

**National Register Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2020  
109 E. Jones Street, Room 308, Raleigh, N.C.**

The North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) convened on February 13, 2020, in the Archives Building at 109 E. Jones Street with the following members in attendance: Mary Lynn Bryan, Kristen Baldwin Deathridge, Lee Edward Gray, Matthew Jorgenson, David Maurer, Alicia McGill, David Ruffin, Terri Russ, and Barbara Snowden.

NC State Historic Preservation Office (NC HPO) staff, North Carolina Office of State Archaeology (OSA) staff, consultants, guests, and other observers included: Ramona Bartos, Chandrea Burch, Michelle Michael, Mary Beth Fitts, Dan Pezzoni, Ashley Parker, Courtney Hotchkiss, Brandon Denton, Sarah Poter, Victoria Haas, Kim Urban, Jordan Scott, Paige McCoy, Corinne Foster, Debbie Bevin, Tim Simmons, Raize Baez, Clara Chang, Connor Seaton, Jennette Coleridge-Taylor, Michele McCabe, Kate Husband, David Christenbury, Kristi Brantley, Jenn Brosz, Hannah Beckman-Black, Jeff Smith, Beth King, Michael Southern, Mitch Wilds, Jeff Adolphsen, John Wood, Audrey Thomas, Annie McDonald, Scott Power, Sarah David, Kevin Cherry, Debbie Tunnel, Diane Swan, Andy Edmonds, Cynthia deMiranda, and Reid Thomas.

Chair David Maurer called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., reviewed the conflict of interest policy, and announced that Mr. Ruffin would need to leave early. No members announced conflicts of interest. Mr. Maurer invited attendees to introduce themselves, beginning with the committee members. Staff presented committee training for the members, reviewing procedures, by-laws, National Register Criteria, and particular questions of integrity and significance. During the training, Dr. Cherry was called away but provided a departmental update before leaving.

Dr. Cherry reported that the North Carolina Museum of History and the North Carolina Transportation Museum had recently set attendance records. He noted that Tryon Palace is recovering from the effects of hurricanes. The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has been involvement in the museum's She Changed the World exhibit. Dr. Cherry provided updates on several museums: a planned Reconstruction museum, the Museum of the Cape Fear, and a planned textile museum. He described the textile mill as potentially being located in Randolph County, and he reported on several open positions and soon-to-be-open at the Museum of History, including the Deputy Director, Chief Curator, Chief Education Officer, and Events Coordinator.

Following Dr. Cherry's departure, training resumed.

At the conclusion of committee training, the meeting began at 10:58 a.m.

Mr. Maurer asked for comments or corrections to the October meetings. No corrections. Mr. Jorgensen moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Baldwin-Deathridge seconded.

#### **National Register nomination presentations**

##### **Bynum Bridge, Chatham County**

Hannah Beckman-Black began her presentation by noting that Michael Southern was present and that he had prepared the presentation and edited the nomination. She also welcomed Debbie Tunnel and

Diane Swan from the Bynum community. The period of significance is 1922 to 1923 to encompass the structure's construction. It is an example of reinforced concrete, cast-in-place, T-beam construction and it is the longest of its type in the state. Ms. Beckman-Black reviewed the history of the bridge, the history of the state highway system, and the technical method of construction. The bridge is nominated at the level of statewide significance for its age, length, and method of construction. It retains high integrity. The local representatives thanked the HPO for assistance.

#### **Cedar Grove School, Orange County**

Ms. Beckman-Black continued her presentation with Cedar Grove School in Orange County. The school is significant under Criterion A for ethnic heritage for its history as a segregated African American school and under Criterion C for its architectural design as a Modernist school building. The period of significance begins in 1951 when it was completed and extends to 1969 when it was closed during desegregation. The building was renovated in 2017, and windows were replaced at that time, but the new windows maintain the strong horizontal emphasis of the originals. Interior renovations also occurred in 2017, and that work included new floors and some drywall removal. Classroom wings remain untouched. The boundary encompasses the historic school; the rest of the school grounds have been renovated to include modern park and recreation facilities. Ms. Beckman-Black noted letters of support from Orange County School Board and the Orange County Commission.

