



UNION COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
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To: Administrators of Governing Bodies that have adopted the Ordinance Creating the  
Union County Historic Preservation Commission

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Chairman

Attached you will find the Annual Report of the work of the Union County  
Historic Preservation Commission, April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013

ANNUAL REPORT  
April 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013

I. **INTRODUCTION**

This report on the activities of the Union County Historic Preservation Commission is submitted to the Managers of the governing bodies who have adopted the Ordinance - Marshville, Monroe, Wingate and Union County – to inform them of the work of the Commission during the past year. Other interested parties may request a copy of this report, and it will be available at the Heritage Room in the historic Union County Courthouse.

II. **MEMBERSHIP\***

<b>Union County</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>City of Monroe</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Crystal Crump (1)	02-2015	Dale Loberger (1)	02-2014
John Dickerson (1)	01-2015	Danny Stegall (2)	10-2013
Sis Dillon (1)	02-2013**	Dr. Jerry Surratt (1)	10-2013
Brad Hudson (2)	02-2013**		

**Marshville**

Jane Ellickson (1)      10-2014

**Wingate**

**ORGANIZATION**

Chairman	Dr. Jerry Surratt
Vice Chairman	Dale Loberger
Secretary	Brad Hudson
Treasurer	John Dickerson

\* Parentheses with number indicates status of term

\*\* Appointments have not been made to fill the expired terms

III. **MEETINGS**

The Historic Preservation Commission held six regularly scheduled meetings and one special meeting (Public Hearing). Numerous other meetings related to the work of historic preservation were attended during the year by members of the Preservation Commission.

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Meetings Attended</u></b>
Crystal Crump	7
John Dickerson	7
Sis Dillon	6
Jane Ellickson	4
Brad Hudson	6
Dale Loberger	5
Danny Stegall	4
Dr. Jerry Surratt	7

The Town of Wingate does not have a representative on the Commission at this time. A request has been made that the Wingate Town Council make an appointment to the Commission to replace Mr. Charles Williams whose term expired August, 2011.

## ACTIVITIES

### A. Significant Properties That Received Historic Designation

1. The Kerr Family Farm, ca 1888, 9616 Joe Kerr Road, Marvin, NC, 28173, owned by Paulette Kerr. The Ordinance declaring the property an "Historic Landmark" was adopted by the Union County Board of Commissioners on October 15, 2012. A packet containing the Survey and Research Report, the Ordinance and all correspondence was sent to Ms. Kerr.

### B. Applications Submitted for Historic Landmark Designation

1. The Neese Apartments, ca. 1946, 104 East Windsor Street, Monroe, NC 28112, owned by James Kerr, dba Sizer, Inc. The application submitted on April 11, 2012 was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission on June 7, 2012. The Survey and Research Report was prepared and sent to the State Preservation Office, NC Department of Archives and History on February 4, 2013. A letter of response listing comments and suggestions was received in early March, 2013. A request will be made to the Monroe City Council to schedule a joint public hearing so the Union County Historic Preservation Commission can recommend that this significant property be designated as an "Historic Landmark".
2. The C.C. Stokes House, ca 1919, 903 West Franklin Street, Monroe, NC, owned by Gail Russell. At the June 7, 2012 meeting, an evaluation using the point system was made by the Preservation Commission to determine the historic significance of the property. The criteria that is necessary for proceeding with the designation process was not achieved; therefore, the application was denied.
3. The Unionville Baptist Church, 4700 Unionville Road, Monroe, NC, owned by the Unionville Baptist Mission. The Survey and Research Report was prepared and the Historic Preservation Commission voted to make an exception and pay the entire fee to the architectural historian. However, the church officials have declined to proceed with the designation.

