

Blount Street Commons

515 N. Blount Street



Live Work Play

Lewis-Smith House ca.1855

5,228 sqft
0.26 acre lot

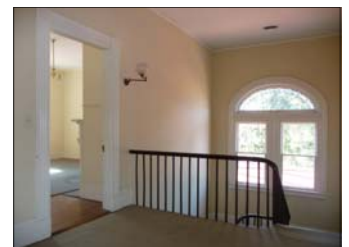


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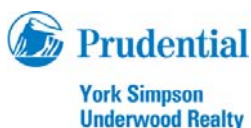
The stately Lewis-Smith House, ca.1855, is the only survivor of the suburban homes that were scattered about the N. Blount Street area before the Civil War. With one other home, it is also the only major example of Greek Revival residential style remaining in Raleigh. Constructed for Major Augustus M. Lewis, a legislator from Louisburg, it was purchased in 1912 by Charles Lee Smith, a publisher and former President of Mercer University. In 1974 his widow sold the home to the state who moved it to make way for the nearby state government mall. It has been used as state Historic Preservation offices until it recently became part of the Commons. See web site for details.

It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated a Raleigh Historic Landmark, the later enabling a 50% reduction in property taxes. Renovation costs may be eligible for NC rehab tax credits for a personal residence or NC and Federal credits for income producing property. Special purchase-rehab loan programs are available.

Blount Street Commons is remaking Raleigh's premier 19th Century neighborhood in its uniquely vibrant downtown setting, surrounded by the Historic Oakwood family neighborhood, the Governor's Mansion, nearby shops and restaurants. People already live & work in the Commons, in the new row homes and an existing private home, and, *pictured below*, in the newly renovated Legacy Construction home office, the Leonidas Polk House museum, the NC Independent Colleges & University association offices and the Burning Coal Theater. Soon people will play in the park being constructed in front of the new Row Homes.



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