

Marilyn Lange-McGill, Regent  
John Lawson, Surveyor General Chapter  
National Society of Daughters of American Colonists  
3838 Chevington Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28226-4935  
September 21, 2017

Stephanie C. Kelly, City Clerk  
City of Charlotte  
600 East Fourth St  
Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Ms. Kelly,

The John Lawson, Surveyor General Chapter of the Daughters of American Colonists is submitting this application to restore a plaque that was originally presented to the City and displayed in Old City Hall in 1937. It commemorates the original chartering of the town of Charlotte in 1768. We began searching for the original plaque over a year ago and have been most grateful for the assistance we have received particularly from the engineering department.

It was during the search that we realized 2018 will be the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that event.

Included within this submission are several exhibits that document the presentation and approval of the original table. The City Council minutes from Feb 10, 1937, records the approval of that original plaque. The history of the organization from March 1937 describes the plaque and even the cost. A contemporaneous article from the March 30, 1937, Charlotte Observer is also included.

We are very enthusiastic about this project. It has been enriching to have been on this search.

Please do let me know if we can clarify any of the information.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Lange-McGill, Regent  
John Lawson, Surveyor General Chapter  
National Society of Daughters of American Colonists

# APPLICATION TO INSTALL A MONUMENT ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Date of Application: September 21, 2017

Name of Representative: Marilyn Lange-McGill, Chapter Regent & Fredda Kimball, Chapter Treasurer

(This person should be able to provide information or answer questions. Indicate representative capacity).

Name of Organization: John Lawson, Surveyor General, National Society of Daughters of American Colonists

Address: 3838 Chevington Rd, Charlotte, NC 28226-4935 ( Ms. McGill)

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Email Address: mmdar@att.net (Ms McGill) freddafk@aol.com (Ms Kimball)

Name of Proposed Monument: Restoration of 1937 Tablet Commemorating Charlotte City Charter Grant

Proposed Target Date for Installation: March 2018 (since original presented in March,1937)

Estimated Cost of Project: \$ 2000.00 includes cost of installation

Estimated Cost of Annual Maintenance: \$ 0.00

Who will finance it? John Lawson, Surveyor General Chapter National Society Daughters of American Colonists

Who will design and / or create the monument: Rec Plus Inc dba Recognition Plus 3108 Monroe Rd 28205

What is the proposed location of the monument? (Be as specific as possible): Between main floor entry doors on the interior wall of the lobby of Old City Hall

Is there a special significance in this location? (i.e., historical, other): City Council minutes of Feb 10, 1937, record the original tablet was to be placed inside what is now "Old City Hall". See attached

Describe the type of monument (plaque, sculpture, bust, etc.) and the dedicatory or commemorative purpose:

Plaque- to restore one which was presented in March 1937 by the NC State Society of DAC to commemorate Dec 3, 1768 chartering of City of Charlotte. 2018 will mark 250 years since the original event when Charlotte was chartered as a town in the Carolina Colony.

Picture and article that appeared in Charlotte Observer of Mar 30 1937 provides documentation of original plaque.

The etched bronze plaque will be 23 inches in height by 16 inches wide and 1/4 inch thick. The shape and format will be very similar to the original plaque. The text will be the same except the attribution will be revised to read as follows:

ORIGINAL ERECTED 30 MARCH 1937

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS

RESTORATION ERECTED MARCH 2018

JOHN LAWSON, SURVEYOR GENERAL CHAPTER

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS

The applicant agrees that in the event that the monument proposed herein is accepted, it will become the sole property of the City of Charlotte and all rights and interests will convey to the City of Charlotte upon the installation of said monument on public land.

If the applicant proposes the erection of a public monument on property which is privately owned, the applicant agrees to provide for a conveyance of said property from the owner thereof to the City. Such conveyance shall grant to the City sufficient easement in the ground under and around the proposed monument to allow for its erection and access for its maintenance.

