

## 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 assymetric, 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 generally 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.









