

Introducing Wilmington's Most Threatened Historic Places 2012

The Historic Wilmington Foundation initiated its Most Threatened Historic Places program in 2006 to call attention to threatened historic places. The program helps the Foundation and the community spotlight irreplaceable historic architectural, cultural, and archaeological resources in Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear region that are in imminent danger of being lost. A listing as a threatened place will generate public attention, spark debate about cultural and architectural heritage preservation, and hopefully attract new perspectives and ideas to save an endangered site in need of creative new solutions.

The Foundation's Most Threatened Historic Places program is an open public process, bringing more attention to these sites, and utilizing the public awareness to save more historic resources. The media interest and public discussion also helps people evaluate the importance of our heritage and begin to understand that historic preservation is more than just saving landmarks. It is about the renewal and restoration of our historic downtowns, neighborhoods, cemeteries and our special public spaces. It is about recognizing and preserving the history of all of our citizens. The Historic Wilmington Foundation uses its newsletter and its website, as well as media coverage, to provide publicity on the annual list. The Foundation also provides updates on the status of the sites selected for the list. Please share this nomination form with others and call the Foundation if you wish to alert us to a threatened site. The nomination process is open to everyone in Wilmington, and the counties of New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender.

Historic Mill Site in Pender County



Endangered Places in our region



2012 Official Nominations Form

Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear's Most Threatened Historic Places

Call for Nominations 2012: Historic Wilmington Foundation's Most Threatened Historic Places Program recognizes Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear region's irreplaceable, architectural, historic, natural and archaeological sites that face imminent threat by demolition, alteration, inappropriate development, insufficient funding, or neglect. These special places play an important role in our community's heritage and should be recognized and saved before it is too late.

Please submit your completed Most Threatened Historic Places nomination to:

Historic Wilmington Foundation
Attn: Most Threatened Historic Places
2011 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28403

Submissions will also be accepted electronically, please submit them to edwards@historicwilmington.org with a subject line of Attn: Most Threatened Historic Places Nomination. Please send one e-mail with all attachments included.

In addition to your nomination form, please include:

1. a state map clearly indicating the location of your site 2. four 8x10 color photographs of your site or a CD with a minimum of four images of the site (digital images are preferred) Please keep in mind that the materials submitted will become the property of the Historic Wilmington Foundation. If a selection is made, all material and images may be used in future publications, presentations, and/or on our website.

I. Nomination

Name and Location of the Site

II. Name, Title and Contact Information of Nominator

Name and Title of Nominator

Organization or Affiliation, if applicable

Address

Telephone

Email

III. Your Endangered Historic Site

Current Name of Site:

Historic and Popular Names for Site, if any:

Address of the Site

Name of Site Owner, if different from Nominator

Is Ownership of the Site Public? Private?

Does the Owner Support this Nomination? Yes No

IV. Site Information

Please provide site information as a separate document. All the following questions must be answered. Attach any supporting materials, including photographs, news articles, correspondence, etc.

1. Please describe your site, including its current use and condition and existing zoning or other protective regulations, if any

2. What is the historical significance of your site?
(Has it been honored with a national, state or local historic designation?) _____

3. What's is the site's history?
(Has its role in your community changed over time?)

4. Why do you want o save it? (What is special about it and why does it continue to be important to you and your community?)

5. Describe the impending threat to your site: How imminent is it? _____

6. Describe the setting and context. Does the site retain its original character? _____

7. Who is involved in the effort to save your site? (i.e. an organization, local government, a historical society, neighborhood association, ect.) Have these organizations made a financial commitment to the effort? Are there any groups that oppose the preservation of your site?

8. What specific action would protect this site? (i.e. Purchase and appropriate rehabilitation? A feasibility study? Adaptive reuse? Better zoning? Heritage tourism?) _____

Don't forget the final due date is March 31, 2012!
the 2012 list will be announced in May of 2012 during
National Preservation Month.

If you have any questions about the nominations or the Foundation, please contact us at 910.762.2511, fax 910.762.1551
e-mail edwards@historicwilmington.org

Please remember that all materials submitted become the property of HWF unless specified by the nominator and may be used by the Foundation for this program.

Electronic submissions will also be accepted, please send a completed package of application materials to:
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