### C. Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness

1. The Marsh Baucom House, ca 1904-1905, 318 N. Elm Street, Marshville, NC. The owners, Phil and Patty Woods, presented an application for replacing the roof on the house, and it was approved on April 5, 2012.
2. The Marshville Cemetery Gazebo, ca 1901, N. Elm Street, Marshville, NC, owned by the Town of Marshville. The application described materials, paint and procedures to be used in making repairs to the wooden structure. Approval was made by the Historic Preservation Commission at the meeting on June 7, 2012.
3. The Historic Union County Courthouse, ca 1886, 300 North Main Street, Monroe, NC, owned by Union County. An Application for Certificate of Appropriateness dated April 3, 2012 was presented by the Union County Government requesting placement of a marker for Confederate Pensioners of Color at the base of the

Confederate Monument on the west side of the historic Union County Courthouse. A Public Hearing was held in the Union County Commissioner's Board Room on May 3, 2012. At the meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission on June 7, 2012, Commission Members voted to request a mock-up of the proposed monument. The Application for Certificate of Appropriateness was approved on August 2, 2012 with review of the mock-up and with modifications in the wording and deletion of the last sentence as presented on the mock-up.

4. Marshville Town Hall, ca 1914, location of Marshville Museum and Cultural Center, 201 N. Elm Street, Marshville, NC, owner Town of Marshville. The Application for installation of an air conditioning compressor was presented by Mr. Johnny Pigg at the March 7, 2013 meeting and was approved.

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1. On May 24, 2012, members and staff of the Union County Historic Preservation Commission attended the annual Historic Preservation Workshop, sponsored by the Monroe Historic District Commission. The meeting was held in the courtroom of the historic Union County Courthouse and tours to historic sites were planned in the afternoon. The Historic Preservation staff assisted Mandi Vari in gathering information that was used for handouts.
  2. Letters were sent to owners of the stone bungalows located on Concord Avenue inviting them to attend a meeting of the Commission so they could be informed about the procedures for designating their property. Six bungalows and one commercial building comprise the complex and the entire group was constructed between 1926 and 1935.
  3. Paul Fomberg, Senior Preservation Specialist, NC Department of Archives and History made a scheduled visit on May 9, 2012. Mr. Fomberg, Commission Member John Dickerson, and staff member Mary Lou Gamble, toured the C. C. Stokes House and two apartments in the Neese Apartment Building and an on site tour of the Concord Avenue Rock Houses. There, they had the opportunity to talk with an owner of one of the houses. Mr. Fomberg suggested the possibility of establishing an historic district in that area of Concord Avenue if the property owners are not receptive to individual designation.
  4. An ongoing effort is being made, assisted by Mr. Matthew Delk, Assistant Manager, Union County, to hire an intern to assist in preparing an inventory of the collection of artifacts that are housed in the Heritage Room and are owned by the three organizations that sponsor the Heritage Room: the Carolinas Genealogical Society, the Union County Historical Society, and the Union County Historic Preservation Commission.
  5. The Heritage Room opened from 1:00-4:00 pm on Saturday, December 8, 2012 during the Dedication Ceremony for the Pensioner's of Color Monument. Dr. Jerry Surratt, Commission Chairman; Commission Member Brad Hudson; and,

Mrs. Barbara Moore, President of Carolinas Genealogical Society, welcomed visitors to the historic Union County Courthouse and provided handouts.

6. Two Public Hearings were held:
  1. May 3, 2012 - Regular meeting - to consider the Application of Certificate of Appropriateness filed by the Union County Government for placing a monument honoring the Union County Confederate Pensioner's of Color on the grounds of the historic Union County Courthouse.
  2. October 15, 2012 - Special meeting - Jointly with the Union County Board of Commissioners to recommend that the Kerr Family Farm be designated as an "Historic Landmark".
7. During spring and summer 2012, staff assisted representatives for "Screaming Spirit Productions, LLC" and the production crew, at their request, by providing information and obtaining props for some scenes for the made for television series *BANSHEE*, that was filmed in and around the historic Union County Courthouse. It is being aired on Cinemax.
8. Members and staff of the Historic Preservation Commission give assistance, almost daily, to citizens of Monroe and Union County who are seeking information about the heritage of the area. Many people want copies of photographs which are scanned for them. Some of those assisted are the staff of the Monroe Historic District Commission; the media – especially reporters from the local newspapers; public school and home-schooled students; town clerks; realtors; potential and present property owners.
9. The Financial Statement which is attached lists Income and Expense for the calendar year 2012 - not the fiscal year 2012-2013.