#### **Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, Iredell County**

Ms. Beckman-Black's next resource was the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, which was constructed around 1882 and renovated in 1941. The church is eligible under Criterion A for its association with African American ethnic heritage and social history and under Criterion C for its architecture. It meets Criteria Consideration A because its importance comes from history and architecture. Northern Presbyterians established Reid Memorial during Reconstruction, and it is the oldest African American congregation in Iredell County. The church was central to the local African American community and served as the county's NAACP headquarters. The building began as wood frame house with flat windows. Its modest Gothic Revival design received updates throughout its history, and today it retains good integrity to a 1941 remodeling which added to the building's Gothic Revival appearance. The 1941 exterior changes include adding Gothic arch windows and a brick veneer. Interior changes include carpet and acoustic ceiling tiles. The boundary matches the tax parcel and encompasses the site of a schoolhouse. The town and the county commission have expressed support.

Mr. Maurer asked for questions. Mr. Jorgensen asked about modern alterations to Reid Memorial Presbyterian and Cedar Grove School and sought to confirm that staff is satisfied that the buildings meet the threshold for listing in spite of alterations. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge notes that Reid Memorial is adjacent to a district and she asked why the district was not expanded to include the church. Jenn Brosz noted that the existing district is mostly commercial and that Reid Memorial has its own history and warrants its separate listing; noted that staff discussed district expansion versus an individual listing, and staff is very comfortable that it is worthy of individual listing. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked about the grounds surrounding Cedar Grove School. Dr. McGill complimented Michael Southern for the inclusion of the cultural history of the Bynum Bridge; Mr. Southern demurred that he had done the research for the engineering and that Ms. Swan and Ms. Tunnel wrote the nomination and are most responsible for the history. Mr. Maurer asked if the county school system sponsored Cedar Grove School and he commended the school system for their interest and support.

Mr. Maurer called for motion to approve Bynum Bridge, Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church, and Cedar Grove School. Ms. Russ made the motion to approve and Dr. McGill seconded it. The motion passed 8-0.

### **Granite-Cora-Holt Mills Historic District, Alamance County**

Jenn Brosz presented the history of the Granite-Cora-Holt Mills Historic District and gave an overview tour of the complexes during which she addressed the application of metal sheathing to portions of the district's buildings. The complex is locally significant under Criterion A in the area of industry and under Criterion C for its collection of intact resources that illustrate industrial design from the late nineteenth century into the mid-twentieth century. The period of significance begins in 1891 and ends in 1970. Ms. Brosz also addressed the discontinuous boundary.

### **Mooresville Historic District Boundary Increase, Iredell County**

Ms. Brosz introduced the original district location and its significance. She explained that the boundary increase expansion takes in residential expansion that was concurrent with the period of the existing historic district. The boundary increase area's period of significance begins in 1880 and runs until 1964, when the neighborhood was nearly fully built out. The increase area contains 73 contributing resources and 24 noncontributing resources. Ms. Brosz reviewed the styles and types of houses and buildings typical in the expansion area, and noted that the Mooresville Historic Preservation Commission and the mayor support the nomination. The expansion is nominated under Criteria A and C.

### **Schley Grange Hall, Orange County**

Ms. Brosz presented Schley Grange Hall as eligible under Criterion A in the area of social history. The building's period of significance begins with its construction in 1949 and extends to 1970, the fifty-year cut off for National Register eligibility. Ms. Brosz reviewed the other resources on the property, including a ball field and concession building, and she noted integrity problems that include vinyl cladding on wood elements, new windows, and new roof, but the nomination makes the successful case that these changes do not detract from the original design and Colonial Revival aesthetic. Today, the building is Orange County's only Grange. The Orange County Historic Preservation Commission and Board of Commissioners support it. Mr. Ruffin added that Kerr Scott and other politicians used Granges for outreach.

Mr. Maurer asked for questions and called for a motion to approve the Granite-Cora-Holt Mills Historic District, the Mooresville Historic District Boundary Increase, and Schley Grange Hall. Dr. Bryan moved to approve all these nominations. Ms. Snowden seconded the motion, and the motion passed, 8-0. Mr. Maurer asked for preparers to add dates of creation to maps included in packets.

