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MEMORANDUM

TO: Shelby Reap
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FROM: Renee Gledhill-Earley *Renee Gledhill-Earley*
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SUBJECT: Historic Structures Survey Report for Interchange Improvements for I-85/I-40 at
SR 1007, I-5711, PA 15-04-0035, Alamance County, ER 15-2679

Thank you for your letter of November 24, 2015, submitting the Historic Structures Survey Report for the above-referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the report and concur that the **Arrowhead Inn Motel (AM1619) is not eligible** for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

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Dear Ms. Gledhill-Earley:

RE: Historic Structures Report for TIP# I-5711, PA 15-04-0035, Interchange
Improvements for I-85/I-40 at SR 1007 (Mebane Oaks Road) in Alamance County.

Due 12/21/15

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is conducting planning studies for the above-referenced project. Please find attached one hard copies and one digital copy of the Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report, which meets the guidelines for survey procedures for NCDOT and the National Park Service.

Please review the attached survey report and provide us with your comments. If you have any questions concerning the accompanying information, please contact me at 919-707-6088.

Sincerely,

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Historic Architecture Group

Attachment



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ELIGIBILITY EVALUATION REPORT**

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Arrowhead Inn Motel

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MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

URS prepared this report in August 2015 in support of proposed Interchange Improvements for I-85/I-40 at SR 1007 (Mebane Oaks Road), Alamance County (TIP# I-5711, WBS# 50401.1.FS1) (Figure 1 and Figure 2). The project is subject to review under the *Programmatic Agreement for Minor Transportation Projects* (North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)/North Carolina Historic Preservation Office (NCHPO)/ Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 2007). NCDOT architectural historians established an Area of Potential Effects (APE) and conducted a preliminary investigation, identifying one property, the Arrowhead Inn Motel (AM1619), warranting additional study and eligibility evaluation. The APE extends from the center of the interchange, approximately 2,000 feet north and 2,500 feet south on Mebane Oaks Road, and approximately 3,400 feet east and 2,500 feet west on I-85/I-40. It encompasses the resources overlooking Mebane Oaks Road and I-85/I-40. URS conducted an intensive-level field survey that included identifying, analyzing, and evaluating the Arrowhead Inn Motel according to the National Register of Historic Places (NR or National Register) Criteria. As a result of these efforts, URS recommends that the Arrowhead Inn Motel lacks the significance and integrity necessary for National Register listing.

Property Name	NCHPO Survey Site Number	NRHP Eligibility Recommendation	Criteria
Arrowhead Inn Motel	AM1619	Not Eligible	None

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In June 2015 NCDOT requested that URS—under a contract providing the Department with assistance in the planning process and historic architectural analyses—conduct an intensive-level field survey that included identifying, analyzing, and evaluating the Arrowhead Inn Motel according to National Register Criteria. URS senior architectural historian Marvin A. Brown, who meets the Secretary of the Interior’s qualifications for history and architectural history (CFR 36 CFR Part 61), completed that effort and drafted this report. As part of the analysis, he visited, documented, and photographed the resources and conducted supplementary research. This effort included reviewing the records of the Alamance County Register of Deeds Office; studying the Alamance County files of the NCHPO in Raleigh; and conducting online historical and genealogical research. As a result of fieldwork and research, URS recommends that the resources that comprise the Arrowhead Inn Motel lack the significance and integrity necessary for National Register listing.

