fill in the gaps. It would be helpful to collect all the deeds and property tax records[55] related to that parcel of land to help determine who owned it and then look for information about that person in newspapers. Getting in touch with Watauga county and/or Boone community members about it could also shed light on what the building was used for after the factory closure.

In regards to the building itself, it is confirmed that the current building is the same one that the factory was operating its shipping functions out of, however it is unclear what exactly the outside of the building looked like when it was operating at full capacity. The only photos the group found in our research were aerial photos that make it difficult to tell what its architectural features looked like in the early 1900s. In 1967, there was a new building built on the property,

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[53] For further research into the Watauga County deeds look at the Watauga County Register of Deeds Website, https://www.wataugacounty.org/AppPages/Dept/Deeds/home.aspx.
For further information about the deed trail as of writing, https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1kkRa-XCKCnhNF9xIAbFie1t7wzoe3zZz

[54] Watauga County Property Records. Parcel Map. 971 King Street. https://tax.watgov.org/WataugaNC/maps/mapadv.aspx#2.

[55] For further research into property tax records, look at the Watauga County Tax Administration Website, https://www.wataugacounty.org/App_Pages/Dept/Tax/searchbills.aspx

but it is unknown where exactly this building was and if it is still standing. It is possible that old maps of Boone may be able to help determine this information. Local community members may have photos of the building prior to its closure and can confirm some of its basic architectural features.

A 1923 article in *Watauga Democrat* noted that when the factory first opened, it was being powered by a Fordson Tractor in the basement, but it would later be powered by a steam engine.[56] As a group, we were unable to confirm if the factory did run on steam or for how long, but this would help shed light on the environmental impacts of the factory. Speaking with local community members may be the only way to find out more about what powered the factory. Additionally, there is no documentation that our group has found prior to the 2000s about the pollution of Boone Creek. It is possible that there are student articles written by Appalachian State University students in their school newspaper, *The Appalachian*, about studies or research about the pollution or student complaints of the smell, but this would require more time for research.[57]

[56] "Watauga's First." *Watauga Democrat.*
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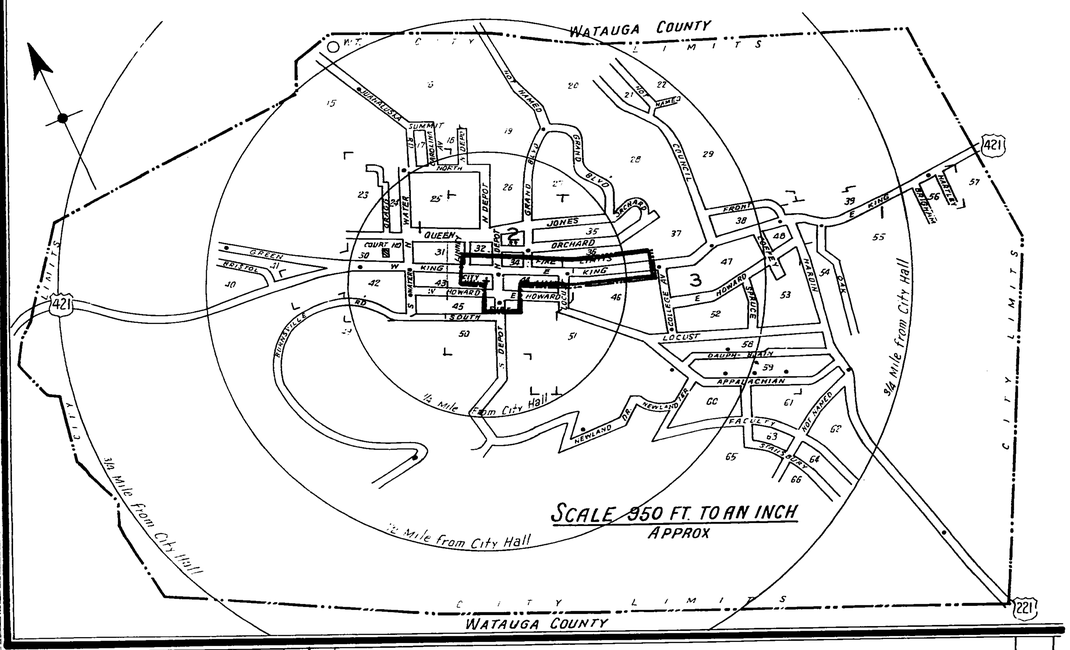

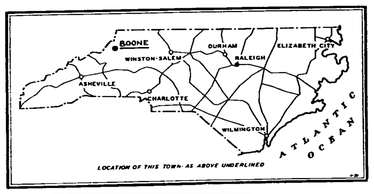

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NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF WILKES) ---Deed of Trust----

This INDENTURE made and entered into on this the 1st day of October 1928, by and between, North State Canning Company, Inc., of the above named County and State and of the city of North Wilkersboro, party of the first part, and G. P. Hagaman-- Trustee--- of the County of Watauga and State of North Carolina and of the Town of Boone, party of the second part and the Watauga County Bank of the Town of Boone, N. C. party of the third part,

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS the said North State Canning Company Inc. of said County of Wilkes and State of North Carolina party of the first part is indebted to the said Watauga County Bank of the Town of Boone, N. C. in the sum of Ten Thousand dollars, ($10.000.00) for which the said party of the first part, the North State Canning Company Inc. has executed and delivered to the said Watauga County Bank, party of the third part, two notes or bonds of even date with this instrument in the said sum of Ten Thousand dollars, ($10.000.00), two thousand dollars of which is due and payable within Ninety days from the 1 st day of October 1928, and one other note for the sum of Eight thousand dollars, due and payable within six months from the 1 st day of October 1928, these bonds or notes to bear interest from their date at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid, and it has been definitely agreed that the payment of said debt, amounting in the aggregate to $10.000.00, and the interest on the same shall be secured by deed of Trust on the lands, fixtures, equipment Etc, as herein after set out in this instrument.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, as paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first part, the said party of the first part, the North State Canning Company , Inc. does hereby give, grant, bargain, sell, transfer and convey, and by these presents does hereby, give, grant, bargain, sell, convey, transfer and confirm, unto the said G. P. Hagaman, Trustee, party of the second part his successors or assigns in Trust, said lands lying and being in the County of Watauga State of North Carolina, in Boone, Township and within the Corporate limits of the Town of Boone, More particularly described as followsViz;

