

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS HISTORIC LANDMARK A PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE BLYTHE FAMILY IN 1772 AND KNOWN AS "BLYTHE HOMESTEAD" (LISTED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 001-022-19, 001-021-03 AND 001-022-01 CONSISTING OF 21.69 ACRES) AND THE FOLLOWING STRUCTURES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY: THE EXTERIORS OF THE TWO-STORY CA.1848 BLYTHE HOUSE, THE WELL HOUSE, THE LOG SMOKEHOUSE, AND THE CHICKEN HOUSE/GARAGE. THE PARCELS OF LAND ARE LISTED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBERS 001-022-19, 001-021-03 AND 001-022-01 IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY TAX OFFICE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY MR. JOHN C. BLYTHE AND WIFE, MRS. HELEN BLYTHE, AND MISS CHRISTINE BLYTHE, IS LOCATED AT 16001 BEATTIES FORD ROAD, HUNTERSVILLE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA 28078.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 3rd day of September, 1991, on the question of designating a property acquired by the Blythe family in 1772 known as the "Blythe Homestead" (listed under tax parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 consisting of 21.69 acres) and including the "ca.1848 Blythe House, the Well House, the Log Smokehouse, and the Chicken House/Garage" as historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the "Blythe Homestead" is an intact homestead dating back to the land acquisition by Samuel Blythe in 1772; and

WHEREAS, the "ca.1848 Blythe House" is one of the most intact dwellings of the pre-Civil War period; and

WHEREAS, the "ca.1848 Blythe House" is architecturally significant as an

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intact and finely preserved example of rural, vernacular architecture constructed in the mid-19th century; and

WHEREAS, the setting of the "Blythe Homestead" with its pastoral vista is a reminder of Mecklenburg County's farm past; and

WHEREAS, the outbuildings of the "Blythe Homestead" represent traditional forms and a variety of construction techniques including a log outbuilding; and

WHEREAS, the "Blythe Homestead," still owned by descendants of Samuel Blythe and including the house, outbuildings, and fields, provides valuable insights into life for early settlers and yeomen farmers of Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the current owners, Mr. John C. Blythe and wife, Mrs. Helen Blythe, and Miss Christine Blythe, have faithfully maintained the "Blythe Homestead" (listed under tax parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 consisting of 21.69 acres), the ca.1848 Blythe House, the Well House, the Log Smokehouse, and the Chicken House/Garage," and have thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Charlotte-Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property, known as the "Blythe Homestead" (listed under tax parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 consisting of 21.69 acres), possesses structures having integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and/or association; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Blythe Homestead" (the portion thereof listed under tax parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 consisting of 21.69 acres) and including the "ca.1848 Blythe House, the Well House, the Log Smokehouse, and the Chicken House/Garage," possesses special significance in terms of its history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Blythe Homestead" (listed under tax parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 consisting of 21.69 acres) and including the "ca.1848 Blythe House, the Well House, the Log Smokehouse, and the Chicken House/Garage" is owned by Mr. John C. Blythe and wife, Mrs. Helen Blythe, and Miss Christine Blythe,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina:

1. That the property known as the the "Blythe Homestead" (listed under tax parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 consisting of 21.69 acres) and including the exteriors of the "ca.1848 Blythe House, the Well House, the Log Smokehouse, and the Chicken House/Garage"; and the parcels of land listed under Tax Parcel Numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 is hereby designated as an historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. For purposes of description only, the location of said property is noted as being situated at 16001 Beatties Ford Road, Huntersville, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina 28078, and is recorded on Tax Parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 in the Mecklenburg County Tax Office.

2. That said designated property may be materially altered, restored, moved or demolished only following the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission. An application for a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing the demolition of said landmark may not be denied. However, the effective date of such a Certificate may be delayed in accordance with Chapter 160A, Article 19, and amendments thereto, and hereinafter adopted.

3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent or delay the ordinary maintenance or repair of any architectural feature in or on said landmark that does not involve a change of design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent or delay the construction, reconstruction, alteration, restoration, demolition or removal of any such feature when a building inspector or similar official certifies to the Commission that such action is required for the public safety because of an unsafe condition. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the landmark owner from making any use of this landmark that is not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

4. That a suitable sign may be posted indicating that said property has been designated as historic landmark and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign may be placed on said landmark.

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5. That the owners and occupants of the landmark known as the "Blythe Homestead" (listed under tax parcel numbers 001-022-19, 001-021-03 and 001-022-01 consisting of 21.69 acres) be given notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the offices of the County Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by applicable law.

6. That which is designated as historic landmark shall be subject to Chapter 160A, Article 19, and any amendments to it and any amendments hereinafter adopted.

Adopted the 3rd day of September 1991 by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County.



Gwen Staise
Clerk to the Board

Approved as to form:

Judith P. Brinn
Assoc. County Attorney