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St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church

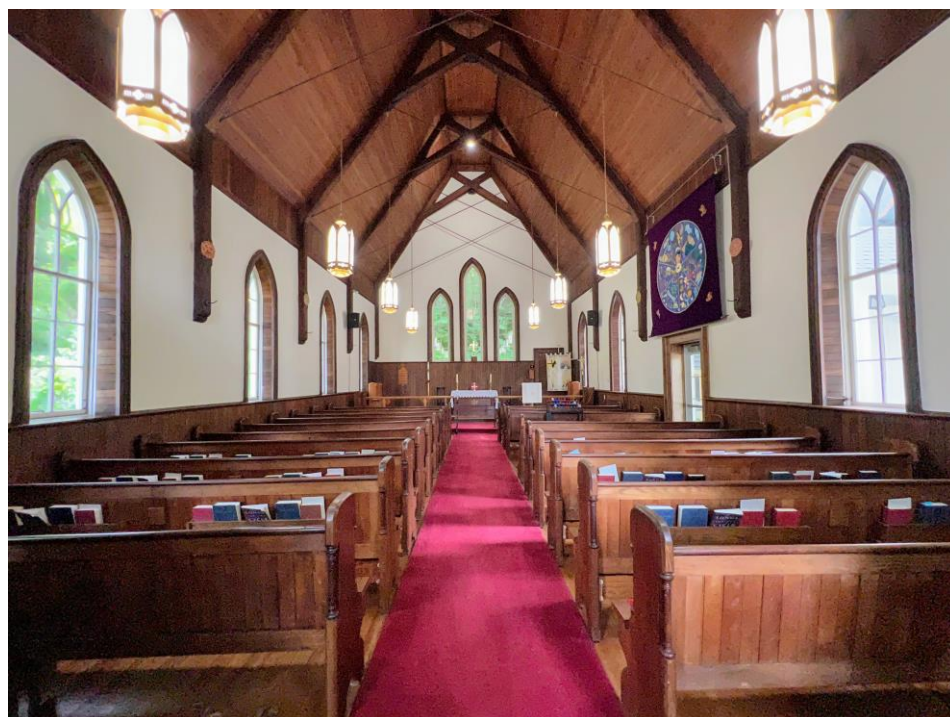
Cullowhee, Jackson County, JK0343, Listed 08/15/2025

Nomination by June Todd Smith

Photographs by Maggie Bowles, June 2022



View of north and west elevations of church and cemetery.



View of church interior, looking east toward the chancel and altar.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of PropertyHistoric name: St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal ChurchOther names/site number: St. David's Episcopal Church

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. LocationStreet & number: 286 Forest Hills RoadCity or town: Cullowhee State: NC County: JacksonNot For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

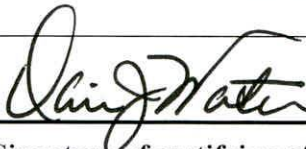
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 A B X C D 7/8/25

Signature of certifying official/Title: State Historic Preservation Officer Date

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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Private:

☒

Public – Local

☐

Public – State

☐

Public – Federal

☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

Building(s)

☒

District

☐

Site

☐

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Structure

☐

Object

☐

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

1

buildings

1

0

sites

0

0

structures

0

0

objects

2

1

Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RELIGION/religious facility

FUNERARY/cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RELIGION/religious facility

FUNERARY/cemetery

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19TH & 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/Gothic Revival

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Brick, stucco walls; asphalt roof

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church is a pristine example of late 19th century Gothic Revival architecture, popular in Episcopal churches in North Carolina in this period. It is the first Episcopal church built in Jackson County. The church cornerstone was laid in December 1883; building began in 1884. The church was substantially completed by October 1885, and a service had been held, when the builder, S. Truman Jones of Syracuse, New York, left the site. St. David's was completed by local laborers as money was raised by church officials. It was consecrated on August 18, 1892. It is the first brick building constructed in Cullowhee valley, located in central Jackson County. In 1902 the congregation established a cemetery adjacent to the church. Professor Robert Lee Madison, a member of St. David's and first president of the school that eventually became Western Carolina University, an institution of the University of North Carolina system, is buried in St. David's cemetery. Daniel David Davies, founder of St. David's and prominent leader and businessman in Jackson County, is also buried there.