Adjoining the lands of W. L. Bryan and others , BEGINNING: ona a stake on the south side of the Branch; at the South West Corner of the Krout Factory lot running North 22°. East 138½feet to a stake on the side of the Highway Number 60, then 81° East 38½ feet to a stake, then North 88° Eat 152 feet to a stake near a Filling Station, then South 22° West 190 3/4 feet to a stake on the South side of Boone Creek, the corner of the Standard Oil Company's lot, then North 74° West 169¼ feet to the beginning.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, said lands and premises, equipment, fixtures and appurtenances, together with all rights, privilidges etc. thereunto belonging, to him and the said G. P. Hagaman-TRUSTEE- as aforesaid, his successors heirs and assigns upon the Trust and for the uses and purpose following and none other, that is to say: if the said North State Canning Company Inc. party of the first part shall, fail neglect or refuse to pay off and discharge said bonds or notes as the same may hereafter become due both as to principal and interest at the maturity of the same or any part of either or the interest on the same, then and in that event the whole amount shall become due and payable, and in that event on application of said Watauga County Bank; party of the third part by its legally authorized agent or agents, or any person firm or corporation succeeding to said rights or the legal holder of said notes or bonds in due course for value or the legal constituted assigns of said party of the third part who may be entitled to the money due thereof it shall be lawful for, and the duty of the said G. P. Hagaman-Trustee- or his successors party of the second part to advertise at the Court House Door and three or more public places in Watauga County North Carolina for thirty days immediately preceding such sale and in some Newspaper published in Watauga County ~~North Carolina~~ at least once a week for four successive weeks therein appointing a day and place of sale and at such time and place to expose said lands, equipment,

Krout Factory, and upon such sale cover said lands equipment, fictures etc, to the purchaser in fee-simple.

And the said G. P. Hagaman-Trustee or his successors party of the second part as aforesaid after first retaining 5 per cent commission as compensation for making said sale shall apply so much of the residue of the proceeds of said sale as may be necessary to pay off and discharge said bond or bonds or the interest on the same and after the payment of the regular costs of making sale, shall pay any surplus, if any remains to the xixx said North State Canning Company, Inc. or to its successors or assignees.

The said party of the first part further covenant and agree to nd with the said parties of the second and third parts hereto, that it will keep the premises, Insured in some respobsible Insurance Company legally qualified to do business in North Carolina in the sum of $6000.00 and that it will keep all taxes paid upon said property, and if it shall fail to so keep the same Insured then the said party of the second part is hereby authorized and directed to properly Insure the same at the xxxxxxx expense of the party of the first part its successors or assigns . It is further agreed that should the said Trustee herein named G. P. Hagaman die or for any reason fail refuse or neglect to perform his duties as Trustee or voluntarily renounce his Trust then upon notice to the party of the first xxxx and second part, if living, the party of the third part mayappoint in writing, a Trustee to take the place of the said party of the second part, named herein, and upon the probate and registeration of the same the Trustee thus appointed shall succeed to all rights and powers of the party of the second part, as specified herein.

AND IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED that if the said party of the first part, its successors or assigns shall pay off and discharge fully the amount due as evidenced by said notes, either as principal money or in interest on the same as it is required so to do in this Instrument, then and in that event this Instrument, or deed of Trust shall be absolutely void and the same shall be cancelled of Record.

IT IS FURTHER EXPRESSLY STIPULATED AND AGREED, AND THE SAME BEING AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF THIS INSTRUMENT, that should the said party of the first part its successors or assigns well and truly pay off and discharge the first note becoming due for the sum of Two thousand dollars and theinterest on the same promptly when due, then should the party of the first part its successors or assigns desire, they may liquidate said remaining outstanding indebtedness upon the payment of the sum of $2000.00, each year until the same is fully paid, provided the interest on the whole amount outstanding shall be paid annually, it is further understood that the said party of the first part its successors or assigns may pay off and discharge the whole amount due at any earlier period.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said North State Canning Company, Inc. party of the first part has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its President and attested by its Secretary and its Corporate seal to be hereto affixed, all of which was done by order of its Board of Directors.

This the 1st day of October 1928.

J. B. Church (SEAL)
President.

Attest: W. F. Miller.
Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA)

WILKES COUNTY)

I,Pearl Strand, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Wilkes; State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that this day personally appeared before me W. F. Miller Secretary with whom I am personally acquainted, who being by me duely sworn says, that J. B. xxxxx Church is President and W. F. Miller is Secretary of the North State Canning Company, Inc. a Corporation existing and doing buisness in the Twon of North Wilkesboro, in said State of North Carolina, under and by virtue of the laws of said State, and that said Corporation executed the foregoing Instrument; that he knows the common seal of said Corporation, that the seal affixed to

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE

NORTH STATE CANNING COMPANY.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned, do hereby assoicate ourselves into a corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina and do hereby severally agree to take the number of shares of capital stock in said corporation set opposite our respective names, and to that end do hereby set forth;

I.

The name of the corporation is North State Canning Company.

II/

That the location of the principal office of the corporation in this State is at North Wilkesboro, County of Wilkes; but it may have one or more branch offices and places of business out side the State of North Carolina as well as in said State.

III.

The objects for which this corporation is formed afe as follows:

To buy, sell and otherwise deal in fruit, vegetables and all other kinds of eatable articles and products made in whole or in part from the same; to manufacture, can, pack, dehydrate, dry or otherwise prepare for the market all vegetables, fruits and other eatables of whatsoever nature, and the products made in whole or in part therefrom; to buy, sell and otherwise deal in cans, packing machinery and packing equipment; to purchase, sell or control patents and to acquire and own licenses, own patents or patent right and to grant license or licenses to other person or persons, corporation or corporations; to manufacture and sell said patented articles or appliances or machinery under any and all patents and licenses which it may own or have any interest in or may hereafter acquire, and also to buy and sell patents or patent rights of any nature or king, and to grant licenses thereunder; to purchase, sell, or control trademarks and copyrights, and to acquire and own licenses thereof; own trademarks or copyrights, and to grant license or licenses to other person or persons, corporation or corporations, for the use thereof, and also to buy and sell trademarks and copyrights of any nature or kind, add to grant licenses thereunder; and to do any and all lawful business incidental to or in any way connected with said purposes, or any of them.

