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ORDINANCE NO. (1993) 304

REGISTRATION

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KENNETH C. WILKINS  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
WAKE COUNTY

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING the Plummer T. Hall House, 814 Oberlin Road IN THE PLANNING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC LANDMARK.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of a countywide Historic Preservation Commission for Wake County 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 City of Raleigh agreed to participate in the countywide Historic Preservation Commission through an interlocal agreement with Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission has made an investigation and recommended the following property be designated a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has made an analysis that the following property is eligible to be designated a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of December 1993, a public hearing was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, Raleigh, by the City Council of the City of Raleigh to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be designated a historic landmark; 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 met.

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

Section 1. The property designated as the Plummer T. Hall House, in the planning jurisdiction of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is declared a Raleigh Historic Landmark. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

The Plummer T. Hall House, 814 Oberlin Road (Wake County PIN # 1704.13 04 5541), approximately nineteen hundredths (.19) acre, including the entire parcel on which the building stands.

Section 2. Those elements that are integral to its historical, architectural, archaeological significance, or any combination thereof are as follows:

Exterior of the Queen Anne cottage, the only such residence in the African-American Oberlin community, built between 1878 and 1893 by Plummer T. Hall, the first pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church, being all of the parcel associated with the Plummer T. Hall House and described in Section 1.

**Section 3.** No building, site, structure, or object 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 Wake County Historic Preservation Commission of its successors.

**Section 4.** No building, site, structure, or object 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 Wake County Historic Preservation Commission or a period of three hundred sixty-five (365) days has elapsed following final review by the Commission of a request for demolition (or any longer period required by N.C.G.S. 160A-400.14 as it may be amended hereafter).

**Section 5.** All owners 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 Wake County Historic Preservation Commission are hereby authorized to have erected an appropriate sign on the site herein described setting forth the fact that said site has been designated a historic landmark by action of the Wake County Historic Preservation Commission and the Raleigh City Council 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 Wake County Historic Preservation Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have said sign located on the public right-of-way adjacent to said property.

**Section 8.** In the event any building, site, structure, or object 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.

Adopted: December 7, 1993

Effective: December 7, 1993

Distribution: City Council  
City Manager  
Planning Department (2)  
Inspections Department (3)  
Raleigh Historic Districts Commission  
Wake County Historic Preservation Commission  
Wake County Planning Department  
Wake County Tax Supervisor  
Wake County Registrar of Deeds  
Property Owner

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*City Of Raleigh*  
North Carolina

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF WAKE )

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CERTIFICATION

I, Gail G. Smith, City Clerk & Treasurer of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of Ordinance (1993) 304 adopted by the Raleigh City Council on 12/07/93.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 8nd day of December, 1993.



*Gail G. Smith*  
Gail G. Smith  
City Clerk & Treasurer

**RALEIGH HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION APPLICATION AND REPORT**

1. **NAME OF THE PROPERTY:** (If historic name is unknown, give current name or give street address)

Historic Name: Plummer T. Hall House

Current Name, or Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. **LOCATION:** 814 Oberlin Road Raleigh, Wake  
street city and/or county

3. **LEGAL OWNER:** Name Estate of Susie B. Hall day phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address 814 Oberlin Road Raleigh N.C. 27605  
street city state zip

4. **APPLICANT/CONTACT PERSON:** Name Raleigh Historic Districts day phone 832-7238

Address P.O. Box 829, Century Station, Raleigh, NC 27602  
street city state zip

5. **REASON FOR REQUEST:** Historical and architectural significance.

6. **GENERAL DATA:**

a. Date of construction and alterations: Built between 1878 and 1893; rear addition  
appears mid-twentieth century

b. Outbuildings: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  If yes, number \_\_\_\_\_

c. Approximate acreage or dimensions: 0.19 acre

d. Architect, builder, carpenter and/or mason: Plummer T. Hall

e. Use: Original residence Present: residence

f. Is the property income producing? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

7. **CLASSIFICATION:**

a. Category: building(s)  structure \_\_\_\_\_ object \_\_\_\_\_ site \_\_\_\_\_

b. Ownership: private  public: local \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_

c. Number of resources within property:

