

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, Trinity College, which traced its roots to a school founded in the late 1830s by Methodists and Quakers in north-western Randolph County, was established in 1859 in northwestern Randolph County by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and grew in enrollment and reputation, graduating students who rose to prominence in their communities and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1880s and early 1890s college leaders decided the institution would better thrive in an urban environment, and in 1892 the college was relocated to Durham with the financial support of tobacco industry leader Washington Duke, and in 1924 became the core of Duke University; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1970s and early 1980s, members of the Trinity community in Randolph County wished to memorialize the roots of Trinity College and Duke University, raising funds for a Trinity College Memorial Gazebo on the former grounds the college, and collecting college artifacts to incorporate into the gazebo that included eight fluted iron columns from the Trinity College chapel, two urns that marked the college entrance, and an original Trinity College bell stamped 1879 and provided by Duke University; and


WHEREAS, the Trinity College Memorial Gazebo was dedicated on October 7, 1984, and remains a touchstone in the Trinity community;


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

TRINITY MEMORIAL GAZEBO AND TRINITY COLLEGE BELL

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

Approved this 26 Day of July, 2023


L. McKay Whatley Jr. Chairman


Attest, Jenny Parks