## Information for HLC Survey Meeting

## Renfrow's Commercial Properties

Mecklenburg County Matthews, NC

January 26, 2022



## Description

Mr. David Blackley, the Owner of Renfrow's Hardware Store is requesting an expansion to the current local Historic Landmark designation (HLC). The Store, located in the town of Matthews-Mecklenburg County, was started in 1900 by Thomas Jefferson Renfrow. The Property and Hardware Store is a Local Historic Landmark designated by HLC in 1991. In addition, the Property, Hardware Store and Wood Frame building are part of a National Register Historic District. Please see the attached site plan for details and the following information:

- Red Border- HLC Designated local landmark.
- Purple Border- National Register Historic District.
- Green Border- Historic property and buildings to be added to Renfrow's Hardware Store designation.

The properties and buildings to be added to the Hardware Store designation have been owned and operated as part of the Renfrow's Store since the turn of the 19th century. The requested designation expansion includes the following Contributing historic items:

- Shop/Commercial Building fronting Trade Street.
- Wood Frame Building fronting Trade Street.
- Original Cotton Gin Mill Operator Residence. The mill was located on the Vacant Property across the Cotton Gin Alley access drive.
- Vacant Property Across Cotton Gin Alley. The area is currently used by the Mathews Farmers' Market for its Saturday operations.

All of the above are part of the Renfrow Commercial Property and are currently used by the Store and have been since the Store's beginnings.

Mr. Blackley would like to add the items listed so that the Renfrow's Historic Commercial Property is kept intact and protected from future public and private development in the Town Center. He is also invested in the preservation of the Farmer's Market in this location. He understands how important the Farmers' Market is to the Community and Town Center.

Mr. Blackley has a large archive of historic materials that go back to the founding of the Store. He would like to have on public display in the future as part of the preservation of this important commercial property.



Trade Street View: Renfrow's Hardware and Adjacent Properties



Trade Street View: Farmers' Market



Trade Street View: Renfrow's Hardware and Greenhouse





Farmers' Market: Interior



Cotton Gin Alley View: Renfrow's Hardware and Adjacent Properties



Cotton Gin Alley View: Vacant Property



Edge of South Property Line View: Vacant Property



East John Street View: Vacant Property

