



Historic Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting

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~ Agenda ~

Jane Shook
828-268-6960

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

6:00 PM

WebEx

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**TOWN OF BOONE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

Historic Preservation Commission Members in Attendance: Chair Eric Plaag, Vice-Chair Bettie Bond, and Chuck Watkins

Council Liaisons: Rennie Brantz and Virginia Roseman

Town Staff in Attendance: Jane Shook-Director of Planning & Inspections, Jessica Mitchell-Long Range Special Projects Planner, Christy Turner-Senior Planner, and Marlene Crosby-Board Secretary

Others in Attendance: Chris Miller-GIS Specialist, Mark Freed-Director of Cultural Resources and Laney Pilkington-Administrative Support Specialist/Communications

Call to Order

Chair Eric Plaag called the meeting of the Boone Historic Preservation Commission, held via WebEx, a video conferencing software, to order on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 6:03 p.m.

Chair Plaag welcomed Ms. Jessica Mitchell, Long Range/Special Projects Planner, to the HPC. Ms. Mitchell explained that she is a recent graduate of Appalachian State University. She said her bachelor's degree includes a major in Geography and a minor in Community and Regional Planning. Ms. Jane Shook, Director of Planning and Inspections, said that Ms. Mitchell would be taking over as the lead staff person for the HPC. Ms. Shook noted that Ms. Christy Turner would handle the Certificate of Appropriateness applications and their processing.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Watkins made a motion, seconded by Member Bond, to adopt the agenda as written.

Vote: Aye – All

Nay – None

The motion passed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Watkins made a motion, seconded by Chair Plaag, to approve the October 5, 2021 meeting minutes as written.

Vote: Aye – (Plaag and Watkins)

Nay – None

Abstained- (Bond)

The motion passed.

Public Comment

No individuals requested the opportunity to speak during public comment.

Historic Preservation Commission Quasi-Judicial Rules of Procedure

Chair Plaag explained that the HPC would begin to see Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications submitted for review because of the recently approved Town of Boone Historic District. He further explained that this requires that the HPC function as a quasi-judicial board. Ms. Shook said the HPC has a set of rules of procedure that they have already adopted, but she has asked Ms. Mitchell to review them for possible changes specific to the work of the HPC. Ms. Mitchell said that she has been comparing the HPC rules of procedure to the current

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Board of Adjustment rules of procedure. Ms. Mitchell said that she has made some edits to the HPC rules of procedure, and sent that draft document to Ms. Allison Meade, Town Attorney, to review.

Chair Plaag talked about a recent discussion on the North Carolina Historic Preservation listserv regarding scripts. He said that the listserv had posted about five or six examples from various communities in the state that have Historic Districts. He said these scripts are designed explicitly for HPC's that are reviewing COA cases. He said that he forwarded the said scripts to the Planning Staff and to Ms. Meade to review. He noted that Ms. Meade would create a script for the HPC to follow when hearing a case. He said that Ms. Meade might have the script and HPC rules of procedure prepared by the December 2021 HPC meeting to discuss and possibly adopt. Ms. Mitchell said that she would follow up with Ms. Meade on the HPC rules of procedure. Chair Plaag asked that the draft rules of procedure be emailed to the HPC members before the packet is posted because the HPC needs more time to review them.

CLG Status

Chair Plaag referred to a memo on page nine of the meeting packet. Ms. Mitchell said that she and Ms. Christy Turner, Senior Planner, talked with Ms. Kristi Brantley from the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) about the Certified Local Government (CLG) process. She said that from that meeting, she learned that the HPC needs to work towards the following seven required documents:

1. Evidence that a comprehensive inventory of the area's cultural resources has been or will be conducted.
2. Information regarding the area's locally designated historic districts and/or historical landmarks.
3. The ordinance creating the local commission.
4. The commission's rules of procedure.
5. The design guidelines used by the commission.
6. Resumes of the members of the commission.
7. A description of the commission's past and current activities.

Ms. Mitchell pointed out that she has completed initial research on the process. She said she found a completed inventory, which is the comprehensive architectural survey of Downtown Boone completed in the spring of 2021. Additional documents found are reports on the local historic landmarks for the Blue Ridge Motor Court, Linney House, Linney Law Office, and the Downtown Boone Post Office. She said there is an ordinance creating the HPC, and there are design guidelines which are the Downtown Boone historic district standards.

Ms. Mitchell referred to page ten of the meeting packet. She said the following documents need to be finalized and are in the process of being finalized: locally designated Historic District and Historic Landmarks (for landmarks only), rules of procedure (updating rules of procedure among staff and the town attorney), design guidelines (using historic district guidelines from updated ordinance), resume of members (existing form to be completed by members), and description of past and current activities. The description is an existing list of HPC activities and objectives, where descriptions need to be completed. Ms. Mitchell mentioned that SHPO recommends adding descriptions of one or two sentences for most items.

Ms. Mitchell said that SHPO has a specific resume form that will need to be completed by the HPC members. She said the purpose of the resume is to make sure that the HPC members have the experience and education specifically related to historic preservation including archaeology, architectural history, or architecture.

Ms. Mitchell reviewed the additional requirements. She said that SHPO requires that the Commission show or act, review, and issue Certificates of Appropriateness (COA) for approximately a year to two years before application. She said that an additional requirement is for COA applications to be heard through the quasi-judicial

process. She said the draft application would be sent in between May and June of 2022. She said once SHPO receives a draft application after the COA work and the completed documents are submitted, SHPO will review the documents. After review then a re-submittal can be processed for the final CLG approval. She said that SHPO suggested that she finalize all of the documents as soon as possible and send them to SHPO by the spring of 2022.

Chair Plaag noted that he would like for the HPC to see a draft of the past and current activities as soon as possible. He asked Member Bond and Council Liaison Brantz to add past activities to this list. Ms. Turner noted that the HPC has been active since about 2007. Ms. Mitchell said that SHPO recommended that the past and current activities have a description. She said she would be working on the said descriptions.

Chair Plaag asked if Council formally approved the Downtown Boone Historic District Designation Report as a final document. He noted that this document was submitted to Council technically labeled as a draft. He said if the Council has not approved it, it could be approved at the December 2021 Council meeting before turning over the Council members. He said once it is approved, it could be included with the Downtown Boone Historic District. He noted that under number five of the required documents, it should be made clear that the HPC is currently using the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as the default set of guidelines for any landmark.

Chair Plaag explained that there had been a change in staff at the western and eastern regions of North Carolina SHPO offices for local landmark designations and the National Registry. He said if these processes are reviewed at the Raleigh, North Carolina offices, the review periods will be longer. He said that he had already submitted his report for the Blue Ridge Tourist Court. He said it would be late 2023 before it would be reviewed.

Cemetery Mapping Project – Website & Press Release

Ms. Shook explained that the staff had created the press release, but they could not release it until some mapping changes occurred on the Town website. She said the staff is working with Mr. Chris Miller, Town of Boone GIS Specialist, on the mapping changes and adding an interactive link to the online zoning map. She said the goal at this time is to try to release the press release early next week.

Discussion ensued on historical structures in Watauga County. Chair Plaag said that maybe in the future, the HPC might want to discuss if the Watauga County Historical Society would like to take more of an advocacy role with regard to properties in Watauga County.

Town Streets

Chair Plaag asked Member Watkins for an update on his work on town streets. Member Watkins said that he had not been able to work on it. Chair Plaag told Member Watkins that he could perform the task that was assigned to Member Watkins. Chair Plaag pointed out that the December 2021 HPC meeting is the end of the year for the HPC. He said he would like to see all of the town street drafts completed by this time, and the HPC can review them at their December meeting. Ms. Shook said that Ms. Mitchell can help with the research on the town streets project, and if so Ms. Shook needs to know to fit it into Ms. Mitchell's schedule.

Hayes, Bryan, Greene Cemetery & Cemetery Designation/Interpretation Guidelines

Chair Plaag suggested merging these two agenda items for discussion. There were no objections from the HPC members on merging them.

He noted that the criterion information was not included in the meeting packet. Ms. Shook said that the HPC could take action on this topic because the information was emailed out to the HPC and staff before this meeting.

Chair Plaag talked about the proposed guidelines for cemetery designation. He said he took the outline that Member Bond and Council Liaison Brantz had created, including the essential qualifications that are significant to various cemeteries. He said he merged their information with the guidance from the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service regarding the significance and integrity of local historic landmarks.

Discussion ensued on the four criteria under which properties are usually eligible. Chair Plaag explained that Criterion A through Criterion D are the usual criteria that properties are eligible. He described the criteria consideration issue that applies to both birthplaces and graves and then cemeteries separately. He went through each criterion and explained how those particular properties are judged for either National Register listing or local landmark designation. He said the proposed language is taken mainly from guiding bulletins from the National Park Service. He noted that Ms. Meade had reviewed the said information. She had made some suggestions and revisions to the proposed guidelines; suggestions included modifying the title to Proposed Guidelines for Cemetery Local Landmark Designation and/or for Acquisition by the Town of Boone. He suggested adding a sentence that says that cemeteries must meet these criteria determined by the HPC to be recommended for acquisition.

Discussion ensued on abandoned cemeteries. Ms. Shook questioned if the concern only referenced abandoned cemeteries in terms of town acquisition. Chair Plaag noted that the Boone Cemetery was not abandoned when the Town acquired it. He suggested modifying the language to include a statement “for action by the Town of Boone pursuant to its authority with respect to the acquisition of abandoned cemeteries or acquisition from an existing property owner of any other cemetery.” Member Watkins said he felt that Ms. Meade should probably review any proposed changes that the HPC makes. Chair Plaag suggested that the HPC vote on it at this meeting under the condition that Ms. Meade will review it. Ms. Shook said that the HPC could include that Ms. Meade reviews their proposed changes in their recommendation.