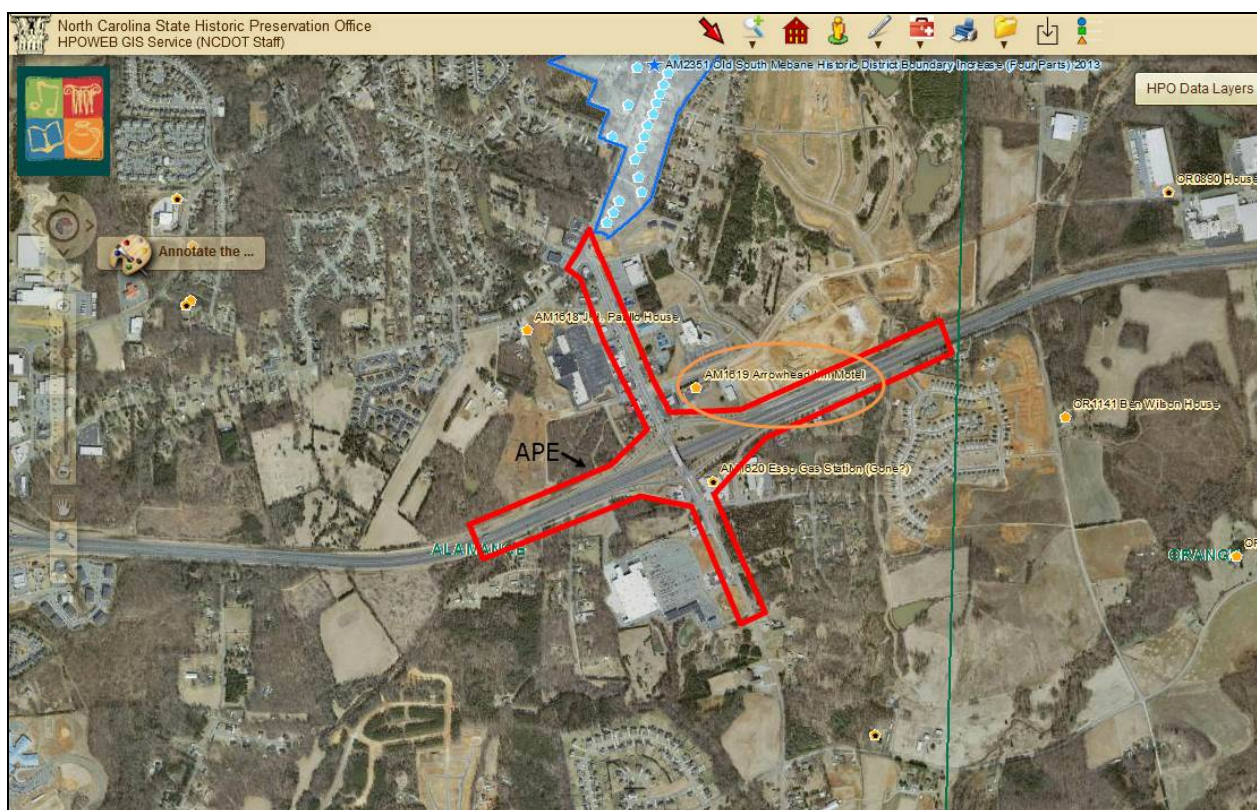
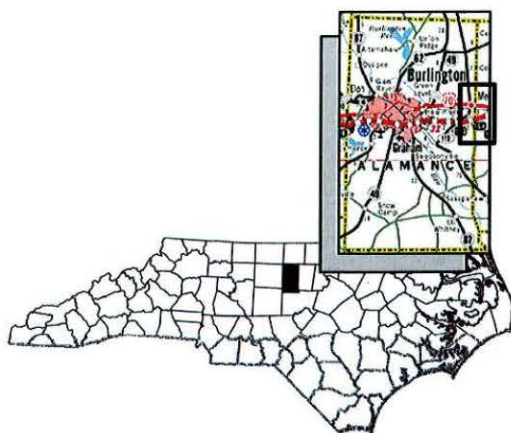
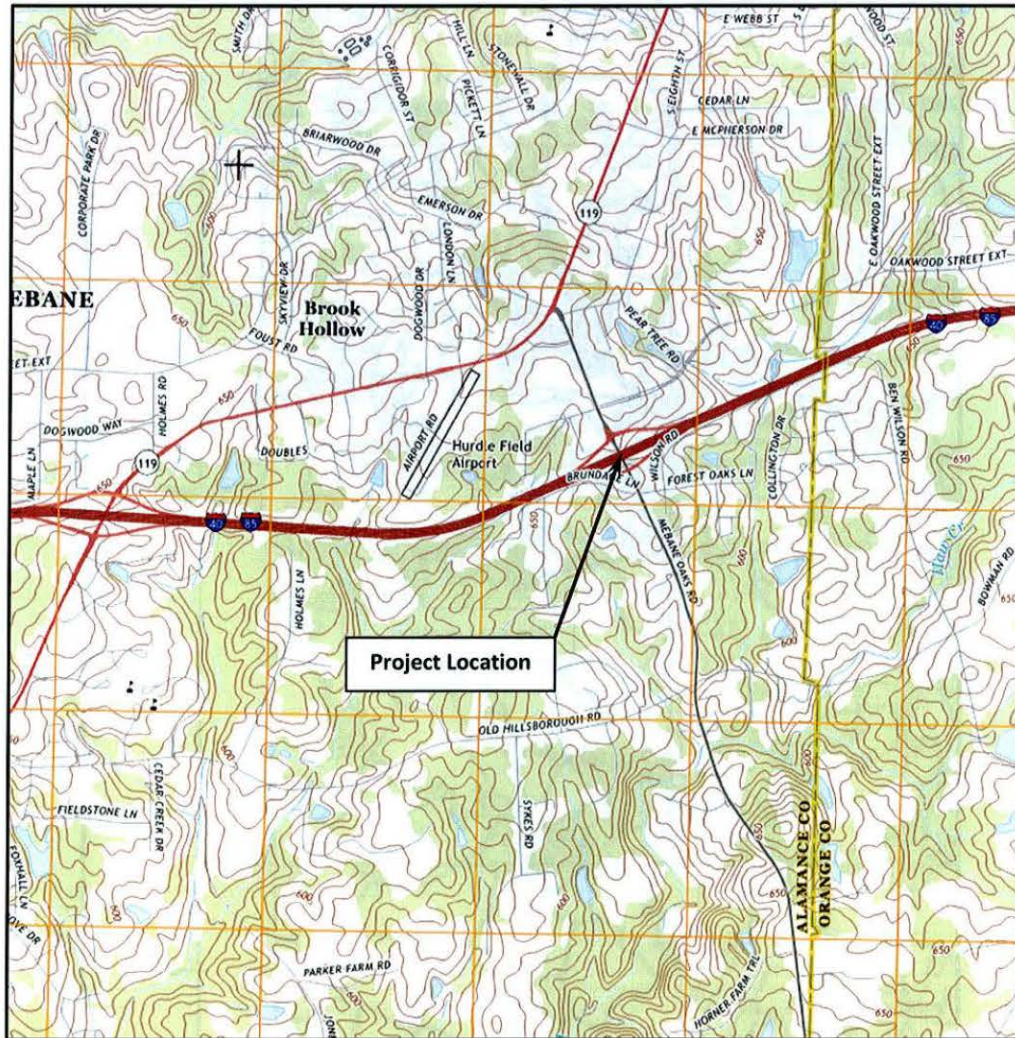


Figure 1. Location of Arrowhead Inn Motel at northeast corner of junction of SR 1007 (Mebane Oaks Road) and I-85/I-40, with APE outlined in red (source: NCDOT on NCHPO base map)




	<p>NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS UNIT</p>
	<p>I-85/I-40 Interchange Improvements at SR 1007 (Mebane Oaks Rd) I-5711 Alamance County</p>
<p>FIGURE 2 USGS MAP</p>	

Figure 2. Location of project area in east central Alamance County (source: NCDOT)

II. INVENTORY AND EVALUATION OF ARROWHEAD INN MOTEL (AM1619)



Arrowhead Inn Motel
AM1619
3941 Arrowhead Boulevard, Mebane
Alamance County: PIN #9824050512 Parcel #167510 (3.51 acres)
1965
Not Eligible

Figure 3. Arrowhead Inn Motel, south elevation

A. History

The history of the Arrowhead Inn Motel is tied to the history of Interstate 85 (I-85), which runs immediately to its south. I-85 was planned in 1956 to run from Virginia to Alabama. This route included 233 miles through North Carolina. The first segment of the highway opened in Mecklenburg County in 1958. In 1960 additional sections opened, including the one passing by the motel, which extended 46 miles between west Durham and Greensboro. By the end of 1964, more than 133 miles of I-85 had been completed, more than any other interstate in North Carolina (NCDOT 2006) (Figure 4). At the Arrowhead Inn Motel, the highway now comprises two interstates, I-85 and I-40.

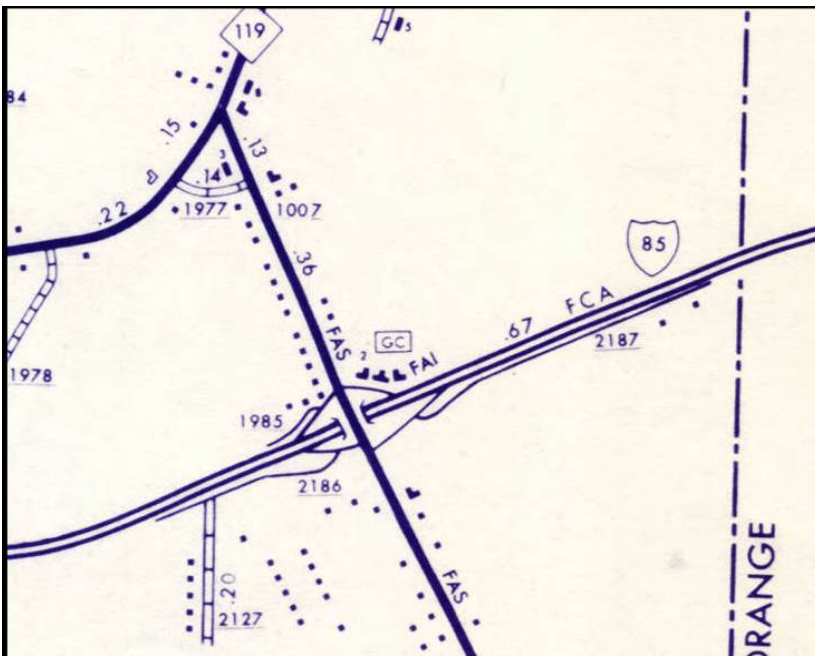


Figure 4. North Carolina State Highway Commission map of Alamance County, Mebane inset, 1966; note that motel is not yet shown but “GC” (golf course) is identified at northeast corner of I-85 interchange

Contractors F&F Construction Company of Hillsborough began grading the site for the planned 24-room Arrowhead Motor Lodge and Restaurant on January 18, 1965. Less than four months later, on May 7, 1965, the complex opened. It reportedly contained 25 units, although one of them may have been an apartment. James J. Freeland of F&F was in charge of construction and owned the building. He leased the restaurant to Charlie McAdams and hired Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Craddock to manage the motel (*Burlington Daily Times-News*, January 16, 1965 and May 6, 1965).

