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***Landmarks of Northwest North Carolina***

**Linville House is 85 Years Old**



THIS RESIDENCE at 2123 Waughtown Street was started in 1857 and completed in 1858 by Tatum Phillips who used it for many years. It is still one of the best homes in the Waughtown section of the city. Present owners are Misses Estie and Vada Linville and Roger and Marshall Linville. — (Staff Photo.)

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Back in the middle of the last century, tall chestnut trees clothed the hillsides of Forsyth County and all this section. The blight which later took every chestnut tree in all the Piedmont and Blue Ridge area had not made its appearance in this country.

Doubtless that was the reason Tatum Phillips used prime chestnut shingles to cover the splendid residence he built on what is now Waughtown Street, back in 1857 and 1858.

Those chestnut shingles lasted for better than half a century. They were removed by A. W. Linville when he put on a new roof in 1909. One of the shingles bore the inscription: "Roof put on in 1857." A date elsewhere indicated that Phillips finished the house in 1858.

The house is numbered today at 2123 Waughtown Street and is still one of the most substantial structures in that part of the city (a section which was rural enough when the house was built). Phillips and his family lived in the splendid residence for several years and then sold out to J. C. Spach. He moved to the Union Cross neighborhood and built another home fronting on the Fayetteville and Western plank road. Albert Wilburn occupies that residence today.

The Spachs used the Waughtown Street residence for a time and sold it to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brindle. The Brindles resided there for a time and also moved into the Union Cross neighborhood.

O. L. Fisher was the next owner of the large brick residence, but he never lived there. Ultimately, in 1904, he sold it to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Linville, who made their home there for the remainder of their lives. Mr. Linville died in 1904; Mrs. Linville died in 1938. Since Mrs. Linville's death the family has made it the property of the four unmarried children who now live there: Misses Estie and Vada Linville, Roger Linville and Marshall Linville.

Other children in the family are Mrs. George Weir, who lives next door to the Linville home, A. W. Linville, lumber dealer, of Flat Rock Street; Mrs. J. R. Long, Waterbury Street; and T. Vance Linville, Banner Avenue.

The estate still about includes about 10 acres of the original large farm and in addition to the seven-room structure itself there is a log smokehouse which was erected at the time the house was built. Few homes of equal age are in better state of preservation. This doubtless is due to the excellence of construction.

It perhaps is not an accident that Tatum Phillips, one of the best judges of lumber in his day, passed along to his son a good working knowledge in that line. J. H. Phillips, now dead, was one of the incorporators of Smitli-Phillips Lumber Company and was one of the best-known lumbermen of his day in this section. His son, Percy C. Phillips, carries on the family business in the firm of Phillips Lumber Company.