

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY OF Saint Mary's College

LOCATED AT campus of Saint Mary's College (Smede's Hall, two flanking buildings and chapel
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 16 day of April, 1968, a joint public hearing was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 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, preceeding 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 Saint Mary's College

Located at campus of St. Mary's College (Smede's Hall, two flanking buildings and chapel) 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, said point being located N 50° - 51' W - 745 feet from the Northwest Corner of Hillsborough Street and Saint Mary's Street, thence S 84° - 01' W - 400 feet to a point, thence N 59° - W 195' to a point, thence N 84° - 01' E - 400' to a point, thence S 50° - 59' E - 195 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 1.79 acres located on Saint Mary's College Campus, and also known as Smedes Hall, East and West Rock Buildings and Chapel.

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

Section 3. 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 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.

Adopted: 6/16/69

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 a ordinance duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 16th day of June, 1969

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 26th day of June, 1969.



Mary D. Lassiter
City Clerk and Treasurer

Filed for Registration at 10:05 o'clock
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Registered in the Office of the Register of
Deeds of Wake County, North Carolina,
In Book 1883 Page 323

J. A. Rowland, 19
REGISTER OF DEEDS
Louise S. Rowland, Secy.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: North Carolina | |
| COUNTY: Wake | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
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| 1. NAME | |
| COMMON: St. Mary's Chapel | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: | |

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| 2. LOCATION | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 900 Hillsborough Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh | | | |
| STATE North Carolina | CODE 37 | COUNTY: Wake | CODE 163 |

| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
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| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
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| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of St. Mary's Junior College | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 900 Hillsborough Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh | STATE: North Carolina | CODE: 37 | |

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| 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION | | | |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Wake County Courthouse | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 310 Fayetteville Street | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh | STATE: North Carolina | CODE: 37 | |

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| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior: St. Mary's Episcopal Chapel was originally a simple board-and-batten, rectangular structure with a steep gable roof. In 1905 transepts were added giving the chapel its present cruciform plan. The south (main) gable contains a pointed segmental-arch portal flanked by narrow lancet windows. Above the entrance is a hood supported by curved brackets with geometric open-work featuring trefoil in the gable. A cartwheel "rose" window is situated in the center of the gable, above the hood, and below a louvered quatrefoil. The roof is terminated by a cruciform finial.

The nave to the crossing is four bays long. Each bay contains a triangular-headed lancet framed by a simple projecting molding and resting on small molded brackets. The gable end of the east transept is identical to the south (main) entrance except the hood has been replaced by a shed porch which connects to a covered walkway leading to the main school building. The west transept contains a large narrow lancet flanked by two smaller ones. The north gable at the end of the sanctuary features a large stained glass lancet window below a louvered quatrefoil. Later additions have been constructed adjacent to the transepts in the northeast and northwest angles.

Interior: The plan of St. Mary's is essentially a Latin cross. It has walls of plaster above a flat paneled wainscot. This rather austere treatment is relieved by beautiful stained glass windows set in deep splayed reveals. Large three-centered arches with wooden tracery are located in the north wall of each transept and serve as organ screens. The timber roof is finished with simple wooden sheathing. It is of a much lower pitch than the exterior gable and rises in two distinct stages with the change of angle occurring at the lower of the two purlins. The bays of the roof are divided by simple rafters resting on molded brackets. At the crossing each opening is framed by a collar-brace. These members rise from the floor, are tangent to the rafter just below the upper purlin and form shallow pointed arches below the ridge. At the apex of each collar-beam is a vertical strut supporting the ridge. The sanctuary features a simple altar with a small highly carved wooden reredos.

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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 May, 1833, the convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina passed a resolution establishing the Episcopal School for Boys. A 159-acre tract was purchased near Raleigh from Col. William Polk and construction of the school buildings was begun within a year. But, in July, 1837, the trustees were forced to close the institution because of financial difficulties and the property was sold to Duncan Cameron. Cameron was a prominent local politician and businessman--serving as a State Senator from Orange County, a judge of Superior Court, president of the State Bank, and as chairman of the committee appointed to rebuild the State Capitol in 1831.

With the aid of Judge Cameron, the Rev. Albert Smedes reopened the school as St. Mary's School for Girls on May 12, 1842, and served as the institution's rector for thirty-five years. In 1897 the school property was purchased by the Diocese of North Carolina from the Cameron family and in 1899 the school's charter was amended to include the Diocese of South Carolina.

The early religious services at St. Mary's School were held in the parlor of Smedes Hall; later they were moved to another room fitted with pews and an organ. In 1855 St. Mary's Chapel was built with money donated by the Cameron family. The architect was Richard Upjohn, who also designed Christ Church in Raleigh and Trinity Church in New York City. Bishop Thomas Atkinson, visiting the chapel for the first time in 1858, remarked, "I was gratified by its beauty, its appropriate arrangements, and its adaptation to its purpose."