And in order properly to prosecute the objects and purposes above set forth, the corporation shall have full power and authority to purchase, lease and otherwise acquire, hold, mortgage, convey, and otherwise dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, both in this State and in all other states, Territories and Dependencies of the United States; to purchase the business, good-will and all other property of any individual, firm or corporation as a going concern, and to assume all its debts, contracts and obligations, provided said business is authorized by the powers contained herein; to construct, equip, and maintain buildings, works, factories, and plants; to install, maintain and operate all kinds of machinery and applicances; to operate same by hand, steam, water, electric or other motive power, and generally

to perform all acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper and successful prosecution of the objects and purposes for which the corporation is created.

IV.

The total authorized capital stock of this corporation is tow hundred (200) shares of common stock, without nominal or par value, but the corporation may organize and begin business when nine (9) shares of the common stock shall have been subscribed for. The common stock may be issued from time to time for such consideration as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors, and any and all such shares so issued the full consideration for which as fixed by the Borad of Directors has been paid or delivered, shall be deemed fully paid stock, and not liable to any further call or assessment thereon.

The Board of Directors may in its discretion from time to time fix different amounts and kinds of consideration for the issue of the common stock, and for the different portions of such stock, whether issued at the same time or at different times.

Part of the said stock not to exceed one-half of the toal authorized issue of capital stock, may be preferred capital stock, which shall contain such preferences, voting powers, restrictions, or qualifications thereof as shall be prescribed by those holding two-thirds of its capital sock outstanding entitled to vot.

V.

The names and postoffice addresses of subscribers for stock, and the number of shares subscribed for each, the aggregate of which being the amount of capital stock with which the company will commence business, are as follows:

Name	Postoffice	Shares
J. B. Church ,	Roaring River, N. C .	3
J. H. Billings,	Bonda, N. C.	3
W. F. Millers,	North Wilkesboro, N. C.	3

VI.

The existence of this corporation shall commence upon the date of the filing of this certificate in the office of the Secretary of State, and its duration shall be without limit.

VII.

The Board of Directors of this corporation shall have power by vote of a majority of all the directors, and without the assent or vote of the stockholders, to make, alter, amend, or rescind any or all of the by-laws of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this the _____ day of July, 1925.

J. B. Church (Seal)

J. H. Billings (Seal)

W. F. Miller (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF WILKES.

Personally appeared before me, J. B. Williams, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, J. B. Church, J. H. Billings, W. F. Miller, each of whom was personally known to me to be the person he represented himself to be, and each for

himself acknowledged the due and legal execution of the foregoing certificate of incorporation, to be his own act and deed, for the purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal this the 29 day of July, 1925.

J. B. Williamsm Notary Public.
My commission expires April 24, 1926 (NOTARIAL SEAL)

Filed Aug. 1, 1925,
W. N. Evertee,
Secretary of State. c/w

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA) DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

I? W. N. Everett, Secretayr of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing and attached Four (4) sheets to be a true copy of the Certificate of INCORPORATION OF THE NORTH STATE CANNING Company, and probates thereon , as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office on the 1st day of August A. D. 1925.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal,

Done in office at Raleigh, this 1st day of August in the year of Our Lord 1925.

W. N. Everett
SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF STATE SEAL)

Filed for registeration on April 24, 1930 and duly recorded Apirl 24, 1930.

CHATTEL MORTGAGE $1257.73

State of North Carolina)

WILKES COUNTY.

North State Canning Co., of the County of Watauga in the State of North Carolina, are indebted to UNITED SUPPLY CO., Inc., of Wilkes County, in said State, in the sum of Twelve Hundred Fifty Seven and 73/100 Dollars, for which they hold our note to be paid as follows . This mortgage secured by One Note payable in 18 monthly installments Seventeen of $69.00 and $84.73

together with interest at the rate of per cent per annum after

And I further agree that if I shall make default in the payment of any one installment when it comes due, that all the remaining installments unpaid shall immediately become due and payable.

And to secure the payment of the same, North State Canning Co., does hereby convey to said UNITED SUPPLY CO, Inc., these articles of personal property, to-wit:

1- D.35 International Truck- Motor #FAB241-12451
Chassis # 10763

Said property is free and clear from any and all encumberances.

But on this Special Trust: That if I, we, fail to pay said debt and interest or any part of either at the maturity thereof, or fail to properly care for the personal property herein conveyed, then the UNITED SUPPLY CO Inc., or its assigns may take possession of said property and sell it, or so much thereof as may be necessary, by public auction at the Court House door in Wilkesboro, N. C. or in the county of the undersigned North State Canning Co., Mortgagor, first giving 20 days notice in three public places in said County where said sale is to take place as per the terms of mortgage, and apply the proceeds of such sale to the discharge of said debt and interest on same and the costs of the sale, and pay any surplus to North State Canning.

GIVEN under my hand and seal, this the 30th day of March, 1938.,

North State Can Co., (SEAL)

Witness: S. H. Coffey.,

By;,W. F. Miller Jr., (SEAL)

NORTH CAROLINA,

WATAUGA COUNTY.

The foregoing Instrument was this day proven before me by the oath and examination of S. H. Coffey, the subscribing witness thereto, for the purpose therein expressed. Let the same, with this certificate be registered.

Witness my hand and seal, this 5 day of April, 1938.,

A. E. South, Clerk Superior Court.,

Filed for registeration on April 5, 1938 at 4 P. M. and duly recorded April 5, 1938.,

Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds.,

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State of North Carolina



Department of the Secretary of State

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, **Thad Eure,** *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (* 2 *sheets) to be a true copy of*

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NINA-MENZ CANDY CORPORATION

and the probates thereon, the original of which was filed in this office on the 13th *day of* January, 1976, *after having been found to conform to law.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.*

Done in Office, *at Raleigh, this* 13th *day of* January *in the year of our Lord 19* 76.

Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State

MARTHA R. GORDON
REGISTER OF DEEDS
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SECRETARY OF STATE
NORTH CAROLINA

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

NINA-MENZ CANDY CORPORATION

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The undersigned, being of the age of eighteen years or more, do hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purposes of forming a business corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina;

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is NINA-MENZ CANDY CORPORATION.

