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Attn: Martha Hobbs

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE

### AFFIDAVIT OF CORRECTION OF TYPOGRAPHICAL OR OTHER MINOR ERROR

[N.C.G.S. 47-36.1]

The undersigned Affiant, being first duly sworn, hereby swears or affirms that the Raleigh City Council Ordinance (1990) 574 adopted on 5/1/1990 and recorded in Deed Book 4708, Pages 0875-877, Wake County Registry, contained the following minor error:

The ordinance did not include a statement of the owner(s) of record of the subject property on the date of adoption of the ordinance. Affiant makes this Affidavit for the purpose of correcting the above-described instrument by noting the said property owners of record, to wit: **Rumsey Blasdell Partnership**.

Affiant is knowledgeable of the agreement and the intention of the parties in this regard. Affiant is employed as Planner II for the City of Raleigh Planning Department.

A copy of the original instrument is attached as Exhibit 1.

Martha Daniel Hobbs

State of North Carolina County of Wake

Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, this the 4 day of November 2008.

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Notary Public Daniel L. Becker

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I, Gail G. Smith, City Clerk of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of Ordinance (1990) 574 adopted by the Raleigh City Council in their meeting held May 1, 1990, to be effective May 15, 1990.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 18th day of May, 1990.

SEAL

Gail G. Smith

City Clerk & Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

#### BK & 708 PG D 876

#### ORDINANCE NO. (1990) 574

AN ORDINANCE RE-DESIGNATING Lewis-Smith House, 515 North Blount Street IN THE PLANNING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of a Historic Properties Commission for the City of Raleigh and otherwise provided for the preservation of certain historic sites and buildings by the passage of Part 3C, Chapter 160A, Article 19 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission has made an investigation and recommended the following property be re-designated a historic property; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has made an analysis and recommendation that the following property be re-designated a historic property; and

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of May, 1990 a joint public hearing was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, Raleigh, by the City Council of the City of Raleigh and the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be re-designated a historic property; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of Part 3C, Chapter 160A, Article 19 of the North Carolina General Statutes, 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:

<u>Section 1</u>. The property designated as Lewis-Smith House, in the planning jurisdiction of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, which has been moved from the site upon which it was originally designated a Raleigh Historic Property, be and is now re-designated a Raleigh Historic Property on its new site. Said property being more particularly described today as follows:

Lewis-Smith House, 515 North Blount Street, building only.

<u>Section 2</u>. Those elements of the property that are integral to its historical, architectural, archaeological significance, or any combination thereof are as follows:

The exterior of the building.

<u>Section 3</u>. No building that is designated in this ordinance located on the hereinbefore described site may be altered, restored, moved, remodeled, or reconstructed so that a change in design, material or outer appearance occurs unless and until a certificate of appropriateness is obtained from the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission or its successors.

Section 4. No building that is designated in this ordinance located on the hereinbefore described site may be demolished unless and until either approval of demolition is obtained from the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission or a period of one hundred eighty (180) days has elapsed following final review by the Commission of a request for demolition (or any longer period of time required by N.C.G.S. 160A-400.14 as it maybe amended hereafter).

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<u>Section 5</u>. All owners and occupants of the property hereinabove described, whose identity and addresses can be ascertained by the exercise of due diligence shall be sent by certified mail a copy of this ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be indexed after the property owner's name in the grantor and grantee indexes in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County.

Section 7. City administration and the Historic Properties 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 property by action of the Raleigh Historic Properties 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 Properties Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have said sign located on the public right-of-way adjacent to said property.

<u>Section 8</u>. In the event any building, structure, site, or object designated by this ordinance is demolished in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Raleigh, this ordinance shall automatically be null and void.

Section 9. Any violation of this ordinance shall be unlawful as by law provided.

Section 10. The adoption of this ordinance repeals Ordinance No. (1973)-372.

Adopted:

May 1, 1990

Effective:

May 15, 1990

Distribution:

City Council
City Manager
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The Lewis-Smith House is a handsome, Well-maintained Greek Revival dwelling set back from the street in a large lot planted with trees and flowering shrubs. The property formerly included the entire block and the house was flanked by its dependencies and extensive gardens, but turn-of-the-century dwellings were built on the north and south ends of the lot; a wide side yard to the south remains along with lawns running the depth of the block between Halifax and Wilmington streets. A semicircular drive leads from the busy downtown residential street, Wilmington Street, to the front of the house.