In 1905 the transepts were added but, most of Upjohn's work was left unaltered. Upjohn, who normally restricted his efforts to more important projects, created in St. Mary's Chapel a simple, but delightful board-and-batten edifice, which is a fine example of Gothic Revival church architecture.

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9. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Journal of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, 1851-1860. Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton Printing Company (imprint varies).

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John B. Wells, III, Survey Specialist
Greer Suttlemyre, Survey Assistant

ORGANIZATION: State Department of Archives and History DATE: November 13, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh STATE: North Carolina CODE: 37

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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

Date: November 13, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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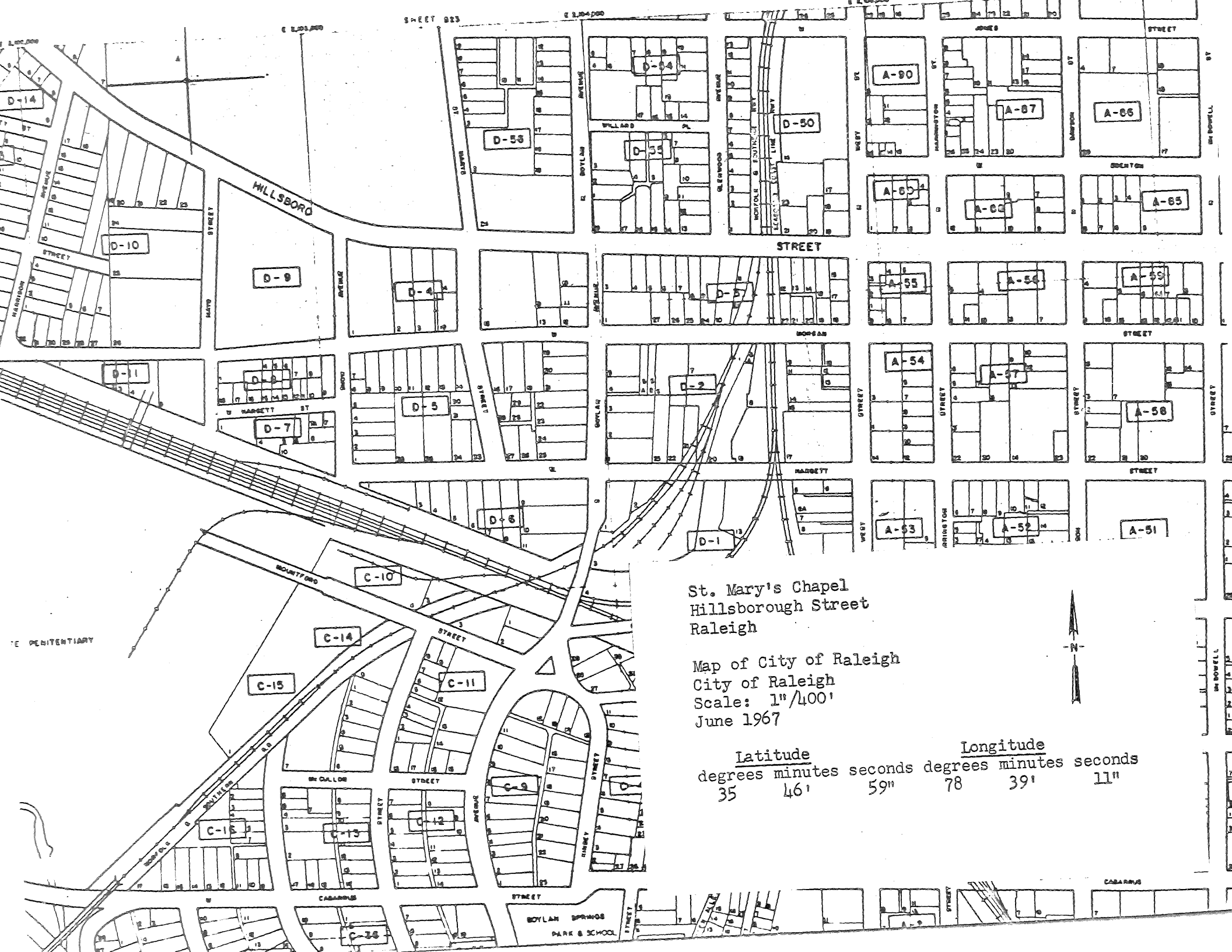
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Waugh, Elizabeth Culbertson, North Carolina's Capital, Raleigh. Raleigh: North Carolina State Print Shop, 1967.)



St. Mary's Chapel
 Hillsborough Street
 Raleigh

Map of City of Raleigh
 City of Raleigh
 Scale: 1"/400'
 June 1967

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