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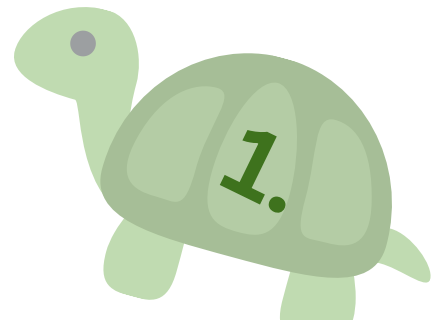
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Edward Wood House - circa 1818
208 N Church St

The builder of this home, Edward Wood, served as the Clerk of Superior Court during his lifetime. It has also been home to General Jacocks, wealthiest and most powerful man in Perquimans of the time, and the three Harvey sisters who ran a millinery shop nearby.

It is a Federal side-hall plan that was later updated in the Greek Revival Style. Of note is the coastal appearance with a 2-story engaged porch. A pair of exterior paved double shoulder chimneys laid in Flemish bond are on the south side. Double sash windows contain 9/9 lights at the first floor & 9/6 on the second floor. The 1828 tax valuation for this and 2 adjoining lots was \$1,100.





The Flower Cottage - circa 1860 *215 N Church St*

First built as a storehouse, in 1866 this structure became the first Hertford location of a prominent business called Blanchard's Mercantile. Through the mercantile's tenure here, owners traveled as far as Baltimore to purchase goods for supplying Hertford.

After being converted to a single family dwelling, Miss Pennie Norcum purchased the home and dubbed it "The Flower Cottage" in 1901. The young ladies in town gathered here to learn the art of sewing and painting. She taught budding homemakers until her death in 1917. This structure has undergone significant change since its conversion into a home, but its historic gable-end design still shines.

If the owners of Blanchard Mercantile traveled by horse and wagon to Baltimore, it would have taken them about a month to travel one way!



*Dr James J. Shannonhouse
House - circa 1872
220 N Church St*

Sarah Shannonhouse acquired this property in 1871 as a vacant lot that had been planted with corn, potatoes, and cotton. The following year, her husband, Dr. Shannonhouse took out a loan for the home to be built. He enjoyed the house for one year until his untimely death at the age of 39.

It is an example of a late Greek Revival one-and-a-half story coastal cottage with a center hall. The house originally featured a detached kitchen. Note the gable dormers along with four interior end chimneys. The three bay facade features sidelights and a transom cap on the front entrance.

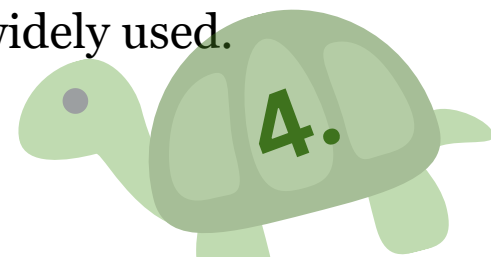


Dr Thomas S. McMullan House - circa 1905 *303 N Church St*

Dr. McMullan built this home in 1905. He was an educated and practiced physician, author, poet, a captain in the medical corps during WWI, and the county's Superintendent of health from 1910-1916. He and his wife, Lydia, had six children.

This structure uses typical Queen Anne styling with Colonial Revival details. The wrap around porch with simple columns, balustrades and bracketed eaves were all popular features of the period.

Before modern conveniences, each part of a home was built with a purpose. Porches, which are now mainly decorative, served as a shady space off the first floor where one could sit and take advantage of the breeze before air conditioning was widely used.





*Crecy-Skinner
Whedbee House
101 Punch Alley
circa 1775*



Believed to be the oldest house in Hertford, this home was built by Nathaniel Martin. Rev. William E. Snowden, first rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church called this his home. Also, half brothers Thomas Gregory Skinner and Harry Skinner, who both went on to serve in the US House of Representatives, were raised in this house. Many former residents and visitors claim to have witnessed paranormal activity here.

This federal style house has two-and-a-half stories with a double-tier engaged porch and has maintained its original paired entrances. Only one of the original three chimneys remains. The picket fence was a common sight in town. Visible features of a period later than 1775 indicate later modification.

A pair of parallel entrances was a common sight on the front porch of homes built in this era. It is believed that one entrance was for every day use, while the other was saved for special occasions, and was kept very formal.

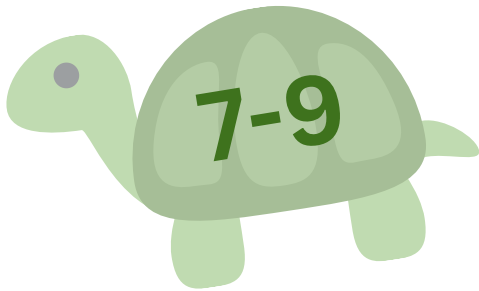
*Penelope S.
McMullan House
308 N Church St
circa 1900*



The most outstanding Queen Anne-style dwelling in Hertford is attributed to Architect Hill C. Linthicum. Penelope S. McMullan acquired the property in 1898, and their home was built two years later. Her husband, Sidney, was a principal in the Toms and McMullan Carriage Manufacturing Company and the McMullan Lumber Company. In 1907, the property was sold to William S. Blanchard, partner in Blanchard's Mercantile Store.

This large two-story dwelling includes projecting gables, a wrap-around porch, and a rear two-story ell. The porch is supported by pairs of baseball-bat columns. The oval-shaped stained glass window is a beautiful focal point on the facade. Interior chimneys serve each room, including the hall with an impressive masonry Romanesque-style mantel with niches.

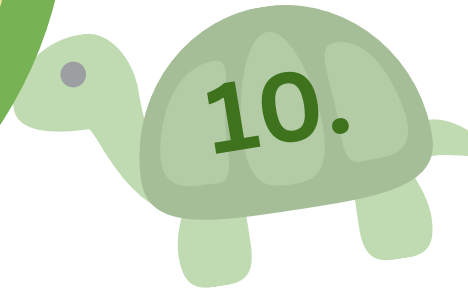
Sidney McMullan served on the Hertford Methodist Church building committee at the same time this home was being built. Linthicum designed both structures, and an Italian plasterer did the plaster work in both. Similarities can be found in the style and details of these two architectural works.



*Mary E. Saunders Rental Houses
309, 311 and 313 N Church Street
circa 1890*

In 1884, Mary E. Saunders purchased the property these three homes would be built on. Construction completed in 1890, forming a neat row of rental houses representative of Hertford's growing speculative housing market at the turn of the 20th century. TC and WS Blanchard, owners of Blanchard's Mercantile, purchased all three houses in 1902 to add to the rental houses they were building in another part of town.

309 is a small, double-pile single-story cottage which still features its hip-roof porch ornamented by sawn work brackets and cornices. The exposed-face interior chimneys at the gable ends are distinctive. 311 and 313 have been substantially renovated, but 309 is virtually unaltered. At the start of the 20th century, renting a home would cost about \$10 per room.



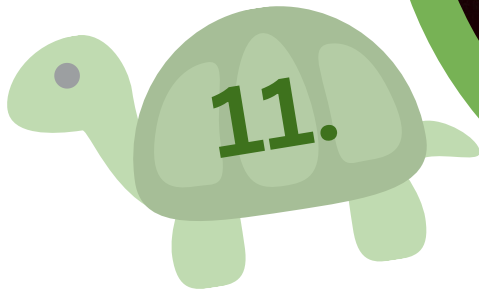
Lewis H. Richardson House - circa 1851 310 N Church Street

As Lewis Richardson was a blacksmith, we are reminded that artisans tended to settle in town rather than in the countryside.

A stylish Greek-Revival variation of the side-hall plan is illustrated in this handsome 2-story house. It is further dignified by its complementary front and rear double-tier engaged porches. This porch form is a characteristic feature of the Albemarle region, especially common during the first half of the 19th century. Other distinctive features are the virtually identical porch entrances highlighted by a simple Greek Revival corner-block surround and framed by sidelights and a transom. Typical of the period is the pair of interior chimneys.

The house was later owned and/or occupied by James L. Skinner, Dr. William R. Riddick and Joseph F. Newby.

The 1860 United States Census lists blacksmithing to be the fourth most popular vocation of the day.

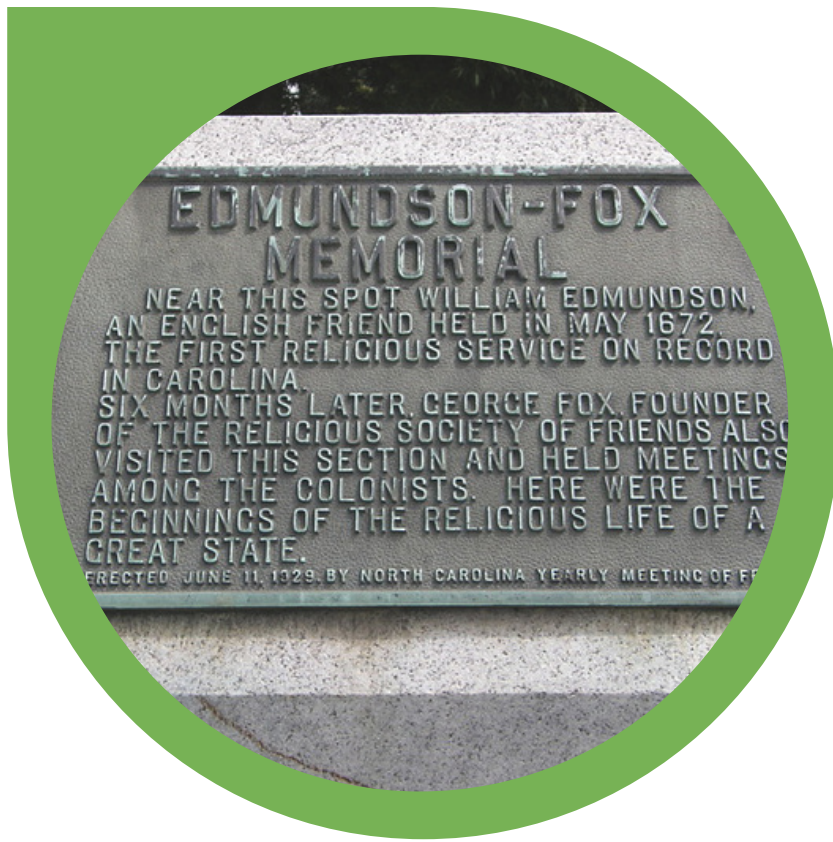


*Thomas Nixon House - circa 1917
314 N Church St*

This imposing Neoclassical Revival house was built in 1917 by Thomas Nixon, and it remained in possession of his descendants until purchased by current owners. Nixon was a prominent businessman and civic leader.

A monumental portico, supported by paired Ionic columns, graces the front façade. The wrap-around single story porch with porte-cochere completes the look. The two story house features a large center hall.

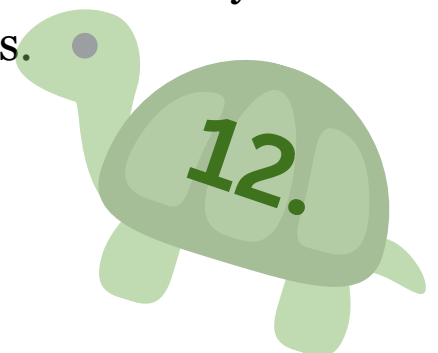
The current owners of this beautiful home also own and run Carolina Moon Bakery. Located on Market Street, the bakery gets its name from the iconic moon rise seen from The S-shaped bridge just a block away.