Discussion ensued on the Hayes, Bryan, Greene Cemetery historical marker. Chair Plaag read an email dated October 22, 2021 that he had received from Ms. Meade regarding said marker. In the email, Ms. Meade noted that she thought the HPC should proceed with the historical marker, assuming that a marker can be placed in the cemetery parcel or in the Town right of way. She also stated that she felt the HPC could proceed assuming that the Town has the authority to take over the cemetery under G.S. 168-344, should the Town want to exercise that authority. Chair Plaag said he emailed Ms. Meade and Ms. Shook asking that this topic be placed on the Council agenda for November 2021 for their consideration. He noted that Ms. Mitchell is securing photographs of the cemetery and its headstones. He said he would begin writing the marker text. He said the two open questions are about the marker's location and if the Council wants an interpretative panel located in the cemetery. He said the marker would probably be placed on or near King Street, possibly near Straight Street. He noted to Ms. Shook that there would likely be some problematic history issues with a few of the significant figures buried in this cemetery. He said that he would include them in his marker report.

Chair Plaag said that he would like to report to Council at their November 2021 meeting on what is happening with the cemetery. There was a consensus for Chair Plaag to speak at the November Council meeting. He said he would like to recommend this set of proposed guidelines so that the HPC has something to operate from in terms of recommending either designation or acquiring the cemetery. He asked if the HPC wanted to see the marker in the cemetery's neighborhood or near King Street where people can see it. He also asked if the HPC wanted to interpret that cemetery using the Civil War Trail style in a tabletop style of the marker in the cemetery. Member Watkins suggested that the HPC submit the proposed guidelines to Council now and defer any questions of marking other cemeteries to the future. Chair Plaag said that he thought the most pressing topics were the proposed guidelines and whether a historical marker is appropriate. He noted that these two immediate things

are on the HPC's task list to be completed. He added that having a marker completed could be included in the Boone 150 Celebration.

Chair Plaag further discussed, questioning if the Town wants to interpret cemeteries located in the Town and do they want to devote town resources to it. He questioned if the Town would want to design them or recommend acquisition to the Town. He asked the HPC if there are further amendments to what is proposed to include interpretation among the options on that list. He questioned if the HPC would want to use the proposed guidelines to determine if they want to expend town resources on interpreting a cemetery.

Motion and Vote:

Member Bond made a motion, seconded by Member Watkins, to recommend the adoption of the Proposed Guidelines for Cemetery, Local Landmark Designation and for Acquisition by the Town of Boone, subject to further revision by Ms. Allison Meade, Town Attorney, and to make the recommendation conforming to local and state law.

Vote: Aye – All
Nay – None

The motion passed.

Chair Plaag said he would revise the proposed changes to the guidelines and email them to Ms. Shook. Ms. Shook said that she confirmed that this recommendation could be placed on the Council's December 8, 2021 meeting agenda for their consideration.

Mr. Tim Futrell joined the meeting at approximately 7:37 p.m.

Discussion ensued on a recommendation that the Town commit funds to interpret the cemetery in the form of a historical marker. Chair Plaag recommended in light of the proposed guidelines, if the HPC would want to make a recommendation, presuming that this graveyard rises to the standards that the HPC has already discussed. He said the reason for this recommendation is because of at least two of the individuals, and there are several other important individuals in the cemetery as well. Member Bond suggested just staying with the recommendations in the proposed motion and voting at this time.

Member Bond left the meeting at approximately 7:44 p.m.

Downtown Projects

Ms. Shook said that Council did approve the B1 Expansion and the Historic District projects in October 2021. She noted that she found a couple of errors in the ordinance and other documents, including the zoning map. She said she would report it to Council at their November 2021 meeting. Depending on Council direction, she said the staff will work on those revisions and present them to Council at their January 2022 meeting. She said that the staff could work on including in the ordinance the historic district standards and historic landmark language.

Ms. Shook pointed out the deadline for COA applications to be submitted. She confirmed with Ms. Turner that no COA applications have been received.

Ms. Shook pointed out that she had previously spoken to Chair Plaag about potential signs for the Historic District. Ms. Shook said that Ms. Mitchell had done some research on said signs. Ms. Mitchell said she has talked to the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Ms. Lane Moody, Downtown Boone Coordinator, regarding the Wayfinding signs. She said she hopes to have more information to report to the HPC by their December 2021

meeting. Member Watkins suggested that Ms. Mitchell research the signage in the New England towns rather than just going by what the State of North Carolina offers for signs.

Chair Plaag said the Tourist Development Authority is funding some of the wayfinding signage for Downtown Boone. He said there would be one sign that would specifically mention Historic Boone that would be located near Brookshire Road at the New River Bridge. He said there would be another sign located near the intersection of Hwy 421 and Hwy 194. He said these signs would direct people to continue straight towards Historic Boone. He said another sign would be at the intersection of Hwy 321 and Hwy 421, where the Lutheran Church would be ahead if traveling in that direction; he said it would point left towards Historic Boone. He said it would be good to see a sign be near Hwy 105 Bypass and Hwy 421 to the west of Boone. Ms. Shook confirmed that the signs have been finalized and been sent in for approval. Ms. Shook explained that if the Town works with other organizations besides the TDA, there might be other areas outside of the NCDOT's right of way to install signage.

Council Store Historical Marker

Council Liaison Roseman explained that she has been working on this historical marker. She said she found different accounts of where the store was located. Chair Plaag said he would look at the information that she had sent him on the store. He said he would be working on the historical marker draft and hoped to have it completed by the December 2021 HPC meeting. He said he planned for the unveiling of the historical markers happening maybe once a month in May, June, July, and August, combined with other events in the Town. He did show some concern for the current supply chain issue and wondered if the studios that create the Town's markers are being affected by it. Council Liaison Roseman suggested unveiling a historical marker during the July 4, 2022 event.

Watauga County Jail

Chair Plaag said that he had been working on the report for the Watauga County Jail, and he should be able to report on it by the December 2021 HPC meeting.

Other Discussion

Member Watkins suggested that Chair Plaag ask Ms. Mary Moretz about applying for an open position on the HPC. Ms. Shook pointed out that the Town had recently received an application for an HPC student member. Ms. Turner noted that the applicant's name is Ms. Izabela Willis. Her student application will be considered at the November 2021 Council meeting.

Adjournment

Member Watkins made a motion, seconded by Chair Plaag, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Vote: Aye - All
Nay – None
The motion passed.

Eric Plaag, Chair

Marlene Crosby, Board Secretary



*Application Information for Filing for a Certificate of Appropriateness
for Local Historic Districts & Landmarks*

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKAGE

The Town of Boone strives to review applications as efficiently as possible. The policies outlined below enable Planning Staff and the Historic Preservation Commission to give each application the attention it deserves. Complete applications will be scheduled to appear before the Historic Preservation Commission; incomplete applications, however, will be returned to the applicant pursuant to Article 4 of the Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness is required before any “major work” may be carried out with respect to improvement of a property located in Boone’s local downtown historic district. Major work may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. New construction or additions to buildings
- B. Reconstruction of buildings once located on the site but demolished or moved at some previous time
- C. Restoration or rehabilitation of an historic property to its historic appearance
- D. Pointing of masonry as well as alteration, repair, or replacement of masonry, siding, roofing materials, architectural trim elements, foundations, windows, doors, and other significant architectural details
- E. Demolition of any part of a building or structure
- F. Work that is likely to disrupt or damage known or discovered archaeological resources on the site
- G. Moving of buildings
- H. Replacement of architectural details when there will be a change in design or materials from the original or existing details
- I. Changes to rooflines
- J. Establishment of exterior fire exits
- K. Exterior modification of existing buildings for ADA compliance
- L. Painting or stuccoing of buildings not previously painted or stuccoed
- M. Installation of mechanical systems, air conditioning units, vents, and related equipment in primary elevations that involves alteration to the building facade
- N. Location of satellite dishes, solar panels, and other roof attachments to the primary elevation roof and/or facade of a building if they are not effectively screened or are visible from a public street

Historic Preservation Commission Information

- Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Meetings are to be held at Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road.

See the published Town of Boone Planning & Inspections Meeting Schedule for more details.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Major Work

Town of Boone Planning & Inspections Department

680 W. King Street, Suite C ♦ Boone, North Carolina 28607

Phone (828) 268-6960 ♦ Fax (828) 268-6961 ♦ Email: planning@townofboone.net ♦ www.townofboone.net



A. Required to be Submitted at Time of Application

Note: A pre-application meeting is required prior to application submittal.

Failure to provide the required information will delay the review and scheduling of the requested hearing.

- ☐ Digital copies of all paper submittal documents (may be emailed to planning@townofboone.net)
- ☐ Four paper copies of complete site plans meeting the requirements of Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), including UDO Appendix A (max. size 30" x 42")
- ☐ Information in compliance with the Supplemental Checklist on Page 3
- ☐ Property Owner Authorization. If you are not the property owner, you will need to provide documentation of property owner authorization to apply for this permit. You may have the property owner sign this application (Section [L](#)), or the property owner can provide a written and signed authorization that clearly states they are authorizing the applicant to submit this application. Permit Fee (See Planning & Inspections Fee Schedule). Each application is allowed two (2) reviews. The 1st review of the submitted information and a 2nd review if revisions or supplemental information is required based upon the 1st review. Each subsequent review after the 2nd review will be charged at 50% of the original fees charged for the application. These fees shall be paid at the time of resubmittal.

B. Requested Hearing – See latest published Meeting Schedule for dates

Date of requested hearing: _____

C. Property Information

Street Address:

182 Howard Street

Watauga County Parcel Identification Number:

2900798015000

Existing Zoning District(s): B1

Total Land Area: .117 acres

Are there any existing variances or other site-specific approvals granted to the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ Unknown

If yes, describe: _____

D. Applicant Information

Name:

Watauga County Arts Council

Complete Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip):

377 Shadowline Drive, Boone NC 28607

Phone Number:

828-964-1789

Email Address:

director@watauga-arts.org

Preferred Method of Contact for Written/Response Documents (select one): ☐ Mail or ☒ Email

E. Property Owner Information

Name:

Andrew Greene

Complete Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip):

Phone Number:

828-773-9333

Email Address:

agreene@protonmail.com

F. Landmark/District Information

District/Landmark Name: Downtown Boone Historic District

Period of Significance: 1946

G. Project Details

Project Cost: \$ 374.00

Project Type:

☐ New Construction

☒ Renovation

☐ Landscaping

☐ Moving Structure

☐ Demolition

H. Design Professional Information

Designer is an: ☐ Architect ☐ Engineer ☐ Owner ☐ Other: _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Complete Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Designer Information: If additional designers are involved beyond the one listed, please provide additional info on a separate sheet

I. Applicant Signature and Property Owner Authorization

I hereby certify that I am authorized to submit this application, that all information is correct and complete, and all work will comply with all applicable State and local laws, ordinances, and regulations.

