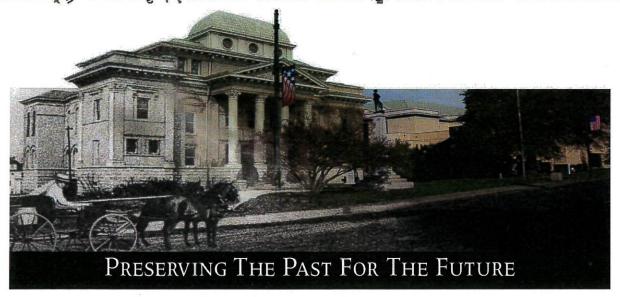
Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission



## Resolution of Recognition

WHEREAS, the area in the southeastern part of what is now Randolph County was the site of important road networks in the colonial and early statehood eras; and

WHEREAS, these roads crossed the Deep River at key ford and ferry sites; and

WHEREAS, William Searcy operated a ford and later a ferry at the lowest crossing point of the Deep River in Randolph County, on a vital colonial roadway between Chatham Courthouse and South Carolina, from as early as 1761 through the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, Sear cy's Ford/Ferry was the site where the Continental Army crossed the Deep River on its march to South Carolina following the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in 1781, and a location employed by Tory Colonel David Fanning in ambushes of Whig forces; and

WHEREAS, Edmund Waddell purchased and operated the ferry site after Searcy's death; and

WHEREAS, Edmund Waddell was a prominent Randolph County citizen who served in the state legislature and the 1788 North Carolina Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, the Waddell Cemetery includes the gravesites of Edmund Waddell and Windsor Pierce, a Revolutionary War veteran and Justice of the Peace, and may include the gravesite of William Searcy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the official recognition as a Randolph County Cultural Heritage Site is given to

## SEARCY'S FORD/FERRY, WADDELL'S FERRY AND WADDELL CEMETERY

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution is approved by the Historic Landmark Preservation Commission and recorded in its minutes, with appropriate history and photographs placed on the Commission's historical website, and a suitable copy of the Resolution presented to the recipient.

Approved this 28th Day of March, 2017.

L. McKay Whatley, Chairman

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