ARTICLE II

The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) To engage in the business of raising, purchasing, processing, packaging, selling, and distributing peanuts and peanut products; to buy, sell, manufacture, process, package, distribute and sell candy, confections, fruit and foods of whatever kind and nature; to engage in the business of bottling, buying, manufacturing, processing, selling, and otherwise distributing all foods, liquids, beverages and fluids that may legally be possessed, bottled, packaged and sold.

(b) To engage in any other lawful activity, including, but not limited to, constructing, manufacturing, raising or otherwise producing, and repairing, servicing, storing or otherwise caring for any type of structure, commodity, or any type of property whether real or personal; extracting and processing natural resources; transporting freight or passengers by land, sea, or air; collecting and disseminating information or advertisement through any medium whatsoever; performing personal services of any nature; and entering into or serving in any type of management, investigative, advisory, promotional, protective, insurance, guarantyship, suretyship, fiduciary or representative capacity or relationship for any persons or corporations whatsoever.

ARTICLE IV

The corporation shall have the authority to issue one hundred thousand (100,000) shares of common stock at the par value of One Dollar ($1.00) each.

ARTICLE V

The minimum amount of consideration to be received by the corporation for its shares before it shall commence business is Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00), in cash or property of equivalent value.

ARTICLE VI

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 612 Fayetteville Road, Rockingham, Richmond County, North Carolina, and the name of the initial registered agent at

such address is Charles Mitchell Minges.

ARTICLE VII

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors shall be four (4) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of the shareholders, or until their successors be elected and qualify, are:

Name	Address
Charles R. Minges	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379
Charles Mitchell Minges	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379
Virginia Marle Minges	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379
Charlotte Camille Minges Parsons	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379

ARTICLE VIII

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Charles R. Minges	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379
Charles Mitchell Minges	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379
Virginia Marle Minges	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379
Charlotte Camille Minges Parsons	612 Fayetteville Road Rockingham, North Carolina 28379

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this the 12th day of January, 1976.

Charles R. Minges (SEAL)
CHARLES R. MINGES

Charles Mitchell Minges (SEAL)
CHARLES MITCHELL MINGES

Virginia Marle Minges (SEAL)
VIRGINIA MARLE MINGES

Charlotte Camille Minges Parsons (SEAL)
CHARLOTTE CAMILLE MINGES PARSONS

* *

NORTH CAROLINA
RICHMOND COUNTY

I, HAROLD C. KEITH, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, do hereby certify that Charles R. Minges, Charles Mitchell Minges, Virginia Marle Minges and Charlotte Camille Minges Parsons, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal, this the 12th day of January, 1976.

Harold C. Keith
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: 10-27-80.

NORTH CAROLINA - WATAUGA COUNTY
Filed for registration on the 9th day of November, 1978 at 4:05 o'clock P. M. and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga County, N. C. on the 9th day of November 1978 in Book H of Corporations at page 42.

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State of North Carolina

Department of the Secretary of State

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I, **Thad Eure,** *Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the following and hereto attached (* 1 *sheets) to be a true copy of*

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETED LIQUIDATION

OF

NORTH STATE CANNING COMPANY

and the probates thereon, the original of which was filed in this office on the 31st *day of* December, 19 80, *after having been found to conform to law.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.*

Done in Office, *at Raleigh, this* 31st *day of* December *in the year of our Lord 19*80.

Secretary of State

By *Deputy Secretary of State*

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SECRETARY OF STATE
NORTH CAROLINA

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETED LIQUIDATION

OF

NORTH STATE CANNING COMPANY

(NAME OF CORPORATION)

1. The name of the corporation is NORTH STATE CANNING COMPANY

2. Articles of Dissolution have heretofore been filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina on the 6th day of November, A. D. 19 80, and the dissolution thereby effected has not been revoked.

3. Notice of the dissolution has been given to each known creditor of the corporation and duly published in accordance with the requirements of Section 55-119 (a) of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

4. All liabilities of the corporation have been paid and discharged, or adequate provision has been made therefor.

5. The remaining property and assets of the corporation have been distributed among its shareholders in accordance with their respective rights and interest.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this statement is signed by the _____ President and _____ Secretary of the corporation, this the _____ day of December, A. D. 19 80

NORTH STATE CANNING COMPANY

By: Charles Robert Minges, President

Virginia M. Ennis, Secretary

STATE OF North Carolina

COUNTY OF Watauga

Charles Robert Minges and Virginia M. Ennis, being the _____ President and _____ Secretary respectively of the above-named corporation, each being duly sworn, deposes and says that the facts stated in the foregoing Certificate of Completed Liquidation are true and correct.

Charles Robert Minges, President

Virginia M. Ennis, Secretary

ZONA L. ROSS NOTARY PUBLIC BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N.C.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of DECEMBER, A. D. 1980.

Zona L. Ross
Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA
WATAUGA COUNTY

Filed for registration on the 8th day of January
19 81, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. and registered in the
office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga County, North Carolina
on the 8th day of January 19 81
In Book I of Corporations
at page 465

Phyllis E. Foster
Register of Deeds

by Kit Greer Deputy

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
NOV 24 '87
Real Estate Excise Tax
400.00

NORTH CAROLINA
WATAUGA COUNTY
Filed for registration on the 24th day of November
19 87 at 2:50 o'clock P.M., and registered in the
office of the Register of Deeds of Watauga County, North Carolina
on the 24th day of November 19 87
in Book 083 of Records
at page 187

Phyllis E. Foster
Register of Deeds
by: Ann Russell
Deputy

Excise Tax 400.00

Recording Time, Book and Page

Tax Lot No. ..... Parcel Identifier No. .....
Verified by ..... County on the ..... day of ....., 19.....
by .....

Mail after recording to Stacy C. Eggers, III, Eggers, Eggers & Eggers,
P. O. Box 248, Boone, NC 28607
This instrument was prepared by CLEMENT, MILLER & WHITTLE
Brief description for the Index

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

THIS DEED made this 23rd day of November, 19 87, by and between

GRANTOR	GRANTEE
Robert E. Capps and wife, Mary G. Capps	Watauga County, a Body Politic Organized and Existing Under the Laws of the State of North Carolina

Enter in appropriate block for each party: name, address, and, if appropriate, character of entity, e.g. corporation or partnership.

The designation Grantor and Grantee as used herein shall include said parties, their heirs, successors, and assigns, and shall include singular, plural, masculine, feminine or neuter as required by context.