I acknowledge and agree that the Historic Preservation Commission members, Town employees, and Town agents may enter, solely in performance of their official duties and only at mutually agreeable times, upon the applicant's property for examination or survey thereof pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.8.

I understand and agree that an approved Certificate of Appropriateness is valid only for the particular application, plans, specifications, and related project details presented to, and approved by, the Historic Preservation Commission. Any proposed modification or addition must be submitted to the Planning and Inspections Department for review.

By signing below, the applicant agrees to notify the Planning and Inspections Department of any changes or alterations in the data contained in this application, the approved plans, or the approved specifications related to the project that is the subject of this application.

Hearings on Certificate of Appropriateness applications before the Commission are quasi-judicial proceedings. Therefore, Historic Preservation Commission members cannot discuss a pending application with the applicant or other party. By signing below, the applicant agrees to refrain from speaking with or contacting any member of the Historic Preservation Commission about an application outside of the formal evidentiary hearing on the application.

Amber Bateman

11/16/2021

Applicant (Print)

Applicant (Signature)

Date

Andrew Greene

11/16/2021

Property Owner (Print)

Property Owner (Signature)

Date

Official Use Only

Permit Name: _____

Permit Number:				
Date:	Fee:	Receipt Number:	Method of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check Number: _____	Paid By:

Public Hearing Meeting Date: _____

Date of APO Mailed Notification: _____

Date of Posted Notification: _____

Request Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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COA for Major Work Supplemental Checklist

Note: The following is a checklist for the presentation materials needed for your application. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide adequate photographs, architectural plans, and other material to enable the HPC to understand the proposal and its impact on the historic district/landmark. The consideration of the application may be delayed if preservation materials are not sufficient to evaluate the proposal.

- ☒ Written Description of the proposed work: Describe in detail the scope and nature of the proposed project, including exact material types, colors, and dimensions for materials to be used (e.g., width of siding, color of window trim, type of roofing materials, etc.).
- ☒ Design Standards References: Cite the applicable sections of the design standards related to and/or reflected in the proposed request.
- ☒ Photographs of Existing Conditions: Provide current photographs showing the present conditions of the area where the work will be completed and/or the portions of any existing building that will be affected by the proposed work. Photographs must be clearly labeled and keyed to a site plan.
- ☒ Site Plan: For development which includes modifications to the site in addition to the building, the applicant shall provide scaled drawings prepared in accordance with UDO Appendix A, which depict at least the relationship of all buildings, secondary structures, driveways, sidewalks, fences, drains, lighting, and trees to the property line. Clearly identify the location of any and all proposed changes. Caliper of trees should be indicated as measured from four and a half feet (4.5') above the earth's surface.
- ☒ Historical Documentation: If available, provide copies of historic photographs of the property in question, along with a list of any known previous alterations to the property (and the approximate date of those alterations). If the property is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places or is a designated Local Historic Landmark, include a copy of the nomination text for the property.



November 16, 2021

Downtown Boone Historic Preservation Commission Mural Proposal

Mural Title:

"Greetings From the High Country"

Artist:

Tommy Lee (a.k.a. Sir Tom Foolery)

District:

Purpose:

The purpose of the mural is to showcase features of the High Country that make this community a unique and desirable destination. This mural is a gift from Appalachian Mountain Brewery to the Town of Boone and its residents. Appalachian Mountain Brewery (AMB) started in Boone. The head brewers came from the App State Fermentation Sciences Department. The Brewery wants to sponsor this mural to send a message of thanks and love to the community from which they were "born". Murals offer visitors an opportunity to take photographs and share the memorable experiences they had in our Town.

Content:

Large postcard with a mountain landscape which includes natural elements for which we are known. Postcards are typical items people purchase when they travel to share with loved ones or keep for memory. The postcard signals that the High Country is a destination for travelers while visually representing a message AMB seeks to send to the community. The illustration consists of an apple tree, sunset, mountains, streams, wildlife, and hops to represent our strength in the craft-brewing industry. The mural, a large painting, offers a visual reminder of our region's rich history of arts and culture. A prominent cardinal (NC state bird) sitting on a branch overlooking the landscape serves as a reminder that the High Country is a significant contributor to what makes the State of NC an incredible place to live and visit.



Mural Specs and Materials:

Option 1: Our preference would be to paint the mural directly to the painted wall, giving it a more authentic appeal. The proposed mural size is 8ft tall x 15ft wide. Paint materials would be acrylic paint.

Option 2: Acrylic paint on 3-4 weather-treated wooden panels about 8ftx15ft total. The panels will be assembled and mounted on the building. No more than 35 screws will be used for mounting the mural panels to the wall.

Colors: We would like to use oranges, yellows, magenta, green, blue, and red as the color scheme. We are willing to adjust our color pallet to match the desires of the Town Planning and Inspections and HPC but have not been given those color options.

Note:

No parts of the building, lights, piping, driveway or building foundation will be affected by this art.





WT0875 Brendell's Garage Building #2 (1946) 182 Howard Street

This irregular, pentagonal (its southwest corner is clipped), concrete block building was completed in 1946 as J. R. Brendell's new garage building. Brendell had long operated such a business on South Depot Street (WT0604) before moving here. Initial descriptions of the building were that it would be two stories in height, but closer examination of these early details reveals that it was intended as a one-story building with basement, as it remains today. The first floor was planned as a Hudson automobile dealership, while the garage was located at the basement level. Brendell supervised construction of the building, which was completed in June 1946 (Watauga Democrat, March 14, 1946, and June 27, 1946). Brendell didn't stay long; in December 1951, he announced the opening of his new garage business in the former Estes Machine Shop on West Main Street (Watauga Democrat, December 6, 1951). In an interview conducted in November 2018, Patricia Maddux indicated that her father, Buck Maddux, moved his Buck Maddux Motor Company here for several years during the 1950s, and newspaper advertisements seem to bear this out (see, for example, Watauga Democrat, November 27, 1952). Other newspaper advertisements suggest that this building, bearing an address of 208 Howard Street at the time, was also used as Roger Colvard's Garage and Radiator Shop in 1948 (Watauga Democrat, November 25, 1948) and the Boone (later Dale) Kaiser-Frazer auto dealership in 1950-52 (Watauga Democrat, November 23, 1950) before Buck Maddux moved here. Unfortunately, no historic images of this building, other than aerials from a great distance, have been found, so the historic appearance of the building is not well understood. Evan Redmond, whose grandfather owned the building for many years, has indicated that it was also used for a time as a garage for the Watauga Rescue Squad. The building was also briefly home to The Uptown, a meeting and performance space, from 2015 to 2017, as well as ASU's HOW Space (2018-19), and is currently (Dec. 2019) used by ASU's Walker College of Business as a community enterprise space.

Today, the building retains the same footprint that it had when built in 1946. At the time of the survey fieldwork, the pared north elevation fronting on the south side of Howard Street was characterized, from left to right (east to west) by a large garage bay, replacement, metal, roll-up door; a single, wooden door with a larger, upper light and a paneled-over transom; and a large window opening with remnant concrete sill that had been mostly blocked in with concrete block, although two small piercings with three horizontal-light, metal windows were equally spaced within this former opening. The parapet roof was raised over the middle third of the elevation and was capped with metal Coving.

In June 2017, Appalachian State University completed extensive renovations to the north elevation. This included replacing the roll-up garage door with a narrower, 10-light, garage door set to the west of the piercing and a single, aluminum-frame door with transom set in the east part of the piercing, all of which was framed in metal. In addition, ASU opened up the original piercing at the west side of the elevation, inserting a large bay

of three, one-over-one, plate glass windows in metal frames. The main entry door was also replaced with a single, metal-frame doorway with transom.

At the time of the survey fieldwork, the parged east elevation had four evenly spaced vents at basement level but was otherwise featureless. The south elevation was actually divided into two faces—one directed to the south, the other (at the west side of the building) directed to the southwest, and both of them parged. The south face included an exterior boiler chimney at the southeast corner, with one triple bay of six-over-six, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement windows with faux muntins on the first floor, all arranged in the original wood frame. A large, undefined opening with a wooden frame was visible at the basement level but obscured by brush. The southwest face fronting on Boone/Kraut Creek featured its own large, undefined opening with a wooden frame at the basement level. Two slightly separated, triple bays of six-over-six, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement windows with faux muntins were visible on the second floor. The corner formed by the south and southwest faces created an interlocking, concrete block effect. Rafter tails of the flat roof were exposed on the south and southwest faces.

Moving from north to south, the parged west elevation featured a large, wooden deck with accessibility ramp leading to Howard Street, with a vinyl replacement, sliding sash window and a vinyl replacement door near the northwest corner, all surrounded by a stocky, wooden frame. Below this, at the basement level, was an eight-light, fixed window under the deck. The center portion of the west elevation featured a double set of one-over-one windows that may have possessed Plexiglas lights. A concrete sill was visible below these. Beneath this window opening at the basement level was a large, six-light, fixed window in a wooden frame, with a vinyl replacement door immediately adjacent to the south. A rough, shed-style awning with a standing seam, metal roof covered this entrance. The scar from a removed, exterior boiler chimney separated this middle bay from the south bay of the west elevation. This last section of the west elevation featured on the first floor a triple window bay of six-over-six, double-hung sash, vinyl replacement windows in the original wooden frames, while the basement level offered an old garage bay that had been mostly boarded over but contained a single, wooden door with its bottom section missing. A set of wooden steps led from the west elevation to an adjacent parking lot to the west.

