



## Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission

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The Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission (HLPC) met in the Meeting Room of the 1909 Historic Courthouse at 145 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC, and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mac Whatley at 2:02 p.m. Members present were Mac Whatley, Chairman; Lynne Qualls; Marsha Haithcock; Nan Kemp; Ross Holt; Bill Ivey; and Bill Johnson. Absent were Warren Dixon and Robyn Hankins.

### **Approval of Minutes**

*On motion of Qualls, seconded by Johnson, the HLPC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 2015.*

### **Update Adding National Register Sites as Randolph County Landmarks**

Chairman Whatley said that eleven letters had been sent to National Register Sites in Randolph County. The two responses received were from St. Paul's Church and Thornburg Farm. The response from St Paul's stated that it is already a Randolph County landmark. The response from the Superintendent of the Forest Service regarding Thornburg Farm property was that a designation would not affect the property since it is owned by a governmental entity. It is located at a trailhead of the National Forest and Mr. Whatley said that it wouldn't hurt for a marker to be placed there. The other properties would be reviewed and submitted to the state for approval as landmarks. Mr. Whatley thanked Lynne Qualls and Warren Dixon for their work on this project.

### **Review Heart of North Carolina Historic Sites Brochure**

Tammy O'Kelley, Director of the Heart of North Carolina Tourism Development Authority, spoke about the creation of a brochure highlighting historical designations. She said that her office has inquiries for historic designations and cultural heritage sites to help with genealogy research. The amount of historic information in the Visitor's Guide had grown so much that it was decided a separate piece would be printed. Additionally, the link on their website would be updated to HeartofNCLandmarks.com. She reviewed the brochure with the board and said that it would be available in January. Final corrections would need to be made by Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> before going to press. She mentioned that their contact information would be on the brochure allowing inquiries to be answered between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. every day except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas. Ms. O'Kelley stated that these brochures would be placed in Welcome Centers throughout the state, the Public Library, and the Heart of NC Visitors Bureau.

### **Historic Preservation/Digitization Intern**

Ross Holt introduced Jesse Bowman as an intern who would be digitizing historic preservation information. Ms. Bowman attends Salem College and is a graduate of Randleman High School. She had worked with Mr. Holt in the past so she contacted him to ask for an internship. She will be working at the Asheboro Library during the month of January for forty hours per week.

### **Project to Identify African American Citizens in H. Lee Waters Film**

Ross Holt introduced Thomas Rush, author of Reality's Pen which is available for sale in the Randolph Room. Mr. Rush is a native of Asheboro and wrote about his memories growing up in Asheboro. He was recently made aware of a film on youtube.com by H. Lee Waters showing African American life in the 1940's in Asheboro. Mr. H. Lee Waters was a photographer in Lexington. During the Depression, he made films of small communities and sold them to movie theatres to be shown before the feature. Two of his films had been circulated at the Library. Recently, Davidson County Library was given many of his films that they turned over to Duke University for preservation. This particular one was one of them. After viewing the film, Mr. Rush wanted to find out who the individuals in the film were. Unfortunately, that information was not provided at the time. Mr. Rush said he was undertaking the project of identifying the folks in that six minute movie and felt that older people in the community would be able to help. He made arrangements to use the Historic Courthouse on December 5, 2015 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. He said he hopes to draw as many citizens as possible to help with this process. He also mentioned two class pictures taken at Central School in 1955 and 1956 that he had acquired showing students that he also wanted to identify. Mr. Whatley mentioned that Mrs. Clyde Foust had many photographs and a scrapbook of Central School. Mr. Holt then showed the film.

### **Updates**

Mr. Whatley said that he hoped to have the National Register sites located in Randolph County ready for designation by the January meeting as long as comments from the state have been received. He also mentioned a documentary series on PBS about Rosenwald schools that may be shown at one of the HLPC meetings. These were funded by the foundation of Julius Rosenwald of Sears and Roebuck. They are important to Randolph County because Central School was one of these.

### **Adjournment**

*With no further business to discuss, on motion of Holt, seconded by Qualls, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.*

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Mac Whatley, Chairman

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Dana Crisco, Clerk to the HLPC