The building is a substantial frame structure, two stories high above a full basement and covered by a shallow hip roof. The main (east) facade is three bays wide, dominated by a striking two-tier pedimented entrance portico. The portico is quite academic, with paired Greek Doric columns at the first level and well-detailed Ionic ones at the second; those at the second level are connected by a simple balustrade. Pilasters paneled with a bold Greek fret occur on the facade at the ends of the porch; the sheltered wall surface is flush-sheathed. Each element of the large double door with transom and sidelights is framed by a symmetrically molded architrave with plain corner blocks; a larger architrave frames the entire composition. Similar architraves frame the large flanking windows of this facade which contain six-over-six sash. The same window treatment occurs around the main block. At each corner of the facade is a fluted corner post. These support a well-defined cornice featuring sawn brackets beneath the wide overhang of the roof. The brackets are evenly spaced, and their upper elements rather resemble undercut modillions. This bracketed cornice carries around the main block as well as along the frieze and around the pediment of the portico. Three large interior chimneys with elaborate molded caps pierce the roof, one on the north and two on the south.

On each side of the house is a centrally-placed two-story, demi-octagonal projecting bay, added in the early twentieth century to provide bathrooms, and, on the first floor, a conservatory. The roofline is continuous with the main block and the bracketed cornice is repeated. A balustrade tops the flat roof of each projection. At the first-floor level, running from the side projection around the corner to the front portico is a roofless deck. At the rear of the house there is said to have been a wide one-story porch; it has been replaced by a one-story frame addition.

The interior of the house is a well-preserved, spacious example of the Greek Revival style, with furniture and adornments reflecting the Victorian and early twentieth century fashions. The main block follows a center-hall plan two rooms deep, with the stair rising at the rear of the hall. Consistent throughout are large rooms with high ceilings and heavy molded baseboards and cornices, typical simple Greek Revival mantels, and doors with fine original hardware and long panels outlined by broad moldings. The architraves are quite heavy, being symmetrically molded with a faceted center strip and faceted corner blocks. Those at the first-story windows reach to the floor, framing a single panel beneath each window. The main rooms on the first floor have foliated plaster ceiling medallions. The central hall is divided midway by a pair of elaborate Neo-Classical

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Revival fluted Ionic columns. Each rests on a paneled pedestal that extends to the wall, where it also serves as a base for a fluted pilaster with a cap ornamented with foliated bands. The northeast room, which is rather small, was Dr. Smith's library and is still lined with bookshelves filled with books and momentos.

The two south rooms, the most elaborately finished, are joined by a wide sliding double door with an original, ingenious lock-handle device. Each room has a marble mantel whose design--simple pilasters supporting a wide frieze and plain shelf--resembles that of the wooden mantels in the other rooms. Elaborately ornamented cast-iron grate covers fill the fire openings. Suspended from the ceiling medallion in each of these east rooms hangs a superbly flamboyant bronze chandelier (once for gas, now electrified) with floral glass shades and sinuous naturalistic elements. That in the rear (west) room is especially interesting. Twisting foliated and fish forms compose the bulbous central portion, which is suspended by bronze cables on which perch realistic bronze birds. A cupid with a hat sits atop the upper finial. Other elaborate early gas fixtures appear elsewhere in the house.

The open-string stair, which rises in two flights with a wide landing, has a heavy turned newel and slender balusters square in section that carry a graceful rounded handrail. At the landing there is a double window beneath a shallow fanlight; the upper sash of each window and the fanlight are delicately leaded. The plan of the second floor is much like the first, and the finish is similar but simpler.



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The Lewis-Smith House is of considerable significance to the city of Raleigh historically and architecturally. It was the home during most of the first half of the twentieth century of Charles Lee Smith, one of the state's most distinguished and respected men in the fields of publishing and education. The building is one of only two major Greek Revival dwellings surviving in Raleigh. \With its handsome proportions, its striking Doric-Ionic double portico, and the pure Greek Revival simplicity of its interior, it is an important member of the handful of antebellum structures that remain in the downtown area. The combination of the basically Greek Revival form with the rhythmic Italianate bracketed cornice visually relates the building to the nearby main building of Peace College, with its great pilastered brick facade and four-level entrance portico also lightened by a bracketed cornice. The Lewis-Smith House is a well-preserved and valuable vestige of the nearly-gone antebellum capital city whose northern boundary was edged by the gracious houses and shady lawns south of Peace Street.