Historic Images of 182 Howard Street

Image Reference:

<https://digitalwatauga.org/items/show/7080>

<https://digitalwatauga.org/items/show/5841>





*Application Information for Filing for a Certificate of Appropriateness
for Local Historic Districts & Landmarks*

PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKAGE

The Town of Boone strives to review applications as efficiently as possible. The policies outlined below enable Planning Staff and the Historic Preservation Commission to give each application the attention it deserves. Complete applications will be scheduled to appear before the Historic Preservation Commission; incomplete applications, however, will be returned to the applicant pursuant to Article 4 of the Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness is required before any "major work" may be carried out with respect to improvement of a property located in Boone's local downtown historic district. Major work may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. New construction or additions to buildings
- B. Reconstruction of buildings once located on the site but demolished or moved at some previous time
- C. Restoration or rehabilitation of an historic property to its historic appearance
- D. Pointing of masonry as well as alteration, repair, or replacement of masonry, siding, roofing materials, architectural trim elements, foundations, windows, doors, and other significant architectural details
- E. Demolition of any part of a building or structure
- F. Work that is likely to disrupt or damage known or discovered archaeological resources on the site
- G. Moving of buildings
- H. Replacement of architectural details when there will be a change in design or materials from the original or existing details
- I. Changes to rooflines
- J. Establishment of exterior fire exits
- K. Exterior modification of existing buildings for ADA compliance
- L. Painting or stuccoing of buildings not previously painted or stuccoed
- M. Installation of mechanical systems, air conditioning units, vents, and related equipment in primary elevations that involves alteration to the building facade
- N. Location of satellite dishes, solar panels, and other roof attachments to the primary elevation roof and/or facade of a building if they are not effectively screened or are visible from a public street

Historic Preservation Commission Information

- Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Meetings are to be held at Council Chambers located at 1500 Blowing Rock Road.

See the published Town of Boone Planning & Inspections Meeting Schedule for more details.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Major Work

Town of Boone Planning & Inspections Department
680 W. King Street, Suite C ♦ Boone, North Carolina 28607

Phone (828) 268-6960 ♦ Fax (828) 268-6961 ♦ Email: planning@townofboone.net ♦ www.townofboone.net



A. Required to be Submitted at Time of Application

Note: A pre-application meeting is required prior to application submittal.

Failure to provide the required information will delay the review and scheduling of the requested hearing.

- ☐ Digital copies of all paper submittal documents (may be emailed to planning@townofboone.net)
- ☐ Four paper copies of complete site plans meeting the requirements of Town of Boone Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), including UDO Appendix A (max. size 30" x 42")
- ☐ Information in compliance with the Supplemental Checklist on Page 3
- ☐ Property Owner Authorization. If you are not the property owner, you will need to provide documentation of property owner authorization to apply for this permit. You may have the property owner sign this application (Section L), or the property owner can provide a written and signed authorization that clearly states they are authorizing the applicant to submit this application. Permit Fee (See Planning & Inspections Fee Schedule). Each application is allowed two (2) reviews. The 1st review of the submitted information and a 2nd review if revisions or supplemental information is required based upon the 1st review. Each subsequent review after the 2nd review will be charged at 50% of the original fees charged for the application. These fees shall be paid at the time of resubmittal.

B. Requested Hearing – See latest published Meeting Schedule for dates

Date of requested hearing: December 7, 2021

C. Property Information

Street Address:
191 Howard Street

Watauga County Parcel Identification Number:
2900-79-9133-000

Existing Zoning District(s): B-1 Core / Historic District

Total Land Area: .15 acres

Are there any existing variances or other site-specific approvals granted to the property? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, describe:

D. Applicant Information

Name:
Collette Woodruff PC - Jenny Collette

Complete Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip):
191 Howard Street Boone, NC 28607

Phone Number:
(828) 865-2929

jenny@collettewoodruff.com
Email Address:

Preferred Method of Contact for Written/Response Documents (select one): ☐ Mail or ☒ Email

E. Property Owner Information

Name:
Ethel B. Simpson

Complete Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip):
PO Box 529 Boone, NC 28607

Phone Number:

Email Address:
ethelbsimpson@gmail.com

F. Landmark/District Information

District/Landmark Name: N/A

Period of Significance: 1944

G. Project Details

Project Cost: \$ 2000 \$

Project Type:

☐ New Construction	☐ Renovation	☐ Landscaping
☐ Moving Structure	☐ Demolition	☒ SIGN

H. Design Professional Information

Designer is an: ☐ Architect ☐ Engineer ☐ Owner ☐ Other: Sign Maker

Name: Laura Shoemaker **Company:** Appalachian Sign Co., LLC

Complete Mailing Address (Street, City, Zip):
898 West King Street Boone, NC 28607

Phone Number: office: 828-265-1141 **Email Address:** laura@appalachiansigns.com

Additional Designer Information: If additional designers are involved beyond the one listed, please provide additional info on a separate sheet

I. Applicant Signature and Property Owner Authorization

I hereby certify that I am authorized to submit this application, that all information is correct and complete, and all work will comply with all applicable State and local laws, ordinances, and regulations.

I acknowledge and agree that the Historic Preservation Commission members, Town employees, and Town agents may enter, solely in performance of their official duties and only at mutually agreeable times, upon the applicant's property for examination or survey thereof pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 160A-400.8.

I understand and agree that an approved Certificate of Appropriateness is valid only for the particular application, plans, specifications, and related project details presented to, and approved by, the Historic Preservation Commission. Any proposed modification or addition must be submitted to the Planning and Inspections Department for review.

By signing below, the applicant agrees to notify the Planning and Inspections Department of any changes or alterations in the data contained in this application, the approved plans, or the approved specifications related to the project that is the subject of this application.

Hearings on Certificate of Appropriateness applications before the Commission are quasi-judicial proceedings. Therefore, Historic Preservation Commission members cannot discuss a pending application with the applicant or other party. By signing below, the applicant agrees to refrain from speaking with or contacting any member of the Historic Preservation Commission about an application outside of the formal evidentiary hearing on the application.

<u>Laura Shoemaker</u> Applicant (Print)	<u></u> Applicant (Signature)	<u>11/30/21</u> Date
<u>ETHEL SIMPSON</u> Property Owner (Print)	<u></u> Property Owner (Signature)	<u>11-30-21</u> Date

Official Use Only

Permit Name:

Permit Number:				
Date:	Fee:	Receipt Number:	Method of Payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check Number: _____	Paid By:

Public Hearing Meeting Date: _____

Date of APO Mailed Notification: _____

Date of Posted Notification: _____

Request Approved: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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COA for Major Work Supplemental Checklist

Note: The following is a checklist for the presentation materials needed for your application. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide adequate photographs, architectural plans, and other material to enable the HPC to understand the proposal and its impact on the historic district/landmark. The consideration of the application may be delayed if preservation materials are not sufficient to evaluate the proposal.

- ☐ Written Description of the proposed work: Describe in detail the scope and nature of the proposed project, including exact material types, colors, and dimensions for materials to be used (e.g., width of siding, color of window trim, type of roofing materials, etc.).
- ☐ Design Standards References: Cite the applicable sections of the design standards related to and/or reflected in the proposed request.
- ☐ Photographs of Existing Conditions: Provide current photographs showing the present conditions of the area where the work will be completed and/or the portions of any existing building that will be affected by the proposed work. Photographs must be clearly labeled and keyed to a site plan.
- ☐ Site Plan: For development which includes modifications to the site in addition to the building, the applicant shall provide scaled drawings prepared in accordance with UDO Appendix A, which depict at least the relationship of all buildings, secondary structures, driveways, sidewalks, fences, drains, lighting, and trees to the property line. Clearly identify the location of any and all proposed changes. Caliper of trees should be indicated as measured from four and a half feet (4.5') above the earth's surface.
- ☐ Historical Documentation: If available, provide copies of historic photographs of the property in question, along with a list of any known previous alterations to the property (and the approximate date of those alterations). If the property is already listed on the National Register of Historic Places or is a designated Local Historic Landmark, include a copy of the nomination text for the property.



2'h x 4'w
projecting sign

custom carved HDU
(fire retardant)
to simulate wood sign

painted
(fire retardant)

custom welded
aluminum bracket

more than 8'
above grade but over
private property



Proposal for a Town of Boone Historical Marker

Submitted by the Boone Historic Preservation Commission
December 2021 [DRAFT]

Eric Plaag prepared this marker report with assistance from Jessica Mitchell and Christy Turner.

A. SUBJECT OF PROPOSED MARKER:

The Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery Located on Green Heights

B. SITE TO BE MARKED:

The Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery
Watauga County Parcel ID: 2901-61-3065-000
Located just east of Gladys Street and just north of Charles Street, between 245 Charles Street and 225 Gladys Street.

C. PROPOSED LOCATION OF MARKER:

Mulched area at northeast corner of Parcel 2900-69-7872-000, Watauga County Extension Property

D. DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM THE PROPOSED LOCATION TO THE SITE TO BE MARKED: *(for example, 100 yards S.E.)*

Approx. 450 yards NW of location of marker.

E. HISTORICAL SKETCH:

The Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery is located in a section of Boone known since at least the early twentieth century as "Green Heights."¹ The cemetery is Watauga County parcel ID 2901-61-3065-000, with no owner or trustees assigned to the parcel. Various volunteers have maintained the cemetery for the past several decades, functioning individually rather than as part of any particular organization. The property is bounded to the north by 225 Gladys Street, which is owned by descendants of the Hayes family; to the east by 259 Charles Street; and to the south by 245 Charles Street.

¹ "Col. W. L. Bryan Crosses the Bar," *Watauga Democrat*, 27 December 1928: 1. For an earlier reference see "Town and County," *Watauga Democrat*, 20 August 1914: 3.

The cemetery is surrounded by a stockade fence on its south and west boundaries and a split-rail fence on its north and east boundaries. Both fences are still functional but show significant signs of rot and decay, as well as a few fallen rails or missing boards. A post at the west corner of the cemetery, near its entrance, features a carved sign that reads, "Hayes-Bryan Cemetery." Otherwise, the cemetery is well shaded by trees just outside the fenced perimeter. Deed records indicate that the excepted portion of land dedicated to the cemetery is supposed to be 54 by 64 feet in size (no cardinal directions are given for which is the long side), but the present parcel boundary appears to be marked off at roughly 50 feet by 50 feet.² The cemetery is accessible via a deeded, 10-foot-wide easement from Gladys Street to the west corner of the cemetery.³

The cemetery contains three fieldstones that appear to be functioning as grave markers to unidentified individuals, plus 17 additional grave markers for 18 identified individuals. The age of the cemetery is not known but contains burials dating back to at least the mid-nineteenth century.⁴ The earliest graves appear to be those of Ransom Hayes (d. 1868) and Sallie Greene Hayes (d. 1862), although the markers for those graves date to much later (1924).⁵ Other individuals buried within the cemetery are members of the Bryan, Greene, and Councill families, all of which were interrelated due to marriages among some members of those families.