*Edmundson-Fox Memorial
On the corner of Church & Newby St*

Near this spot in May 1672, the first religious service on record in North Carolina was held. Six months later, George Fox, Founder of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), also visited this area and held meetings among the colonists. Here were the beginnings of the religious life in our state. The North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends dedicated this monument on June 11, 1929.

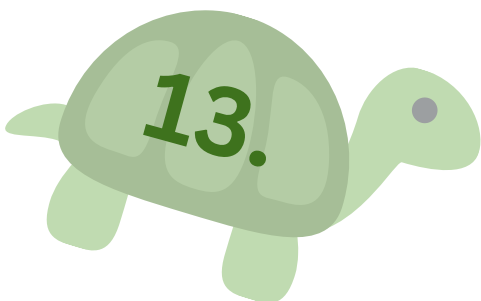
Perquimans County is still known today for its Quaker population. Two prominent congregations thrive within the community with a mission to love God and others.





*Patrick Small House - circa 1905
400 N Church St*

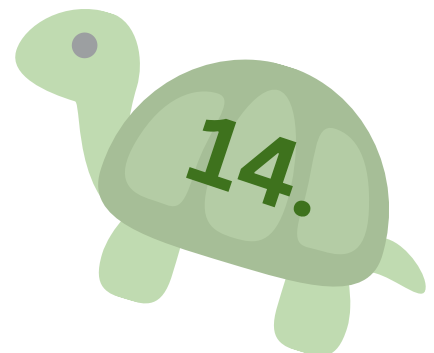
This large two story Colonial Revival house was built around 1915 by Patrick Small and features a double-pile center hall plan. Patrick Small was the owner of a local merchandise store and served as a county commissioner. He was also a partner in the Yeopim Lumber Company. The house was remodeled in 1945 and the front porch was significantly altered.





Simpson-Blanchard House - circa 1856
300 N Front St

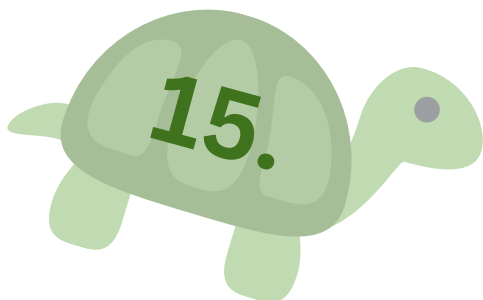
The house was built by the Clerk of Superior Court and merchant, Thomas R. Simpson. The original 3-bay, 2-story dwelling is characterized by a double-tier engaged porch, a side-hall plan, interior end chimneys and late Federal-style details. At one time, in the rear, there stood a 1-story detached kitchen. The house had a long association with the Blanchard family, leading merchants of the town.





*Elizabeth F. and Henry Stokes House -
circa 1874
218 N Front St*

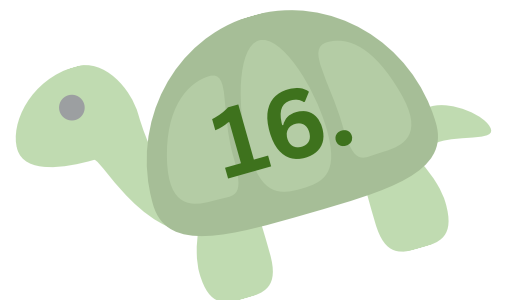
This house was a wood-frame house until 1978 when it was damaged by fire. It was built by Henry Clay Stokes, a carpenter and harness maker. Since that time many generations of the Stokes family have occupied the house. This 2-story center-hall plan house was originally L- shaped with a 2-tier porch. Brick was added after the fire when it was remodeled.