Site and Setting

St. David's-in-the-Valley is located on Forest Hills Road in the unincorporated community of Cullowhee, NC, on the east side of the road across from Western Carolina University's E.J.

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Whitmire Stadium. To the north, east, and south of the church property are private residences and a University fraternity house. The church serves both students at Western Carolina University and residents of Jackson County. The two acre, irregularly shaped tax parcel (PIN # 7559-22-919) on which it sits is gently rolling uphill from east to west and largely wooded. The church is located near the northwest corner of the parcel. The property is primarily accessed by a paved driveway that begins near the southwest corner of the parcel and turns north before arriving at a small gravel parking. The concrete walkway from the parking lot to the church steps is bordered on the west side by a small children's playground, constructed in 2014 and surrounded by a chain link fence, and on the east side by a flower bed in which is embedded a previous wooden cross from the top of the steeple. A parish hall is attached to the church proper on the south side by a covered walkway and was added in 2013. The 1902 church cemetery overlooks the church on the north side. It has plots designated for casket burial and cremains interment. Robert Lee Madison, the first president of Cullowhee Academy, which became Western Carolina University, is buried there, as is wife Ella Richards Madison and several of their family members. The Madisons were married at St. David's. Daniel David Davies, founder of the church, first chair of the Board of Trustees of Cullowhee Academy, and valued community businessman and leader, is also buried there, along with several of his family members. A second paved driveway originates near the northwest corner of the parcel and rises uphill to the southeast before terminating at the north end of the playground fence.

St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, 1892, Contributing Building

This single-story Gothic revival church is in nearly perfect condition and still maintains its rural character in its woodland setting. The exterior of the church is original with two exceptions. A door, allowing egress onto the porch and adjacent parish hall, has replaced one original window on the south side of the church. The window to the east of that door was covered for a time by an attached earlier parish hall but was restored to its original appearance and condition during the 2013 building of the parish hall. The church was largely unused between 1941 and 1959, due to World War II and the changing population of Cullowhee valley. Since its reconsecration in 1959, the church has been properly maintained inside and out. No changes have been made to the interior of the church.

St. David's is set fifteen feet above the road elevation with an east-west orientation, the chancel pointing east and the narthex west. The entrance portico faces south toward a small children's playground and a gravel parking lot. The first brick building of Cullowhee Normal School was constructed in 1929, making St. David's the first brick building in Cullowhee valley. The cornerstone was laid on December 22, 1883, by the Rev. Dr. David Hillhouse Buel, diocesan missionary to the seven western counties of North Carolina. The church was finished as funds were available and consecrated in August 1892. S. Truman Jones of Syracuse, New York, was the builder.

"Visual as well as written evidence point to the New York Ecclesiological Society as the source of the plans and elevations of the church." (Kirwan, 18). The Rev. Dr. Buel had frequently used the services of Frank Wills, official architect of the New York Ecclesiological Society, while serving a parish in Maryland. The exterior walls of the rectangular church are made of brick covered with stucco. The borders of the walls are an inch thick and make a one-and-one-half foot

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wide stucco trim around the eaves, windows, corners, and at the molded watercourse. The church and trim are painted white above the watercourse and dark grey below it. A vent is situated in the foundation wall below each window, directly below the watercourse.

The portico entrance at the west end of the south side is marked by double leaf wooden doors. They have diagonal members and are divided into two unequal panels by a cross piece three feet from the floor. The panels are trimmed with molded quarter round. The doors are painted red, the red color on church doors signifying the church as a place of physical safety and spiritual refuge. A single leaf door is located on the building's east side at the southeast corner. This door has a single, untrimmed panel and is accessed by four concrete steps. A third door located approximately in the center of the south wall was added in 2013 to allow easy access to the new parish hall. This door has a glass center delineated into eight panes. It replaces one original window, which was removed at the time of the 1959 addition.

