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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Roberts Justice House

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 133 North Main Street

not for publication N/A

city, town Kernersville

vicinity N/A

state North Carolina code N.C. county Forsyth code _____

zip code 27584

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historical and Architectural Resources in
Kernersville, N. C.

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this
 nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the
National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

William S. Fair, Jr.
Signature of certifying official

12-18-87
Date

State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
- See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Arlene Byer

Entered in the
National Register

2-25-88

for
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Late Italianate
century Period: Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof metal

other _____

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Roberts-Justice House is situated in the 100 block of North Main Street in Kernersville. The lot on which it sits once stretched through the block to Cherry Street to the rear, but early in the 20th century the rear portion was sold (see R. C. Morris House, #6, North Cherry Street Historic District). The L-shaped house was built in 1877 of common-bond brick. Bays all have decorative lintels and sills of stone. There is an original one-story kitchen ell, with latticed porch to the rear.

Prior to its remodeling, ca. 1916, the house was similar to other T- and L-plan houses of the 1870s in Kernersville. The style, plan and massing were very popular in Kernersville in the 1870s, as discussed in Context II, Industrial and Commercial "Boom" Period, Property Type A, Brick Italianate Residences of the "Boom" Period, of the Multiple Property Format cover.

The original plan of the house was L-plan, with two smaller rooms to the south, and a larger room to the north of a center hall. An interior chimney served the two southern rooms and an exterior chimney served the north room. The porch ran along the leg of the L, the north room.

In 1909 the house was purchased by J. T. Justice, a physician who cared for Mr. Roberts in his last years, and some time after moving into the house Dr. Justice remodeled it. According to family tradition this occurred before 1916, and stylistically, this date is appropriate.

The roof was changed from side gable to hip with a side gabled section and smaller off-center main and side facade gables. The gable ends were stuccoed with colored glass chips embedded in them, and contain round ventilators. A two-story rear ell was added to accommodate a dining room on the first floor and a bedroom on the second, converting the plan to a center hall with two rooms on either side. A latticed porch flanks the two-story ell. The front porch was replaced and a portecochere was added to the north end. The porch roof is flat, with a balustrade, and is accessible from a second-floor door over the central entry. Bays are flat arched with stone lintels; windows are one-over-one sash. The central entry contains a wood door with nearly full-length oval light. The side-lights are leaded bevelled glass; the transom contains three bevelled and stained glass lights.

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Although the original plan of the house was retained, interior trim was replaced with Colonial Revival details. The original interior trim was probably late Greek Revival, with simple post and lintel mantels, and molded door and window surrounds. This trim is found in the three other surviving examples of this Italianate dwelling. The stairs still rise against the south wall of the house, with a landing lit by a stained glass window across the rear wall, and a short flight along the north wall. The interior trim is heavy mahogany against white plaster over the brick walls which are 18 inches thick.

The south front parlor has a delicate delicate Colonial Revival mantel with an overmantel and spindle work. The north parlor has a simpler Colonial Revival mantel without an overmantel.

Beyond the front parlors are a (bed) room to the south and a dining room to the north. The rear southern room has a mantel similar to that in the north front parlor. The dining room mantel is more ornate with mirrored overmantel, and is reached through paired French doors. The kitchen, which was remodeled in the twentieth century, is accessible only through the dining room, while all other first floor rooms also open onto the stairhall.

The second floor also follows a center-hall, two-room-deep plan, with a doorway leading onto the porch balcony at the east end of the hall. The rooms on the second floor are finished with plaster and early twentieth century woodwork, including more modest Colonial Revival mantels with shelves and pilasters. The rear room on the north side was altered to accommodate a bathroom against the hall wall.

In the rear yard are a frame two-bay garage with German siding, and a shed roof. The garage is contemporary with the ca. 1916 remodeling of the house, and is a contributing resource. Just south of the garage is a block storage building, which appears to date from the mid-twentieth century and which is a non-contributing resource.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1877 - ca. 1916

Significant Dates

1877
1916

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Roberts-Justice House, 141 North Main Street, Kernersville, is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, because it is one of a group of four 1870s two-story brick Italianate houses in Kernersville (Context II, Commercial "Boom" Period, 1873-1900; Property Type B, Brick Italianate Residences) and for its intact ca. 1916 Colonial Revival interiors, which are comparable in style, execution, and date, to the George Virgil Fulp House in the North Cherry Street historic district. The Roberts-Justice House is a beautifully maintained example of the L-plan brick house as seen in Kernersville, with a ca. 1916 Colonial Revival interior. The house retains its mahogany first floor trim, hall arch and stair. The woodwork is similar to that in the George Virgil Fulp House (#2, North Cherry Street Historic District) and is some of the finest surviving in the town of Kernersville. The Colonial Revival style was one of the most popular building modes in the early twentieth century (Context III: Maturation and Diversification, 1900-1930 and Property Type A. Early Twentieth Century Dwellings).

