Addendum to the Designation Report for William and Nell Freeman House

The ca. 1927 William and Nell Freeman House, originally located at 201 South Ames in Matthews, North Carolina, was designated as a local historic landmark in 2019. The designation included the house, barn, and the land associated with Tax Parcel Number 22702445. The house later faced the threat of demolition. A Certificate of Appropriateness to move the house and barn to the neighboring lot at 145 South Ames Street, Matthews, Tax Parcel Number 22702446, was issued by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission in 2022. The house was moved and renovated at its current location. The 0.513 lot now containing the Freeman House is an appropriate location for the relocated house. The new lot was part of the original one-acre housesite purchased by William Freeman in 1923¹, and the house is oriented to South Ames Street in a similar manner to the original.

Staff recommends that the designation ordinance for the William and Nell Freeman House be amended to include the 0.513 acres of land in Tax Parcel Number 22702446, and that the historic designation for Tax Parcel Number 22702445 be removed.

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¹ William Freeman purchased the 1 acre parcel from "W. C. Billingsley and Wife" Deed 5180-362 was recorded with the Mecklenburg County Register of Deeds on October 5, 1923.