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As early as 1750 the Block House site was prominent as a landmark on the old Blackstock Road, which ran from lower South Carolina to the mountains. The house itself was constructed about 1756 as a trading post and was modified soon after for use as a fortress to protect local settlers during the French and Indian War. After the Treaty of 1763, and a subsequent agreement with the Cherokees in 1767, a new emphasis was placed on extending the border between North and South Carolina further west. A line was finalized in 1772 with the Block House as its western terminus. During the Revolution the site served as a staging area for various Tory and "Rebel" bands, and was renamed "Fort Howard" for a short time in 1776, in honor of "Captain" Thomas Howard, who led a group in a raid against an encampment of Torics and Indians nearby. In 1813, the site again played a role in a boundary question between the two Carolinas. At a conference held near the Block House, a new line was drawn up by commissioners from both states with the site utilized as the starting point. On September 15, 1815, after this boundary was officially accepted, a stone was placed on the site marking the North and South Carolina border and the beginning of the 1813 boundary line.

During the years following the Civil War the site was a camp on a primary trade route connecting Charleston with the western mountains. local people used the site's unusual geographic location for illegal cock: fights and whiskey manufacture. Since the Block House property extended into two counties in South Carolina and one in North Carolina, avoiding the law in one county, or state, necessitated a move of only a few feet.

The Block House remained on the site until 1942 when it was moved three hundred yards into North Carolina. The site is presently owned by Converse College and still contains the 1813 marker stone in its original position as the lone reminder of the more than two centuries of political and historical events.

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Dr. H. G. Jones Director Department of Archives and History State of North Carolina Post Office Box 1881 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Dear Dr. Jones:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and B. Everett Jordan and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours, Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Hon. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ervin:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the State Misions Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the Mational Mistoric Preservation Program in North Carolina and have been entered into the National Register of Mistoric Places. Senator 5. Everett Jordan and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Limison Officer, Sr. M. G. Jones, Director, Department of Archives and Mistory, State of North Carolina, Post Office Box 1881, Ralaigh, North Carolina 27602, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

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Hon. Roy A. Taylor House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

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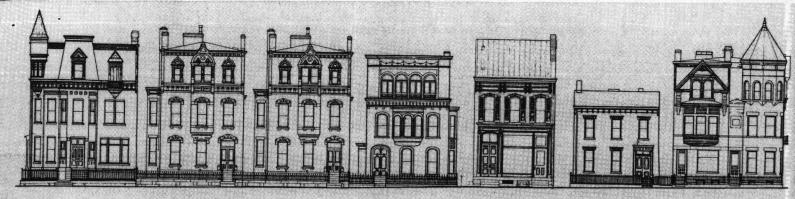
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WHAT IS "SECTION 106 REVIEW?"

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires that Federal agencies consider what effects their actions, and actions they may assist, permit, or license, may have on historic properties, and that they give the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation a "reasonable opportunity to comment" on such actions.

Federal agencies participate in many projects and programs that affect local governments and local historic properties. Some of these are obvious: construction of highways and wastewater treatment plants, for example. Others are less so: the Corps of Engineers issues permits to dredge and fill in waterways; the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation approves opening branch banks and the installation of automatic teller machines; Federal Community Development Block Grant and Urban Development Action Grant funds are used by local governments to assist in rehabilitation and redevelopment. All these activities are subject to review under Section 106. The procedures to be followed in Section 106 review are referred to as "the Section 106 process," and are set forth in regulations issued by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

The Advisory Council is an independent Federal agency. Its role in the review of actions under Section 106 is to encourage agencies to consider, and where feasible adopt, measures that will preserve historic properties that would otherwise be damaged or destroyed. The Council's regulations, entitled "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), govern the Section 106 process. The Council does not have the authority to require agencies to halt or abandon projects that will affect historic properties; its regulations emphasize consultation among the responsible Federal agency, the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and other interested parties — including local governments — to identify and, if possible, to agree upon ways to protect the properties in question.