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The Roberts-Justice House was built about 1877 for Calvin Roberts who moved to Kernersville about 1870. from the Oak Ridge section of Guilford County. In Kernersville Roberts and James W. Beard, operating as Beard and Roberts Store, were dealers in general merchandise and country produce, specializing in buying and selling dried fruits and berries. (1). In 1880 Roberts and Beard entered another business venture as Beard and Roberts Tobacco Company, manufacturers of plug tobacco. (2)

In 1903 Robert's wife, Carrie Connell Roberts, died, leaving Mr. Roberts, who was not well, to take care of himself. (3) About that time Dr. J. T. Justice and his wife and young son, moved to Kernersville. Dr. Justice moved his family into Mr. Roberts' house on November 22, 1906, in order to care for the invalid Mr. Roberts. The Justices lived with Mr. Roberts until his death in 1909, at which time Dr. Justice was able to purchase the house from the Roberts estate for the sum of \$1533. (4)

Between his acquisition of the house in 1909 and 1916, according to family tradition, Dr. Justice remodeled the house to its present appearance, both inside and out. (5) The house reflects its 1877 form and construction methods, with updated embellishments which include stucco and colored glass gable end sheathing, a hip roof, remodeled and elongated porch with porte cochere, dark mahogany woodwork, and a selection of Colonial Revival mantels. Virtually the only alterations since ca. 1916 have been the remodeling of the kitchen and the division of the rear northern bathroom into a bath and small storage room.

Dr. Justice was active in the civic and business communities in Kernersville. He served as a town commissioner for seventeen years, and was on the school board for several years as well. He was one of the organizers of the Kernersville Loan Company, helped organize Vance Knitting Company and was president of Acme Lumber Company. (6)

Dr. Justice continued to live in the house until his death in 1939, when his elder son, J. T. Justice, Jr., and his wife, inherited the property. The rear portion of the lot, which originally stretched a full block to North Cherry Street in the rear, was sold about 1925. J. T. Justice, Jr., had spent two years in medical school, but returned to Kernersville in 1934. He opened a theater, called the Pick Fair until the 1940s when the name was changed to the Justice Theater, which he operated until he retired in 1967. This was the first, and only, theater in Kernersville for many years, and was the main source of entertainment for years. (7) A photographer came to Kernersville every few weeks and took movies of the town, including children from the school, the workers leaving mills and factories, local parades and people leaving the theater. These movies were shown at the theater the following week. These movies are in good condition, and have been shown to the citizens of Kernersville on occasion. (8) The theater was demolished in recent years for a parking lot.

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J. T. Justice left the house to his wife when he died in 1971. Mrs. Justice continues to live in and maintain the house.

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FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Census of the United States, Forsyth County, North Carolina, 1880.
- 2 Bicentennial Committee. Kernersville, North Carolina, Bicentennial. Winston-Salem: Hunter Publishing Company, 1971, revised 1976, p. 74; hereinafter cited as Bicentennial.
- 3 Interview with Mrs. J. T. Justice, Jr., February 28, 1987, Kernersville, N. C., notes on file in Survey and Planning Branch; hereinafter cited as Justice interview.
- 4 Deed of Sale, in possession of Mrs. J. T. Justice, Jr., Kernersville, N. C.
- 5 Justice interview.
- 6 Bicentennial, p. 82.
- 7 Justice interview.
8. Pickford Theater file, Forsyth County, Survey and Planning Branch.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bicentennial Committee. Kernersville, North Carolina, Bicentennial. Winston-Salem: Hunter Publishing Company, 1971, revised 1976.

Interview with Mrs. J. T. Justice, Jr., February 28, 1987, in Kernersville, N. C., notes on file with Survey and Planning Branch.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than 1 acre

UTM References

A 17 583420 3997500
 Zone Easting Northing

C

B
 Zone Easting Northing

D

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The property being nominated is the lot on which the house was built. See tax map with property outlined in red, Block 2101, Lot 18.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The property being nominated is the lot on which the house was built, and is what remains of the original lot associated with the house.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Consultant, Survey and Planning Branch date October 1987

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Kernersville MPS
State Forsyth County, NORTH CAROLINA

Nomination/Type of Review	Date/Signature
Cover	for Keeper <u>Patrick Andrus 2/25/88</u>
1. First Baptist Church <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melvin Byrum 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
2. Harmon-Reid Mill <i>Substantive Review</i>	for Keeper <u>Patrick Andrus 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
3. Kernersville Depot <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melvin Byrum 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
4. St McKaughan, Isaac Harrison, House <i>Entered in the National Register</i> <i>Substantive Review</i>	Keeper <u>Amy Schlaegel 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
5. North Cherry Street Historic District <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melvin Byrum 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
6. Roberts--Justice House <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melvin Byrum 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
7. South Main Street Historic District <i>Substantive Review</i>	Keeper <u>Patrick Andrus 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
8. Stuart Motor Company <i>Entered in the National Register</i>	for Keeper <u>Melvin Byrum 2/25/88</u> Attest _____
9.	Keeper _____ Attest _____
10.	Keeper _____ Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Roberts--Justice House (Kernersville MPS)
Forsyth County
NORTH CAROLINA

Working No. JAN 14 1988
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-89
Date Due: 2/11/88 - 2/28/88
Action: ACCEPT 2-25-88
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed unaltered altered original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance *(in one paragraph)*

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY
RALEIGH, NC 27611

NEGATIVE NUMBER

NEGATIVE LOCATION N.C. Arch. & Hist.