WITNESSETH, that the Grantor, for a valuable consideration paid by the Grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantee in fee simple, all that certain lot or parcel of land situated in the City of ....., Boone Township, Watauga County, North Carolina and more particularly described as follows:

THOSE CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

TAX INFORMATION
RECORDED
11/24/87 NAP
Tax Supervisor

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The property hereinabove described was acquired by Grantor by instrument recorded in .....

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A map showing the above described property is recorded in Plat Book ..... page.....

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid lot or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the Grantee in fee simple.

And the Grantor covenants with the Grantee, that Grantor is seized of the premises in fee simple, has the right to convey the same in fee simple, that title is marketable and free and clear of all encumbrances, and that Grantor will warrant and defend the title against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever except for the exceptions hereinafter stated.
Title to the property hereinabove described is subject to the following exceptions:

1. Right-of-way for Poplar Grove Road, NCSR No. 1102.
2. Sewer easement to Town of Boone recorded in Deed Book 202, Page 577, Watauga County Registry.
3. Right-of-way for U.S. Highway 421.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal, or if corporate, has caused this instrument to be signed in its corporate name by its duly authorized officers and its seal to be hereunto affixed by authority of its Board of Directors, the day and year first above written.

.....
(Corporate Name)

By: .....

.....President

ATTEST:

.....

.....Secretary (Corporate Seal)

USE BLACK INK ONLY

Robert E. Capps .....(SEAL)
Robert E. Capps

Mary G. Capps .....(SEAL)
Mary G. Capps

.....(SEAL)

.....(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC • OFFICIAL SEAL
SEAL-STAMP
COUNTY OF WATAUGA
LINDA P. CRITCHER
My commission expires
Aug. 19, 1989
NORTH CAROLINA

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NORTH CAROLINA, Watauga County.

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that .....
Robert E. Capps and wife, Mary G. Capps Grantor,

personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 24 day of November, 1987.

My commission expires: 8-19-89 Linda P. Critcher Notary Public

SEAL-STAMP

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NORTH CAROLINA, ...County.

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that .....,
personally came before me this day and acknowledged that .... he is ..... Secretary of
..... a North Carolina corporation, and that by authority duly given and as the act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its ..... President, sealed with its corporate seal and attested by ..... as its ..... Secretary.
Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this .....day of ....., 19.....

My commission expires: ..... Notary Public

NORTH CAROLINA WATUAGA COUNTY

The foregoing Certificate(s) of Linda P. Critcher, Notary Public, Watauga County, NC
.....
.....

is/are certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the Book and Page shown on the first page hereof.

Phyllis E. Foster REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR Watauga COUNTY

By ..... Deputy ~~XXXXXXX~~ Register of Deeds

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EXHIBIT A
TO GENERAL WARRANTY DEED
FROM ROBERT E. CAPPS AND WIFE, MARY G. CAPPS
TO WATAUGA COUNTY, A BODY POLITIC ORGANIZED AND
EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Tract I:

A 0.771 acre tract lying and being in the Town of Boone on the North side of the Poplar Grove Road at a point 900 feet West of Water Street; bounded by R. C. Coleman et al, Watauga Enterprises, Inc. and being a portion of the lands as described in Deed Book 79, Page 90, and being more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING on an iron found corner to Watauga Enterprises, Inc. and Miller near the creek (located South 12 degrees 01 minutes West 144.70 feet which is in turn located North 83 degrees 21 minutes West 217.27 feet from an iron found); thence from the beginning and with the line of Watauga Enterprises, Inc. as recorded in Deed Book 177, Page 755, Watauga County Registry, South 12 degrees 01 minutes West 192.22 feet to a point on the North side of the Poplar Grove Road; thence with the North side of said road North 80 degrees 33 minutes West 163.32 feet to a point, corner to R. C. Coleman et al; thence leaving said road and with the Coleman, et al line North 06 degrees 42 minutes East 297.78 feet to a point, corner to Watauga Enterprises, Inc; thence with said line South 78 degrees 48 minutes East 181.47 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING and containing 0.771 acres by DMD as calculated and shown on Plat No. 82003 dated January 12, 1982 by Hencle J. Matheson RLS L-2561.

This conveyance is subject to a 20 foot right-of-way easement running 20 feet east of and parallel with the line running North 06 degrees 42 minutes East, 197.81 feet and being the western boundary of the above-described property. Said easement is a non-exclusive right-of-way easement and is more fully described in Deed Book 217, Page 589, Watauga County Registry.

Tract II:

BEGINNING at an iron pipe located on the Northern right-of-way line of Poplar Grove Road, said iron pipe also being located at the Southwest corner of the Standard Oil Company tract, and from said beginning iron pipe running thence with the Northern right-of-way line of Poplar Grove Road North 81 degrees 23 minutes West 125.78 feet to an iron; thence continuing with the Northern right-of-way line of Poplar Grove Road North 81 degrees 23 minutes West 25.04 feet to an iron pipe; thence North 12 degrees 01 minutes East 192.22 feet to an iron pipe in the middle of a branch; thence North 12 degrees 01 minutes East 144.70 feet to an iron pipe located in the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 421; thence with the Southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 421 South 83 degrees 21 minutes East 25.24 feet to an iron pipe; thence continuing with the Southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 421 South 83 degrees 21 minutes East 192.03 feet to an iron pipe; thence continuing with the Southern right-of-way of U.S. Highway 421 South 76 degrees 50 minutes East 119.43 feet to a P.K. nail; thence South 23 degrees 16 minutes West passing over three old iron pipes 190.75 feet to a point; thence North 72 degrees 44 minutes West 119.25 feet to an iron pipe; thence South 21 degrees 47 minutes West 172.21 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, as per survey of James A. Dugger, dated April 16,

1977, drawing number 21-77 and also being shown on on a plat entitled "Survey for W. F. Miller, Jr. et ux" by H. J. Matheson, RLS L-2561, dated January 12, 1982, and being numbered M82003.