Section 106 applies to properties that have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, properties that have been determined to be eligible for inclusion in the Register, and properties that may be eligible but have not yet been evaluated. If a property has not yet been nominated to the Register or determined eligible for inclusion, it is the responsibility of the Federal agency involved to ascertain its eligibility, following procedures outlined in Council and National Park Service regulations.

The Section 106 Process in a Nutshell

The Council's regulations are set forth in a process consisting of five basic steps, as follows:

Identification and evaluation: The Federal agency responsible for the action identifies the historic properties (if any) that exist in the area to be affected. Identification involves assessing the adequacy of existing survey data, inventories, and other information on the area's historic properties, conducting further studies as needed, consulting with the SHPO, local governments, and other interested parties, and documenting the results of the identification effort. If properties are found that may be eligible for the National Register but have not been listed or determined eligible for listing, the agency consults with the SHPO and, if needed, the Keeper of the National Register to determine eligibility or ineligibility.

Effect determinination If properties in, or eligible for, the Register exist in the area that may be affected by the action, the agency consults with the SHPO in determining what effect the action will have on them. The agency may find that the action will have no effect on historic properties, no adverse effect on such properties, or adverse effects on them. Local governments and interested members of the public are to be informed of these findings.

The regulations provide specific criteria for determining whether an action will have an effect, and whether the effect will be adverse. Generally, if the action may alter the characteristics that make a property eligible for the National Register, it is held to have an effect, and if the alterations may be detrimental to those characteristics, including relevant qualities of the property's environment or use, they are held to be adverse.

Consultation: If the action will have an adverse effect, the agency consults with the SHPO, other interested persons, and sometimes the Advisory Council, to seek agreement on ways to avoid or reduce the effects. Local governments, Indian tribes, affected property owners, and others concerned should be involved in the consultation, and the public should be given the opportunity to express their views. Local governments must be invited to participate in consultation regarding effects on historic properties within their jurisdictions, if they so request.

If agreement is reached, a <u>Memorandum of Agreement</u> (MOA) is drawn up and signed. If agreement cannot be reached, the formal comments of the Council are requested.

Agreement and Council comment: Acceptance of a MOA by the Council and implementation of its terms by, or at the direction of, the Federal agency satisfies the requirement of Section 106 that the Council be "given a reasonable opportunity to comment;" it also demonstrates that the agency has "taken into account" the effects of the action. If no agreement is reached, the comments of the Council are sent formally to the head of the agency.

<u>Proceed:</u> Having obtained the Council's comments, the agency either carries out the terms of the MOA or considers the formal comments in making its final decisions about whether and how to proceed with the action.

Participation by Certified Local Governments and
Other Local Governments

The Council's regulations say that:

Local governments are encouraged to take an active role in the Section 106 process when undertakings affect historic properties within their jurisdiction. When a local government has legal responsibility for Section 106 compliance under programs such as the Community Development Block Grant Program, participation as a consulting party is required. When no such legal responsibility exists, the extent of local government participation is at the discretion of local government officials. If the State Historic Preservation Officer, the appropriate local government, and the Council agree, a local government whose historic preservation program has been certified pursuant to Section 101 (c) (1) of the Act may assume any of the duties that are given to the State Historic Preservation Officer by these regulations or that originate from agreements concluded under these regulations. (36 CFR Sec. 800.1 (c)(2)(i))

The regulations provide many opportunities for local governments to become aware of and participate in the Section 106 process. Becoming knowlegeable about the process and how to participate in it can help local commissions ensure that their concerns, and their historic properties, are fully considered in Federal agency planning.

The Advisory Council offers regular training courses dealing with the Section 106 process; course schedules, publications, and other information on the process and related topics can be obtained from:

Publications Office
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Information on actions currently undergoing review by the Council can be obtained from:

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For further information on Section 106 review see:

36 CFR Part 800
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