PHOTOGRAPHER Va. Oswald

PHOTO DATE May 1987

CAMERA DIRECTION SW

LOCATION (DISTRICT, IF APPLICABLE)

N. Main St., Kernersville, N.C.

SUBJECT

Roberts - Justice House



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RALEIGH, NC 27611

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PHOTOGRAPHER Va. Oswald

PHOTO DATE May 1987

CAMERA DIRECTION SE

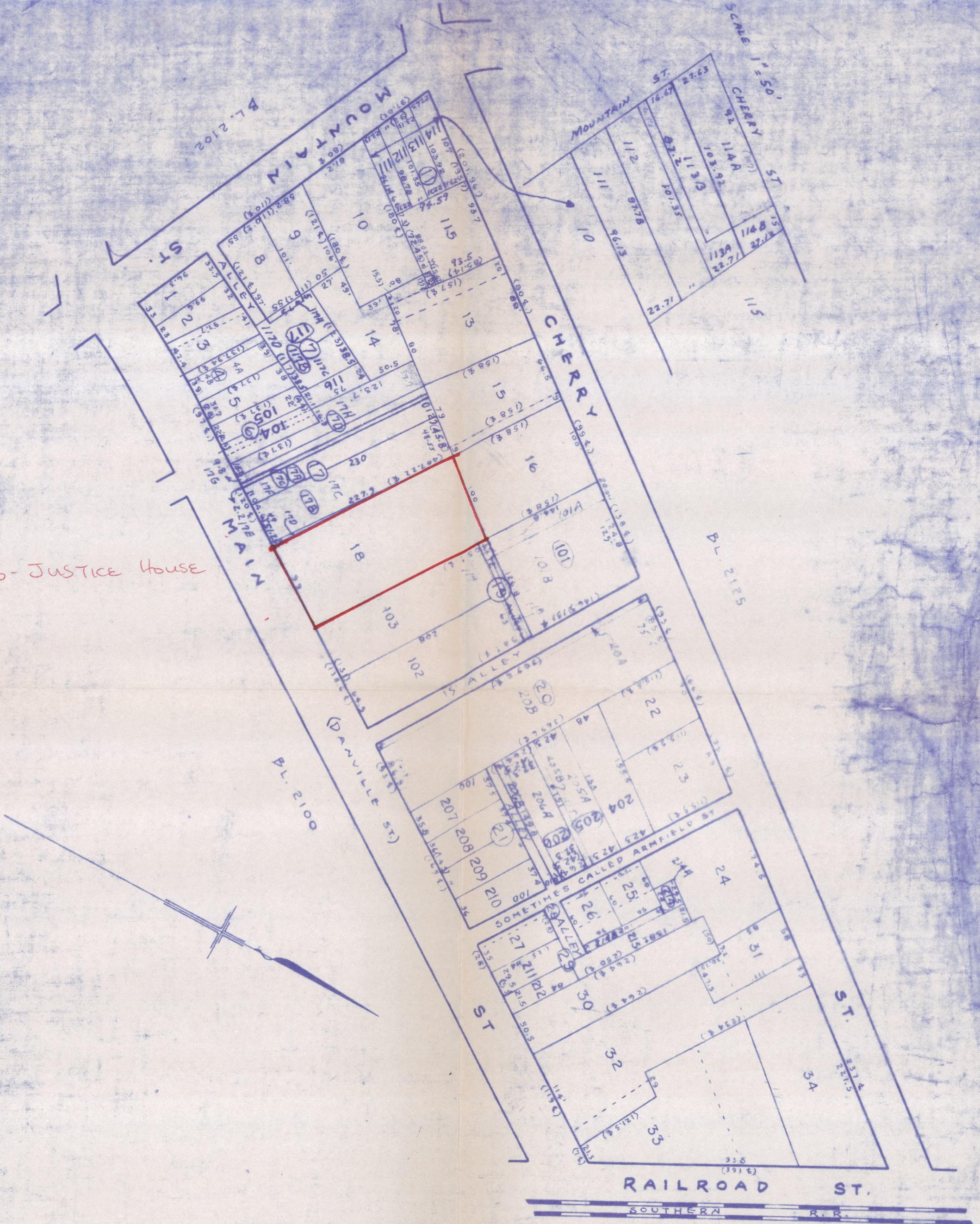
LOCATION (DISTRICT, IF APPLICABLE)

N. Main St., Kernersville, N.C.

SUBJECT

Roberts - Justice Home
stair hall / entry

SCALE 1" = 50'



ROBERTS - JUSTICE HOUSE

SOUTHERN R.R.

BL. 2120

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500364