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## News Release

### **Kerr Family Farm Designated as a Historic Landmark**

**October 16, 2012, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday adopted an ordinance designating the Kerr Family Farm in Waxhaw as a historic landmark. Prior to adopting the ordinance, commissioners and the Union County Historic Preservation Commission held a joint public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

Counties and municipalities have authority to adopt ordinances designating as historic landmarks properties “deemed and found by the preservation commission to be of special significance in terms of their historical, prehistorical, architectural, or cultural importance, and to possess integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, feeling and/or association.” Properties designated as historical landmarks are eligible for a property tax deferral of 50 percent of the value of the property.

The farm, located at 9616 Joe Kerr Road, consists of a house and outbuildings on 3.76 acres. The survey and research report conducted by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Historical Resources notes that the “farmstead epitomizes the upgrading of a rural, two-story vernacular farm house to include Bungalow styling prevalent during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.” The home is one of the few surviving bungalows of its type in the western part of Union County.

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