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### Historic Spotlight: Mud Dabbers Pottery

On June 14, 2016, the Joint Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) met at [Mud Dabbers Pottery](#) for a presentation and tour of historic sites in the Dunn's Rock Crossroads area. Dr. Keith Parker, whose family has lived in the area for several generations, highlighted the history of the former Powell's Store & Garage (now Mud Dabbers Pottery) which was built when the Greenville Turnpike changed routes and the old general store was no longer on the road. Dr. Parker also shared the history of the Old Federal Distillery, the Hume Hotel, and the Dunn's Rock Bridge.

After the presentation, the group toured the store including outbuildings and the spring house. Crossing Greenville Highway, previously Greenville Turnpike, the group visited the historic marker, saw the house that is sitting on the foundation of the old Hume Hotel and explored the dry crossing culvert built out of stone. The purpose of the tour was to learn more about the Dunn's Rock Crossroads history and view potential locations that could be contributing and non-contributing sites, structures, and buildings for local historic designation or for a national historic district.

Additional information on the area is available in Dr. Parker's brochure "This Old House: Dunn's Rock/Connestee Buildings" brochure available in the [Rowell Bosse North Carolina Room](#) of the Transylvania County Library.



### Historic Designation Letters of Inquiry

JHPC, in partnership with the Heart of Brevard, sent letters of inquiry to a few of the historic properties in the National Historic Main Street District. While these buildings are historic, if the property owners choose to apply for local or national designation, further research by the property owner and JHPC will determine if the structures have the required architectural integrity and historical significance.

Although JHPC took an active role in reaching out to these property owners, it is more common for property owners to approach JHPC about the potential of listing their property as a local, or national historic landmark. If you have a property you are interested in designating as a historic landmark, please contact JHPC at 828-884-3205 or visit: <http://planning.transylvaniacounty.org/projects/>.

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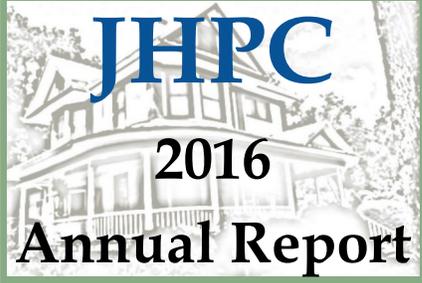
[planning.transylvaniacounty.org](http://planning.transylvaniacounty.org)

### Regional CLG Training

On April 15, 2016, JHPC hosted a regional training for certified local governments (CLGs), and historic commissions that provided an opportunity for participants to learn from the experts at the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Sessions by SHPO staff highlighted the basics about rules and responsibilities of commissions such as JHPC, tax credit programs open to

properties on the national registry, rehabilitation guidelines, and architectural surveys. In addition, local history and a local historic structures were presented by JHPC members Marcy Thompson and Ellen Pratt Harris.

For more information about the training, or to request copies of the presentations please contact JHPC at 828-884-3205 .



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### Board Members:

- Ellen Pratt Harris, Chair
- Lauren Wise, Vice-Chair
- Marcy Thompson, Secretary
- Aaron Bland
- Jeff Carter
- John Huggins
- Rick Lasater
- Jeffrey Mills
- Betty Sherrill



### JHPC Chair

### Comments:

This year, the JHPC has focused on reaching out to other organizations involved with history in our community and beyond. We were fortunate to host training with NC SHPO's office and we have forged new relationships with local groups. We look forward to continuing these partnerships in the future.

-Ellen Pratt Harris



### Staff Members

- Mark Burrows, Director
- Joy Fields, County Planner
- Kalen Lawson, Assistant

## By-Laws: The What, Why and How Behind JHPC

**WHAT:** Historic structures, sites and buildings are a visual reminder and documentation of the important events that have taken place in our county's history. Knowledgeable and passionate members of JHPC help preserve the county's history and culture.

Historic properties and structures are reviewed by JHPC to determine if the requirements for local historic landmark designation or requirements for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places are met. If the structures are found to have historic significance and have retained their historic integrity, then the owners can voluntarily have their property designated. To receive the prestigious local historic landmark designation, the property owner agrees to maintain the historic integrity of the property's architecture in exchange for a 50% county tax deferral.

**WHY:** Transylvania County's JHPC is a

board of nine county citizens appointed by the county commissioners who are charged with preserving historical properties. Originally created in 1994 the Transylvania County JHPC is one of over 80 certified local governments across NC that are authorized and governed by General Statute (G.S. 160A-400.1-400.14) to study and recommend local historic landmark designations.

**HOW:** The by-laws that govern how JHPC operates were written to ensure that JHPC conducts business in a way that is consistent with local ordinances and state legislation. These by-laws were updated by JHPC in 2016. Because JHPC represents the entire county, the by-laws mandate that the appointed members represent the county along with the municipalities of Rosman and Brevard, while also having a special interest, or experience in history, architecture or archeology.

## Allison-Deaver House Restoration

As a Certified Local Government (CLG) JHPC was able to apply for Historic Preservation Funds from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to help fund emergency repairs to the Allison-Deaver House. Built in 1815, the house has experienced water intrusion at the roof and windows along the west side of the house. The \$11,000 grant from the State Historic Preservation Office will help fund the Transylvania County Historical Society's efforts to prevent further water damage. In addition to applying for the grant on



behalf of the Transylvania County Historical Society, JHPC is supporting grant implementation.

## Picturing the Past Digitized

JHPC architectural survey files are an excellent source of information for historical structures in Transylvania County.

Transylvania County's architectural survey was conducted from September 1990 to September 1991. A consultant, along with local history experts, combed the county identifying properties retaining historic and architectural integrity that were at least 50 years old at the time.

Thanks to the efforts of Marcy Thompson and many volunteers, nearly 1,500 images from Balsam Grove, Brevard, Cedar Mountain, Lake Toxaway, Penrose, Pisgah Forest,

Rosman and other areas of the county are now available online at [DigitalNC.org](http://DigitalNC.org). Hundreds of images depicting farm buildings—barns, chicken houses, corn cribs, silos, smokehouses, and spring houses—reflect the county's agricultural roots. Bridges, businesses, camps, cemeteries, churches, gauging stations, mills, and residential homes are among the other structures included in the survey. The entire collection of 489 property files is located in the [Rowell Bosse North Carolina Room](#) at the Transylvania County Library.