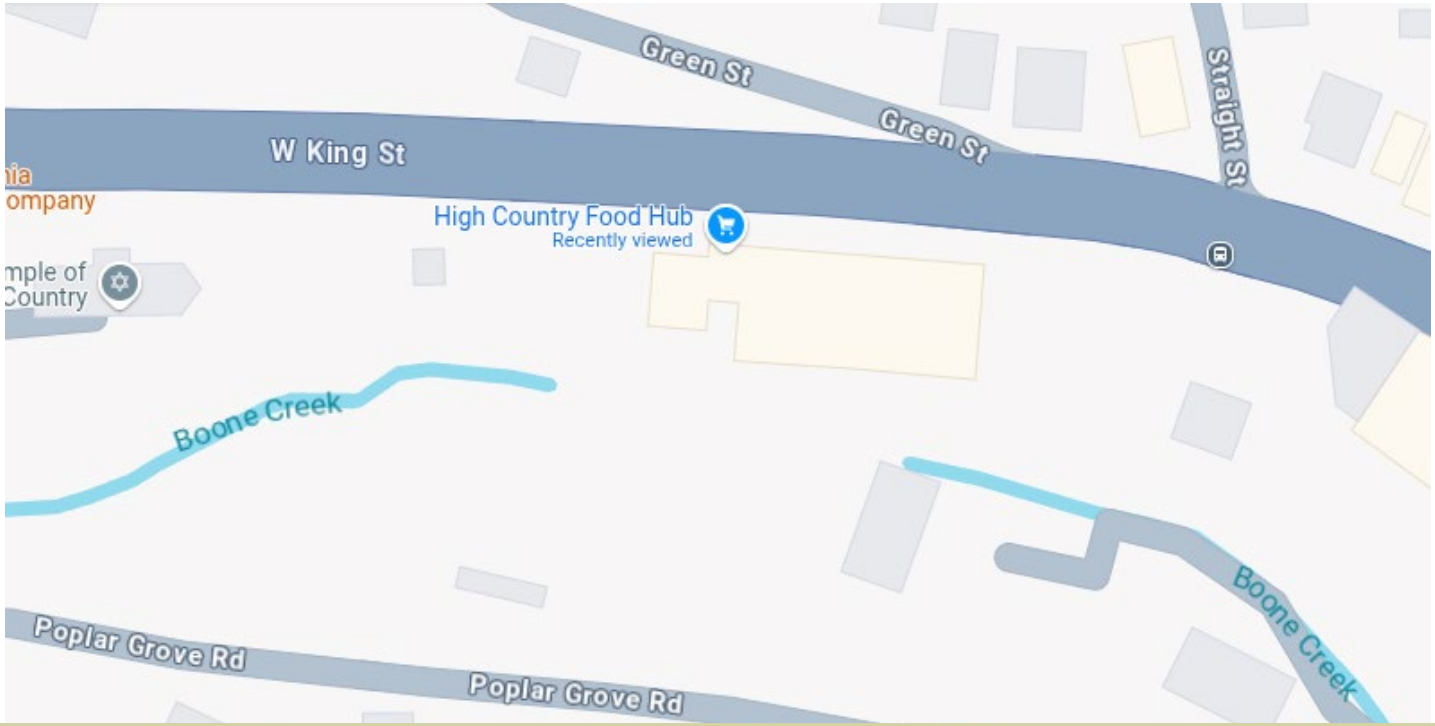
There is also conveyed and assigned herewith by Grantor to the Grantee that certain right of first refusal previously conveyed to Grantor to purchase certain property now owned or previously owned by Watauga Enterprises, Inc. located between the Tobacco Warehouse building, the former Kraut Factory and fronting on U.S. Highway 421 in Boone Township, Watauga County, North Carolina. A more complete description of said first right of refusal is set forth in Deed Book 217, Page 591, Watauga County Public Registry.

Tract III:

BEGINNING at a PK nail in the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 421, said PK nail being located South 76 degrees 50 minutes East 119.43 feet from an iron found in the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 421 and being the northeasternmost corner of the property of Robert E. Capps and Mary G. Capps as described in Deed recorded in Deed Book 217, Page 590, Watauga County Registry; thence with the easternmost line of the Capps property South 23 degrees 16 minutes West 80.00 feet to a point in the northern margin of 15 foot alley; thence continuing with the northern margin of said 15 foot alley South 73 degrees 30 minutes East 45.30 feet to a point in the northern margin of said 15 foot alley; thence leaving the said 15 foot alley North 29 degrees 07 minutes East 111.52 feet to a point; thence South 80 degrees 30 minutes West 67 feet to the PK nail at the point and place of BEGINNING, and being all of Lots 11 and 12 of the Blackburn Estate and being the same property as described as Tract Two as the same is more particularly described in Deed Book 83, Page 325, Watauga County Registry and as shown on a plat entitled "Survey for W. F. Miller, Jr., et ux" by H. J. Matheson, RLS L-2561, dated January 12, 1982, and being numbered M-82003.

Also assigned and conveyed herein is a non-exclusive right-of-way and easement for ingress, egress and regress for a roadway and easement to be used in common with Grantee and Watauga Enterprises, Inc., its successors and assigns, said easement being recorded in Deed Book 218, Page 833, Watauga County Registry, and more particularly described as follows:

