

A Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing to Consider Designating the Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church Wall & Marker (4700 Beatties Ford Road) as Local Historic Landmarks



The Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church Wall and Marker commemorate the site of the Williams Memorial Presbyterian Church, founded in 1885. Commissioned by local real estate investor E. L. Baxter Davidson during the 1920s, the structures are part of a series of such stone structures located throughout north Mecklenburg County erected at Davidson's behest to represent and raise public awareness of locations, institutions, events, and individuals of regional historic significance. In aggregate, the Davidson monuments and markers constitute a uniquely sophisticated and cohesive collection of vernacular public art in terms of material, design, and execution, using ordinary native materials and deceptively simplistic traditional structural designs to honor Mecklenburg County's history of extraordinary efforts and achievements by ordinary people in an understated but respectful manner that complements the local landscape and the region's customs.



Red arrow indicates wall's location; blue arrow indicates marker's location