*Marilyn Lange-McGill*

Applicant's Signature

Marilyn Lange-McGill

Print Applicant's Name Here

John Lawson, Surveyor General Chapter NSDA

Organization Name

September 21, 2017

Date

16"

# CHARLOTTE THE QUEEN CITY

ESTABLISHED BY ACT OF LEGISLATURE  
DECEMBER 3, 1768. NAMED IN HONOR OF QUEEN  
CHARLOTTE OF MUECKLENBURG, STRASBURG,  
GERMANY, WIFE OF GEORGE III OF ENGLAND.  
THREE HUNDRED SIXTY ACRES OF THE ORIGINAL  
TRACT WAS CONVEYED ON JANUARY 1, 1777,  
BY HENRY C. McCULLOH, AGENT OF GEORGE  
AUGUSTUS SELWYN, ONE OF THE FIRST  
LANDOWNERS IN THE COUNTY, TO ABRAMAM  
ALEXANDER, THOMAS POLE AND JOHN FRODOCK,  
REPRESENTING THE TOWN TO BE.

ORIGINAL ERECTED 30 MARCH 1937

NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS

RESTORATION ERECTED MARCH 2018

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DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS

23"

**Rec Plus, Inc.**  
 dba Recognition Plus & RP Signs  
 3108 Monroe Road  
 Charlotte, NC 28205  
**Phone: 704-375-9098**  
**Fax: 704-375-7847**  
 www.recognitionplus.net

**QUOTE # W- 52357**



**RP SIGNS**

**SOLD TO: DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS**  
**600 EAST TRADE ST.**  
**CHARLOTTE, NC 28202**

**SHIP TO: DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS**  
**600 EAST TRADE ST.**  
**CHARLOTTE, NC 28202**

PURCHASE ORDER NO	SHIP VIA	SHIP DATE	REP	DATE
	INSTALL	7/12/2017	JB	7/12/2017

QUANTITY	ITEM NO	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	4070	23" H X 16" W X 1/4" THICK ETCHED BRONZE PLAQUE WITH RAISED BRONZETONED LOGO & CHARACTERS & BLACK BACKGROUND	1,267.00	1,267.00T
3	4074	ESTIMATED 3 HOURS ARTWORK CHARGE AT \$75.00 PER HOUR - ACTUAL ARTWORK TIME FOR THE PROOF TBD	75.00	225.00T
1	4071	PLAQUE INSTALLATION	290.00	290.00T
		DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS FREDDA KIMBALL 704-577-8953 FREDDAFK@AOL.COM MARILYN MCGILL 704-364-8602 MMDAR@ATT.NET JB HOUSTON		

<b>Subtotal</b>		\$1,782.00
<b>Sales Tax (7.25%)</b>		\$129.20
<b>Total</b>		\$1,911.20

## Application for Restoration of 1937 Plaque, Old City Hall, by Daughters of American Colonists

### Organization Description

The National Society, Daughters of the American Colonists is a 501(d)(3) organization, incorporated April 25, 1924. A Federal Charter was granted by the US Congress to the organization as Public Law 98-561 on October 30, 1984. Our members are descendants of a man or woman who rendered patriotic or civil service to the American Colonies prior to 4 July 1776. Our members work to preserve our heritage and record our history for future generations while serving in our communities promoting Patriotic Education projects, providing scholarships to American Indian students, marking historical sites, serving our Veterans, and more. The charter lists the following as the objects and purposes of the organization:

- 1—Conduct research with respect to the history and deeds of the American colonists, and record and publish the results of such research,
- 2—Publish the memoirs of American colonists,
- 3—Erect memorials to commemorate the history and deeds of the American colonists,
- 4—Promote respect and admiration for the institutions, laws, and flag of the United States,
- 5—Engage in mutual improvement and educational activities,
- 6—Establish scholarships to assist needy and deserving students and to promote the improvement of educational institutions, engage in volunteer service and make contributions to veteran’s hospitals, and perform other related charitable activities.

The North Carolina State Society was founded in 1927 and the John Lawson Surveyor General Chapter was formed in 2002.

The officers of the John Lawson, Surveyor General Chapter are as follows:

Chapter Regent	Marilyn Lange-Mc-Gill
Chapter Vice-Regent	Vivia Tatum
Chapter Recording Secretary	Cheryl Gribble
Chapter Treasurer	Fredda Kimball

For additional information see [NSDAC.org](http://NSDAC.org).

