

R. Kent and Gertrude N. Blair House (529 N. Poplar Street)



The R. Kent and Gertrude N. Blair House is significant as the best-preserved extant example of the Foursquare style of residential architecture at its original site of construction in the center city of Charlotte. The Blair House is significant for its association with R. Kent Blair, a pharmacist who actively participated in the business, civic, and political communities of Charlotte. Most notably, Blair served as chair of the board of water commissioners that built a new pump station on the Catawba River in response to severe drought and water shortages in Charlotte in 1911. The Blair House is also significant for its association with the historic preservation of Fourth Ward in the 1970s and 1980s. The recommended designation is for the interior and exterior of the house and the associated parcel of land.