For the most part, the grave markers display little in the way of unusual or noteworthy funerary art, and thus the cemetery does not rise to a standard of special significance related to funerary art and display. Several carving themes are recurrent and fairly stereotypical: resting lambs on graves for infant deaths, scrolls and laurels on some adult grave markers, and footstones carved with the initials of the corresponding individual for many of the more recent graves. Judge L. L. Greene's grave marker is somewhat more elaborate, given that it is an obelisk carved with a Masonic symbol. Two of the markers appear to be official military headstones acquired from the federal government. Otherwise, most grave markers are plain, listing the name of the individual, the buried individual's relationship to others buried nearby, and the relevant dates of death.

Any special significance for the cemetery stems from the presence of gravesites for three individuals of outstanding significance to Boone's history and development: Ransom Hayes (Abt. 1805-1868), Judge Leander Lawrence Greene (1845-1898), and William Lewis Bryan (1837-1928). All three men played major roles in the

² For the deed excepting the cemetery, see R. F. Greene and Pearl H. Greene to Mamie H. Smith, 20 March 1946, Deed Book 60, Page 618, Watauga County Register of Deeds.

³ Mamie H. Smith and I. L. Smith to James H. Burris and Patricia Burris, 29 October 1969, Deed Book 109, Page 414, Watauga County Register of Deeds.

⁴ Because of this possibility, the cemetery is a good candidate for a ground-penetrating radar study to determine just how many gravesites are included within its boundaries.

⁵ "Local Happenings," *Watauga Democrat*, 18 December 1925: 5. The notice of the erection of the Hayes graves makes clear that the new stones were intended to mark extant gravesites for those individuals, rather than simply serve as a memorial.

establishment of the Boone community and its early development. The descriptions that follow address each marked gravesite and provide a brief biography for those burials that have been identified.

Given the presence of the gravesites of one of the donors of Boone's land in 1849, an influential superior court judge based in Boone, and the first mayor of Boone, the cemetery appears to warrant interpretation through an historical marker describing the cemetery and its burials.

Stone covered in lichen, possible fieldstone



After cleaning some of the lichen off using water and a soft brush, no carving could be discerned. This is unmistakably a grave marker, however, located just south of Mattie J. Greene's headstone in the southwest corner of the cemetery.

Mattie J. Greene (1853-1930)



Martha J. "Mattie" Horton Greene was the daughter of Sheriff Jack Horton (1816-1884) and Rebecca Mast Horton (1818-1857). She married Leander Leonidas Greene on March 1, 1876, at Boone, and the marriage produced two children. Following his death, she took a position with the federal government in Washington, DC, where her daughter Bina was living at the time.⁶ She died in 1930 at the Watauga Hospital following a series of internal hemorrhages.⁷

Wilmetta Greene (1889-1951)



⁶ "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 12 April 1900: 3. Bina also worked in the civil service at Washington. See "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 22 February 1900: 3.

⁷ John Preston Arthur, *A History of Watauga County, North Carolina*, (Richmond: Everett Waddey Co., 1915), 313; and "Widow of Late Judge Greene Dies Saturday," *Watauga Democrat*, 1 May 1930: 1.

Wilmetta Greene was the daughter of Judge L. L. Greene and Mattie J. Greene. Born at Boone, she apparently never married. She was a patient in the North Carolina State Hospital for the Insane at Morganton for nearly 25 years prior to her death in 1951.⁸

Judge L. L. Greene (1845-1898)



Leander Lawrence Greene (expressed as “Leonidas L. Greene” in some sources), the son of Robert Greene and Chaney Elrod, was born at Blowing Rock on November 11, 1845.⁹ Throughout much of his adult life, his name was spelled interchangeably as “Green” or “Greene.” During the American Civil War, he served as a private in Company D of the North Carolina 1st Cavalry, having enlisted in May 1864. He was wounded September 30, 1864 (probably near Jonesborough, Tennessee), then was wounded again and deserted his unit at Bellfield, Virginia, on January 30, 1865.¹⁰ Following the war, he returned to Boone, attended Cumberland College in Tennessee, and trained for the legal profession under Harvey Bingham. He returned to Boone in 1872 to begin practicing law. He was eventually elected as a Democrat to serve in the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1874-75.¹¹ He married Martha J. “Mattie” Horton on March 1, 1876, and the marriage produced two children.¹²

⁸ “Rites on Tuesday for Miss Greene,” *Watauga Democrat*, 15 Mar 1951: 4.

⁹ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 313. Arthur is one of several sources that attribute Greene’s first name as “Leonidas,” but most contemporary sources, including military records, list his name as “Leander Lawrence Greene.” For another example of “Leonidas,” see “Sued for Refusing Habeas Corpus Writ,” *Raleigh Times*, 20 September 1897: 3.

¹⁰ “Leander Green,” Historical Data Systems, Comp., *US, Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865*, Database Online, (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations Inc., 2009).

¹¹ “Death,” *Watauga Democrat*, 5 January 1899: 1; “Judge Leander L. Greene,” *Watauga Democrat*, 17 November 1898: 3; and *Journal of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina at Its Session of 1874-75*, (Raleigh: Josiah Turner, 1875), 5.

¹² Arthur, *Watauga County*, 313.



Judge Leander Lawrence Greene, from John Preston Arthur's *History of Watauga County, North Carolina* (1915).

Greene was also active in the state leadership of the Masons, his name routinely appearing in the press during the late 1870s in this capacity.¹³ In 1878, his home at Boone was destroyed by fire.¹⁴ He was often credited as the founder of the Republican Party in Boone in the 1880s, which was painted by some as having “gone to the Radicals—sold out for a place in the Revenue Department—cheap price.”¹⁵ He was also a member of the Executive Campaign Committee of the District Anti-

¹³ For an example, see “Grand Lodge of Mason,” *Daily Review*, 5 December 1878: 4.

¹⁴ “Spirits Turpentine,” *Wilmington Morning Star*, 18 July 1878: 1.

¹⁵ “From Watauga,” *The Farmer and Mechanic (State Chronicle)*, 24 June 1880, 30; and “Widow of Late Judge Greene Dies Saturday,” *Watauga Democrat*, 1 May 1930: 1.

Prohibition Convention held at Yadkinville in 1881.¹⁶ Greene ran unsuccessfully ran for US Congress on the Republican ticket in 1884.¹⁷

In 1888, Greene briefly operated Boone's second newspaper, the *Watauga Enterprise*, with Thomas Bingham, stopping publication shortly after the 1888 election.¹⁸ Greene was elected judge of the 10th Judicial District for an eight-year term in 1894 and served in that role until his death. He had an outstanding reputation as a capable, fair, and clear-minded judge.¹⁹ He was also an early and vocal advocate for bringing a railroad to Boone.²⁰ Despite his Republican Party membership, he was closely aligned with the Democrats in the 1898 election, telling the editor of the *Watauga Democrat* that "a change must come." While Greene did not survive to vote in that election, passing away on November 2, 1898, the contest was nevertheless dominated statewide and in Watauga County by an overt and quite public Democratic effort to disenfranchise Black voters.²¹

James Henry Bryan (Mar. 14, 1869-Dec. 22, 1946)

¹⁶ *Winston Sentinel*, 30 June 1881: 2. See also "The Cold Water Campaign," *The Farmer and Mechanic*, 9 June 1881: 2.

¹⁷ "Eighth District Republicans," *State Chronicle*, 6 September 1884: 2.

¹⁸ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 157.

¹⁹ For a lengthy eulogy by Romulus Z. Linney addressing Judge Greene's prowess as both an attorney and a judge, see "Death," *Watauga Democrat*, 5 January 1899: 1. On the 1894 election, see "Judge Leander L. Greene," *Watauga Democrat*, 17 November 1898: 3.

²⁰ "Do You Want a Railroad Through Watauga County?" *Watauga Democrat*, 28 October 1897: 2.

²¹ "Judge Leander L. Greene," *Watauga Democrat*, 17 November 1898: 3. Greene appears to have died from an attack of asthma following a bad cold; he had suffered from asthma for many years. For news of another asthmatic attack, see "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 3 March 1898: 3. For a synopsis of the 1898 election in North Carolina, see Kathy Roberts Forde and Kristin Gustafson, "A White Supremacist Coup Succeeded in 1898 North Carolina, Led by Lying Politicians and Racist Newspapers That Amplified Their Lies," *The Conversation*, 15 January 2021, Online, available at <https://theconversation.com/a-white-supremacist-coup-succeeded-in-1898-north-carolina-led-by-lying-politicians-and-racist-newspapers-that-amplified-their-lies-153052>; and Nicholas Graham, "The Election of 1898 in North Carolina: An Introduction," *The 1898 Election in North Carolina*, UNC Libraries, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Online, available at <https://exhibits.lib.unc.edu/exhibits/show/1898/history>.



James Henry Bryan was the son of William Lewis Bryan and Sallie Hayes Bryan. He never married. He left Boone in the early 1890s, working for several years in the lumber business in Bristol, Tennessee, and trading in horses.²² By the early 1900s, James relocated to Edmonton, Canada, where he entered the fur trade and became a large-scale fur buyer.²³ He also owned controlling stock in a coal corporation in Canada and owned a large horse farm.²⁴ Toward the end of his life, he was involved in the livestock business at Charlotte and worked for a mercantile firm at Monroe.²⁵ Bryan returned to Boone in April 1946 for an “indefinite” visit.²⁶ He died several months later as a boarder in Boone.²⁷

Stone covered in moss, possible fieldstone

²² “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 15 February 1894: 3; “James H. Bryan Dies on Sunday,” *Watauga Democrat*, 19 December 1946: 1.

²³ “Mammoth Bear Skin,” *Watauga Democrat*, 16 August 1934: 1.

²⁴ “Former Resident Visits the ‘Old Home Town,’” *Watauga Democrat*, 11 October 1923: 5.