### **Colerain Historic District, Bertie County**

Ms. Brosz then introduced the Colerain Historic District and its resubmittal with a preface noting that the committee considered it in October under Criterion A. Ms. Brosz gave the history of the nomination and thanked the preparer, Michelle Michael, for her quick responses to the Park Service's concerns. Scott Power then presented the Colerain Historic District, focusing on its architecture, which the revised nomination does. Mr. Power gave a tour through the downtown commercial district and reviewed the common house styles and forms throughout the district. He also thanked Michelle Michael for her work. Colerain's period of significance extends from 1846 to 1970. Mr. Maurer thanked Ms. Michael, and Ms. Michael thanked HPO staff for their help. Mr. Ruffin noted that his grandmother's family is from Colerain and mentioned the fishery's importance to the nomination. Mr. Ruffin clarified that he has no property or conflict of interest regarding the nomination. Dr. McGill moved to approve the nomination, and Mr. Jorgensen seconded the motion. It passed, 8-0.

The committee adjourned for lunch at 12:19. Dr. Cherry returned to the meeting as lunch was beginning.

The committee reconvened at 12:59 and Ramona Bartos updated the committee on recent flooding in the basement. Ms. Bartos reported that Jeff Adolphsen and Michele McCabe stayed in the building, working to remove incoming water until very late at night.

Ms. Bartos also reported that North Carolina was receiving \$17 million in preservation money related to recovery from Hurricanes Michael and Florence. Dr. Cherry recommended we thank US Representative David Price and Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis for supporting this appropriation. We will distribute the money via subgrants to communities, and it will be broken down into \$4.5 million internal projects and \$2.5 million in planning that will include architectural survey. Also, grant projects that include bricks and mortar work will require a National Register nomination or update for the subject resource, so the committee may see some of these projects. Dr. Cherry and Ms. Bartos are planning a related trip to Washington, DC.

Mr. Maurer asked about the School of Government and a recent argument that façade grants are illegal under state law. Ms. Bartos and Dr. Cherry noted his question and said they would research the question.

### **Study List presentations**

Study List presentations began with Sarah David.

Ms. David presented **West Knitting Corporation in Wadesboro in Anson County**. This 1920s textile mill has undergone some alterations, but the main block of the original building retains its open manufacturing floors and many original features. [Scrivener's note: the committee planned to vote on all three of Ms. David's applications together, but the Dallas Historic District discussion was lengthy and the committee voted on the Dallas application and separately on the Millstone 4-H Camp application, and did not return to West Knitting for consideration, which staff will add to the August 2020 NRAC agenda].

Ms. David next presented a **Boundary Increase for the Dallas Historic District in Gaston County**. This discussion included a description of the district, a recounting of the evolution of the district (the committee had recently reviewed another Dallas district expansion), and described staff's concerns about the proposed district. She also noted that the mill building at the eastern end of the district, may be eligible individually if the investigator can gather information about and photos of the interior. Dan Pezzoni, the preparer also spoke and answered questions from the committee. Mr. Maurer asked clarifying questions about the period of significance. The committee discussed period of significance, with Ms. David and Ms. Pezzoni answering questions, and Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked clarifying questions about the original district and the most recent expansion considered in October 2019. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Russ made a motion to defer a decision, with Dr. McGill seconding. The motion passed 7-1, with Mr. Jorgensen opposing. The committee is seeking additional information specifically about when alterations were made and how do the changes fit into the larger town story.

Finally, Ms. David presented **Millstone 4-H Camp in Richmond County**. Ms. David gave a tour of the camp, which is near Ellerbe. She reviewed the 2019 Study Listing of an archaeological site on the campus, and went on to give a brief history of the camp. The committee asked about how the future

contributing/noncontributing might shake out given the alterations of some of the buildings. Ms. Snowden made a motion to approve the application and Dr. Bryan seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Beckman-Black continued the Study List presentations with **Mount Ararat AME Church and Cemetery and Bella Highsmith Cemetery** in New Hanover County. Staff recommended this for Study Listing under Criterion A for African American ethnic heritage and settlement/exploration. She reviewed the post-Civil War settlement of Middle Sound. These cemeteries and the church are the last and best vestiges of that community. Ms. Beckman-Black reviewed the history of the building and showed evidence of extant original materials under later sheathing, and she reiterated that this site best represents the settlement of African Americans in Middle Sound.

Ms. Beckman-Black then presented the **Burgwin-Wright House in Wilmington, New Hanover County**. She reviewed the history of the house including the evolution of the site from jail to fine Georgian house. She discussed the restoration of porch and interior reproductions/reconstructions undertaken since the Colonial Dames purchased it in 1937, and she reviewed the landscape design. Staff recommended that it could be listed under any of the four criteria.

