

Available for Restoration

# The Gen. Robert F. Hoke House



**119 E. Chestnut Street, Lincolnton  
Lincoln County**

**NEW PRICE \$348,000**

Square Feet: 3,676

Lot Size: 0.7 acre

Zoning: R-8

“Both architecturally and historically, the Gen. Robert F. Hoke House is one of Lincoln County’s most important structures.” So wrote architectural and historical consultant, Marvin Brown, in the 1986 publication, Our Enduring Past, an architectural survey of 225 years of Lincoln County architecture.

**Walkable to Downtown Lincolnton,  
Just One Hour from Charlotte!**

Built in 1835 by local attorney, Michael Hoke, the house later passed to his son, Confederate Major General Robert F. Hoke, who was born in the house in 1837. The elder Hoke was not only prominent locally, but also served eight years in the North Carolina House of Representatives. In 1844, Hoke famously ran for Governor against fellow Lincoln County native, William A. Graham. Following Graham’s victory, an exhausted Michael Hoke fell ill and died only months after the election at the age of 34.



The unusual H-plan Greek Revival house that he built for his bride, Frances Burton, is rare: it’s the only such plan in the county from that era. It still retains original pine floors, plaster walls, fluted door and window surrounds with bullseye corner blocks, and original spiral brackets decorating the stair treads. The floor plan is basically unaltered, featuring a wide entry hall from which two rooms open on each side, both on the ground floor and upper level, for a total of eight large rooms around the two large central hallway rooms. A later kitchen and full bath were added to the rear of the home, and there is a half bath on the second level.

The exterior details include two-story tall corner pilasters, pedimented gables, nine-over-six windows on the lower level, and a recessed front doorway and transom that appears to have been modeled on Plate 35 of

Asher Benjamin’s *Practice of Architecture*, published in 1833. The existing front porch with columns is a later addition, replacing an original wraparound porch. In the 20th century, the house was moved one lot down from its original location on the corner of North Aspen and East Chestnut Streets. Today it occupies a 0.7-acre lot in the center portion of the 100 block of East Chestnut.



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For more information or to make an appointment to see the **Gen. Robert F. Hoke House**, contact:

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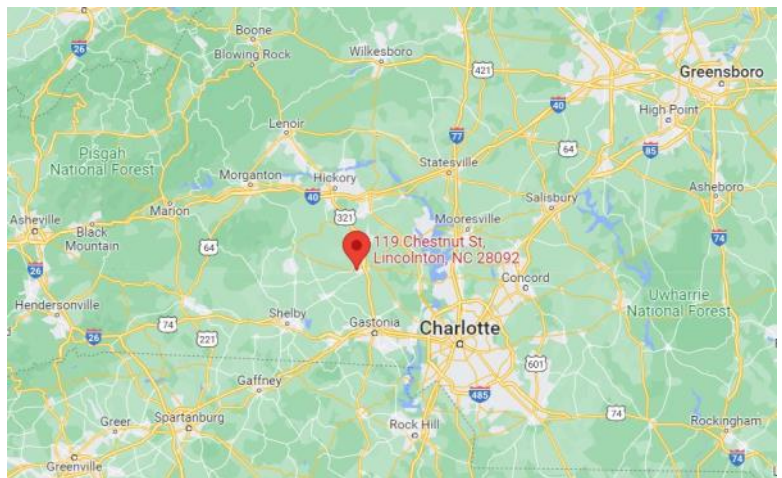
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**Financial Incentives:** The **Gen. Robert F. Hoke House** is not currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places but may be eligible for listing. If listed, it would become eligible for historic preservation tax credits. In North Carolina, both state and federal income tax credits are available for the certified rehabilitation of historic structures. For the rehabilitation of this income-producing certified historic structure, a 20% federal income tax credit and a 20% state income tax credit are available. Local incentives may also be available. For more information on Historic Preservation Tax Credits, please contact the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office at 919-807-6570 or at [www.hpo.ncdcr.gov](http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov).



**Directions:** From Charlotte: take NC-16 N, and then NC-73 exit toward Lincolnton/Huntersville. In 0.2 mile, turn left onto NC-73 W, and then turn right onto NC-27 W in 10.9 miles. In 4.8 miles, turn right onto N. Aspen Street, and then turn right onto Chestnut Street in 0.2 mile. The property will be on your left in 269 feet.

**Area Information:** [Lincolnton](#) (incorporated in 1785) has a rich heritage, being the second oldest town west of the Catawba River. Downtown Lincolnton is a National Register Historic District and part of the [North Carolina Main Street program](#). Close to booming Charlotte and an international airport, the town is enjoying a renaissance with exciting new restaurants, antique stores, boutique clothing and jewelry stores, offices, plus a new music store and a recording studio. A growing restaurant and craft brewery movement is creating opportunities for entrepreneurs and leading the charge to redevelop and repurpose historic buildings. As part of the [Carolina Thread Trail](#), the [Cloninger Rail Trail](#) passes through the heart of downtown and connects three city parks. Also located in downtown Lincolnton is City Hall, County offices, the James Warren Civic Center, beautiful churches, the [Lincoln Cultural Center](#), the historic Pleasant Retreat Academy, banks, and other convenient services.



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