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Information Concerning Manufacturer

Recognition Plus will produce the plaque based on the original design from 1937.

Recognition Plus located at 3108 Monroe Road is a locally owned company which provides all types of engraving services and specializes in supplying and personalizing all types of items.

From the web site for Recognition Plus:

“Roy Smith founded the company in 1984 after 24 years with a retail corporation. The business grew as the family grew and in 1988 Jamie Neely (Roy's son-in-law) joined the company to run the signage department RP Signs, which is a big part of the business today- especially is ADA signage. RP Signs does a tremendous amount of work for local hospitals, builders and architects offering installation services as well.

Recognition Plus provides all types of engraving services from hand engraving to pantograph to computerized. "Standard engraving is a skill you can learn. But hand engraving is a talent- an art," Roy Smith explains proudly, because Recognition Plus employs one of the few hand engravers in Charlotte, his son Reid of RDS Engravers, which is why many of the city's jewelry stores send work to him.”

For additional information see [Recognitionplus.net](http://Recognitionplus.net)

February 10, 1937  
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The regular weekly meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, February 10, 1937, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., with Mayor Douglas presiding, and present Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Durham, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Tipton.

Absent: Councilman Wilkinson.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING NOT READ.

On motion of Councilman Hovis, seconded by Councilman Tipton, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with at this time.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAN COLONISTS.

Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Wyche, representatives from the Local Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, appeared before the Council with regard to the bronze tablet which this organization will place in the City Hall, submitting the wording of this tablet for the approval of Council, and asking the Mayor to accept same at a public presentation ceremony on March 30, 1937, at 10:30 A. M.

Thereupon, Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Hudson, moved to approve the wording of the tablet as submitted. Motion unanimously carried.

COLORED TRUANT OFFICER.

Judge Marion Redd, of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, appeared before the Council, urging the employment of a negro truant officer, as previously requested by Lawyer Sanders. He asked, however, that the salary of this man not be taken from his budget.

After discussion, Councilman Albea made a motion to defer the matter for one week longer and have report ready for next week.  
No second.

Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Tipton, moved to pay one-half the salary of a man for this work, not to exceed a total salary of \$75.00 per month, for the next four months; this money to be taken from the Contingent Fund and paid through the Juvenile Court.  
Motion unanimously carried.



# To Commemorate City Charter Grant

Daughters of American Colonists to Present Tablet as Commemoration of Legislative Act in 1768.

Unusual interest has been aroused in the original charter of the City of Charlotte in connection with the unveiling and presentation today of a tablet commemorating the act of the Legislature, December 3, 1768.

The tablet is being presented to the city by the Daughters of the American Colonists, the North Carolina societies of which are now in annual session here.

## DOUGLAS TO ACCEPT.

Invocation will be by Rev. R. L. Ownbey, pastor of the Myers Park Methodist church. Miss Georgie L. Spratt will unveil the tablet, after which Mrs. Benjamin Wyche, local chairman, will present the tablet to the State chairman, Mrs. R. Duke Hay. Mrs. Hay will give a history of the establishment of the town of Charlotte.

Presentation to the City of Charlotte will then be made by Mrs. John Scott Welborn, State regent. The acceptance will be by Mayor Ben Douglas.

The size of Charlotte, as established by the act of the Legislature, was 360 acres. Authority was granted to John Frohock, Abraham Alexander, Thomas Polk, Richard Berry, and George Allen, as directors and trustees, to lay off the town in lots and supervise their sale and the proper construction of houses.

When the charter was granted, 80 lots already had been laid off and purchased.

## ORIGINAL CHARTER.

The charter reads as follows:

Chapter XI. An act for establishing a town in Mecklenburg county.

# STANDARD OIL INCREASES PAY

500 Workers in N. C., 200 of Whom Live in Charlotte, Will Benefit by Move.

Substantial pay increases for the clerical and other salaried employes of the North Carolina division of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey were announced yesterday by C. M. Byars, manager of the North Carolina sales division.

The increases will affect the salaries of around 500 workers in North Carolina, approximately 200 of whom live in Charlotte, the location of the division offices. The increases are coincidental with a series of pay increases negotiated with thousands of wage earners.