James Freeland (1918-1989) was a prolific builder in Hillsborough in Orange County. A story in the *News of Orange County* (Washington 2014) reporting on the celebration of “James Freeland Day” stated that he built more than 700 homes in Hillsborough and developed the Daniel Boone Village commercial and entertainment complex in the early 1960s

Charlie McAdams, Sr. operated the popular A&M Grill on Center Street in downtown Mebane beginning in 1948. He ran the Arrowhead Restaurant as well from its opening until about 1968 (Carpenter 2011). McAdams was known for his hospitality and barbeque. He also had a facility for marketing. He ran numerous advertisements for the restaurant in the local *Burlington Daily Times-News*. Many of these included characters—a honeymooning bride, an armed duelist, a blonde on a bearskin rug, etc.—with important assignments with a vanished surrogate for McAdams. From water skis behind a suddenly unmanned boat, adjacent to a hospital bed with a hanging full-leg cast but no patient, they peered about and shouted “Where’s Charlie?” Even with the most intimate evening in progress, Charlie had headed to the Arrowhead to meet his friends and eat a home-cooked meal (Figure 5 and Figure 6).

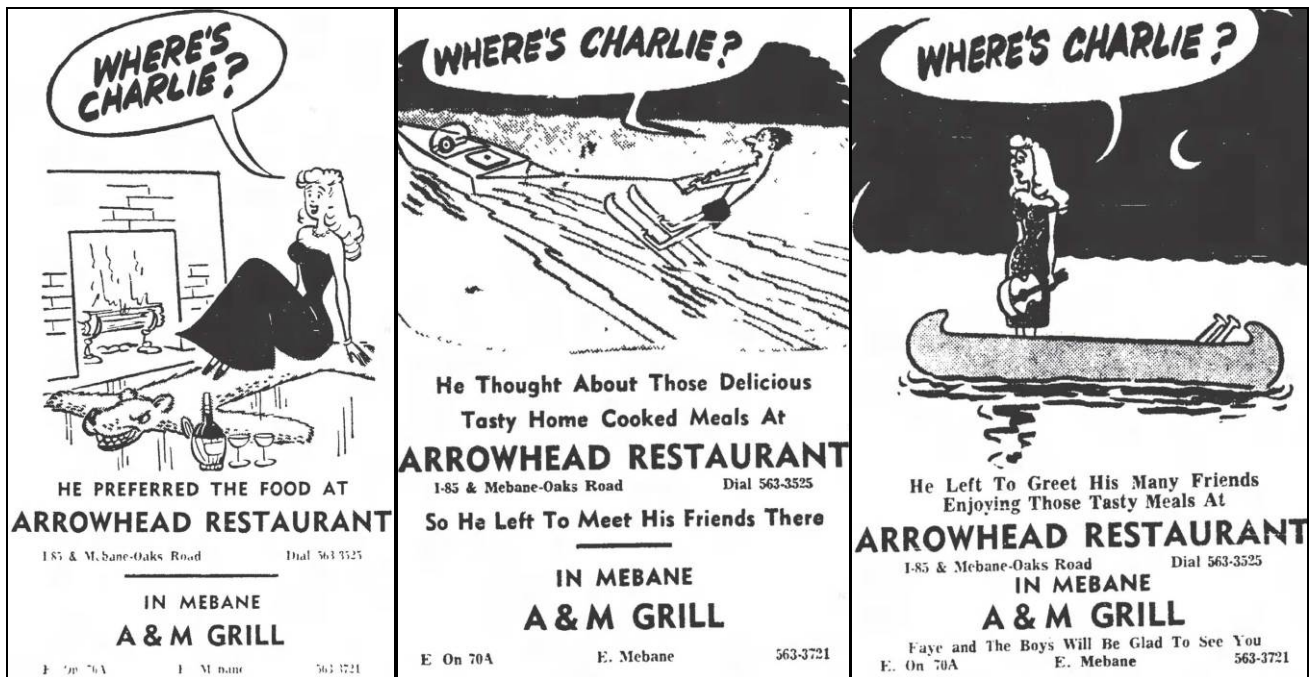


Figure 5. “Where’s Charlie?” ads in *Burlington Daily Times-News* editions of May 26, June 2, and June 9, 1965, from left to right (source: www.newspapers.com)