Ms. Beckman-Black continued with the **Willis M. Graves House in Raleigh, Wake County**. It was built by Willis M. Graves around 1884 and reused an earlier, small house in its construction. It was originally listed on the Register under Criterion C as a symbol of financial success possible by African Americans. Ms. Beckman-Black discussed the move and the relationship of the house to the now-adjacent Plummer T. Hall House. Ms. Beckman-Black also reviewed the discussion about this property between the HPO and NPS. Staff recommended Study Listing the house because it can still convey its architectural and historic significance. Ms. Beckman-Black also recognized Cynthia deMiranda, the preparer.

Mr. Maurer asked for questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve all of Ms. Beckman-Black's applications. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge moved to approve, and Ms. McGill seconded. The vote was 8-0.

Ms. Snowden expressed gratitude for staff's efforts to answer questions that had come up regarding the Graves house at the October meeting.

Beth King presented **Leesville Teacherage, which had been in Wake County and has been moved to Durham County**. She described the efforts to move the house close to its original location, and explained exposure of the interior that occurred during its relocation. Staff recommended against listing. Mr. Jorgensen moved to not add the teacherage to the Study List and Ms. Russ seconded. The vote was 7-0.

Ms. Brosz presented the **Southern Railway Car No. 1211, located at the N.C. Transportation Museum in Spencer**. Ms. Brosz reviewed the grant process that is funding the nomination and restoration work, and how she is working with the Transportation Museum. She presented an interior and exterior tour. Ms. Brosz stated that the railcar meets the special requirements for rolling stock, and she recommended it for Study Listing under Criterion A. Dr. McGill moved to add the railcar to the Study List, and Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

Annie McDonald presented the **Hotel Campbell in Taylorsville in Alexander County**. The building is the largest structure in Taylorsville. Ms. McDonald described the exterior and discussed integrity problems,

noting that it retains high integrity on second and third floors. Staff recommended Study Listing under Criterion A in the areas of Commerce and Entertainment/Recreation. Ms. Snowden made a motion to approve the application and Ms. Russ seconded the motion. The vote was 7-0.

Scott Power presented **Union Bus Station in Kinston**. Mr. Power presented an exterior and interior tour. Staff recommends that this building is eligible for the Study List under Criterion C and it may be eligible under Criterion A in the area of transportation. Ms. Snowden made a motion to approve the application and Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge seconded her motion. The vote was 7-0.

Mr. Maurer asked for additional business. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn, which Mr. Jorgensen made and Ms. Russ seconded. The vote was 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 3:08.

NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Conference Room, Third Floor, Archives and History Building  
109 East Jones Street, Raleigh  
February 13, 2020  
**NATIONAL REGISTER AND STUDY LIST AGENDA**

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>PROPERTY/LOCATION</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
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**NATIONAL REGISTER**

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

***Central and Southeastern Regions***

Chatham	Bynum Bridge Bynum	Hannah Beckman-Black
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Iredell	Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church Mooresville	
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Orange	Cedar Grove School Cedar Grove vicinity	
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Alamance	Granite-Cora-Holt Mills Historic District Haw River	Jennifer Brosz
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Iredell	Mooresville Historic District (Boundary Increase) Mooresville	
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Orange	Schley Grange Hall Schley vicinity	
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***Eastern Region***

Bertie	Colerain Historic District (Resubmit) Colerain	Scott Power
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**STUDY LIST**

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

***Central/Southeastern Regions***

Anson	West Knitting Corporation Wadesboro	Sarah David
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Gaston	Dallas Historic District (Boundary Increase) - Area B Dallas	
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Richmond	Millstone 4-H Camp Ellerbe vicinity	
New Hanover	Mount Ararat AME Church and Cemetery and Bella Highsmith Cemetery Ogden vicinity	Hannah Beckman-Black
	Burgwin-Wright House and Gardens Wilmington	
Wake	Willis M. Graves House (new location) Raleigh	
Durham	Leesville School Teacherage (new location) Durham vicinity	Beth King
Rowan	Southern Railway Car No. 1211 Spencer	Jennifer Brosz

### ***Western Region***

Alexander	Hotel Campbell – Hotel Alexander Taylorsville	Annie McDonald
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### ***Eastern Region***

Lenoir	Union Bus Station Kinston	Scott Power
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