²⁵ “James H. Bryan Dies,” 1.

²⁶ “Local,” *Watauga Democrat*, 11 April 1946: 5.

²⁷ “James H. Bryan Dies,” 1.



After cleaning some of the lichen off using water and a soft brush, no carving could be discerned. This is unmistakably a grave marker, however, located along the south fence line.

Ransom Hayes (Born in Caldwell Co., Died April 1868)—“He gave Watauga Co. 25 acres of land and half of original Co. site where Boone is now located.”



Born about 1805, Ransom Hayes was apparently a Caldwell County native, as listed on his headstone. Sometime before 1836, he married Sallie Greene, the daughter of Joseph Greene. The marriage produced a total of eleven children.²⁸ On November 25,

²⁸ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 318. The 1850 Census shows nine children living in Hayes's home. See "Ransom Hase, Watauga, Watauga, North Carolina," Ancestry.com, *1850 United States Federal Census*, (Lehi, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Database Online, available at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/13069441:8054>. The 1860 Census shows

1844, Hayes received a land grant in the amount of 10 acres located on Rich Mountain in what was then Ashe County.²⁹ He also acquired land from either John or Jerry Green, two brothers who owned homes in the vicinity of what would become Boone. The house that Hayes purchased was a large, log house and stood between the later Judge L. L. Greene residence and his storehouse that would be built just to the west of it, on the north side of present-day Green Street.³⁰ Five years later, Hayes made what was probably his most significant contribution to Boone's history, agreeing along with Jordan Councill, Jr., to donate 25 acres each to create the county seat of Boone in the newly established Watauga County, earning Hayes the appellation of "stepfather of Boone."³¹ Between the establishment of the new county in 1849 and the construction of the first hotels at Boone in 1870, Hayes took in boarders at his home during court weeks.³²

About 1851 or 1852, Hayes hired Joseph C. Gaines to build a one-story, brick home with a footprint of roughly forty by twenty feet and a brick partition running through the middle of the home. Chimneys were located at each end of the house. This house later burned, and Judge L. L. Greene, who owned the house at the time of the fire, had his two-story, brick home (no longer extant) built on the original home's foundation.³³ Hayes was appointed as a commissioner in November 1866, along with Robert Shearer and Eli Brown, to build a new church for the Three Forks Baptist congregation in the summer of 1867.³⁴ He died in April 1868 at the age of 63 and was buried at the Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery, but the headstones of Ransom Hayes and his wife Sallie Greene Hayes were not erected until December 1924.³⁵

Sallie Greene, wife of Ransom Hayes (b. Ashe Co., now Watauga Co., d. 1862)

seven children living in Hayes's home. See "Ransom Hayse, Boone, Watauga, North Carolina," Ancestry.com, *1860 United States Federal Census*, (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, Operations, Inc., 2009), Database Online, available at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/41530415:7667>.

²⁹ For an image of this land grant reference, see "Ransom Hays," Ancestry.com, *North Carolina, US, Land Grant Files, 1693-1960*, (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016), Database Online, available at https://search.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?dbid=60621&h=132306&indiv=try&o_vc=Record:OtherRecord&rhSource=60525.

³⁰ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 147.

³¹ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 115. According to Arthur, Hayes's donation included the land "between the branch above Blackburn's Hotel, then called Upper Branch, and the branch that flows by the new post office, then called the Middle Branch." On the "stepfather of Boone" reference, see Arthur, *Watauga County*, 298. Jordan Councill, Jr., was considered to be the "father of Boone."

³² Arthur, *Watauga County*, 150.

³³ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 154. The house also played a significant role in the Union occupation of Boone by Kirk's men in April 1865. See Arthur, *Watauga County*, 181.

³⁴ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 77.

³⁵ "Local Happenings," *Watauga Democrat*, 18 December 1924: 5.



Sarah “Sallie” (sometimes Sally) Greene Hayes was the daughter of Joseph Green (1782-1861) and Elizabeth Shearer (1790-1811). She was born in the portion of Ashe County that became Watauga County on January 22, 1808.³⁶ She married Ransom Hayes sometime prior to 1836, and the marriage produced eleven children.³⁷ She died in 1862 under unknown circumstances.

Fieldstone



³⁶ See “Sarah ‘Sallie’ Greene Hayes,” Find-a-Grave, Online Database, available at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/54875211/sarah-hayes>.

³⁷ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 318. The 1850 Census shows nine children living in Hayes’s home. See “Ransom Hase, Watauga, Watauga, North Carolina,” Ancestry.com, *1850 United States Federal Census*, (Lehi, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009), Database Online, available at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/13069441:8054>. The 1860 Census shows seven children living in Hayes’s home. See “Ransom Hayse, Boone, Watauga, North Carolina,” Ancestry.com, *1860 United States Federal Census*, (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, Operations, Inc., 2009), Database Online, available at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/41530415:7667>.

No carving is discernible, but this fieldstone was clearly intended as a grave marker.

George A. Bryan (b. June 11, 1874, d. Jan 18, 1927)



George A. Bryan was the son of William Lewis Bryan and Sallie Hayes Bryan. During his early career, Bryan appears to have worked as a men's clothing salesman.³⁸ In the early 1900s, George Bryan was employed at the *Watauga Democrat*, occasionally filling in as editor in the absence of Robert C. Rivers, Sr.³⁹ In later years, he worked for several years for the Watauga County Bank and the Watauga Insurance Company during the 1920s. He does not appear to have ever married. Described as "a businessman of extraordinary ability" and "an expert bookkeeper and accountant," George Bryan died in 1927 at the State Hospital in Morganton after being a patient there for mental illness during multiple stints.⁴⁰

Bartlett R. Bryan (May 28, 1884-Dec. 7, 1941)

³⁸ "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 20 February 1896: 3.

³⁹ "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 17 April 1902: 3.

⁴⁰ "George Bryan Dead," *Watauga Democrat*, 20 January 1927: 1. On other admissions for mental illness, see "Local Affairs," *Watauga Democrat*, 20 October 192: 3; "Mr. G. A. Bryan Returned to Hospital at Morganton," *Watauga Democrat*, 18 January 1923: 1; and "Local Happenings," *Watauga Democrat*, 15 October 1925: 5.



Bartlett Ransom Bryan was born at Boone in 1884 and was the son of William Lewis Bryan and Sallie Hayes Bryan. Educated at Marion and employed as a teenager at Globe (most likely in one of his father's timber operations), Bartlett left for employment in Arizona, California, and Colorado before 1903.⁴¹ He then took employment with a lumber company at Elizabethton, Tennessee, in May 1903.⁴² He later took a position with an electric company in Richmond, Virginia, sometime before 1907 before moving to Alexandria, Virginia, where he worked as an electrician and married Nettie C. Wells in 1909.⁴³ That marriage produced at least one child.⁴⁴ He returned to Boone several years later, taking a position with the fledgling New River Light and Power Company in 1915 before leaving later that year for an opportunity in California.⁴⁵ In the late 1910s, he was working first for the Virginia-Carolina Survey, then helped survey the Linville River Railway line from Shulls Mills to Boone prior to the formal acceptance of a contract for extension of the line.⁴⁶ By 1920, he was in the Cleveland, Ohio, vicinity at an unknown position.⁴⁷ He later returned to Boone and married Mary Manarkie "Arkie" Ragan in 1921.⁴⁸ During the early 1920s, Bartlett ran the Better Bread Bakery, a bake shop purchased by J. L. Qualls in 1925.⁴⁹ In 1933, he was working at the Watauga Drug Company on

⁴¹ "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 26 February 1903: 3. On his work at Jerome, Arizona, see "From Our Early Files," *Watauga Democrat*, 21 November 1940: 5.

⁴² "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 7 May 1903: 3. He also appears to have worked in the lumber business at Cranberry in 1904. See "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 2 June 1904: 3.

⁴³ "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 18 March 1897: 3; "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 11 May 1899: 3; "The Confederate Reunion," *Watauga Democrat*, 13 June 1907: 2. On his 1909 marriage, see "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 26 August 1909: 3.

⁴⁴ "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 22 September 1910: 3.

⁴⁵ "Town and County," *Watauga Democrat*, 16 September 1915: 3.

⁴⁶ "Town and County," *Watauga Democrat*, 6 September 1917: 3.

⁴⁷ "Town and County," *Watauga Democrat*, 10 May 1917: 3; "Local Affairs," *Watauga Democrat*, 21 October 1920: 3.

⁴⁸ "Local Affairs," *Watauga Democrat*, 15 September 1921: 3.

⁴⁹ "Qualls Now Owner of Better Bread Bakery," *Watauga Democrat*, 4 June 1925: 1.

King Street, and in 1935, he took a position with the Works Progress Administration as a timekeeper.⁵⁰ In 1939, Bartlett purchased the T & L Café in Boone and operated it as Bart's Café with Linney Walker.⁵¹ The following year, he opened a café and grocery store near Cove Creek High School.⁵² He died from a heart attack at Boone.

Arkie R. Bryan (1899-1994, "A Loving Mother")



Mary Manarkie "Arkie" Ragan Bryan was born at Boone on April 24, 1899, to Lewis Franklin "Frank" Ragan (1869-1954) and Nancy Louisa Lookabill Ragan (1874-1949).⁵³ In 1920, she took work as a housekeeper at the William Lewis Bryan residence.⁵⁴ She married Bryan's son, Bartlett Ransom Bryan, in September 1921.⁵⁵ Beginning in 1950, she took work as a cafeteria helper at Appalachian State Teachers College, working for many years as the salad preparer for the cafeteria.⁵⁶ She died on March 10, 1994, at Boone.⁵⁷

Denver Ragan Bryan, NC CPL 3899 Pers Processing Sq AF (May 31, 1922-March 22, 1960)

⁵⁰ "Local Affairs," *Watauga Democrat*, 16 February 1933: 5; "WPA Work Going Forward in City," *Watauga Democrat*, 7 November 1935: 1. Bartlett also did the improvement work on the Oak Grove Road from Oak Grove Church to Hodges Gap in 1939. See "Oak Grove Road Is Now Being Improved," *Watauga Democrat*, 2 March 1939: 1.

