

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2011

Action Requested:

1. Enact the attached Ordinance to designate the William Nelson Camp Jr. House located at 92 Flat Top Mountain Road in Fairview, North Carolina as a local historic landmark.

Attached:

1. Designation report
2. Comments from the State Historic Preservation Office
3. Findings from the HRC Hearing
4. Photograph of the main house
5. Map of the property
6. Proposed ordinance

List NC General Statute Requiring This Service (if any):

Sections 160A-400.5 and 160A-400.6, and Sections 36.116 and 36.117 referring to landmark designations.

Funds and/or Staff requested: None

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Date Submitted: November 29, 2011



THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION
OF ASHEVILLE AND BUNCOMBE COUNTY
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Request to Adopt the William Nelson Camp Jr. House as a local historic landmark

November 29, 2011

Brief History

The William Nelson Camp Jr. House, constructed in 1926, is significant in the area of architecture as a highly intact example of the Rustic style of architecture popular in the tourism industry in the early part of the 20th century. The property contains a collection of Rustic style buildings constructed of native materials, situated within a picturesque mountain setting.

The William Nelson Camp House Jr. House was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 17, 1998 and was subsequently altered under a tax credit application in 2002, which involved the enclosure of the original open storage and utility area off the kitchen to create the back hall, half bath and utility room and the creation of a Master suite, which involved the addition of French doors, closets and enlargement of the master bath. Other previous changes to the property include the addition of a porch roof in the 1950's.

The local designation includes the exterior of the main house, water storage building, garage, ca. 1926, caretakers cottage, two spring houses and barn as well as the entire 9.73 acre parcel historically associated with this property and identified on the tax map with PIN: 9697.12.1146. The designation also includes the granite steps leading to the main house, granite outcroppings, boxwoods and the stone foundation of the electric generating facility.

Other additions to the property include a new cabin, which was constructed on the property in 1996, a gazebo in 2007 and storage shed in 2009; all of which are not contributing to the significance of the site.

On November 9, 2011 the Historic Resources Commission of Asheville & Buncombe County conducted a hearing and found that property met the criteria for local landmark designation.