

# Polaris 3G Map – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

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Stewart Gray  
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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission  
2100 Randolph Road  
Charlotte, NC 28207

RE: Proposed Designation of the **William and Nell Freeman House, 201 South Ames Street, Matthews, Mecklenburg County**

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for the report we received on the proposed designation of the William and Nell Freeman House located at 201 South Ames Street in Matthews. We have reviewed the report and offer the following comments.

According to the report, the William and Nell Freeman House is testament of the evolution of the once rural town of Matthews from an agricultural community to a suburb of Charlotte. Although the property is currently surrounded by recent development, there is evidence the house and barn were once associated with a larger farmstead. Although larger and more imposing examples of houses built in the Craftsman style are present in Matthews, this c. 1927, Craftsman Bungalow appears to possess the requisite integrity required for designation as a local historic landmark.

We have shared recommendations with staff for changes to the report. Once the report has been revised to include staff's recommendations, we believe the commission and the local governing board will be able to more accurately determine if the William and Nell Freeman House possesses the requisite special significance and integrity required for local historic landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance to the local community. Any substantial changes in design, materials, and appearance to the property is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please note, our comments are advisory only and therefore, nonbinding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, it should proceed in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance. Once the decision has been made, please return a completed copy of the enclosed form to our office.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed designation of the William and Nell Freeman House. Please contact me at 919-814-6575 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amber E. Stimpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the word "Stimpson".

Amber E. Stimpson  
Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure