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ORDINANCE NO. (1982)-905

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE AGRICULTURAL BUILDING OF THE BERRY O'KELLY SCHOOL 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 May, 1982 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, 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 designated as the Agricultural Building of the Berry O'Kelly School, in the planning jurisdiction in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is declared a historic property. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

Agricultural Building of the Berry O'Kelly School, located on Method Road, west side, between Beryl Road and Woods Place.

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

The importance of the Agricultural Building of the Berry O'Kelly School as an historic property lies in its association with that school and with the Method Community and Berry O'Kelly. It is the soul surviving structure of an eight building complex which comprise the Berry O'Kelly Training School, the largest rural black school in North Carolina in 1931.

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R. J. HENRIE, JR.  
REGISTER OF DEEDS  
WAKE COUNTY, N.C.

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The Agricultural Building, built in 1926 is a very straight forward, simple brick box, with the plain, tall proportions which represent a type of school building construction once characteristic of this area and region. The later addition repeats the original pattern established in the main block. Upon its completion, the building housed fully-equipped shops, a vocational agricultural laboratory, rooms for home economics, and a poultry incubation room in the basement.

Born in about 1816, died in 1931, Berry O'Kelly was a black philanthropist particularly concerned with educational opportunities for rural black children. He was the first Post Master of Method Post Office, served as President of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, the Acme Realty Company and the North Carolina Negro State Fair; was a Steward of St. James A.M.E. Church, and a Trustee of Kittrell College.

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 (or any other longer period of time required by N.C.G.S. 160-399.6 as it may be amended hereinafter) 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.

Adopted: 5/4/82

Effective: 5/4/82

Distribution: City Manager  
City Attorney  
Planning Department (2)  
Inspections Division (3)  
Historic Properties Commission  
Wake County Tax Supervisor  
Property Owner and/or Occupant  
Register of Deeds  
City Council

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COUNTY OF WAKE )

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CERTIFICATION

I, Gail G. Smith, City Clerk and Treasurer of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and exact copy of Ordinance No. (1982) 905 adopted by the City Council at their meeting held on May 4, 1982.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Seal of the City of Raleigh to be affixed this 14th day of June, 1982.



*Gail G. Smith*  
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City Clerk and Treasurer