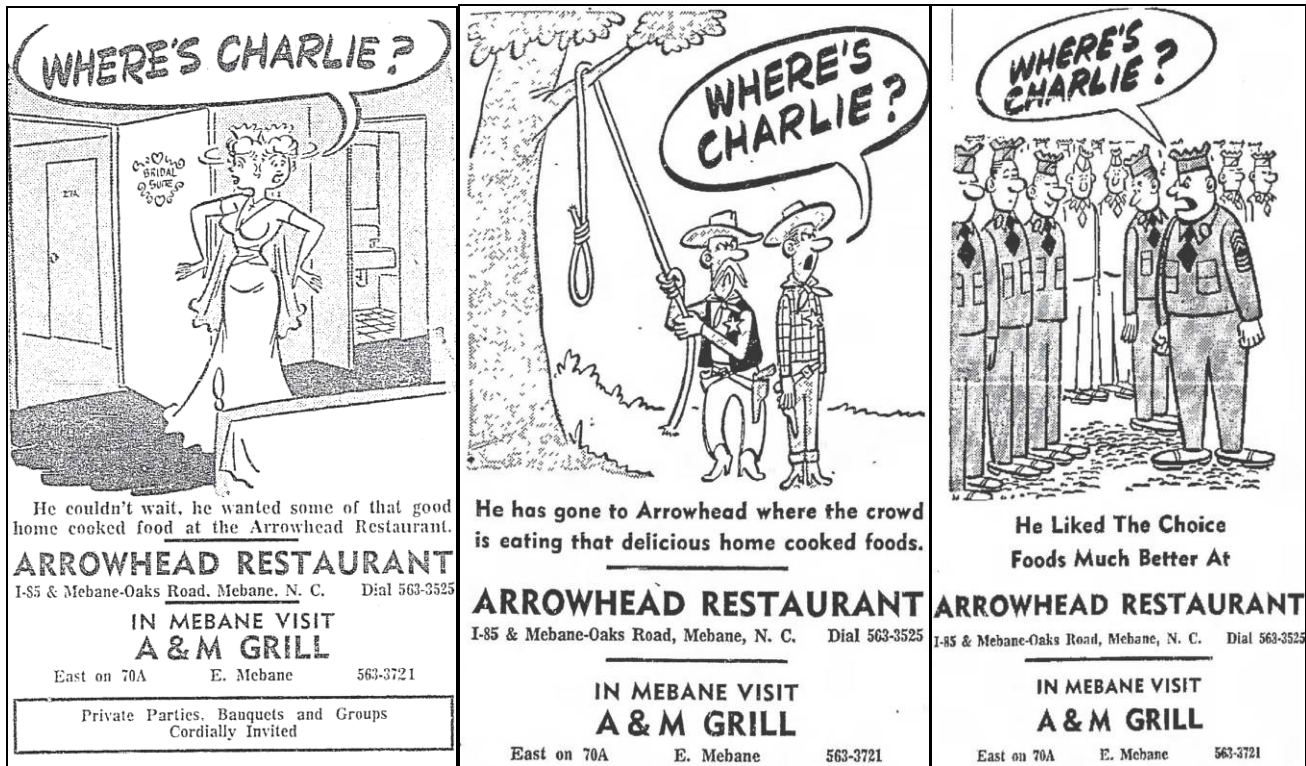


Figure 6. "Where's Charlie?" ads in *Daily Times-News* editions of March 31, May 19, and May 27, 1966, from left to right (source: www.newspapers.com)

The Arrowhead's menu included standard diner fare that travelers passing through on the interstate would have recognized—prime rib, meat loaf, baked ham. It also offered such particularly Southern items as McAdams' barbeque, fried okra, and turnip greens (Burlington *Daily Times-News*, September 3, 1965) (Figure 7).

The motel had a much smaller advertising budget, but ran at least one advertisement in the *Daily Times-News*. In the May 6, 1965 edition of the paper, which announced the official opening, an ad for the motel noted the swimming pool, "Charlie McAdam's Famous Arrowhead Restaurant," and the "Beautiful New Championship 18 Hole Arrowhead Golf Course" (Burlington *Daily Times-News*, May 6, 1965) (Figure 7). The restaurant is now a Verizon store and the site of the course, which opened in October 1964 (Hunter 1964), was supplanted by the Alamance Regional Hospital's Mebane Surgery Center and the Tanger Outlet Mall around 2010. The hotel remains in operation.

ARROWHEAD'S SUNDAY SPECIAL

APPETIZERS
Assorted Cold Juices — Chicken Noodle Soup
Boston Clam Chowder

ENTREES
Boston Prime Rib with Au-Jus
Chicken Supreme
Chopped Sirloin Steak with
French Fried Onion Rings
Saute Shrimp/En Casserole
Veal Ahalstien
Meat Loaf with Creole Sauce
Pepper Steak with Rice
Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce

VEGETABLES
Duchess Potatoes Turnip Greens
Baked Apples Green Rice
Saute Squash Cole Slaw
String Beans with Almonds
Baby Fried Okra Baked Potatoes
Pickled Beets French Fries
Sweet Potato Pudding
Hot Rolls with Butter

DESSERTS
Chocolate Pie — Lemon Ice Box Pie
Chocolate Pudding — Coconut Pie
Fruit Jello — Ice Cream Pie with Hot Fudge

ARROWHEAD RESTAURANT
I-85 & Mebane-Oaks Road, Mebane, N. C. Dial 563-3528

**IN MEBANE VISIT
A & M GRILL**

East on 70-A E. Mebane 563-3721

Arrowhead
MOTOR LODGE

MEBANE OAKS ROAD EXIT ON I-85
MEBANE, N.C.

**LIVE IT UP
WEEK-END SPECIAL**

3 DAYS OF GOLF
ON THE BEAUTIFUL NEW CHAMPIONSHIP
18 HOLE ARROWHEAD GOLF COURSE
and
**2 NIGHTS IN LUXURIOUS
DOUBLE BEDROOM**
WITH LATE CHECK OUT SUNDAY
all for \$17.95 PER PERSON

**NEXT TO CHARLIE McADAM'S
FAMOUS ARROWHEAD RESTAURANT**

2 DAYS OF GOLF
1 NIGHT IN LUXURIOUS DOUBLE BEDROOM
LATE CHECK OUT SUNDAY
all for \$9.95 PER PERSON

**WALK OUT OF YOUR ROOM
RIGHT ON THE DRIVING RANGE**

CALL 563-3513 FOR RESERVATIONS

**DINING - SWIMMING - PUTTING GREEN
And DRIVING RANGE**

Figure 7. Arrowhead Restaurant menu offerings (Daily Times-News, September 3, 1965) and Arrowhead Motor Lodge advertisement (Daily Times-News, May 6, 1965)

A few images depict the motel and restaurant around the time of their opening. The newspaper announcement of their opening included a photograph of the restaurant, although not the hotel (Figure 8). A postcard depicts the restaurant interior, the putting green and the hotel's east end, and a view from the edge of the interstate showing the hotel's long south-facing elevation, the tall sign that included an arrowhead, and the broad wall of windows the restaurant turned toward the highway (Figure 9). The postcard's reverse describes the property:

New, modern Motel and Restaurant – Golf course adjoining – Large swimming pool – Large rooms with single and double beds – Combination tub and shower – T.V. – Phone in room available – Large office lobby for your convenience. Managed by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Flehan

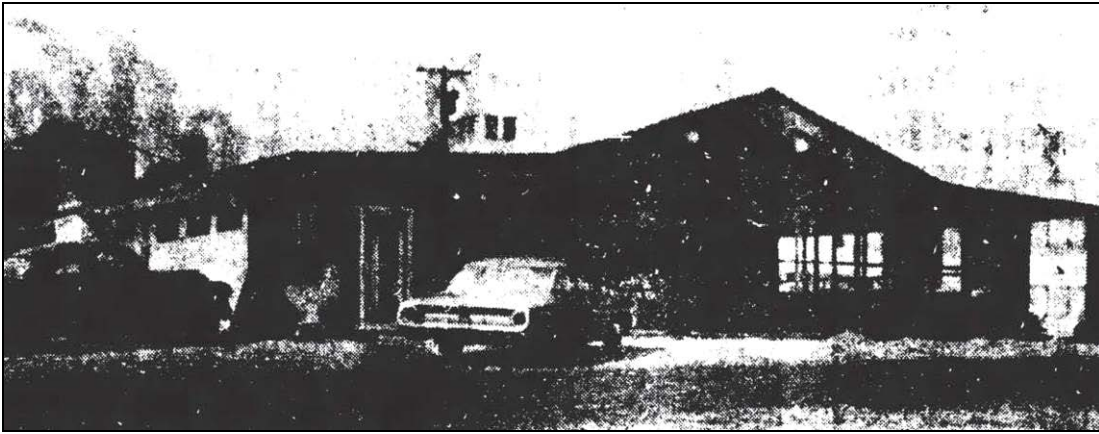


Figure 8. Arrowhead Restaurant at its opening (*Daily Times-News*, May 6, 1965)



Figure 9. Restaurant interior, putting green, and motel, sign, and restaurant from the interstate, ca.1965 (source: <https://www.cardcow.com/273385/arrowhead-motor-lodge-restaurant-mebane-north-carolina/>)

By 1978 the property was owned by two married couples, Bhupat H. and Nirmala B. Patel and Chhagan (or Chhaganlal) G. and Niruben (or Niru) C. Patel. They had acquired it from Henry and Senia H. Flehan (Alamance County Deed of Trust 478/Page 157), who had moved up from simply managing the property from near the time of its opening to owning it. Also in 1978 the Patels leased the restaurant to James G. Dorsett (Alamance County Deed Book 438/Page 252). The lease is of interest for identifying in detail almost all of the fixtures, equipment, utensils, and cookware in the building at that time (Figure 10). The list indicates that Charlie McAdams “home cooked food” had been supplanted at least in part by pizza. In 1979 the Patels sold the property to Gamanbhai B. and Chandan G. Patel (Alamance County Deed Book 443/Page 42), who remain the owners of the property, which is now a Budget Inn.

