

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION SCAVENGER HUNT



The Joint Historic Preservation Commission (JHPC) of Transylvania County invites you to join in a scavenger hunt of local historic structures and sites. Participants can simply answer the questions or take a drive through the county to discover and photograph some of our local treasures. Additional historical information can be found at [transylvaniacounty.org/our-history](http://transylvaniacounty.org/our-history) or [nchistoryroom.blogspot.com](http://nchistoryroom.blogspot.com), or in “Transylvania: The Architectural History of a Mountain County” (available at the Transylvania Heritage Museum at 189 W. Main St. in Brevard). We invite you to share your photographs on Facebook using the hashtag: #preservetransylvania

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From the late 1800s through the mid-1900s there were numerous rural schools scattered throughout Transylvania County. The only remaining old school houses, Selica School (1907-1957) and Connestee School (ca. 1921-1951), are used as Community Centers today. Name the communities they serve.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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Most small communities also had a county store. Originally built by L.E. Bagwell in 1923, Powell's Store was the hub of the Dunn's Rock community for several generations. What business is located in the old store today?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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Churches were a main stay of every community. In 1872, a small church was built on Dividing Ridge near the Loftis community to help it heal following the U.S. Civil War. Today, the structure remains much as it was then—standing on stacked field stones with weatherboard siding, hand-pressed glass in some of the windows, and on the interior, a pulpit, mourner's bench and pews hand-made by local builders. What is the name of this locally designated landmark, owned and maintained by the Transylvania County Historical Society? What two Transylvania churches are listed on the National Register of Historic Places?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Entering the Pisgah National Forest on Hwy 276 from Brevard, visitors pass between two stone pylons that often go unnoticed. The first permanent entrance, composed of stone columns featured bronze plaques honoring WWI servicemen and those who died in the war. A bronze eagle with open wings sat on top of the connecting arch. The structure was replaced by the stone pylons in 1941. The plaques and eagle were relocated to the taller pylon on the right when entering the Forest. The plaques remain, but what happened to the eagle and where is it?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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In 1895 George Vanderbilt hired German forester Dr. Carl Schenck to manage his forest property. Three years later Schenck started the Biltmore Forest School in the Pink Beds area. Over the next two decades the school trained young men in all aspects of forestry. Vanderbilt also employed rangers to patrol and protect his forest holdings. These men lived in timber-frame lodges built in the German tradition and scattered throughout the forest. Two of the lodges can be seen at the Cradle of Forestry today. What is the name of the architectural style of these lodges?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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During the Great Depression of the 1930s President Roosevelt's New Deal program helped put Americans back to work through programs such as the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and WPA (Works Progress Administration). The stone wall at Brevard College is one local example of work done by the WPA. What former Transylvania County school, now County Offices, was also built using WPA labor?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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The Norwood House on Probart Street served as the Lyday Memorial Hospital from 1932-1935. Although it was the fourth building in the county used as a hospital it was the first to be a public institution for the entire community. In later years the third floor of the home was removed. Why?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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During the early 1900's prominent Biltmore architect Richard Sharp Smith had a strong influence on the style of homes and other buildings throughout Western North Carolina. The homes at the intersection of Neely Road and Old U.S. Hwy 64 are examples of the finish material popularized by Smith. By what name is it known?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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Local architect Henry Clyde McDonald, Jr. was known for designing homes and commercial buildings with an emphasis on simple forms, and horizontal lines prevalent during the middle of the twentieth century. By what name is this style known?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

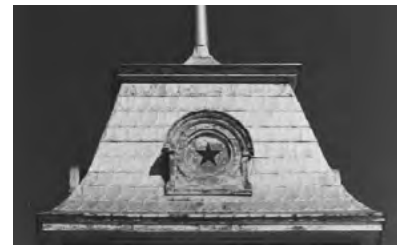


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Transylvania's Italian Victorian style courthouse, with its three-story central tower topped by a concave mansard roof, was completed in 1881. The tower originally had stars on all four sides of its roof. Clocks were installed in 1984. Where are the old courthouse tower stars located today?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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Throughout the early-to-mid 1900s the town of Rosman thrived around Joseph Silversteen's industries—Toxaway Tanning, Gloucester Lumber Company and Rosman Tanning & Extract Plant, which employed hundreds of local workers. What is the only structure directly related to the businesses that remains today?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

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Toxaway Inn, a luxury hotel of the early 1900s, sat on the 540-acre Lake Toxaway created by the damming of the Toxaway River. Although the building survived after the Toxaway Dam burst on August 13, 1916 sending a wall of water downstream and the tourism elsewhere, the grand hotel stood empty. Across the now empty lake stood Lucy Armstrong Moltz's board-and-batten and weatherboard home in the style of a Swiss mountain house, the last remnant of the summer colony around the lake. Lucy eventually made it her permanent home and would live to see the lake rebuild and developed in the 1960's. Before her death she sold the home to the Lake Toxaway Company to be used by the new community as their club house. What name do guests know the home by today?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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The African American Storyline Project preserves Transylvania County's local black history in a variety of ways, including with historical plaques sharing the story of early homes and businesses. Many are clustered along Carver Street. By what name is this area known?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



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A North Carolina Highway Marker on Highway 276 south of Brevard reads, "A boundary dispute in 1804 between North Carolina and Georgia led to armed conflict..." By what name is this conflict known?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_