Available for Restoration

The Historic Bryan Lavender House

113 Main Street, Pollocksville
Jones County

The Bryan Lavender House, overlooking the banks of the Trent River and only 25 miles from the beaches of the Crystal Coast, is ready to be restored to its former glory. The town has completed a new public boat ramp just a few hundred feet from the house. Although a rare flood due to Hurricane Florence caused water intrusion of approximately six feet in the first floor, with swift intervention and removal of drywall up to two feet above the water line and careful drying out, the house is ready for its next stewards! The second story did not flood and could potentially be occupied during restoration.

A rare North Carolina example of the Charleston-style porch, it features a two-tiered engaged porch with one enclosed end and exterior stair, an important display of the development of architectural styles from Charleston into Eastern NC. Significant interior architectural details include the three-part Federal-style mantel in the parlor, two-part Federal-style mantel upstairs, faux-grained door between the hall and parlor, chair rail, heart pine floors, four- and six-panel doors, as well as era appropriate hardwood. Significant exterior architectural features include original nine-over-six windows flanking the front door including their original louvered blinds and hardware, six-over-six windows throughout the rest of the property, four-light transom capping the front door and a single concave shoulder chimney. Chamfered posts on the second story of the porch, beaded flush sheathing on the end stair, and the posts, balusters, and shaped banister on the exterior stair are all original to the house.

Originally a hall and parlor plan, a wing was added to the north elevation and a former detached kitchen was brought up to the house, but not attached, in the 1950’s. The two structures which are barely a few feet apart are connected by a small wooden stoop. The side wing could be used as den or bedroom and is plumbed for a bath. The back porch on the wing features a wall of windows providing plenty of natural light. The upstairs features two bedrooms connected by a shared bath.

The rising Trent River flooded the first floor during Hurricane Florence. It requires a complete rehabilitation including electrical, HVAC, plumbing, updated bathrooms and kitchen, along with repair of the first floor interior walls.

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Directions: From Raleigh, take I-40 E/US-64 E. Keep right on I-40 E and follow signs for Benson/Wilmington. In 8 miles, take exit 309 for US-70 E toward Smithfield/Goldsboro and continue onto US-70 E. In 16.5 miles, keep left to continue on US-70 BYP E and then US-70 E. In 13.6 miles, keep left to continue onto US-70 BYP E. In 19.1 miles, take the exit on the left for US-70 E. In 12.2 miles, take a slight right onto US-70 E/W New Bern Rd, and continue to follow US-70 E. In 7.8 miles, turn right on Wyse Fork Rd and continue onto 10 Mile Fork Rd (13.7 miles). In 9.1 miles, turn right onto US-17 S. The property will be on the left in 3.3 miles.

Area Information: The Bryan Lavender House is located in Pollocksville, a quaint quiet town of 325 located in the northeast portion of Jones County in North Carolina. Highway 17 runs through the town and provides fast transport to the north and south portions of the state. Largely a farming area, the fertile ground grows most everything. Located on the banks of the Trent River on Highway 17, newly installed walkways provide an ideal location for fishing and other outdoor activities. Just off Highway 17, Pollocksville is a short 20-minute drive from the charming and historic town of New Bern, and it sits right on the edge of Croatan National Forest. Visit www.townofpollocksville.com and www.jonescountync.gov for more information.

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