

ORDINANCE NO. (1972) - 309

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

LOCATED AT 314 FAYETTEVILLE STREET

IN THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC SITE.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of a Historic Sites Commission for the City of Raleigh and otherwise provided for the preservation of certain historic sites and buildings by the passage of Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Raleigh Historic Sites Commission has made an investigation and recommended the following property be designated a Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History has made an analysis and recommendation that the following property be designated a Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, on the 18 day of September, 1972, a joint public hearing was held in the Southern Room of Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, North Carolina, by the Historic Sites Commission and the City Council of the City of Raleigh to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be designated a Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, said hearing was advertised and the property owners of the property hereinafter described were notified by certified mail of the date and purpose of said public hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the hearing; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina, preceding the adoption of this ordinance, have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT:

Section 1. The property of the United States Government

located at 314 Fayetteville Street

in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is hereby declared a Historic Site. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southeast corner of the intersection of West Martin Street and South Salisbury Street, thence south 82 degrees 33 minutes east 210.0 feet along the southern right-of-way line of West Martin Street to a point in the western right-of-way line of Fayetteville Street said point being the southwest corner of the intersection, thence south 07 degrees 27 minutes west 105.0 feet to a point in the western right-of-way line of Fayetteville Street, thence north 82 degrees 33 minutes west 210.0 feet to a point in the eastern right-of-way line of South Salisbury Street, thence north 07 degrees 27 minutes east, 105.0 feet to a point in the southern right-of-way line of West Martin Street the place and point of beginning.

Section 2. No building or structure located on the hereinbefore described site may be demolished or materially altered unless and until a sixty (60) day written notice to the Historic Sites Commission of the intent to demolish or materially alter said structure, and the elapsing of said sixty (60) day period.

Section 3. All owners and occupants of the property hereinabove described, whose identity and addresses can be ascertained by the exercise of due diligence be sent by certified mail a copy of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be indexed under the property owner's name in the grantor index in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County as provided by Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina.

Section 5. City administration and the Historic Sites Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have erected an appropriate sign on the site hereinabove described setting forth the fact that said site has been designated a Historic Site by action of the Historic Sites Commission and the City Council of the City of Raleigh provided, should the owners of the hereinabove described property not consent to the erection of said sign on the described premises, City administration and the Historic Sites Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have said sign located on the public right-of-way adjacent to said property.

Section 6. Any violation of this ordinance shall be unlawful as by law provided.

Section 7. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

Section 8. This ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after publication as by law provided.

Adopted: September 18, 1972

Effective: November 6, 1972

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CERTIFICATION

I, Mary D. Lassiter, City Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council held on the 18th day of September, 1972.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 13th day of October, 1972.

Mary D. Lassiter
City Clerk and Treasurer

Filed for registration at 4:00 P.M. o'clock 3 day of Nov., 1972,
and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wake County,
in Book 2113, Page 673, November 3, 1972

J. A. Rowland
Deputy Smith, Dep. Register of Deeds

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian; ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1856 Congress appropriated \$50,000 for a "United States Court Room and Post Office in Raleigh, North Carolina." The site was not select-
ed until August 7, 1860, when the United States of America paid Annie
Lawrence \$7,700 for city lot 99, known as the "Lawrence Hotel lot," which
measured 210 feet by 110 feet and was located on the southwest corner of
Fayetteville and West Martin streets.

Alfred B. Mullett, who became Supervising Architect of the Treasury
Department in 1865, continuously shelved the design for the Federal
Building in Raleigh, contending the cost limit was inadequate even
though the \$50,000 limit of 1856 had been raised to \$100,000 by 1872. In
1873 Congress raised the appropriation to \$200,000; designs were prepared
during the spring of 1873.

On July 4, 1874, ceremonies were held for laying the cornerstone
which contained a copper box filled with "a Postal Route Map, one set of
U. S. coins of 1874, and the 1874 Blue Book, proof specimens of stamps
and stamped envelopes, the Postmaster General's report, a copy of laws
and regulations of the Post Office Department, the several Acts for the
construction of the building, and several photographs including those of
President Grant, Postmaster General Creswell, Secretary of the Treasury
Bristow, and architect Mullett."

William A. Hearne, the Site Superintendent Architect, resigned on
December 17, 1875, for political reasons. He was replaced by C. S. Harris
who was removed in 1878 because of delays and overspending as the build-
ing neared completion. After Harris's dismissal, all payments were made
by William W. Holden, Postmaster and Custodian of the Post Office.
Changes in 1908, 1912, and 1938 almost doubled the size of the building.

The Federal Building is typical of the architectural style dissemi-
nated throughout the country in the late nineteenth century by the federal
government. Despite remodeling and enlargements which have enabled it to
remain useful as a post office to the present day, the building still has
some of its original exterior features. In downtown Raleigh, it is one
of the few structures that have survived which retain any scale, detail,
and feeling of the past. Its juxtaposition to the new multi-story court-
house is in itself a study in the changing urban scene of the state and
nation.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Federal Building
(Century Old Post Office)
300 Fayetteville St.

FEDERAL BLDG.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wake County Records, Wake County Courthouse, Raleigh, North Carolina, Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Wake County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Wodehouse, Lawrence. "Alfred B. Mullett's Court Room and Post Office at Raleigh, North Carolina." Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, XXVI, no. 4 (December, 1967): 301-305.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		35 0 46	78 0 38	40 0 0
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7.5 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
John B. Wells, III, Survey Supervisor

ORGANIZATION:
State Department of Archives and History

DATE:
February 15, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Raleigh

STATE:
North Carolina

CODE:
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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name: Dr. H. G. Jones

Title: Director, State Department of Archives and History

February 15, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