	Contributing	Non-contributing
buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
structures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
objects	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
sites	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

d. National Register of Historic Places status (check one): Entered (date) \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
nominated: eligible \_\_\_\_\_ not eligible \_\_\_\_\_ ; not requested  ; removed (date) \_\_\_\_\_

e. Has the property been recorded during a historic survey by the City of Raleigh or the NC Historic Preservation Office? By whom and when Elliott K. Wright, June 12, 1989

RALEIGH HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION, INC.  
P.O. BOX 829, CENTURY STATION  
RALEIGH NC 27602

8. **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ date 19 Oct. 1993

9. SUPPORTING INFORMATION: (For items c., d., and e., please type or print on separate sheets of paper and attach to this application)
- a. Photographs: At least TWO current exterior black and white photographs of different views must be provided. Photographs must be labeled in pencil with the name of the building, structure, object or site, the address, and the date. Additional exterior or interior views and views of other structures on the property will be helpful. Color, black and white photographs and/or slides are acceptable for additional documentation.
  - b. Maps: Include a map showing the location of the property. A tax map with boundaries marked is preferred. A sketch map is acceptable but please note street names and numbers. Other structures on the property should also be shown. Include a "North" arrow.
  - c. Justification for land to be designated: Describe the physical appearance of the surrounding land area and its use.
  - d. Architectural description and significance: Describe the architectural features, additions, remodelings and alterations. Include a statement regarding the architectural significance of the building.
  - e. Historical significance: Note any significant events, personages and/or families associated with the property. Detailed family genealogies are not necessary. Please list any any additional sources of information.

10. PLEASE RETURN TO:

Raleigh Historic Districts Commission  
Post Office Box 829  
Century Station  
Raleigh, NC 27602

**9c. Justification for land to be designated:**

The land designated (.19 acre) is the intact legal parcel associated with the Plummer T. Hall House, the home built by Plummer T. Hall, an early minister in the Oberlin community. The house has remained in the Hall family since it was built. The house is significant for its architecture and for its connection with Plummer T. Hall.

**9d. Architectural description and significance;**

The Plummer T. Hall House is a significant example of a Queen Anne cottage built by a member of Raleigh's black community during the late nineteenth century. An 1989 survey of Raleigh's black communities recorded 1445 buildings throughout the city. Of those 1445 buildings, 15 were Queen Anne cottages (ie, one story). Of the approximately 80 buildings recorded in the Oberlin community, this is the only Queen Anne cottage.

The Plummer T. Hall House is an assymmetric, one-story, frame dwelling. On the front facade, there is a centered gable over the front entry. To the right side of the front door, there is a pedimented, gable-front wing with a bay window. To the left of the front door, at the end of the front porch, there is a small pologonal porch projection with a steep polygonal roof. The front porch has turned wooden posts, and sawn trim. There are circular and quatrefoil vents in the gables of the front section.

Behind the front, side-gable section of the house, there is another, lower, offset, side-gable section. Both these sections are original and have deep cornice returns and simple corner pilasters. Windows in these two sections are generallyly four panes over four panes. A shed addition appears to have been added later, behind these two front sections, and the shed section connects with an even later side-gable section.

There was no interior access to the Hall House for this designation report.

In an interview for "Raleigh's Roots", Claudia Morgan Johnson described the Plummer Hall House as her " favorite house [in Oberlin], with all the little rooms. It was just a little different. It's a place I always enjoyed going and exploring."

9e. Historical significance:

According to family tradition, Rev. Plummer T. Hall built the house as a wedding present for his bride, Delia or Deliah Hall. (SHPO file, June 29, 1989 interview with Susan Jackson, Plummer Hall's granddaughter) Hall was the first pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church, founded in 1880 and originally known as Hall's Chapel.

Plummer Hall had been born in North Carolina in 1850 and the 1880 census described his profession as a "Minister of Gospel". His wife, Delia, was twenty years old in 1880 and described as a housekeeper. The Plummers had a two-year old son, Henry.