The Gothic Revival-style, wood sash, lancet windows are two panes wide and seven panes high. They are set in a wooden frame and sit on a sloping wooden sill located three-and one-half feet from the watercourse. On the east end above the altar the sill is placed six feet from the watercourse. The windows are fixed on the east and west ends and are hinged above the third pane on the north and south sides. Five windows are on the north elevation, three on the south elevation, three on the east elevation, and two on the west elevation. The three windows in the east elevation are above the altar, with the middle window rising two panes above the other two. The interior jam is finished in tongue and groove beaded board. All the window glass is clear with the exception of a small, unadorned rose window in the gable end of the west elevation. Eight light fixtures hang from the ceiling in two parallel rows. Each fixture has six glass sides pointed like a bishop's miter set in a scalloped metal base decorated in a quatrefoil design. A steeply-pitched gable roof covered with asphalt shingles covers the church. A steeple built of a louvered box housing the bell is located at the west end of the roof. A shingled spire topped by a cross completes the bell tower. "The eaves extend two feet beyond the walls, exposing the rafters and the boards which support the roof membrane." (Kirwan, 4).

A four-foot by six-foot concrete portico with a white stucco finish is set in front of the main entrance. The portico is covered by a steeply pitched roof supported by wooden posts with chamfered edges. The form of a dove is placed in the extended rake set two feet away from the boarded closure. The interior plan is straightforward, with a central aisle from the narthex to the chancel steps. The flooring is three and one quarter-inch tongue and groove oak. The central aisle and the chancel steps are carpeted. "A three-foot high beaded batten wainscot trimmed with molding rises from the baseboard. In the chancel the wainscot rises to six feet, wrapping around the comers and meeting the last window on each long wall. The interior walls are stuccoed above the wainscoting and below a beaded batten frieze, which drops two feet from the ceiling." (Kirwan, 8) The walls are painted white. The walls are broken by five windows on the north side and four windows and a door on the south side. The interior window jams are finished in tongue and groove beaded board. A scissor truss reinforced with iron tension members, which tie into the roof, supports the beaded board ceiling. Eight light fixtures in two parallel rows hang from the ceiling. Each fixture is formed by a scalloped metal base broken by a quatrefoil design. Six glass panes pointed like a bishop's cap and framed in metal are fixed in the base. The simple cherry and walnut pews rounded on the edge of the seat and the back are fixed to the floor. The

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ends are finished with turned posts and flat rests. The altar rail is also of walnut and cherry. It is supported by three-inch square posts placed four feet apart and terminated with a trifold cusp. Its center piece is removable to allow access to the sanctuary. The 1974 Zimmer organ, designed to mimic the steep shape of the roof, is located in the narthex.

Parish Hall, 2013, Non-contributing Building

A two-story, 3,000 square foot parish hall was constructed adjacent to the church in 2013. The building is not attached to the church. The building's design and finish are in keeping with that of the church. A half-covered concrete porch bordered by a black iron railing wraps around the parish hall on the west side and south end. Concrete steps on the west side and south end connect to a gravel parking lot. The porch overhang abuts the church above the door in the center of the south wall, the only physical connection between the parish hall and the church. The downstairs has a carpeted great room and a flex room, galley kitchen, sacristy, two restrooms and storage closet with oak flooring. The upstairs has a central room and two storage closets leading into a hallway with two offices, restroom, and storage closet., all with oak flooring.

Cemetery, 1902, Contributing Site

A cemetery was established on the acre on the north side of the church in 1902 when Daniel David Davies' son Benjamin died and was buried in the Davies' plot. The cemetery extends from a wood-framed gravel path on the west end to the property boundary. There is no physical border on the north side, but a row of mature white pines marks the space. The south side beyond the church blends into the woods behind the church. Grave markers are placed in north-south rows leading up the gently sloping hill. Graveled steps on the hill are bordered by a black iron railing. The steps end at a stone-faced elevated platform overlooking the cremains plot on the north side of the railing. A burial service can be conducted from the platform. There are 57 burials in the cemetery with all the in-ground spaces filled. Large granite markers in the earlier rows, including those of the Davies family and the Madison family, give way to smaller standing stones and in-ground brass markers. Flat marble or granite stones mark burials in the cremains plot. A few oak trees, native rhododendron, azaleas, holly, boxwood, and daffodils are scattered throughout the acre. Two granite benches for rest and meditation are in the cemetery. One is incised as a tribute to Professor and Mrs. Robert Lee Madison and the other recognizes the Cullowhee Garden Club.

Statement of Integrity

St. David's embodies a high degree of integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. St. David's was built on land in Cullowhee valley across the valley from the Daniel David Davies' home. Davies was a Welsh mining engineer who settled in Jackson County to pursue his business interests and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the institution that became Western Carolina University. He grew up as a member of St. David's Church in Carmarthenshire, Wales, and desired to have a church similar to his home church. After several visits to the Davies' home by Bishop Theodore Lyman of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, Davies offered his property on which to build an Episcopal church. Bishop Lyman chose a rolling, three-acre plot overlooking the valley for the church, in sight of Forest Hill, the Davies' home. The land was owned partly by the Davies family and partly by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton Brown, who were Methodists and whose farm joined the Davies

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farm. These two families indentured the land to the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. One acre on the south side of the church parking lot was sold to the university to raise funds for the building of the 2013 parish hall. The builder of St. David's was S. Truman Jones of Syracuse, New York, who had been employed by the diocese to build Grace Episcopal Church in Waynesville, North Carolina. "Visual and written evidence point to the New York Ecclesiological Society as the source of the plans and elevations of the church." (Kirwan, 18) After getting the building underway, Jones left the site, and the church was skillfully finished by settlers in the valley as funds were available. The simple clean lines of the church echo the pastoral setting in which it was built. Even with the university structures and homes nearby, it retains its country feel in its woodland setting. Using unbaked brick as the building material of the church was unusual in its time and place. The first brick building for the university, Moore Hall, wasn't built until 1924. Painted white, the church stands out from the woods surrounding it. The only alteration of the original plan is the door on the south side, which replaces one original window. The interior space is unchanged.

Statement of Archaeological Potential

The St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church with the adjacent St. David's Cemetery was completed in 1892 and is closely related to the surrounding environment and landscape. Archaeological features produced by former fence lines, path, and plantings, as well as materials that have accumulated through use of the church and cemetery in the late 19th-early 20th centuries, may provide information valuable to the understanding and interpretation of the church community. The property also overlaps with an important precontact Cherokee community that served as a regional political and religious center until well into the mid-19th century. There are 11 previously recorded American Indian archaeological sites in the vicinity of St. David's Church, one of which has already been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, archaeological remains predating the foundation of the church and educational institution that is today Western Carolina University may well be an important component of the significance of the church property, and these potential cultural resources should be considered in any future improvement of the church and grounds. In addition to having the potential to yield important information about life along the Tuckasegee River over time, cemeteries and unmarked graves are protected by North Carolina General Statutes 14,65 and 70. To date, no archaeological investigation has been carried out at the church, and the cemetery may contain unmarked burials that do not appear in the documentary record. This should be considered in any future landscaping, restoration, or archaeological research activities on church property.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☒ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1892

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Jones, S. Truman, builder

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church is locally significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The church embodies the distinctive characteristics of late 19th century Gothic Revival architecture, popular in Episcopal churches in North Carolina in this period. It is the first Episcopal church built in Jackson County. The church cornerstone was laid in December 1883; building began in 1884. The church was substantially completed by October 1885 and a service had been held, when the builder, S. Truman Jones of Syracuse, New York, left the site.

St. David's was completed by local laborers as money was raised by church officials. It was consecrated on August 18, 1892, marking the Period of Significance. It is the first brick building constructed in Cullowhee valley, located in central Jackson County. In 1902 the congregation established a cemetery adjacent to the church. Professor Robert Lee Madison, a member of St. David's and first president of the school that eventually became Western Carolina University, an institution of the University of North Carolina system, is buried in St. David's cemetery. Daniel David Davies, founder of St. David's and prominent leader and businessman in Jackson County, is also buried there.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Architecture Context

St. David's-in-the-Valley is significant within a local context as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Gothic Revival style of late 19th century church architecture in country parish churches. It is also significant as the first Episcopal church in Jackson County, North Carolina and as the first brick building constructed in Cullowhee Valley, in central Jackson County. The first brick building built on the Western Carolina University campus in Cullowhee valley is Moore Hall, built in 1924. Cullowhee Baptist Church, also brick and adjacent to the WCU campus, was built in 1929. The plan of St. David's follows the aesthetics of the New York Ecclesiological Society. The plan is similar to plans drawn by architect Frank Wills, who was the official architect of the Society in the mid-1800s.

Historic Background

Professor Robert Lee Madison, the first president of the school that became Western Carolina University was buried in St. David's cemetery.

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In 1879 the Rev. Dr. David Hillhouse Buel conducted the first service of the Episcopal church ever held in Cullowhee valley, located in central Jackson County, North Carolina. He held the service in the Speedwell schoolhouse on Pressey Creek. The Rev. Buel, principal of the Ravenscroft Associate Mission and Training School in Asheville, North Carolina, and missionary to the western counties, had been invited to preach in Cullowhee valley by Judge Daniel David Davies. Judge Davies was a local businessman and community leader from Carmarthenshire, Wales. He was interested in establishing an Anglian church in the valley so that he could worship as he had in his formative years in Wales.

The Rev. Dr. Buel continued to hold services in the Speedwell schoolhouse on his missionary visits to Cullowhee valley, always staying overnight in the home of Judge Davies. In 1883 Rev. Buel and Bishop Theodore Benedict Lyman, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, traveled together to Jackson County and lodged in the home of Judge Davies. During that visit they found considerable interest among members of the community in establishing a church and inspected different sites for the possible location of a church in Cullowhee. Bishop Lyman chose a three-acre plot overlooking the valley to build on.

The land Bishop Lyman chose was owned partly by the Davies family and partly by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton Brown, whose farm adjoined the Davies farm. Both Judge Davies and Mr. Brown were members of the original Board of Trustees of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, which eventually became Western Carolina University. They donated the land to the Diocese of North Carolina. The site now belongs to the Diocese of Western North Carolina, which was created from the larger Diocese of North Carolina.

Dr. Buel laid the cornerstone on December 22, 1883, for the foundation of the first Episcopal church in Jackson County. When the church was consecrated in 1892, Judge Davies named it St. David's-in-the-Valley, after St. David's Cathedral in Pembrokeshire, Wales. Judge Davies was born in Carmarthenshire, Wales, where he spent his early years. He became a mining engineer after emigrating to the United States in 1848. He purchased 2,000 acres of land in central Jackson County, North Carolina, in 1856 because he found indications of mineral deposits, especially copper, in the area. He became a business and civic leader in the community as well as a magistrate and a United States Commissioner. He was the first Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, forerunner of today's Western Carolina University. The sprawling campus of Western Carolina University now fills Cullowhee valley, directly across Forest Hills Road from St. David's.

Judge Davies married Katharine Elizabeth Sensabaugh of Haywood County in 1864. They and their five daughters lived in a large home they had built overlooking Cullowhee valley. Their daughter Cora Kate married Thomas Augustus Cox, a naval engineer from Greenville, South Carolina. The Davies and Cox families were the backbone of Cullowhee valley civic life and of St. David's into the 1940s. To get the building of the church underway, Judge Davies pledged \$100, approximately \$2,500 in 2019 currency; Robert H. Brown pledged \$15; and David Rogers, prominent Cullowhee farmer, pledged \$10. Dr. Buel spared what he could from the Missionary Fund and solicited considerable donations from churchmen in the North as well. The Diocesan Convention Journal of 1884 noted that other people in the valley are very kindly aiding in the

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work. Builder Jones left the site in October 1885, after the first service had been held in the church. Work on the church continued slowly as Dr. Buel and others secured funds for building materials and furnishings. St. David's was fully complete and was consecrated on August 18, 1892. A cemetery was laid out on the north side of the church in 1902. The first interment was Charles Richards, father of Ella Richards Madison. Mrs. Madison was a parishioner of St. David's and was the wife of Professor Robert Lee Madison, first president of Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School.

Robert Lee Madison had settled in Jackson County in 1885. Although he aspired to become a doctor like his father, who had been General Robert E. Lee's personal physician, he was persuaded to become a teacher at Cullowhee Academy, which became Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School, which eventually became Western Carolina University, in 1967. The earliest interments in the cemetery were members of the Davies/Cox families, the Madison/Richards families, and WCU faculty members. An area specifically for cremains was landscaped on the northeast slope of the cemetery in 2017. The cemetery is available for a fee to members of St. David's and to others affiliated with St. David's, including members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Sylva, North Carolina.

The congregation of St. David's grew and flourished in the early part of the 20th century. World War I, the Great Depression, and then World War II all took their toll on Cullowhee valley, however, and the church gradually fell into disuse as college enrollment declined. By 1941 there were not enough congregants to warrant even a visiting minister. The church was shuttered and its furnishings were loaned to other Episcopal churches in the diocese; it was deconsecrated in 1951. Various community members kept the cemetery in neat order so that it was in proper shape for the burial of Professor Robert Lee Madison in 1954.

Under the leadership of Dr. Albert Rufus Morgan, the church was refurbished, reopened, and reconsecrated in 1959 after the roof and porch were repaired and the building was repainted white. The restoration included cutting into the church wall at a window on the south side and adding a non-conforming rectangular structure. The addition was used as a sacristy, small kitchen, and meeting space. Slowly, the church grew in membership as the university grew. It is a thriving small parish today.

In 2013 the congregation added a two-story parish hall in the space where the non-conforming structure had been. A skilled craftsman was hired to restore the original window, which completely matches the other two windows on the south side. A secondary entrance door on the south side makes the church conform to fire safety regulations. The new parish hall is attached to the church only at the juncture of the overhang around the parish hall and the church eave in the middle of the south side of the church.

St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church is intentionally inclusive as its rector and communicants continue to worship and nourish their faith in its warm and inviting spaces. Western Carolina University students and faculty members and others in the community are always welcome. The red main door is never locked.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other
Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): JK0343

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 2 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

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UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The National Register boundary is shown by the white line on the accompanying National Register Boundary Map. The boundary encompasses the majority of the 2 acre tax parcel (PIN 7559-22-9197) but deviates from the parcel line along the southwest corner and west side to encompass a portion of the public right-of-way and excludes a driveway for a neighboring property. Beginning at the northwest corner of the tax parcel, the boundary extends approximately 15 feet southwest to where the grass meets the curb, then extends south along the line where the grass meets the curb approximately 370 feet to the south side of the driveway at the south end of the property. The boundary line then turns east and extends approximately 60 feet to meet the tax parcel, excluding a small, irregular 0.06 acre portion of the parcel containing a driveway to the neighboring parcel to the south.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The selected National Register boundary encompasses all resources associated with St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, including the cemetery and a non-historic parish hall, which is connected to the church by a breezeway. The boundary is drawn to encompass the public right-of-way along Forrest Hills Road west of the church parcel in order to include the grassy hill leading from the road to the church parcel. The boundary excludes a small portion of the tax parcel at the southwest corner to exclude a driveway leading to the neighboring parcel to the south.

St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church
Name of Property

Jackson, NC
County and State

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church

City or Vicinity: Cullowhee

County: Jackson County

State: North Carolina

Photographer: Maggie Bowles

Date Photographed: June 10, 2022

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 7 (NC_JacksonCounty_St.David's-in-the-ValleyEpiscopalChurch_0001)

View of south elevation of St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church (left) and Parish Hall (right).

2 of 7 (NC_JacksonCounty_St.David's-in-the-ValleyEpiscopalChurch_0002)

View of church portico on south elevation.

3 of 7 (NC_JacksonCounty_St.David's-in-the-ValleyEpiscopalChurch_0003)

View of north and west elevations of church and cemetery.

4 of 7 (NC_JacksonCounty_St.David's-in-the-ValleyEpiscopalChurch_0004)

View of south and east elevations of church.

5 of 7 (NC_JacksonCounty_St.David's-in-the-ValleyEpiscopalChurch_0005)

View of church interior, looking east toward the chancel and altar.

6 of 7 (NC_JacksonCounty_St.David's-in-the-ValleyEpiscopalChurch_0006)

View of church interior, looking west toward the narthex.

7 of 7 (NC_JacksonCounty_St.David's-in-the-ValleyEpiscopalChurch_0007)

View of cemetery, looking northeast.

