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Aaron Poplin, Planner  
Rowan County Historic Landmarks Commission  
402. N. Main St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

**RE: Proposed Designation of the Kesler Newsom Kepley Farmhouse, 7255 Bringle Ferry Rd.,  
Salisbury, Rowan County.**

Dear Mr. Poplin:

Thank you for the report for the Kesler Newsom Kepley Farmhouse, 7255 Bringle Ferry Rd., Salisbury, Rowan County. We have reviewed the information in the report and offer the following comments in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 160D-946.

The Kesler Newsom Kepley Farmhouse is of special significance to Rowan County because it is a rare, extant example of wood-frame farmhouses built in the nineteenth century in rural eastern Rowan County and because of its association with the civic-minded Kesler and Newsom families. Archaeological remains likely exist and should be considered in any development of the property.

We commend staff and the commission for submitting a report that satisfies the requirements outlined in the HPO's Guidelines. It is a strong designation report and provides the preservation commission and local governing board sufficient information to determine whether the Kesler Newsom Kepley Farmhouse possesses the requisite special local significance and integrity for local historic landmark designation.

Landmark designation means the community recognizes the property is worthy of preservation because of its special significance and integrity in the local community. Any substantial change in the design, materials, and appearance is subject to the design review procedures of the preservation commission. The owner may receive an annual deferral of fifty percent of the property taxes for as long as the property is designated and retains significance and integrity. (N.C.G.S. 105-278 *et seq.*).

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the report. Our comments are advisory only and are not binding. Once the governing board has received a recommendation from the Rowan County Historic Landmarks Commission and has proceeded in the same manner as would otherwise be required for an amendment to the zoning ordinance, the governing board may proceed with the designation decision. Once the designation decision has been made, please return the completed designation confirmation form, enclosed.

This letter serves as our comments on the proposed landmark designation of the Kesler Newsom Kepley Farmhouse. Please contact me at 919-814-6575 should you have any questions about our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Brantley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Kristi Brantley  
Local Preservation Commissions / CLG Coordinator

CC: Commission Chair

Enclosure