A 40 foot wide easement and roadway being located 25 feet West and 15 feet East of the following described line: BEGINNING on an iron pipe located in the southern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 421 (said iron being located North 83 degrees 21 minutes West 25.24 feet from an iron pipe); thence from the beginning and with the western boundary line of the property owned by Capps and described in the deed recorded in Deed Book 217 at Page 590, Watauga County Public Registry, South 12 degrees 01 minutes West 144.70 feet to an iron pipe located in the middle of a branch (said pipe being located South 12 degrees 01 minutes West 192.22 feet from an iron pipe located in the northern right-of-way line of the Poplar Grove Public Road).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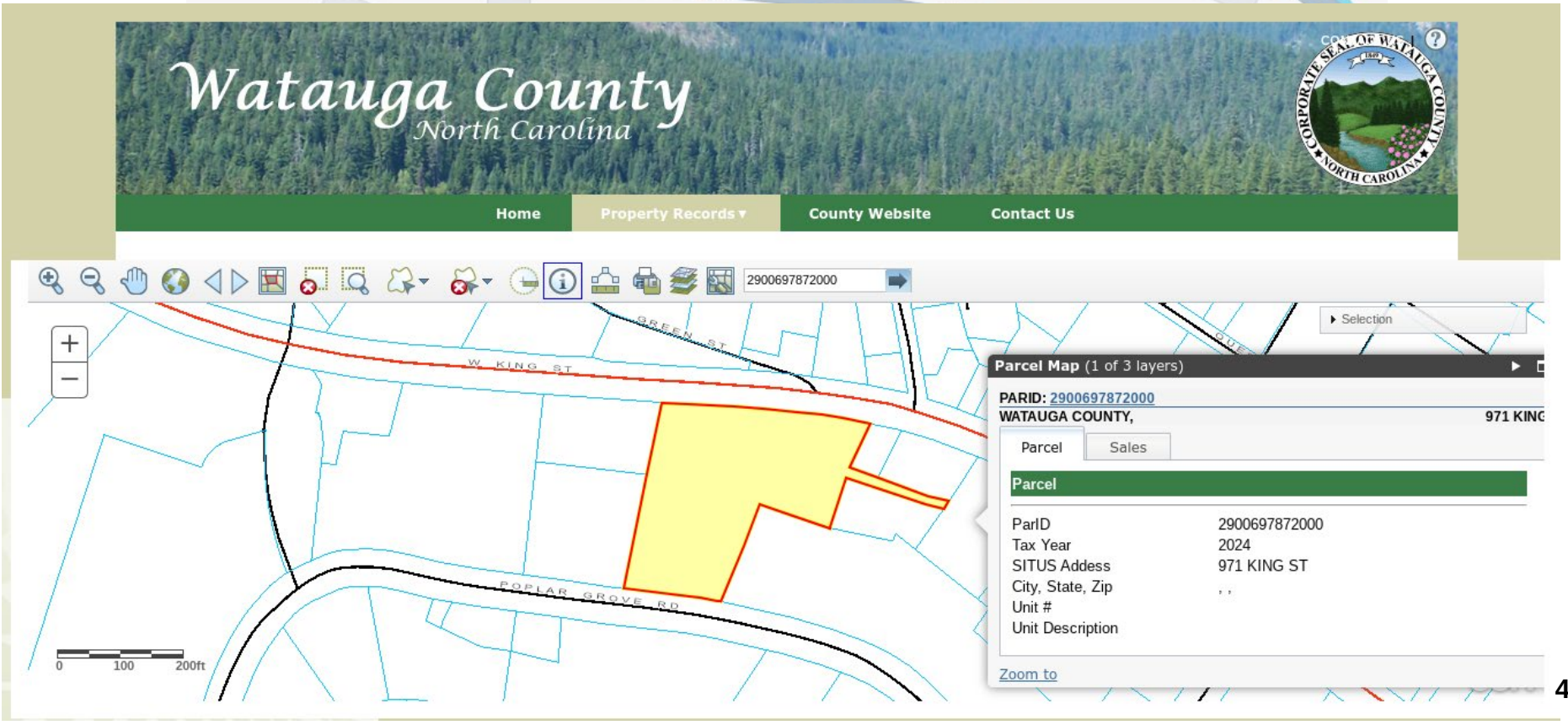
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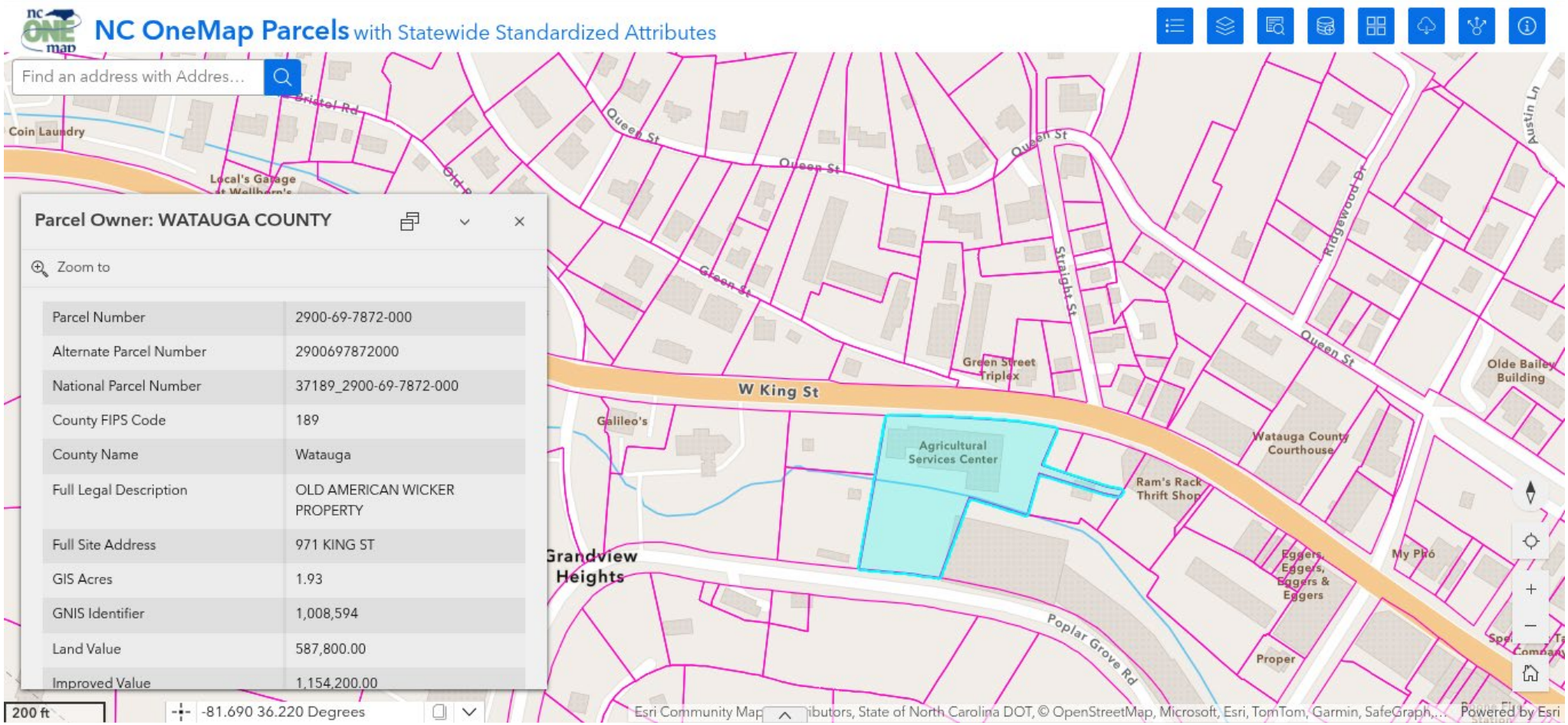
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Boone Company Buys Surry Business

Their Cabbages Grow Big

By Martin Howard
Journal and Sentinel Farm Editor

When the North State Canning Co. in Boone starts canning its early-season kraut pack this week, it will do so under an expansion program that has lifted its annual vat capacity to 2,000 tons and will push volume of the finished product to 75,000 cases per year.

