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ORDINANCE NO. 1979-203

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE LOCATED AT 1315 OAKWOOD AVENUE IN 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 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A North Carolina General Statutes; and

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

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

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of September, 1979, a joint public hearing was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, by the Historic Properties Commission and the City Council of the City of Raleigh to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be designated a historic property; and

WHEREAS, said hearing was advertised and the property owners of the property hereinafter described were notified by 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 Part 3B, Article 19, Chapter 160A 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 THAT:

Section 1. The property of St. Augustine's College located at 1315 Oakwood Avenue, in the planning jurisdiction in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is hereby declared a historic property. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

Building known as St: Agnes Hospital being 68' x 170' in size.

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

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ST. AGNES HOSPITAL, 1909 St. Augustine's College Campus

St. Agnes Hospital was completed in 1909, largely by student workers, to house the hospital and nurses training center for blacks which had been established at St. Augustine's College in 1895. By the 1920's, St. Agnes Hospital was the largest hospital for blacks in the Southern States between Atlanta and Washington. The three-and-one-half-story stone building exhibits a straight-forward functional design that reflects characteristic institutional symplicity. The granite walls are laid in random ashlar and are pierced by segmental-arched windows of varying sizes.

Section 3. No building or structure 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 or structure which is designated in this ordinance on the hereinbefore described site may be demolished unless and until either approval of demolition is obtained from the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission or, after the Commission has received a completed request for demolition, one-hundred and eighty (180) days have elapsed.

Section 5. That 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 6. This ordinance shall be indexed under 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 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.

Section 8. In the event any building or structure 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.						
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Effective:	9/4/79					
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Distribution:	City Attorney Planning Department (2) Inspections Division (3) Historic Properties Commission Wake County Tax Supervisor Wake County Tax Collector Property Owner and/or Occupant Register of Deeds					
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CERTIFICATION						
I, Gail	3. Smith, City Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Raleigh,					
North Carolina	a, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and					
exact copy of Ordinance No. (1979) 203 adopted by the City Council						
at their meeting held on September 4, 1979						
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St. Agnes Hospital, situated on the southwest corner of the St. Augustine College campus, is a three and one half story stone building. The straightforward functional design of the T-shape building reflects characteristic institutional simplicity. The granite walls are laid in random ashlar and are pierced by segmental-arched windows of varing sizes.

Mrs. Aaron Burtis Hunter, wife of the fourth principal of St. Augustine

Normal School and Collegiate Institute, was responsible for the establishment

of a hospital and nurses training center for blacks in 1895. Working with the

college and community heightened Mrs. Hunter's awareness of the urgent need for

medical facilities in the Black neighborhood. Hunter came to St. Augustine in

1888 and in 1891 he became the principal. In 1895 the Hunters attended a con
ference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Mrs. Hunter presented the delimma to

the women's auxiliary. T. L. Collins of California pledged the initial six

hundred dollars, and requested that the clinic be named in memory of his late

wife, Agnes. Collins' gift was followed by a contribution of five hundred

dollars through the womans' auxiliary. These generous funds instigated the saying,

"St. Agnes Hospital was founded with faith, love, and \$1,100".

The Sutton house on the campus of St. Augustine Institute, residence of the third prinicipal of the school, was the hospital's first home. Mrs. Hunter superintended the dedication ceremonies on October 18, 1896.

In 1903 the hospital was expanded to include new facilities, including a new operation room. The following year a fire which broke out in an adjacent building damaged the hospital and severely reduced the bed space. The Hunters immediately engaged in a successful fund raising campaign which neeted adequate

monies to begin construction of the present building in 1905. Stone for the structure was quarried on the premises of St. Augustine's by students who built the hospital partly under the supervision of Vice-Principal Henry Beard Delany, who later became Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina. The cornerstone was laid May 29, 1906 by Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire, and the last stone was put in place by the Rev. Mr. Delany on August 6, 1908. Electric lighting was installed by students in 1906 supervised by Superintendent J. W. Holmes. The building was occupied June 26, 1909. Dr. Hubert A. Royster, surgeon-in-chief, performed the first operation in the new St. Agnes on June 28.

Despite financial setbacks and another fire in 1926, the educational and medical services of St. Agnes grew. In the 1920's St. Agnes was the "largest colored hospital in the Southern States between Atlanta and Washington." In 1928 the clinic was accredited to train interns as well as nurses.

In the fall of 1948, in cooperation with St. Agnes Hospital Training School, St. Augustine's College began offering a five-year course of study leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Because of the approaching termination of the total St. Agnes program due to the scheduled erection of the Wake Memorial Hospital, the 1957 class was the last one to graduate with the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Those who completed this degree program were in great demand, and many went on to earn advanced degrees in Nursing. No other black church-related institution of higher learning in the Middle-Atlantic region offered such a program.

The college and hospital agreed to separate in the 1940s in order that the hospital be eligible to receive county and city financial aid. This, however, did not insure the continuation of the services of the clinic, and in 1961 the institution closed when Wake County Medical Center opened. The property was

returned to the college, which uses the first floor of the building as office space.

This statement of significance is taken from An Architectural and Historical

Inventory of Raleigh, North Carolina (1978), p. 76; Cecil D. Halliburton's,

History of St. Augustine's College, 1867-1937, pp. 31-32; and James H. Boykin's,

St. Augustine's College, 1938-1958, pp. 47-48.