⁵¹ "Notice," *Watauga Democrat*, 5 October 1939: 5; "Armistice Day," advertisement, *Watauga Democrat*, 9 November 1939: 3.

⁵² "New Café and Store," *Watauga Democrat*, 23 May 1940: 5.

⁵³ See "Mary Manarkie 'Arkie' Ragan Bryan," *Find-A-Grave*, Online Database, available at <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/69188207/mary-manarkie-bryan>.

⁵⁴ "Local Affairs," *Watauga Democrat*, 12 August 1920: 3.

⁵⁵ "Local Affairs," *Watauga Democrat*, 15 September 1921: 3.

⁵⁶ "Veteran College Workers Praised by Plemmons," *Watauga Democrat*, 22 December 1955: 1, 2.

⁵⁷ "North Carolina Deaths," *Charlotte Observer*, 11 March 1994: 6C.



The son of Mary Manarkie “Arkie” Ragan Bryan and Bartlett Ransom Bryan, Denver Ragan Bryan was born in Boone in 1922. He graduated from Cove Creek High School in 1941.⁵⁸ He served for three years in the Army during World War II, then in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.⁵⁹ He first married Mary Modawell of Santa Anna, Texas, in April 1946, then later remarried to Barbara Evelyn Hodges of Boone on October 10, 1951.⁶⁰ The latter marriage produced a daughter, Janna Lee Bryan. At the time of his death at the age of 37, Bryan was working as a timekeeper for an electric motor company.⁶¹

William Baxter Bryan, TEC 5 US Army, WWII (Sep 30, 1926-May 19, 1996)

⁵⁸ “Cove Creek High School Graduates,” *Watauga Democrat*, 8 May 1941: 5; “Mrs. Arkie Ragan Bryan,” *Watauga Democrat*, 11 March 1994.

⁵⁹ “Local Affairs,” *Watauga Democrat*, 26 September 1946: 7.

⁶⁰ “Pvt. Denver Bryan Weds at Camp Bowie,” *Watauga Democrat*, 11 April 1946: 5; “Marriage Licenses,” *Watauga Democrat*, 11 October 1951: Second Section, 1.

⁶¹ “Denver Ragan Bryan, Watauga, March 1960,” Ancestry.com, *North Carolina, US, Death Certificates, 1909-1976*, Database Online, (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2007), Image 7.



The son of Bartlett Ransom Bryan and Mary Manarkie “Arkie” Ragan Bryan, William Baxter Bryan was born at Boone. A graduate of Appalachian High School in 1943, he served in the US Army at Fort Ord, California, during World War II and was discharged in 1946.⁶² Sometime before 1960, he relocated to Brookline, Massachusetts, where he worked as a firefighter.⁶³ On June 25, 1964, he married Catherine Marie McGinn in Seabrook, New Hampshire, which was his second marriage.⁶⁴ He died at Boone on May 19, 1996.⁶⁵

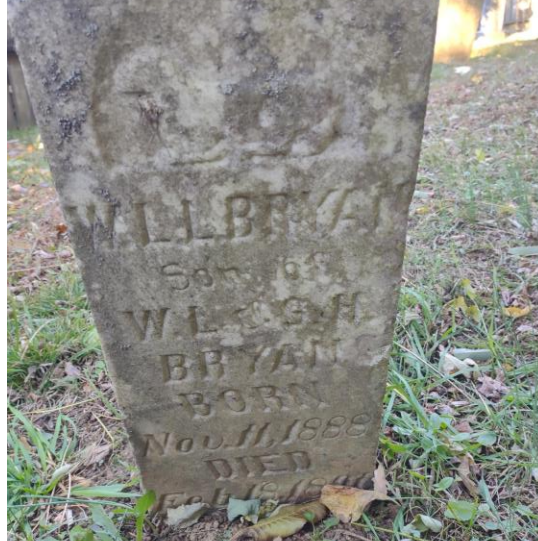
W. L. L. Bryan, son of W. L. & S. H. Bryan (Nov. 11, 1888-Feb. 18, 1891)

⁶² “Appalachian High School News Items,” *Watauga Democrat*, 29 April 1943: 6; “Local Affairs,” *Watauga Democrat*, 9 May 1946: 6.

⁶³ “Denver Bryan Rites Are Held,” *Watauga Democrat*, 31 March 1960: 1.

⁶⁴ See “William Baxter Bryan,” Ancestry.com, *New Hampshire, US, Marriage Records, 1700-1971*, (Lehi, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2021), Database Online, available at <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/625338:61836>.

⁶⁵ “Mr. William Baxter Bryan,” *Watauga Democrat*, 20 May 1996: 3A.



William Louis Loventhorpe Bryan was the infant son of William Lewis Bryan and Sallie Hayes Bryan. He died at Boone at the age of two.⁶⁶

Sallie Hayes Bryan (Sept. 11, 1844-April 14, 1919)

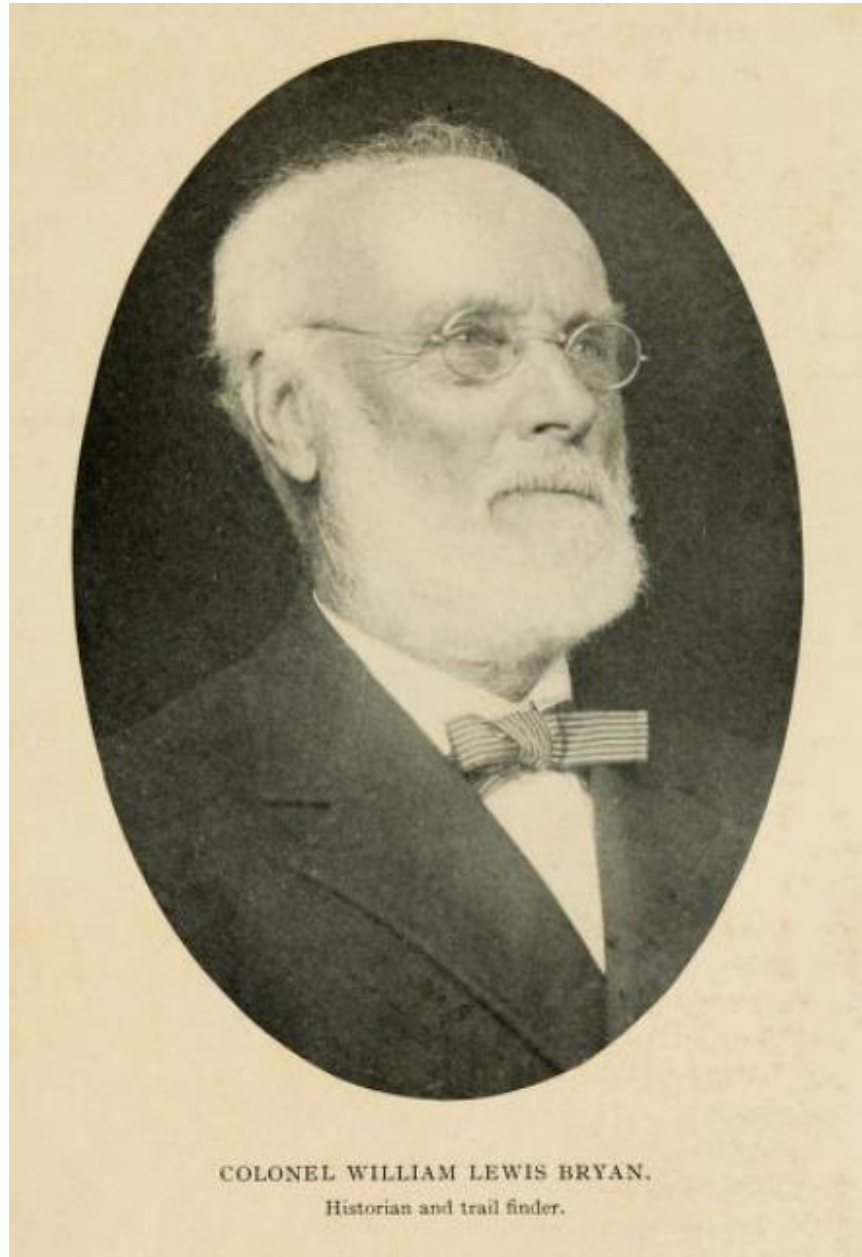


Sallie Hayes Bryan was the daughter of Ransom Hayes and Sarah "Sallie" Greene Hayes. She was born in the Ransom Hayes residence at Boone on September 11, 1844. She was one of the first members of the Boone Baptist Church, and her marriage to William Lewis Bryan produced six children.⁶⁷ She died at home in Boone on April 14, 1919.

⁶⁶ "In Memorium [sic]," *Watauga Democrat*, 26 February 1891: 3.

⁶⁷ "Mrs. W. L. Bryan," *Watauga Democrat*, 17 April 1919: 3.

William Lewis Bryan (Nov. 19, 1837-Dec. 20, 1928)



Col. William Lewis Bryan, from Arthur's *History of Watauga County, North Carolina*.

According to John Preston Arthur, William Lewis Bryan was born at Meat Camp on November 19, 1837, to Battle or Bartlett Bryan (1802-1903) and Rebecca Miller Bryan (1805-1903). He was educated in Meat Camp schools and worked briefly to build an overshot grist mill near Meat Camp for George Bower before moving to Boone in 1857.⁶⁸ At Boone, Bryan worked first for Jacob Rintils as a clerk, then made

⁶⁸ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 292; and "Bryan's Diary Reveals Two Saloons in Boone in 1857," *Watauga Democrat*, 23 June 1849: Centennial Edition, 1.

shoes for Sheriff Jack Horton's store. About 1858, Bryan followed Rintils to Statesville, where he continued to clerk for several months, then returned to Boone to operate a business for Rintils in the James H. Tatum store until some point during the American Civil War. Bryan then took over the business and moved it to a storeroom near the James Council House on King Street. In addition to these professional efforts, Bryan also served as first lieutenant in Company B of the Watauga Home Guard during the American Civil War.⁶⁹ It was likely as a result of this service that he later earned the appellation of "Colonel Bryan."⁷⁰

After the war, Bryan returned to Meat Camp and married Sarah "Sallie" Hayes on December 12, 1865; they resided at Meat Camp until 1868. Thereafter, he returned to Boone, where he was engaged in farming and a mercantile operation for much of the late nineteenth century until his business fell victim to arson in 1895.⁷¹ He was also named a Master Mason at some point in the late nineteenth century.⁷²

Bryan was appointed by the North Carolina legislature to serve as Boone's first mayor beginning in 1872, an office he held intermittently for over 25 years (1872-1890, 1899-1907, and 1909-1911).⁷³ Bryan also helped found the Boone Baptist Church in 1882, along with Thomas J. and W. C. Coffey.⁷⁴ Bryan's first major business at Boone was the Blair Hotel, located on the south side of King Street just to the east of his home.⁷⁵ The Blair Hotel was demolished about 1923 for construction of the Farmer's Hardware Block, and the Bryan residence was moved to Howard Street in 1938 before being demolished in the late twentieth century.