<u>RESTAURANT KITCHEN</u>		EXHIBIT "A"
1	Stainless sink assembly 3 & 2 compartment (Electric Thermostat)	
2	Stainless buss-carts	
4	up-right metal storage racks	
1	chest freezer	
1	up-right freezer	
2	Ractone up-right refrigerators	
1	cutting top work table	
1	meat grinder	
2	G. E. Electric Fryers--with metal assembly	
1	Amber charcoal broiler--with metal assembly	
1	gas grill with oven	
1	gas 6-burner range	
1	stainless work table	
1	electric toastmaster	
1	microwave oven	
1	Stainless work table with sink and shelf above	
1	walk-in cooler	
1	Hobart slicer	
1	Hobart meat-saw	
1	lxh cutting block	
1	commercial can-opener	
1	Coca-cola ice machine	
2	double toasters with stand	
1	salad refrigerator	
1	combination steam and work table with shelves	
1	double infra-red warmer	
1	revolving order-wheel	
1	dish storage unit	
<u>LOUNGE</u>		
12	brown-top tables	
6	bar stools	
1	bar counter	
1	fountain counter	
1	back bar	
1	cash register counter	
1	coat rack	
1	cash register (R.C. Allen)	
<u>PIZZA KITCHEN</u>		
1	ABC-up-right freezer	
1	Foster refrigerator	
1	star-salad refrigerator	
1	Blodgett Pizza oven	
1	Max. House Coffee maker	
1	Green top folding table	
1	desk	
1	cutting top work table	
<u>FRONT AND SIDE DINING ROOM</u>		
62	yellow dining room chairs	All glasses, dishes, silver-ware and
14	cream-top dinette tables	cooking and serving utensils.
14	booths and tables	
1	Kirby vacuum cleaner	
2	baby high chairs	
1	waitress station with water fountain and ice bin	
1	service counter with sink	
1	service counter with bread warmer (electric)	
1	up-right showcase refrigerator	
1	metal salad bar	
1	electric 5-hole buffet counter	
1	check-out counter with candy display	
1	N.C.R. Electric cash register	
1	N.C.R. electric adding machine	
1	coat rack	

Figure 10. Contents of Arrowhead Restaurant in 1979

B. Description

Introduction

The Arrowhead Inn Motel, originally the Arrowhead Motor Lodge, had five principal components when built in 1965: the long motel building (A on Figure 11); an office/apartment (B) attached to the motel building's east end; the freestanding restaurant (C) to the west; a pool (D) to the south; and a large sign (E) south of and between the motel building and the restaurant. Much has changed at the complex in the past 50 years. The motel building has been altered, the office/apartment has been substantially extended, the restaurant building no longer stands or has been rebuilt beyond recognition, the pool has been filled, and the sign has been replaced by a new one on a new location (F). Descriptions of the resources follow.



Figure 11. Resource locator map

Motel Building [A]

The long motel building is built into a slope that falls steeply to the south (Figure 12 through Figure 16). Due to the elevation drop, it is a single story tall on the north and two stories tall on the south. In spite of its multi-story height, the entire building is topped by a symmetrical, gable-end roof with a shallow pitch. The roof retains two small, original, ventilator cupolas at its peak.

The building alternates full-height, brick panels with full-height panels of vinyl siding. These alternating panels give a suggestion of Mid-Century Modernist architecture to the motel. The gable-end roof, red brick, and cupolas, however, counter with suggestions of the Colonial Revival style. At heart, the motel's appearance is most deeply informed by its functionality rather than any style. It was built to hold 25 units (*Daily Times-News*, May 6, 1965) arranged to provide maximum exposure to the new interstate that provided the bulk of its business.

On both principal elevations the brick panels are blank and the vinyl-sided panels hold the entry and window bays. The entry openings provide recessed access to pairs of rooms. The entries on the north open into the second-story units, which run the depth of the building. Those on the south open into the ground-floor units. The motel has no interior corridor.

The building has seen numerous relatively alterations over the years. The current vinyl siding covers horizontal wooden siding that was in place when the motel was surveyed in 2002 (Briggs, Miller, and Barkhau). Also since 2002 the brick, originally exposed, was painted red. A one-story, gable-end extension at the building's west end appears to be in place on the postcard produced shortly after the motel opened. However, a small gabled shed at the center of the south elevation, along with a gable-

roofed shed at the center of the north elevation, are additions that were in place by 2002. A shed roof supported by posts that extends between floors across the south elevation, shading the entries and a sidewalk on that side, was not in place when the postcard was produced. It too was added by 2002. The building had sliding-glass windows at one elevation and jalousie windows at the “rear,” likely the north, elevation in 2002. It now has sliding-glass windows throughout.



Figure 12. Postcard photograph of south elevation, ca.1965, at top (source: <https://www.cardcow.com/273385/arrowhead-motor-lodge-restaurant-mebane-north-carolina/>);2015 view at bottom

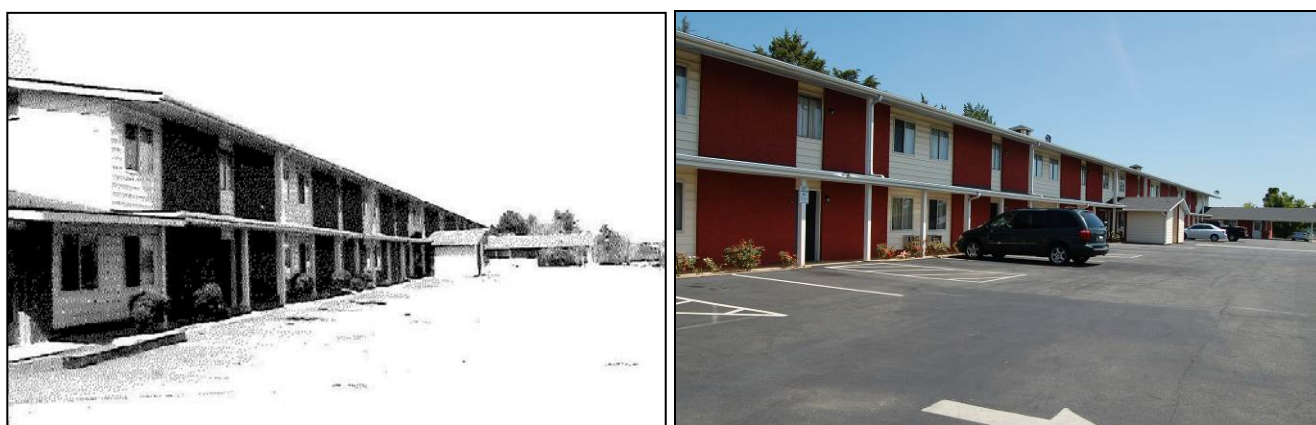


Figure 13. 2002 photograph of south elevation looking northeast at left; 2015 photograph of similar view at right