A new building now nearing completion will also provide ample storage

Buys Out Wood

The additional krauting facilities were made possible earlier this summer when North State bought all equipment from the Wood Canning Co. in Surry — which Grover Wood, now retired, started in 1909.

W. F. (Bill) Miller Jr., partner and general manager of North State Canning Co., said last week the Wood equipment had been installed in the Boone plant.

Canning of the kraut pack from Watauga cabbage growers' April plantings will start this week and continue through the second annual pack from May plantings.

After cabbage are cored and chopped, the krauting process in the huge vats requires about six weeks before canning is possible.

"Thousands of Friends"

"We are pleased to see our expansion taking shape," said Miller, "and to have as part of it the equipment and brand name of Grover Wood in Surry. He put out an excellent product and his Carolina Beauty label became widely known. We know, too, that our own product under our Watauga label has made thousands of friends. We feel that this expanded operation with quality products will provide additional volume and thus broader markets—each today depending on the other."

Considerably younger than Grover Wood, Bill Miller nonetheless is a member, of a krauting family whose business has served for many years as a bulwark to Watauga's agricultural economy, as Wood's did in Surry.

Started in 1909

Grover Wood started his canning plant as a young man in 1909, with a $20 machine. He had some ups and downs with stock company operations, finally took over on his own, and proceeded to expand business until peak annual output at his Copeland plant exceeded 60,000 cases. He also at one time operated a plant in Virginia and another in Florida.

Surry farmers and growers across the Virginia line supplied the Copeland plant. This market in turn supplemented agricultural income and, as a business operation, boosted Surry's general economy.

Similarly, the North State Canning Co. in Boone has been an asset to Watauga's farming and general economy. It also provides today a good illustration of basic changes in America's agricultural picture—a picture dominated less and less by farm production as such, more and more by the combined agribusiness of farmer, processor, and marketing.

When the late W. F. (Frank) Miller Sr. moved up the mountains from North Wilkesboro and started canning kraut in Boone, he developed the second phase of this foundation of a successful agribusiness.

Started as Co-op

That was in 1928, and the operation the elder Miller took over was a small cooperative canning venture which Watauga cabbage growers had set up in 1924 in an effort to provide a wider market for their product. It had not been too successful and the plant had even stood idle for a year or so. As is still true today, volume production depended on adequate outlets—and often the best markets cannot be commanded without big volume.

But in partnership with C. H. Hulcher and J. B. Church, also of Wilkes, Frank Miller saw the canning business steadily grow—up to 500 tons annually, then to 1,500 tons. The Watauga chopped and shredded krauts found markets across the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Interests Bought

Dr. H. B. Perry (now dead) bought Church's interest in 1933. In 1940, Frank Miller and Dr. Perry bought Hulcher's interest.

Today's stockholders of the Boone business are Dr. Perry's son, H. B. Jr., and his daughter, Miss Gertrude Perry; and Mrs W. F. Miller Sr.

Other Watauga leaders also view the expansion program of North State Canning Co. as a long step ahead in boosting the county's farm and business income.

"We are very much encouraged by this growth," said Agricultural Agent L. E. Tuckwiller. "It promises to double the business as such — which means, of course, that this will double the service it can render to Watauga farmers who grow cabbage."

While the county's agriculture lays heavy stress on dairying, beef cattle, sheep, burley tobacco, corn and small grains and forage, Watauga's mountain - grown cabbage has held an increasingly important spot for many decades.

Tuckwiller estimates this year's harvest at about 700 acres—and a very good year for cabbage, incidentally, because of frequent showers throughout the growing season.

The bulk of Watauga's cabbage acreage is in fresh market cabbage — principally the Oakview, a sweet, hardy head that averages about 2½ pounds and yields anywhere from 7-8 tons per acre in a dry year to 18-20 tons in a rainy year.

The bulk of Watauga's fresh market cabbage is handled by Goodnight Brothers of Gastonia (the Goodnights hailed from Watauga) and the V. C. Shore Produce House in Boone. A substantial portion of the harvest is sold at the farm to truckers.

The kraut-type cabbage grows bigger—up to a dozen pounds and more—and yields up to 30 tons per acre. The Globe and the Glory of Enkenhauser are the two favorites in Watauga.

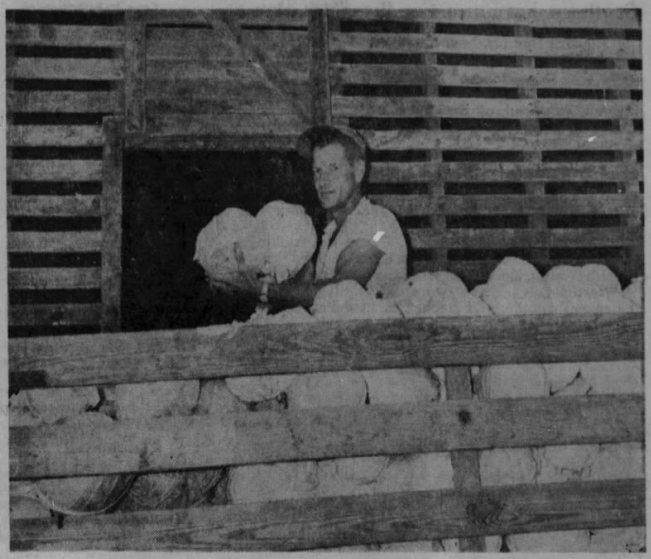
Bill Miller said about a hundred farmers of the county, producing from a half-acre to four acres, supply his plant. The production is contracted early each year—"so that growers will know what price to expect," Miller explained, "and how much volume our market can handle."



W. F. (BILL) MILLER
. . . his label is 'The Watauga' . . .



GROVER WOOD
. . his is 'Carolina Beauty' . .



CABBAGES ROLL IN—Cecil Moretz, Watauga farmer, arrives at North State's cabbage shed with a load of kraut cabbage which he grows (like many other farmers) under contract with the plant —now doubling its capacity.

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"Their Cabbages Grow Big"
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