



## Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission

16 August 1991

Mr. Sam McCoy  
Building Standards Department  
P. O. Box 31097  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28231

Dear Mr. McCoy:

As requested by your office, I am enclosing copies of Certified Ordinances for the following two properties:

- 1) Eumenean Hall, Davidson College Campus; and
- 2) Philanthropic Hall, Davidson College Campus.

These are ordinances that you said are missing from the files at Building Standards Department. I believe these are the last two ordinances that you said were missing. If not, please let me know. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,

Nora M. Black  
Architectural/Historical Consultant

Enclosures

c: Mr. J. Andrew Scales, HLC Chairman  
Dr. Dan L. Morrill, HLC Consulting Director

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PUBLIC HEARING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1976  
MALES H. CROWDER  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
MECKLENBURG CO. N.C.

Present: Mayor Sadler, Commissioners MacCormac, McClain and Reid; Members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission, Dr. Chalmers Davidson, Mrs. Miles Boyer, Miss Mary Louise Davidson; and Francis Chigo. Dr. Davidson was also empowered by proxy to speak for Dr. Dan Morrow, Executive Secretary of the Historic Properties Commission, Dr. Samuel R. Spencer, president of Davidson College, and Dr. Warner Hall, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Davidson College. 60

Mayor Sadler opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M., and conducted the public hearing. The purpose of the hearing was to consider an ordinance designating Eumenean and Philanthropic Halls on the Davidson College Campus as Mecklenburg Historic Sites. These buildings are already registered as National Landmarks, and the present action under consideration has the full approval of Davidson College.

Dr. Davidson explained the Commission's interest and procedure in considering and designating buildings of historic and/or architectural significance in the County. The designation of a building as a Mecklenburg Historic Site requires the property owner to give the Commission 90 days notice before selling or making major changes in the building. This period allows the Commission time to explore ways to preserve and protect the building. If it is privately owned, the designation allows the property owner to claim a 50% reduction in city (town) and County property taxes. The designated property would be marked by a plaque which would be placed on the property, with the owners permission, or other wise on a nearby right of way.

The suggested ordinances were read, designating Eumenean and Philanthropic Halls as Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Sites, and Commissioner Reid moved their acceptance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McClain and unanimously approved. The ordinance will be submitted to the Town Attorney to be approved as to form.

Dr. Davidson mentioned the Commission's interest in designating several other historic buildings in Davidson, but stated that a detailed history of each will have to be prepared before the Commission can make such a request of the Town.

The hearing ended at 8:00 P.M.

Certification that this is  
true copy of Page 40 of  
Town of Davidson Board of  
Commissioners Meeting on  
September 22, 1976

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy MacCormac  
Clerk pro Tem

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T. S. Sadler, Mayor

Attest: *[Signature]*  
Town Clerk

Met: T.S. Sadler, Mayor  
Town of Davidson  
Davidson, N.C. 28036

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A PROPERTY KNOWN AS "PHILANTHROPIC HALL" AS HISTORIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, all of the prerequisites to the adoption of this ordinance prescribed in Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160 A of the General Statutes of North Carolina have been met; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Davidson, North Carolina, has taken into full consideration all statements and information presented at the joint public hearing held with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission on the 22nd day of September, 1975, on the question of designating a property known as "Philanthropic Hall" as historic property; and

WHEREAS, the property known as "Philanthropic Hall" was erected in 1850 and possesses an original ceiling medallion and cornices; and

WHEREAS, the property known as "Philanthropic Hall" is a temple form structure and is, therefore, one of the finest local examples of Greek Revival Architecture; and

WHEREAS, the property known as "Philanthropic Hall" possesses a chandelier from the Crystal Palace Exhibit of 1851; and

WHEREAS, the property known as "Philanthropic Hall" has played an important part in the development of Davidson College; and

WHEREAS, the property known as "Philanthropic Hall" is on the National Register of Historic Places;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Davidson, North Carolina;

1. That the property known as "Philanthropic Hall", being the structure and only the structure known by that name on the Campus of Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, is hereby designated as historic property pursuant to Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160 A of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

2. That said structure may not be demolished, materially altered, remodeled or removed until ninety (90) days' written notice of the owner's proposed action has been given to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission.

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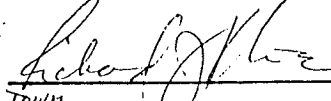


3. That nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent the ordinary maintenance or repair of any exterior architectural feature in or on said property that does not involve a change in design, material, or outer appearance thereof, nor to prevent the construction, reconstruction, alteration, 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 property owners from making any use of this property not prohibited by other statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

4. That a suitable sign shall be posted indicating the structure's designation as historic property and containing any other appropriate information. If the owner consents, the sign shall be placed on said property. If the owner objects, the sign shall be placed on a nearby public right of way.

5. That all owners and occupants of said property be given the notice of this ordinance as required by applicable law and that copies of this ordinance be filed and indexed in the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds, Building Inspection Department and Tax Supervisor as required by applicable law.

Approved as to form:

  
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Town  
County Attorney

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