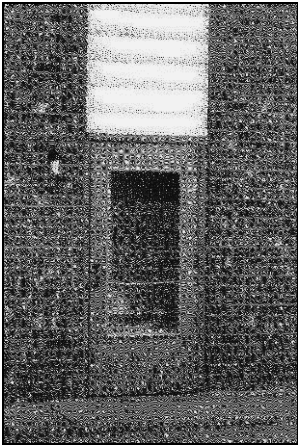


Figure 14. 2002 photograph of north elevation at left; 2015 photograph of same elevation at right



Figure 15. North elevation looking southwest



Figure 16. North elevation looking southeast

Office/Apartment [B]

The motel office/apartment was extensively altered between 1965 and 2002. The early postcard includes an image of what was likely a manager's or owner's apartment at the building's east gable end and another image that depicts an office projecting south from the apartment. The small apartment occupied the last few bays of the east end of the building (Figure 17 and Figure 18). It was brick clad with two symmetrically placed windows facing east. By 2002 these windows were replaced by a single sliding window set in a wooden panel at the gable's center. Further, by this date a large, one-story, brick extension under a wide, asymmetrical, gabled roof was attached to the east. This addition turned the apartment into what is essentially a small, attached house.



Figure 17. Postcard photograph of east and south-facing elevations of apartment at east end of motel building, ca.1965; note putting green on current site of parking lot and outlet store



Figure 18. 2002 view of apartment looking southwest at left; 2015 photograph of same view at right

The office block in the postcard photograph may well be little changed to the present (Figure 19 and Figure 20). It terminates at a frame and brick, gabled wall pierced by three windows. It has certainly barely changed since its inventory in 2002, which described it as including “a covered porte-cochere, brick walls, diamond glass doors and wide overhangs,” which remain in place. The only notable change is the removal of an “Office/[No] Vacancy” sign from the west-facing side of the porte-cochere roof. The interior of the office is not described in the 2002 inventory, but its finish suggests it is essentially the same as it was then (Figure 21). (The office was open for viewing to the principal investigator; the motel rooms were not.)



Figure 19. Detail of postcard photograph of south-facing office at east end of motel building, ca.1965, at left; 2015 photograph of same view at right

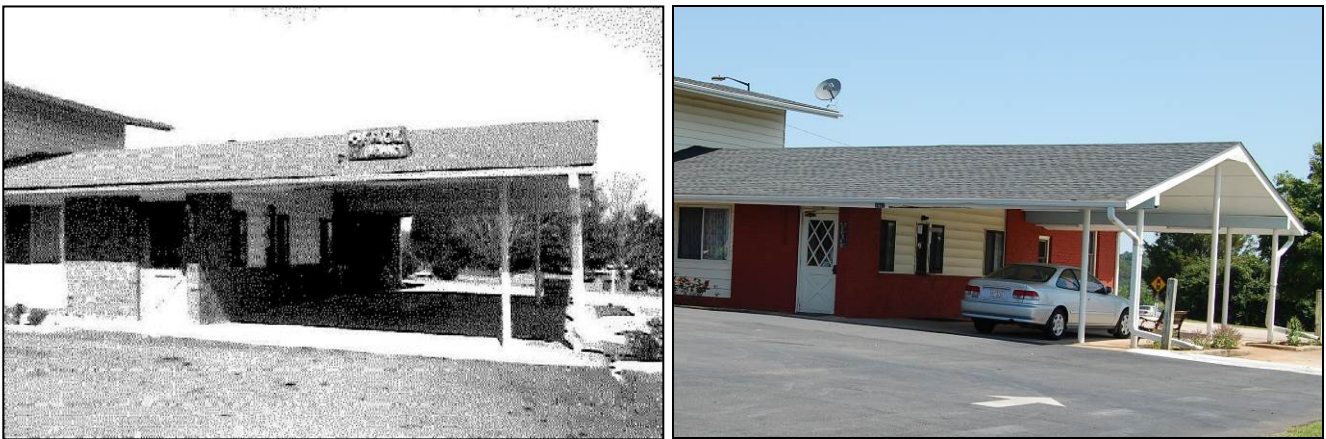


Figure 20. 2002 view of west elevation of office at left; 2015 photograph of same view at right



Figure 21. Office interior

Restaurant [C]

As depicted in images from 1965 and 2002, the Arrowhead Restaurant was a freestanding, brick building just west of the motel. A shallow-pitched, north-and-south-facing, gabled roof extended by shallow shed roofs to the east and west topped it. The building was brightly lit with bands of nearly floor-to-ceiling windows and an interior space open to the roof that could seat 140 patrons (*Daily Times-News*, May 6, 1965) (Figure 9 and Figure 22). The current building at the restaurant's site is a Verizon sales and showroom, although it is still part of the motel property. It is likely new construction placed on the site of the restaurant, although its footprint suggests the restaurant may have been stripped to its frame and rebuilt on the site (Figure 23 and Figure 24). Whether almost or entirely new, the current building bears no resemblance to the original.

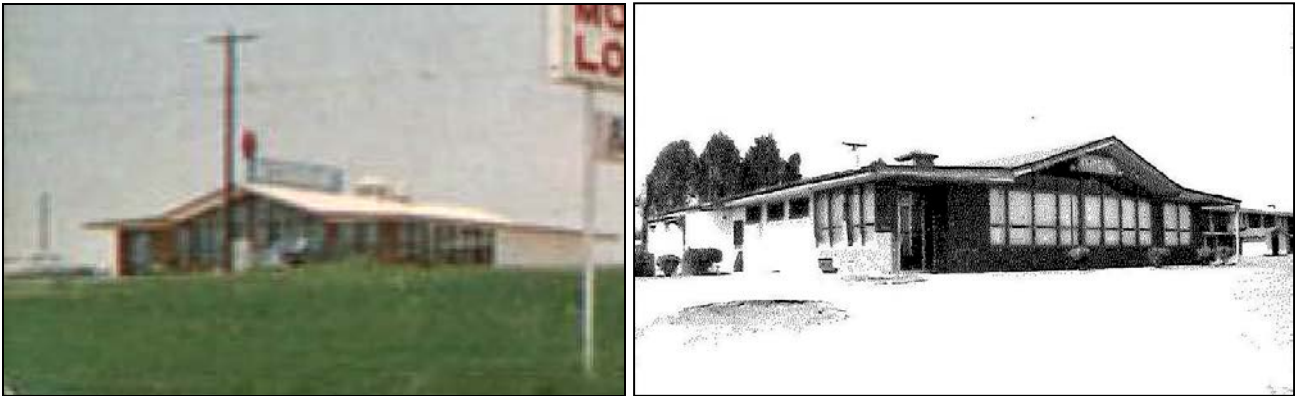


Figure 22. Detail of postcard photograph of restaurant looking northwest, ca.1965, at left; view looking northeast at restaurant in 2002 at right



