



Olive-Seymour-Mills House
Billy and Susan Mills
107 South Salem Street

Seeing the coming of development along the railway, Adolphus G. Bell bought 320 acres of land in 1868, what is now Apex. Henry Calvin Olive bought a part of this land near present day Chatham and Salem Streets. Mr. Olive operated a general store in the community. His son, Lindsay Olive and his wife built the home at 107 South Salem St. The Olives and their children lived in the house through most of the 1930's after which it became a rental property until 1943 when A. T. Seymour bought the house for \$4675. The house was occupied by the Seymours and their children until Billy and Susan Seymour Mills acquired the property.

Billy and Susan have carefully restored all areas of the house while retaining many of her family's furnishings and collections. Additions from Billy's family compliment many areas of the house.

Poe-Derrenbacher House
Richard and Monica Derrenbacher
212 Center Street

This two story, foursquare plan house with a side-gabled roof, front-gabled dormer, a two-story bay window on the east side, a wraparound porch with bungalow posts was built circa 1915 by . The house has 1/1 sash windows, plain siding and interior chimneys.

The property contains a pre-1928 garage with a hipped roof and German siding and a pre-1928 shed with a front gable roof and German siding.



Maynard-Pearson House - 1870's
1101 Olive Chapel Road
Home of Apex Historical Society

The 1870's farmhouse has changed little since its last remodeling in 1944. A picture in the 1900's show the original porch across the front and rooms to the rear.

The home was built by James Jackson Maynard and Civil D. Pearson Maynard and later bought by John Phineous Pearson and Ida Colon Maynard Pearson, and remained in the Maynard-Pearson family until 1994 when the farm was sold to M.J.K. Development, which later deeded the house to the Maynard-Pearson House Trust, under the Apex Historical Society umbrella.

Generous support and countless hours of hard work have made the house into what it is today: a museum of rural living which offers educational tours for adults and children alike. Not only is the Maynard-Pearson House an example of restoration and preservation, it is a source of inspiration for period furnishings. Careful tour visitors will recognize names at the Maynard-Pearson House as those they've seen at the Apex Cemetery.

*We invite you to enjoy refreshments
at the Maynard-Pearson House,
and while you are there visit our
Sweet Shoppe, which has
homemade confections for sale.*

Apex Historical Society
Presents the

**26th Annual
HOLIDAY HOMES
TOUR**

December 2, 2012
1 - 5 p.m.



1914 Apex Union Depot
220 North Salem Street
Apex Chamber of Commerce

The 1914 Union Depot is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and has been preserved as it looked when it served as the town's train depot for rail travelers. The depot was the site of the Apex library in recent years until the library moved to a permanent location and the building became home for the Apex Chamber of Commerce. The building is open throughout the year for those needing to contact the Chamber of Commerce or just wanting to see the old depot site.



Halle Cultural Arts Center
237 N. Salem Street

The Halle Cultural Arts Center was built as the Town of Apex Town Hall in 1912. The population of Apex was estimated at 700. Construction cost was \$7,500. It served many purposes. Outside the front door on the sidewalk was a hand operated pump well. The first floor contained a farmers market offering seasonal fruits, vegetables, and fresh chickens. A firehouse and two jail cells were in the rear. A ticket office was near the front door.

Upstairs was the Mayor's office and a theatre with opera style seating and large windows for ventilation (HVAC today!). It was a home for silent movies, dramas and musicals, as well as the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources. It is located in the heart of the downtown Historic District and is perfect for exhibitions, musicals, dances, plays, receptions, meetings, fund raisers, and celebrations.



Hunter-Schaub-Zublena House
Joe and Lise Zublena
317 N. Salem Street

Around 1893, Adolphus B. Hunter had his house constructed as his residence after having moved to Apex in July 1878 (Apex was incorporated earlier in 1873.) A. B. Hunter was the descendent of Theophilus Hunter, who owned the land on which Raleigh, "the City of Oaks" was to be located and laid out in 1792. A. B. was a very successful local businessman in Apex and made significant contributions to the progress and development of this town. Subsequent generations of the Hunter family grew up and married and shortly after the turn of the century it became the Hunter-Schaub house.

The house remains essentially in its initial form and has been described as "a two-story L-plan dwelling with large rear ell (occupying) a spacious shady lot on North Salem Street. The house is ornamented with a lunette gable window, German siding, a wraparound porch supported by Doric columns, and a front bay window."

A.B. Hunter's grandson, Carter Schaub, later founded the Sisson & Schaub Trucking Company with a boyhood friend, which based its beginnings at this house. This explains the large driveway and expansive private parking area which were needed for turning the tanker trucks.

This house was always known as "the Big House". At one time, a large support staff was needed to run the house and the associated rental properties and farms. Although the Big House has been empty for most of this decade it is being brought back to life by the Zublenas.. Long-time Apex residents will remember hospitality associated with the big House: the Moravian star above the front door during Christmas, the antique spinning wheel in the downstairs hall, Dr. Schaub's glass-fronted bookcases, and the piano in the front parlor and the leisurely chats in rocking chairs on the back porch. Friends of the Big House rejoice that it is once again a family home where new and precious memories will be added to all the treasured ones that linger in the high-ceilinged rooms.



Maynard-Grimes House
Don and Laura Grimes
210 S. Salem Street

Dixon W. Maynard House, circa 1900. Large Colonial Revival style, two-story, double-pile (two rooms deep) house with a hip roof, numerous gabled dormers, tall 1/1 sash windows, a classical entrance, and a wraparound porch with clustered classical posts. Emma Allen is said to have been the original owner and she operated a boarding house here. Dixon W. Maynard bought the house from her in 1918. Subsequent owners were Edith Maynard, daughter of D.W. who sold the property to Lawson Veal in 1952, and Melick Blades who purchased the home in 1963. Information regarding this lovely home has been difficult to find.



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