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Built in 1901 for Raleigh mayor William Russ, the Russ-Edwards house currently serves as the Blount Street Commons Sales Center that will be relocated nearby. Just listed - Check back for new pictures. <BR/>



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This Queen Anne style house could remain an office, become a stately residence, or both with the owner living upstairs and working down.



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Renovated by Greg Paul, the first floor features four decorative fireplaces, big, bright spaces, detailed crown and floor molding, and gorgeous hardwood floors.



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The downstairs conference room could become a master suite with the addition of a tub/shower to the new private bath. The kitchen space, now used as file room, is adjacent to a butlers pantry leading to a formal dining room.



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This historic house is one of many in Raleigh's premier 19th Century neighborhood that were earlier acquired by the state as offices. The Blount Street Commons is a five block area now being privately developed as a mixed use neighborhood.



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The Commons is seamlessly surrounded by the vibrant Historic Oakwood neighborhood, Peace College for women, restaurants, shops, state government offices and museums.



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People already live, work and play in the Commons. Eight of the 10 new row and carriage homes on John Haywood Way are already sold and occupied with the next phase scheduled to start construction early in 2011.



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The recently renovated Bailey-Gallant House is home to Legacy Construction who will renovate the Cowper House next door at 501 N. Blount St that is pictured below.



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A weekly NC Greenmarket offers a variety of NC agricultural products at the Leonidas Polk House, 537 N Blount St, home of the LL Polk Foundation and the location of historical and other agricultural exhibits.

# 540 N Blount Street

MLS#: 1756999  
List Price: \$769,900



Home to the NC Independent Colleges and Universities, the historic home next door at 530 N Blount St, together with the Polk house and a private residence are in the Commons blocks but not part of the Commons PPD.

Walk within the Commons to the Burning Coal Theater at 224 Polk St in the adaptively remodeled auditorium of the old Murphy School, now providing housing for the elderly.

Two of Raleigh's grandest homes and nearby vacant lots are also for sale as part of the Commons. The Merrimon-Wynne House is seen here through the second story porch columns of the Lewis-Smith House, both in the 500 block of N Blount St.



The Cowper House at 501 N Blount Street is under contract with buyers who will begin renovations, making the house available for either lease or purchase as a residence, commercial use or both.

The Jordan House at 545 N Blount St is being renovated as administrative offices by Holy Trinity Church that will build their sanctuary along Peace Street across from Peace College. Several of their members grew up in the Blount Street neighborhood.

Also part of the Commons, the new NC HQ for the American Association of Architects will start construction in December 2010 at the corner of Wilmington and Peace Streets.