Figure 23. Tax map aerial views of restaurant; 2010 image at left and 2014 image at right



Figure 24. Verizon building looking northeast, at left, and southwest, at right

Pool [D]

The back of the ca.1965 postcard reported that the Arrowhead Motor Lodge and Restaurant included a “Large swimming pool” and lawn chairs and umbrellas are visible in the foreground of the card’s largest image (Figure 9, Figure 25, and Figure 26). The 2002 survey includes an image of the T-shaped pool beyond a chain-link fence. Taken in early April, the photograph shows it covered with plastic sheeting held down by concrete blocks. Aerial views included at Alamance County’s GIS website indicate that the basin was filled and its fence taken down between 2010 and 2014. It is now a grassy extension of the grounds. A single row of bricks and a concrete pad frame the pool. At its east end the base of the former diving board remains in place. At the west end the pool is narrower, indicating where steps once led down into its shallow end. The concrete pad around the basin was poured in the shape of an arrowhead with its tip extending beyond the narrow end pointing west. It is still clearly visible in aerial photographs.

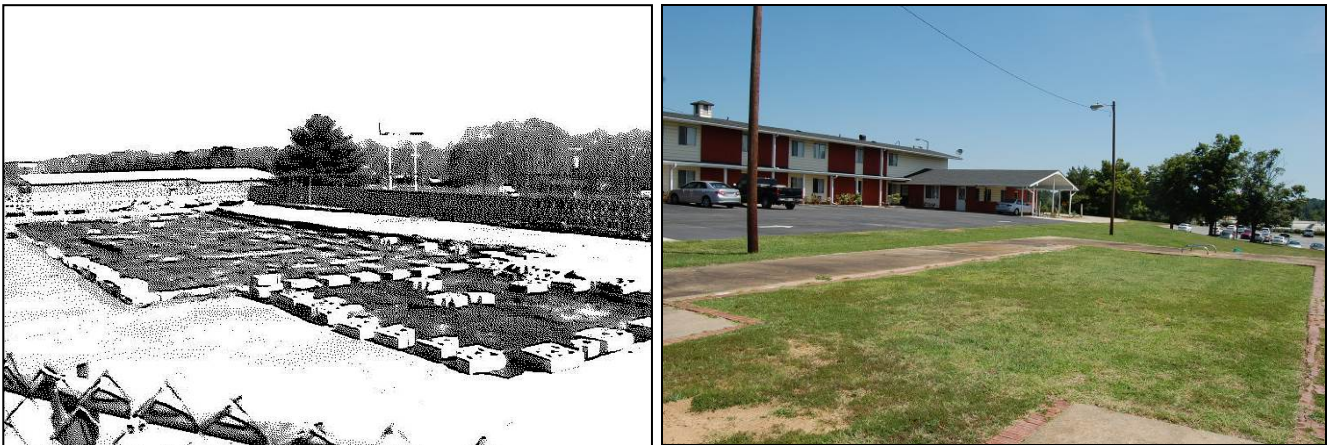


Figure 25. 2002 view of pool looking southeast; 2015 photograph looking northeast toward motel and office



Figure 26. At left, view looking west at former base of diving board and filled basin with Verizon building (site of restaurant) at right, former Budget Inn sign on ground at left, and interstate at far left; 2014 aerial photograph at right

Original Sign [E]

The ca.1965 postcard depicts the motel’s original sign, which was located south of and between the restaurant and motel, close to the interstate. Raised on a pair of tall metal legs, it had three main components (Figure 27). At the top was the word “ARROWHEAD” laid over a tall red arrowhead. Below in a rectangular panel were the large words “MOTOR LODGE.” A panel set beneath contained the word “Restaurant” in script. The sign was not pictured or mentioned in the 2002 inventory. A successor sign, but not the current one, lays on the ground just south of the former swimming pool.



Figure 27. Detail of postcard photograph of sign with motel and restaurant to rear, ca.1965

Current Sign [F]

At the south end of the property, just north of I-85/I-40 exit 154 for Mebane-Oaks Road, is the motel’s current sign (Figure 28). It is a straightforward panel raised on two tall legs that identifies the motel as a “Budget Inn.” Below is a smaller, outdated panel that says “Restaurant.” The sign appears to have been erected within the past 20 years.



Figure 28. 2015 Bing Maps image looking north from exit 154 ramp with current sign at far right, office at right, motel at center, and Verizon building at far left

C. Significance

The resources that comprise the Arrowhead Inn Motel (AM1619) are not believed to retain sufficient integrity to support National Register listing under any of the NR's Criteria, either individually or as a complex. The loss of integrity for each resource, discussed above, is summarized below.

Motel Building

The complex's principal component, the motel building has lost its integrity through the following alterations: re-facing of wooden panels with vinyl siding; painting of originally exposed brick; replacement of jalousie windows at one long elevation with sliding windows; addition of extended roof supported by posts between first and second stories at south elevation; and addition of later small extensions at center of north and south elevations. It is not believed that the motel building's architecture is individually significant under Criterion C. The building is a functional and workmanlike blend of the Colonial Revival and Modernism. Even if it was architecturally significant, it would no longer retain sufficient integrity to support that significance.

Motels set adjacent to interstates and major highways proliferated in North Carolina, and throughout the country, in the 1950s and 1960s. During these years, they often utilized modernist or Colonial Revival-style design elements—or a combination of the two—grafted onto utilitarian, rectangular buildings that were one or two stories tall. Dozens of motels have been inventoried throughout the state as part of county inventories and Section 106 projects. Since 2001 eight motels in the state have been NR-listed, determined eligible for such listing, or placed on the state's Study List of resources that are potentially eligible for NR listing. Five are on the Study List: the Highlander Motel (AH-0467) in Ashe County; the Edgewater Motel (AH-0842) and the ca.1959 two-story Oceana Motel and Fishing Pier (CR-1342) in Carteret County; the Colonial Motel (CO-1180) in Edenton in Chowan County; and the two-story, modernist Midtown Motor Lodge (LR-1558) erected in Kinston in Lenoir County in 1962 (Figure 29). Two were determined NR-eligible under Criteria A and C: the Americana Motor Lodge (CD-1389) built with a modernist office in 1961 on US 301 in Fayetteville in Cumberland County (Figure 30); and the Oakden Motel built in 1952 on Wilkinson Boulevard in Charlotte in a commercial or functional Colonial Revival style with a kinetic sign (Figure 31).



