Anderson Apartments
503 – 507 Vance Street

Old Wilson Historic District
Wilson, NC

Circa 1922

Annual Property Taxes: $3,422 in current condition

Sq. Footage: 12,896

Lot Size: .69

These apartments are on the same lot as the house located at 207 Bragg Street.

This handsome row of two-story, brick and stucco townhouse apartments were built by brothers Stephen W. and Wade H. Anderson. Stephen Anderson was a prominent merchant and later became president of P. L. Woodard and Company and Contentnea Guano Company. Wade H. Anderson was a prominent Wilson physician.

The Colonial Revival structure contains ten townhouses, arranged in five identically finished pairs beneath a hip roof. Each pair is six-bays wide and has a central, two-bay, projecting entrance. The central pair’s entrance has
a hip roof while the others, two on each side, have gable roofs. Molded and boxed cornices return at the gable to enframe and applied wreath and swag motif.

The twin entrances are sheltered beneath a porch carried by Tuscan columns and having a second story deck. The porch walls are stuccoed, creating a pleasant and emphasizing rhythm with the rest of the brick-veneered first story. This story contains six-over-six sash windows with stuccoed blind arches that have stone keystones and spring blocks. The sills and lintels are brick. A brick soldier course defines the separation of the brick first story and the stuccoed second story, which contains six-over-six windows.

Interior chimneys separate each pair of townhouses and stuccoed exterior end chimneys with decorative inset brickwork in the stack flank each end of the building. The rear elevation is also broken by projecting bays and has rear porches with wooden posts and lattice screens.

Each interior is pleasantly finished in a modest Colonial Revival fashion. Several have French doors which separate the front parlor from the rear dining room. The parlor mantel supports Tuscan columns. An open stringer stair with square newel and balusters rises in front on the second story.

The apartment complex is a contributing property to the historic district and qualifies for the Historic Tax Credits. Wilson is a quaint southern town with a population of just over 50,000. Wilson’s location is 40 minutes to Raleigh, an hour to the Raleigh-Durham International Airport, two hours to the beach and five hours to the mountains.