



ORDINANCE NUMBER TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT
TOWN OF MINT HILL, NORTH CAROLINA
Board of Commissioners Meeting of June 27, 1991

Upon the motion of Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Whisnant, unanimously approved, that the following Ordinance be adopted:

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AS AN HISTORIC LANDMARK THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE "FORBIS-VENN HOUSE" TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: BOTH THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF THE HOUSE (EXCLUDING THE 1980'S ADDITION) AND THE PARCEL OF LAND UPON WHICH IT IS LOCATED, LISTED UNDER TAX PARCEL NUMBER 135-281-14. THE PROPERTY, OWNED BY ROBERT G. AND REBECCA B. VENN, IS LOCATED AT 5607 MATTHEWS-MINT HILL ROAD, MINT HILL, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

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

WHEREAS, the Members of Board of Commissioners of the Town of Mint Hill, North Carolina, have taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at a joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission on the 13th day of June, 1991, on the question of designating a property known as the "Forbis-Venn House" as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the "Forbis-Venn House" was built ca.1878 by Civil War veteran Richard Calvin Forbis and Jennie McCombs Forbis, his second wife, with the help of neighboring friends; and

WHEREAS, the "Forbis-Venn House" is one of the most intact dwellings in Mint Hill of the post-Civil War period; and

WHEREAS, the "Forbis-Venn House" is architecturally significant for exemplifying Mecklenburg County's vernacular two-story, I-house with extension; and

WHEREAS, the braced frame structure and reused materials of the "Forbis-Venn House" show the ingenuity required of local farmers following the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, the cross gable dormers of the "Forbis-Venn House" demonstrate the use of vernacular decoration; and

WHEREAS, the "Forbis-Venn House" retains many original features following ownership by three generations of the Forbis family; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has jurisdiction over the interior because written consent for interior review has been given by the owners; and

WHEREAS, the current owners, Robert G. and Rebecca B. Venn, have faithfully maintained the "Forbis-Venn House" and have thereby made a substantial contribution to the cultural richness of Mint Hill and Mecklenburg County; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission has demonstrated that the property known as the "Forbis-Venn House" possesses a structure 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 "Forbis-

Venn House" possesses special significance in terms of history, architecture, and/or cultural importance; and

WHEREAS, the property known as the "Forbis-Venn House" is owned by Robert G. and Rebecca B. Venn,

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

1. That the property known as the "Forbis-Venn House" (including the interior and exterior of the house, excluding the 1980's addition, and the parcel of land upon which it is located, listed under Tax Parcel Number 135-281-14 is hereby designated as historic landmark pursuant to Chapter 160A, Article 19, as amended, of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The location of said landmark is noted as being situated at 5607 Matthews-Mint Hill Road in Mint Hill, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

2. That said designated landmark 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 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 owners from making any use of this landmark 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.

5. That the owners and occupants of the landmark known as the "Forbis-Venn House" 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 Town Clerk, Building Standards Department, Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, and the Tax Supervisor, as required by the applicable law.

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

Adopted the 27th day of June, 1991 by the Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Mint Hill, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.



North Carolina

Mecklenburg County

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Mint Hill, North Carolina, at a meeting held on June 27, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. in the John M. McEwen Assembly Room, Mint Hill Town Hall.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official corporate seal of said Town to be affixed, this 9th day of July, 1991.



Beth Q. Hamrick

Town Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

I, Jane P. Thompson, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Beth Q. Hamrick, Town Clerk, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing certification, for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESSED my hand and seal this 9th day of July, 1991.



Jane P. Thompson

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: March 12, 1996

BK: 6587 BK: 409+H

State of North Carolina, County of Mecklenburg
The foregoing Certificate(s) of Jane P. Thompson

Notary(ies) Public is/are certified to be correct. This instrument and this certificate are duly registered at the date and time and in the Book and Page shown on the first page herof.

ANNE A. BOWERS, REGISTER OF DEEDS

By

 Deputy - Register of Deeds





RECORDED JUL/22/1991 03:52PM ANNE A. POWERS REGISTER OF DEEDS MECK. CO. N.C.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission

PERMISSION OF OWNER FOR INTERIOR DESIGN REVIEW

We, ROBERT G. and REBECCA L. VAN,
owners of record, do hereby request interior designation and
do give permission to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic
Landmarks Commission to exercise jurisdiction for design
review over all interior designated portions of the historic
landmark known as the

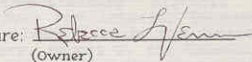
Forbis-Vann House.

5607 Matthews-Mint Hill Road, Mint Hill, North Carolina

Signature: 
(Owner)

Name (Print): ROBERT G. VANN

Date: FEB. 18, 1991

Signature: 
(Owner)

Name (Print): REBECCA L. VANN

Date: FEB. 18, 1991

Please return to:
Historic Landmarks Co.
1227 South Caldwell St.
Box 9
Charlotte, NC 28205