Figure 29. Early postcard views of front and rear elevations of Midtown Motor Lodge in downtown Kinston (source: www.delcampe.net)



Figure 30. Early postcard image of Americana Motor Lodge in Fayetteville (source: www.playle.com)



Figure 31. Oakden Motel in Charlotte: early postcard image at left (source: <http://postcards.bidstart.com/>) and modern photograph at right (source: <http://photo.navi-pon.com/flickr/photo/roadsideamerica>)

In 2004 the Sea Foam Motel in Nags Head in Dare County was National Register-listed under Criteria A and C. The nomination identified the motel, built in stages between 1948 and 1964, as eligible under Criterion A “in the area of entertainment and recreation for its contribution to the development of tourism and patterns of social and cultural development on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.” It identified it as eligible under Criterion C as “one of the last and best preserved of the motor courts of the post-War era on the Outer Banks.” The motel and its contemporary associated resources—swimming pool, playground, and shuffleboard court—retained integrity to support listing under both criteria (Figure 32).

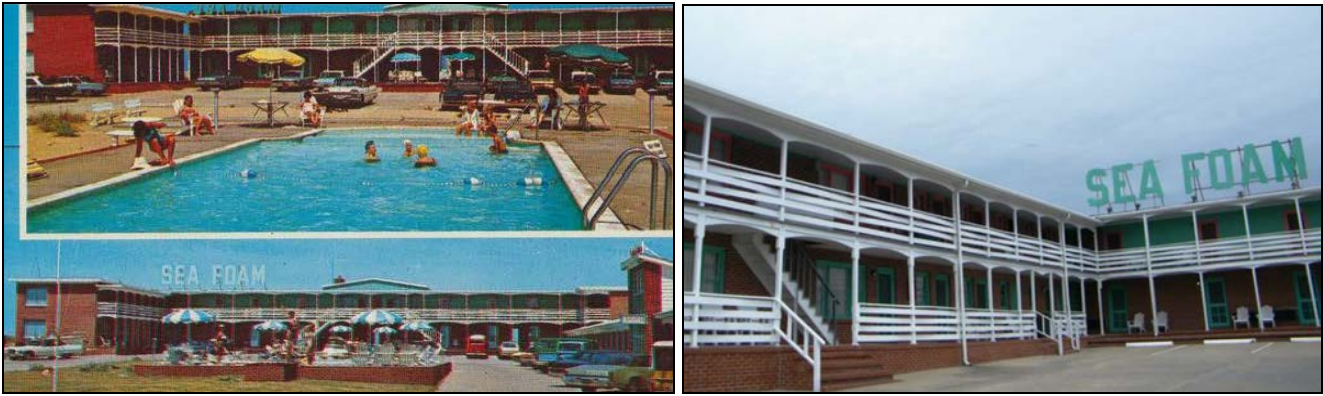


Figure 32. Sea Foam Motel in Nags Head in Dare County: early postcard image at left (source: <http://garagesalegirly.blogspot.com/>) and 2011 photograph at right (source: www.flickr.com)

The Sea Foam and the other motels identified above combine significance with a higher degree of integrity than the Arrowhead Inn Motel. The Arrowhead is more akin to motels with limited significance and integrity, such as four in Fayetteville in Cumberland that were determined ineligible in 2015: the 1958 Howard Johnson’s Motor Lodge (CD-1388); the 1957 Driftwood Motor Lodge (CD-1387); the ca.1957 Holiday Motel (CD-1394); and the ca.1952 Ambassador Motel and Pancake House (CD-1392) (Figure 33).



Figure 33. Ambassador Motel in Fayetteville in Cumberland County: early postcard at left (source: <https://www.cardcow.com/>) and June 2015 photograph at right (source: <https://www.google.com/maps>)

Office/Apartment

The apartment attached to the east end of the motel building has lost its integrity through the following alterations: bricking over of paired bays at east gable end of apartment; addition of frame panel containing a single central window at east gable end; and addition of what is essentially a small brick house to the east end of the apartment. The office that extends to the south of the apartment appears to retain its integrity

Restaurant

The restaurant has either been replaced by a modern building or stripped down to its frame and then replaced by what is in effect an entirely new building. The current building bears no resemblance to the original restaurant building.

Pool

The swimming pool has been filled with earth that is planted in grass and its diving board and protective chain-link fence have been removed. It only retains the metal hoops that supported the board and the framing band of concrete, poured in the shape of an arrowhead.

Original Sign

The original sign does not survive.

Current Sign

The current hotel sign is located at a different site than the original sign, is purely functional, and probably dates from the past 20 years.

Complex

The complex of resources is not believed to be historically significant under Criterion A. It was built in the 1960s, along with countless other resources, to serve traffic traveling through North Carolina along the new interstate. Even if it was historically significant it has lost the integrity to support that significance through the alterations to its motel building and office/apartment and through the loss of its restaurant, swimming pool, and original sign. Due to these alterations and losses, the complex is no longer a significant and distinguishable entity, as required for listing under Criterion C. Further, the complex has no important association with a significant person and is not believed to be eligible under Criterion B. Charlie McAdams was a local restaurateur who did not make a contribution to or play a role in a significant event. His importance was limited and strictly local and he only ran the restaurant for about three years. Builder James Freeland may have been an important figure in Hillsborough or Orange County. Any important resources associated with him are located in that community or county, however. The complex is not a good representative of his contributions and therefore lacks the required association with him. The motel is unlikely to yield any important historical information and is accordingly not believed to be eligible for NR listing under Criteria D.

ARROWHEAD INN MOTEL (AM1619)		
Element of Integrity	Level of Integrity	Assessment
Location	Medium	The motel building and office/apartment continue to stand on the place where they were constructed. However, the restaurant, original sign, and pool have been removed or heavily altered, reducing the integrity of location.
Design	Low to Medium	The body of the motel building and its office remain intact, but the exterior of the motel building has been much altered and the apartment at the east gable end has been significantly altered. The restaurant is entirely or effectively a modern building, the pool is filled, and the original sign is gone, destroying the integrity of their design.
Setting	Low to Medium	The complex retains the same relationship to the interstate that led to its construction. The restaurant has been removed, however, along with the adjacent contemporary golf course. The complex is now immediately bordered by modern resources, including a gas station to the west, a new hospital building to the north, and a sprawling new factory outlet mall to the east, diminishing its integrity of setting.

ARROWHEAD INN MOTEL (AM1619)

Element of Integrity	Level of Integrity	Assessment
Materials	Low	The many exterior changes to the motel building, the alteration to and extension of the apartment, the removal of the restaurant and original sign, and the filling of the pool have greatly diminished the complex's integrity of materials.
Workmanship	Low	The many exterior changes to the motel building, the alteration to and extension of the apartment, the removal of the restaurant and original sign, and the filling of the pool have greatly diminished the complex's integrity of workmanship.
Feeling	Low to Medium	The many exterior changes to the motel building, the alteration to and extension of the apartment, the removal of the restaurant and original sign, and the filling of the pool have greatly diminished the complex's integrity of feeling. It is further diminished by the addition of modern resources to the east, west, and north
Association	Low to Medium	The motel remains in operation, the office/apartment continue to support it, and the interstate remains in place. However, the many exterior changes to the motel building, the alteration to and extension of the apartment, the removal of the restaurant and original sign, and the filling of the pool have greatly diminished the complex's integrity of association. It is further diminished by the addition of modern resources to the east, west, and north

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