*Thomas Jackson House - circa 1872
208 N Front St*

Built by Thomas Jackson, this house was sold 10 years later to William S. Blanchard. The 2-story frame dwelling has a 1-story rear addition. The main entrance is capped by a transom and the 3-bay facade is flanked by sidelights. A single-shoulder exterior chimney laid 1:5 common bond is located on either end of the main section. The hipped- form roof is interrupted by gables. Blanchard owned the house until 1913 when it was purchased by Eleanora W. Brinn.





*Matthew H. White House - circa 1893
107 E Grubb St*

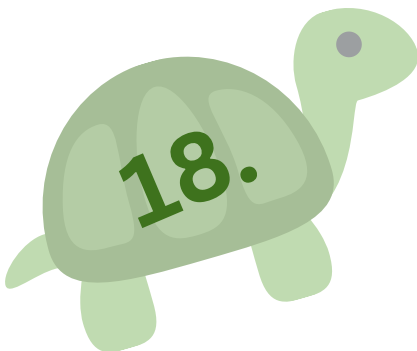
This house is an example of the Queen Anne-style. White had perhaps the most varied business interests in Perquimans, including general merchandise, real estate, agriculture, grist and saw mills, an ice company, cotton oil processing, horse trading and racing. He also constructed rental houses in the town and made significant improvements to the public road that passed through one of his farms. In 2003, the owners began an extensive task to restore the home to its original splendor while bringing it up to date and suitable for today's family living. Rebuilding of the previously removed turret and porches, reclaiming the butler's pantry, and discovering covered fireplaces are a few of the projects undertaken.





*Temperance Hall - circa 1851
116 N Front St*

This structure is typical of mid -19th century buildings. Temperance organizations were active in Perquimans County during the 1840's and 1850's. Members were primarily Quakers and Methodists. The building was used by Hertford's Washington Temperance Society until 1856 when it was sold, converted into a side-hall residence and the double-tier engaged porch was added. The house is 2- story framed with pine and cypress timber and has a pair of interior end chimneys.





Wood-McCallum-Winslow House
circa 1825
110 N Front Street

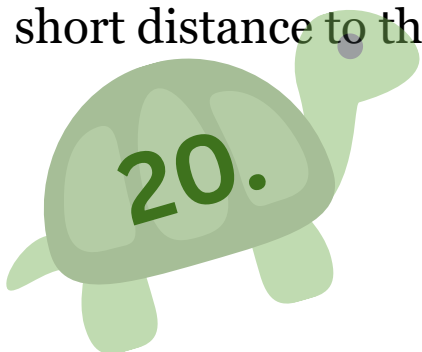


Built by Benjamin Wright, a tailor, this house is an early 19th century home with a 2-story double-pile hip roof with Federal-style entrance. Its most outstanding interior feature is a black & white checkerboard hand stenciled plastered floor. John Wood, a long-time Clerk of the Superior Court, purchased the property in 1823. In later years, the house was owned by Jesse P. Skinner and her husband, U.S. Congressman Thomas G. Skinner, and Clyde and Ellen McCallum. The house was purchased in 1963 by Emmett Winslow, former country sheriff and state legislator. During the Civil War, this home sustained an attack on Hertford from General Ambrose Burnside. A hole in the back of the house remains from cannonball fire, and has been preserved by current owners.



McMullan-Fleetwood House - circa 1881
100 N Front Street

Built by Dr. John H. McMullan, this 5-bay, 2-story Colonial Revival was extensively remodeled by Judson J. Fleetwood, a lumber executive, after he purchased it in 1897. Fleetwood was a partner in East Carolina Lumber Company, Fleetwood and Jackson Company, and Albemarle Lumber Company. The house was moved in 1939 a short distance to the north to make room for the house at 106 North Front St.





Blanchard's (Courthouse Annex) 110 N Church Street

Built in 1909, this two-story building was initially the home of Blanchard's Mercantile after its previous location was destroyed by fire.