The Lewis-Smith House appears to have been built by Dr. Augustus M. Lewis shortly after he bought 3.36 acres from Kenneth Rayner of Hertford County on February 23, 1854. The property, located on the east side of the main road leading from Raleigh to Louisburg, was 417 feet from the northern boundary (North Street) of Raleigh. (The Louisburg Road became Halifax Street after it crossed North Street.). Dr. Lewis represented Wake County in the General Assembly from 1854 to 1856. The house was owned by several members of the Lewis family and was referred to as the A. M. Lewis home place when his widow, Sarah M. Lewis, then of Iredell County, sold the property to Dr. Albert Anderson on April 4, 1908. He in turn sold the place in 1912 to Charles Lee Smith. It is not certain whether it was Anderson or Smith who added the two-story bays and made other minor changes.

Dr. Charles Lee Smith was a distinguished educator, publisher, and writer of whom a contemporary wrote, "In studying the rise of the new education in North Carolina and the South it will be found that few men have been of more real, vital service than Charles Lee Smith." He was born in Granville County, moved to Durham as a boy, was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1884, and entered Johns Hopkins University in 1886. There he "filled successively positions of University Scholar (1886-87), fellow in history and political science (1887-88), and received the degree Form 10-300a (July 1969)

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of Doctor of Philosophy in 1889, was instructor in history and lecturer on sociology in the University (1888-91)." In 1888 he published The History of Education in North Carolina, a pioneer work that is still a respected standard reference. In 1891 he was invited to teach history and political science at William Jewell College in Missouri, and in 1905 he was chosen president of Mercer University in Georgia. There, he "wished to make radical changes in the curriculum of the college, . . . but he was ahead of his constituency and resigned at the end of the scholastic year." He returned to Raleigh, where in 1912 he purchased the house on Wilmington Street. Dr. Smith became secretary and treasurer of the Edwards and Broughton Printing Company, and in 1915 president of the company. The firm flourished and expanded under his leadership, printing books for individuals and institutions, including the Duke University and University of North Carolina presses. Throughout his life Dr. Smith traveled widely, gathering works of art and a library of rare and important books, of which he donated over 7,000 to Wake Forest College. In addition, his interest in education led to his serving in various capacities outside his business concerns; Who's Who in America listed over a dozen, including service as a trustee and a member of the executive and building committees of the University of North Carolina (1911-1932) and as chairman and member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Library Commission (1909-1921). The house is now the home of Dr. Smith's widow.

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In 1972 and 1973, one house after another in the dedining residential section of north Raleigh was razed by the state. In some cases, parking lots were made; most of the destruction, however, was in order to clear land for the planned state government center, which was to encompass all of North Wilmington and Halifax streets between the Legislative Building and Peace Street. At the March 29, 1973, meeting of the North Carolina Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, a staff report was made urging that modifications be made to the state government center plan to provide for the continued existence in situ of the Lewis-Smith House. A presentation was also made by Carroll Mann, state property control officer, stating that such a modification was not feasible.

In 1973 and early 1974, more and more land was cleared, leaving the Lewis-Smith House alone on its site, amid a vast blank expanse. Finally, during the week of June 10, 1974 (after lengthy preparation including moving across the street Mrs. Smith, who lived in the Lewis-Smith House), the large frame house was moved across Wilmington Street, north along that street about one-half block, and through the block to a site facing North Blount Street. The house was placed on a concrete block foundation, which was concealed behind a latticed brick outer foundation beneath the porch—essentially reproducing the original appearance.

The Division of Archives and History strongly and consistently urged that the Lewis-Smith House be preserved on its original site. This, however, was not possible according to the property officer. The moving appears to have been accomplished without damage to the architectural integrity of the house, and when landscaping is complete the appearance of the house will be quite similar to its previous condition. The site, on North Blount Street, is only a stone's throw from the previous site. The area that was once North Wilmington Street has been utterly transformed, eliminating any trace of the treeshaded residential area that existed there. North Blount Street, paralleling North Wilmington Street, is apparently being preserved as a residential area (with the exception of parking-lot gaps). The streetscape of late nineteenth and early twentieth century houses and large trees is similar to that of North Wilmington Street, and the cultural history is the same for both streets. Thus while it is unfortunate that the house could not have been preserved on its original site, its preservation on its new site is a reasonable and appropriate second choice. Certainly its architectural integrity and its historic significance remain essentially what they were when the building was nominated; it should continue to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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