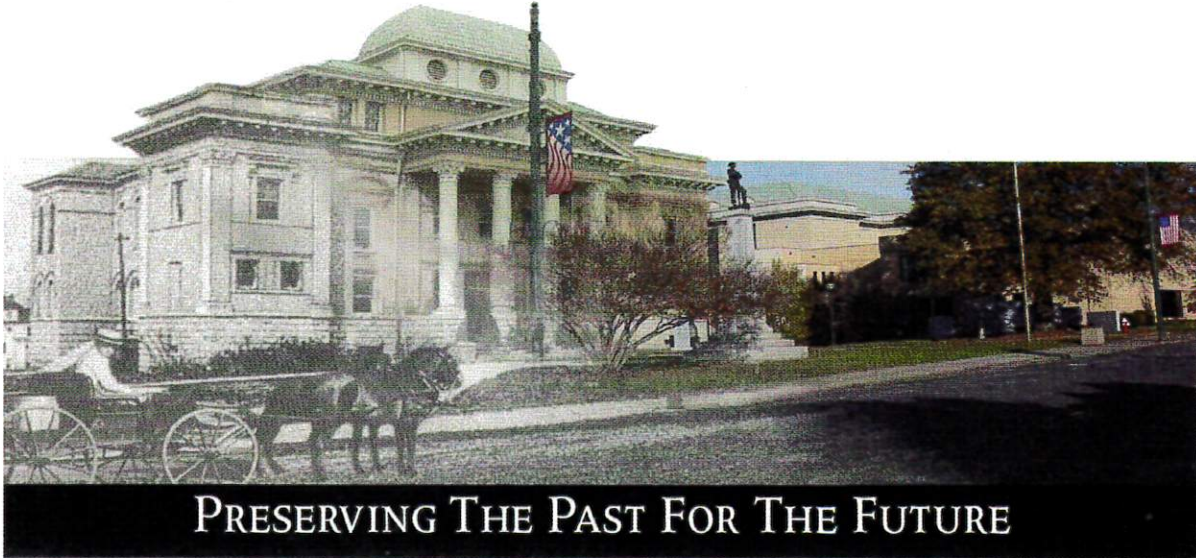


Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission



Resolution of Recognition

WHEREAS, The Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission desires to recognize those Cultural Heritage Sites that provide a tangible link to the past, with the people and events that have made significant contributions to Randolph County history, and thus shaped our present; and

WHEREAS, in 1880, former Randolph County slave the Rev. Islay Walden, founded the First Congregational Church of Randolph County, as well as a school to serve free people of color in an area called Hill Town in Union Township, Randolph County, which was renamed in 1884, due to Rev. Walden's effort to obtain a U.S. Post Office, as Strieby Congregational Church and School; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Strieby School continued well into the 20th Century, producing teachers, doctors, nurses, ministers, and others for the African American community of Southwestern Randolph County and beyond, and

WHEREAS, the new Strieby Church, constructed in 1972, continues to serve the community, holding special services led by a descendent of one of the founding families, and descendants of the founding families continue to be buried in the cemetery.

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

STRIEBY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SCHOOL, & CEMETERY, Ca. 1880

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 27 Day of August, 2013.