A flat monthly increase of \$15 will be paid to all who are now receiving an annual salary of \$1,800 or less. Those employes now receiving more than \$1,800 a year will be



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## CITY WILL GET TABLET TODAY

Ceremony Will Commemorate  
Granting of Original  
City Charter

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for trade, the same might soon become considerable, if it was erected into a town by lawful authority; to which the said John Frohock, Abraham Alexander and Thomas Polk, commissioners aforesaid, who are now seized in fee of the said 360 acres, and those who claim under them, having consented:

"II. Be it therefore enacted, by the Governor, council, and assembly and by the authority of the same, that the said 360 acres of land so laid off by the commissioners or trustees as aforesaid, be and the same is hereby constituted, erected and established, a town and town common, and shall be called by the name of Charlotte.

### DIRECTORS NAMED.

"III. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that John Frohock, Abraham Alexander, Thomas Polk, Richard Berry esquires and George Allen and every one, of them, be, and are hereby appointed directors and trustees, for directing the building and carrying on of said town; and they shall stand seized of an indefeasible estate, in fee, in the said 360 acres of land, to and for the uses, intents and purposes, hereby expressed and declared; and they, or the majority of them, shall have full power and authority to meet as often as they shall think necessary; and cause an exact plan of 100 acres of the said land to be made, as near as may be, agreeable to the streets and lots already laid out, and the residue thereof shall insert a mark of number on each lot; which said plan shall be kept in some convenient place in the said town, for the view of such persons who have, or incline to have a lot or lots in the same.

## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 10 YEARS AGO TODAY.

Mayor Abernathy, who had previously declined the chairmanship unanimously offered him, yesterday recanted and told the members of the city and county commission that he would head the newly created Mecklenburg Tax commission.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Warren Cramer, Jr., have as their guest at their home on Hermitage road, William Lord, Jr., of Old Westbury, L. I., New York.

Mrs. Burks Withers and son, Burks, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Cannon, at their home on East Morehead street. Mrs. Withers is a sister of Mrs. Cannon.

The Mississippi river levee 10 miles south of Knowlton, in Desha county yielded yesterday afternoon to a 50-foot stage of the river and is flooding more than 14,000 acres of delta land in Laconia circle.

### 20 YEARS AGO TODAY.

Miss Helen Lentz will arrive home today from Converse college, Spartanburg, S. C., to spend the spring holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lentz, at their home on North Poplar street.

Quartermaster J. L. Freese, in charge of the United States recruiting station here, reported yesterday that since the crisis between this country and Germany became so grave, and especially since the urgent request by Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels for more men, recruiting has fallen off greatly.

Mobilization of labor for government service in the event of war with Germany was planned yesterday at a conference of officials and labor leaders in the office of President Wilson.

Mrs. W. B. Ryder and daughter, Miss Virginia Ryder, will give up housekeeping Friday and will be at Miss King's house on South Tryon street, until they leave the city for the summer.

## Wall Street

NEW YORK, March 30. — Chairman of the Atchafalaya and Santa Fe railroad, said the territory served by the line there is more wheat production now than was the case despite dust storms and in some sections. He said the road thus far in 1937 is ahead of the same month of the same year.

J. S. Weed, president of the company, in a letter to stockholders today solicited their purpose of electing four new directors. He said of proxies had no effect in the capitalization plan but holders January 30. The plan was subsequently abandoned by some holders.

Charles Donnelly, general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad, said the road in March has been ahead of that in the same month of the same year. Reports from the company said, indicate recent heavy rains have improved moisture conditions for wheat belt.

Dun and Bradstreet reported failures for the week ending March 27, 1937, at 189 compared with 193 at 188 and 194 a year ago.

All European and City and financial exchange today with the exception of grain market.

The Missouri Pacific awarded a contract for motive power, to cost \$489,000 to the Motive Corporation.

Public offerings was \$40,000 shares of \$1.50 convertible preferred share Co., Enid, Okla., at \$21.136,000 \$1-par common at market price.

Sales of Safeway Stores for four weeks ended March 27, 1937, 630,009, an increase of 1.1% over the \$24,776,706 reported for the same period of 1936.

## TREASURY

Furnished by Abbe Paine.

