



RANDOLPH COUNTY
Historic Landmark Preservation Commission

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Resolution Recommending Local Historic Landmark Designation
1782 Colonel Andrew Balfour Cemetery

WHEREAS, Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3C of the North Carolina General Statutes provides for the designation of local historic landmarks; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners has appointed the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission, having the authority to exercise, all powers and duties given it by the Randolph County Historic Preservation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission has taken into consideration all information contained in the Historic Landmark Designation Application for the for the 1782 Colonel Andrew Balfour Cemetery, requested and filed by the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission on April 4, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, State Historic Preservation Office, has reviewed the Local Landmark Application and noted that the report provides the Historic Landmark Commission and the elected officials with adequate information to determine whether the 1782 Colonel Andrew Balfour Cemetery has the required special significance and integrity required for local landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission conducted the required public hearing, having published legal notices with mailings to adjoining property owners; and

WHEREAS, the 1782 Colonel Andrew Balfour Cemetery marks the site of the assassination of Colonel Andrew Balfour by the royalist Tory forces, and is historically significant in explaining the vicious guerrilla warfare that centered around Randolph County in the aftermath of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Colonel Balfour's murder in 1782 was planned to deprive the local Randolph County Patriot/Whig forces of competent leadership during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission finds that the 1782 Colonel Andrew Balfour Cemetery, meets the following specific criteria outlined in the adopting Ordinance establishing the Commission: (1) Critical Part of the County's heritage by having value as an example of the cultural, historic, and social heritage of Randolph County; (2) The location of the 1782 Colonel Andrew Balfour Cemetery represents a unique and distinctive site representing an established and familiar visual presence in Randolph County; and

WHEREAS, the property is more specifically described as follows:

The site is located on a 26 acre tract owned by the City of Asheboro; 2421 DouL Mountain Road, PIN# 7639205494, Cedar Grove Township; Asheboro, North Carolina; and consists of five graves of the Balfour family members enclosed by a stone wall of 37 feet width and 44 feet frontage approximately 235 feet off of DouL Mountain Road. The gravestones are in their original layout with no additional burials since 1825. Two memorial plaques have been placed in the cemetery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 26th day of August, 2009, that the Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission approves the application for local landmark designation, and recommends to the Randolph County Board of Commissioners that the 1782 Colonel Andrew Cemetery be designated as a Local Historic Landmark.

Randolph County Historic Landmark Preservation Commission

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Attest: Amanda Varner
Clerk to the Commission

Date: August 26, 2009