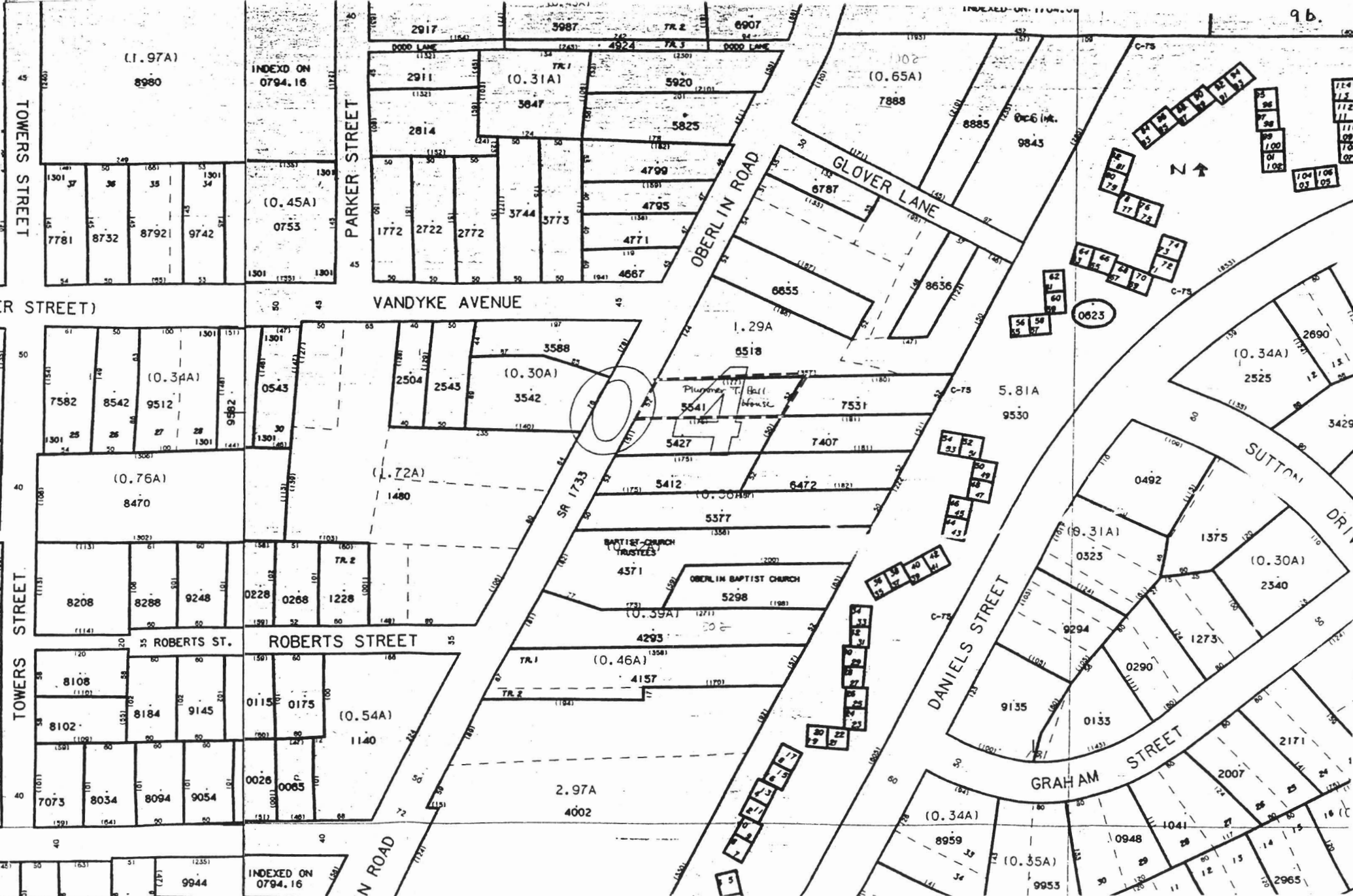
The construction date of the house has not been determined. According to Hall's descendants, all of Rev. and Mrs. Hall's children were born in the house. Based on that, the house could have been in existence in 1878 when Henry Hall was born. (The Halls had at least one other son, Frank, born in 1893.)

Raleigh land records list a transfer of the property from John Mabry et al to Della Hall (Book 290, p.583, Nov 22,1907)

Plummer T. Hall died in 1912 when he fell from the roof of the house and developed gangrene.

By 1913, the city directory listed Della Hall as a grocer on Oberlin Rd. The 1920 census listed Della as head of household, who was self-employed and owned her home free of a mortgage. In 1927, according to the city directory, Della Hall owned a grocery store at 623 Oberlin Rd.

When Della Hall died, the property passed to Susie B. Hall. Susie B. Hall died recently and heirs of her estate own the property.



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