- 3, 4-15-37; bid 100.2
- 3 1/2, 9-15-37; bid 101.13a
- 2 1/2, 2-1-38; bid 101.23a2
- 3, 3-15-38; bid 102.12a14
- 2 1/2, 6-15-38; bid 102.19a1
- 2 1/2, 9-15-38; bid 102.17a
- 1 1/2, 3-15-39; bid 100.20a1
- 2 1/2, 6-15-39; bid 102.0a2
- 1 1/2, 12-15-39; bid 100.4a1
- 1 1/2, 3-15-40; bid 100.14a1
- 1 1/2, 6-15-40; bid 100.1a3
- 1 1/2, 12-15-40; bid 100.0a1
- 1 1/2, 3-15-41; bid 99.29a3
- 1 1/2, 6-15-41; bid 99.14a1
- 1 1/2, 12-15-41; bid 99.0a2



Daughters of the American Colonists, 1935." The 3 lineage books were placed in the Library of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Volume III having been won for Honorable Mention for the Scrapbook. Mrs. J. S. Welborn compiled and bound a book, "TOMBSTONE RECORDS" consisting of 15,000 names from 100 cemeteries, for the National Library. A Joint Banquet was held in October with the U. S. Daughters of 1812. It was voted to continue this practice of joint banquets at the State Assemblies hereafter, which continues to the present. A list of colonial sites to be marked was sent to the North Carolina Historical Commission. Mrs. W. F. Stone, National Vice President of the Southern Section DAC, was honor guest and speaker at the January meeting. Mrs. R. J. Yearwood, Tennessee State Regent, attended the N. C. State Assembly and invited this Society to attend the Tennessee State Assembly March 7th. Mrs. J. S. Welborn, North Carolina State Regent, represented the North Carolina Society and Mrs. Benjamin Wyche, Sr., National Corresponding Secretary, was an honor guest. Newly revised Bylaws presented by Mrs. Benjamin Wyche, Sr., Chairman, were adopted. Mrs. Wyche was elected Honorary State Regent for Life, at this meeting, nominated by Mrs. Sydney Cooper. Two copies of Volume IV of the Lineage Book were purchased.

March 29, 1937

The Tenth State Assembly met at the Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, N. C., with Mrs. Welborn, State Regent, presiding. Mrs. Welborn presented Volumes I and II of "TOMBSTONE RECORDS" consisting of 14,000 names from 95 cemeteries, to the State Library and Guilford County Library. The State Society won at General Assembly 3 Lineage Books for new members, which were bound and placed in the Charlotte Library. \$10.00 was donated to the National Society project of erecting a Gateway at the entrance of old Fort Chartres, Illinois, the last place in America where the French Flag flew. It was voted to re-type the Society Minutes prior to 1934. The card index system for the Registrar was initiated. The Society endorsed Mrs. Benjamin Wyche, Sr. for the office of National Vice President of the Southern Section, to which she was elected April 26, 1937. On April 25, 1937 the National Officers' Club was organized at the Washington Club, Washington, D. C. with Mrs. Wyche becoming a Founder and Charter Member. The 3 Lineage books were placed in the Charlotte Library. At the suggestion of Mrs. R. Duke Hay, and as was voted, a tablet was unveiled, the day after the State Assembly in the City Hall of Charlotte, N. C. with the wording:

"Charlotte, the Queen City, established by act of the legislature December 3, 1767. Named in honor of Queen Charlotte of Mecklenburg - Streilitz, Germany, wife of George III of England. Three hundred sixty acres of original tract was conveyed on January 15, 1767 from Henry E. McCulloch, Agent of George Augustus Selwyn, one of the first landowners in the county, to Abraham Alexander, Thomas Polk, and John Frohock, representatives of the city-to-be. Erected by the North Carolina Society of the Daughters of the American Colonists. Mrs. John Scott Welborn, State Regent, March 30, 1937."

Mrs. Wyche was chairman and had charge of the wording and arrangements. Cost of the tablet was \$100.00. This being the Tenth Anniversary of the Society, programs were printed. A complete set of the National Society Yearbooks was bound (\$4.50). Mrs. Welborn gave a copy of Volume III of "TOMBSTONE RECORDS," which she