Although Blanchard's was one of the most successful businesses in town, providing supplies to the community for over 100 years, it suffered fire more than once. In 1943, this building experienced a devastating fire that took the lives of two Blanchard's employees. Remodeling took just a few months and Blanchard's resumed business here.

Perquimans County purchased the building when Blanchard's went out of business and has used it for a variety of purposes.

Today it serves as an annex to the Perquimans County Courthouse and houses the Sheriff's Office.



Perquimans County Courthouse 128 N Church Street

This courthouse was built in 1825, and has been in continuous use since then. It is a two and a half story building with a gable roof. Its brick is laid in Flemish and common bonds. It has a T shape with late nineteenth and twentieth century additions to the two wings and rear ell. While numerous renovations have occurred over the years, it retains a remarkable amount of its original interior finish. Raised paneled doors, Georgian style mantels, flat paneled wainscots, and interior shutters all remain. In 1823, just before its construction, the Masonic Order gave a significant amount of money for the county to include the second story. In exchange, they were given life rights to have a lodge Hall on the second story. Perquimans Lodge 106 has continuously assembled at this building since 1865.



*Divers Motor Company Annex
(Hertford Bay Taphouse)
107 W Grubb Street*

William M. Divers' Ford dealership grew so rapidly prior to the Great Depression that they found need to build this annex in 1923. It was connected to the original store by a vehicle archway. Divers lost the dealership in 1936 and the annex soon became Jesse P. Perry's wholesale grocery store. It also served as an annex for Morgan Furniture Store. The facade has been wonderfully maintained by current owners, still featuring segmental arch windows, and multi-pane transoms above large display windows.





Farmers National Bank of Hertford

Farmers National Bank was established in 1916, shortly before this building was erected in its Classical Revival style. It operated as a bank under a few different names and ownerships until it fell to the Great Depression in 1929. J Roger Stokes eventually purchased the property, using the second floor as his office. The first floor operated as the town's post office for a time. Its iconic fluted columns make quite a statement on Church St, along with its two step rise to the porch level and double door entrances. Its multi-pane transom holds beautiful stained glass.

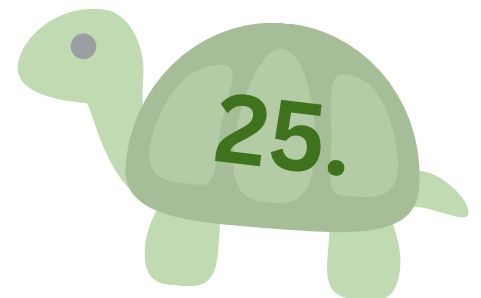




*Gregory's 5-10-25 Cent Store
115 N Church Street*

Mark J. Gregory had this structure built in 1928-1929. The building housed two stores. Gregory had operated a five and dime store in Hertford since 1916, and ran his business from the larger space. The smaller store was originally occupied by J. Roger Stokes, who owned and managed several properties throughout the town.

Each store maintains its street-level display windows and entrances. Checkered tile lines the base of each window, and a side stair-hall entrance leads to the second floor.





Darden's Department Store 109 N Church Street

Currently referred to by locals as “The Hall of Fame Building,” this structure was once Darden Department Store, one of the most prominent businesses in town. It now houses several different shops including a bakery, ice cream, hair salon, antiques, and a trophy shop. It is estimated that it was built in 1909 as a commercial establishment. It was built by Anderson White and Isaac A. White, who were prominent in the development of the town. The five-bay storefront is served by a recessed double entrance flanked by large display windows.





*Woodard's Pharmacy
101 N Church Street*

This corner structure has been a pharmacy ever since its construction in 1911. Once owned by John Glenn Roberson, it was appropriately called Roberson's Drug Store. The second floor once served as the community health department. Charles Woodard purchased the building in 1972, and has run Woodard's Pharmacy here ever since. It is a beloved iconic landmark of the town of Hertford, and is especially appreciated for its hand-dipped ice cream and fresh squeezed orangeades.