Bryan claimed a direct lineage to the family of Daniel Boone through Boone's wife, Rebecca Bryan, whose father Morgan Bryan was a direct ancestor of W. L. Bryan's. This ancestral connection likely played a significant part in Bryan's ongoing promotion of Daniel Boone's association with the valley where the Town of Boone is located. His enduring project in this area was the erection of the Daniel Boone Monument at the alleged prior location of the "Daniel Boone Cabin," which was more likely a cabin owned by Benjamin Howard that was located near the present Duck Pond on the Appalachian State University campus. Bryan began work on this monument on his own in 1911, utilizing what he claimed were original stones from

⁶⁹ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 283.

⁷⁰ Bryan had a close friendship with John Preston Arthur, who was also called "Colonel" during the later years of his life, and it's possible that the terms were mutually applied terms of affection and respect. See O. L. Brown, "John Preston Arthur Early Day Scholar, Author; Boone Resident Plagued by Loneliness and Want," *Watauga Democrat*, 3 January 1963, Second Section: 2-3.

⁷¹ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 292; and "Wrapped in Flames," *Watauga Democrat*, 11 July 1895: 2.

⁷² "W. L. Bryan," *Watauga Democrat*, 7 February 1929: 5.

⁷³ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 142; and "List of Mayors of Boone, NC," Historic Boone Collection, 2.67.5, Digital Watauga Project.

⁷⁴ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 102.

⁷⁵ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 150.

the cabin's chimney. He also inserted tablets honoring Boone and himself. He completed the monument in October 1912.⁷⁶

The following year, Bryan also played an influential role in the placement of the six Boone Trail markers erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in Watauga County, including one located on the lawn of the Watauga County Courthouse in Boone. While Lindsay Patterson is generally credited with the November 1912 proposal to the DAR for the creation of such a trail of markers, circumstantial evidence suggests that Patterson and Bryan may have been working together on the idea well ahead of that. In April 1912, Bryan published a postscript to his letter about the Daniel Boone Monument in the *Watauga Democrat*: "I also want each county in N.C., Tenn., and Va. through which Daniel Boone passed on his way to Kentucky to build a monument on his pathway thro' the counties through which he passed to mark his trail through the wilderness, as it was in those days. I want this for the benefit of the present and rising generations."⁷⁷ Bryan also funded and helped write John Preston Arthur's *History of Watauga County, North Carolina*, in 1915, prompting Arthur to acknowledge that the book was as much Bryan's creation as his own. Bryan died at the age of 92 from influenza at his home in Boone.⁷⁸

Richard L. Councill, son of R. L. & C. L. Councill (Nov. 6, 1893-Nov. 20, 1893)



⁷⁶ Arthur, *Watauga County*, 33-34. Arthur claimed that the Town of Boone was so named in 1849/1850 "because of the location of Boone's cabin within a few hundred feet of its court house."

⁷⁷ W. L. B., "The Daniel Boone Monument," *Watauga Democrat*, 25 April 1912: 3. For a discussion of this possible cooperation between Patterson and Bryan, see Randell Jones, *Trailing Daniel Boone*, (Winston-Salem, NC: Daniel Boone Footsteps, 2012), 51-56.

⁷⁸ "Col. W. L. Bryan Crosses the Bar," *Watauga Democrat*, 27 December 1928: 1.

The infant son of Richard Lenoir Council and Cora L. Bryan Council, the junior Richard Council survived just two weeks following his birth in November 1893.⁷⁹

Louis F. Council, son of R. L. & C. L. Council (Apr 10, 1892-Feb 8, 1893)



Affectionately known as "Frank," Louis Francis Council was the infant child of Richard L. Council and Cora Bryan Council. He appears to have succumbed to an illness of some sort in February 1893, at just ten months of age.⁸⁰

Richard L. Council (Apr 10, 1864-Oct 2, 1895)



⁷⁹ "Richard Council, Watauga County, Bryan Family Cemetery, Boone, NC," Ancestry.com, *North Carolina, US Historical Records Survey, Cemetery Inscription Card Index, 1700-2018*, Database Online, (Lehi: UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2020), Image 3902.

⁸⁰ "Local News," *Watauga Democrat*, 2 February 1893: 3; "In Memoriam," *Watauga Democrat*, 23 February 1893: 3.

Richard Lenoir Councilll was the son of James Willis Councilll (1826-1884) and Mary V. Cocke Councilll (1834-1894). On October 23, 1889, Councilll married Cora Lee Bryan in the Boone Baptist Church, with R. C. Rivers, Jack Todd, and L. C. Reeves as witnesses to the marriage.⁸¹ Councilll appears to have been engaged in the building trades for much of his brief career. He apparently helped construct tenement houses for a “Mr. Parker” at Linville in 1889, and he was mentioned as the builder of W. L. Bryan’s storehouse in 1890, when he was described as “a good workman” in the local press.⁸² In 1891, Councilll briefly relocated to Linville to serve as construction boss for a new hotel there, and in 1892, he built “a fine residence” for W. R. Lovill at Sutherland.⁸³ Councilll appears to have been working as the local tax collector in the 1890s; in 1894, a brief notice mentioned his occupation and the completion of his new home, which consisted of part of the present-day Linney House.⁸⁴ He also is listed as a tax district commissioner in an 1893 advertisement noting his seizure of apple brandy and a still operation belonging to B. F. Eller, Jr., for violation of the US Internal Revenue law.⁸⁵ After years of battling tuberculosis, Councilll succumbed to his illness on October 2, 1895.⁸⁶

Cora L. Councilll (1871-1950)



⁸¹ “Index to Marriages—Watauga County,” Ancestry.com, *North Carolina, US Marriage Records, 1741-2011*, Database Online, (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), Image 269.

⁸² “Linville Letter,” *Watauga Democrat*, 19 September 1889: 2; “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 21 August 1890: 3.

⁸³ “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 26 March 1891: 3; “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 21 July 1892: 3.

⁸⁴ “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 13 September 1894: 3.

⁸⁵ “Notice,” *Watauga Democrat*, 14 December 1893: 4. See also “Notice of Seizure,” *Watauga Democrat*, 28 June 1894: 4, for another such case involving Councilll.

⁸⁶ “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 3 October 1895: 3.

The daughter of William Lewis Bryan and Sarah “Sallie” Hayes Bryan, Cora Lee Bryan married Richard Lenoir Councill at Boone in October 1889. The marriage produced three children, only one of which, Pearl Councill Russell (1890-1970), survived to adulthood.

Devastated by the deaths of her husband and children, and overwhelmed by debt, Cora Councill eventually departed for work as a hotel housekeeper in Asheville in 1899 and later sold the family house at Boone to Frank A. Linney as part of a courthouse sale in 1902.⁸⁷ She remarried to a hotelier, James Robert Webster Woodburn (1859-1909) of Raleigh, in 1905, but that marriage produced no children, and Woodburn’s untimely death once again left her in poverty, forcing her to return to her father’s home in Boone.⁸⁸ Later in 1909, Cora Councill Woodburn left North Carolina with her daughter Pearl for Baltimore, Maryland, where she worked in a millinery operation, then relocated in 1911 to Statesville, North Carolina, where she opened her own millinery business.⁸⁹ In later years, she worked as a housekeeper and hostess in various hotels in Bristol, Virginia; Raleigh, North Carolina; Asheville, North Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina; Akron, Ohio; and Keystone, West Virginia, before retiring to Boone.⁹⁰

F. PROPOSED MARKER TEXT

The Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery

Located in the Green Heights section of Boone, the Hayes-Bryan-Greene Cemetery contains the graves of several key figures in Boone’s early history. Known as the “stepfather of Boone,” Ransom Hayes (circa 1805-1868) donated 25 acres for the laying out of the new Watauga County seat in 1849. Judge Leander Lawrence Greene (1845-1898), who later acquired the Ransom Hayes residence, rose to prominence in Boone as a lawyer and outstanding jurist during the late nineteenth century. He also operated an early Boone newspaper. William Lewis Bryan (1837-1928) was a Meat Camp native who married Ransom Hayes’s daughter, Sallie. Bryan was appointed by the NC legislature as Boone’s first mayor in 1872—a position he held intermittently for more than 25 years. A prominent hotelier and businessman, Bryan’s numerous tourism initiatives, including the Daniel Boone Monument and the Daniel Boone Trail, boosted Boone’s early twentieth-century economy and solidified local lore associating Daniel Boone with the Boone vicinity.

⁸⁷ “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 30 March 1899: 3; “Notice,” *Watauga Democrat*, 12 June 1902: 2; “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 28 August 1902: 3.

⁸⁸ “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 7 September 1905: 3. On Woodburn’s estate and Cora Woodburn’s suit for deficiency against his estate, see “James W. Woodburn, Rockingham, Wills 1663-1978; Estate Papers, 1780-1926,” Ancestry.com, *North Carolina, US, Wills and Probate Records, 1665-1998*, Database Online, (Provo, UT: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015), Images 445-449.

⁸⁹ “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 25 February 1909: 3; “Local News,” *Watauga Democrat*, 21 April 1910: 3; “From Our Early Files,” *Watauga Democrat*, 5 January 1950: 9.

⁹⁰ “Town and County,” *Watauga Democrat*, 13 December 1917: 1; “Local Affairs,” *Watauga Democrat*, 12 December 1918: 3; “Mrs. Councill Taken by Death,” *Watauga Democrat*, 15 June 1950: 1.

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