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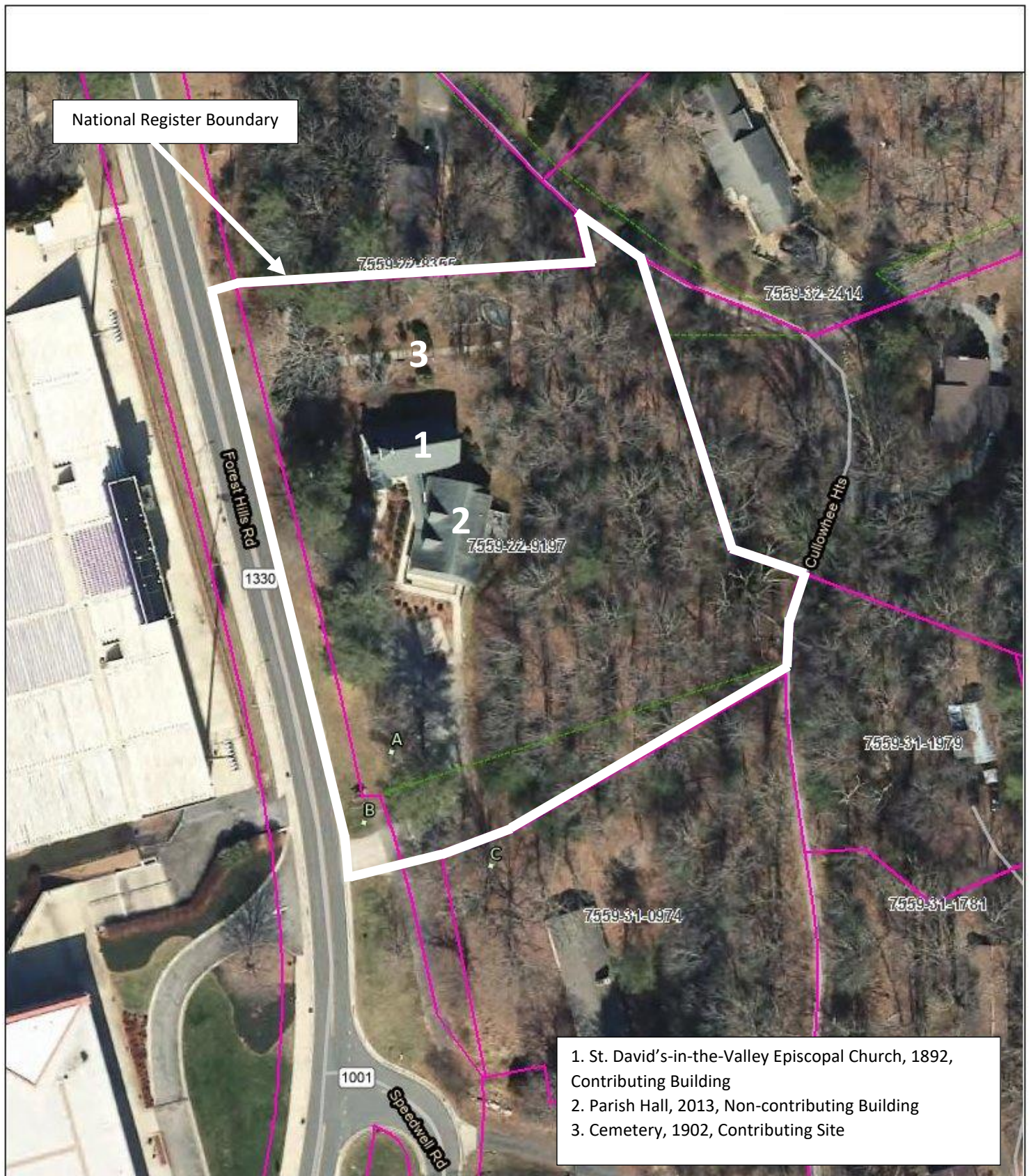
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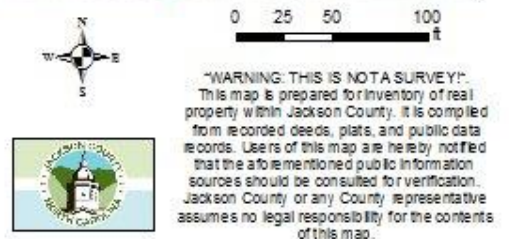
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Tier 2 – 120 hours
Tier 3 – 230 hours
Tier 4 – 280 hours

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St. David's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church
 286 Forest Hills Road
 Cullowhee, Jackson County
 North Carolina
National Register Boundary Map and Site Plan

Source: Jackson County GIS
 Created by Hannah Beckman-Black 4-11-2025





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 286 Forest Hills Road
 Cullowhee, Jackson County
 North Carolina
**National Register Boundary Map and
 Exterior Photo Key**

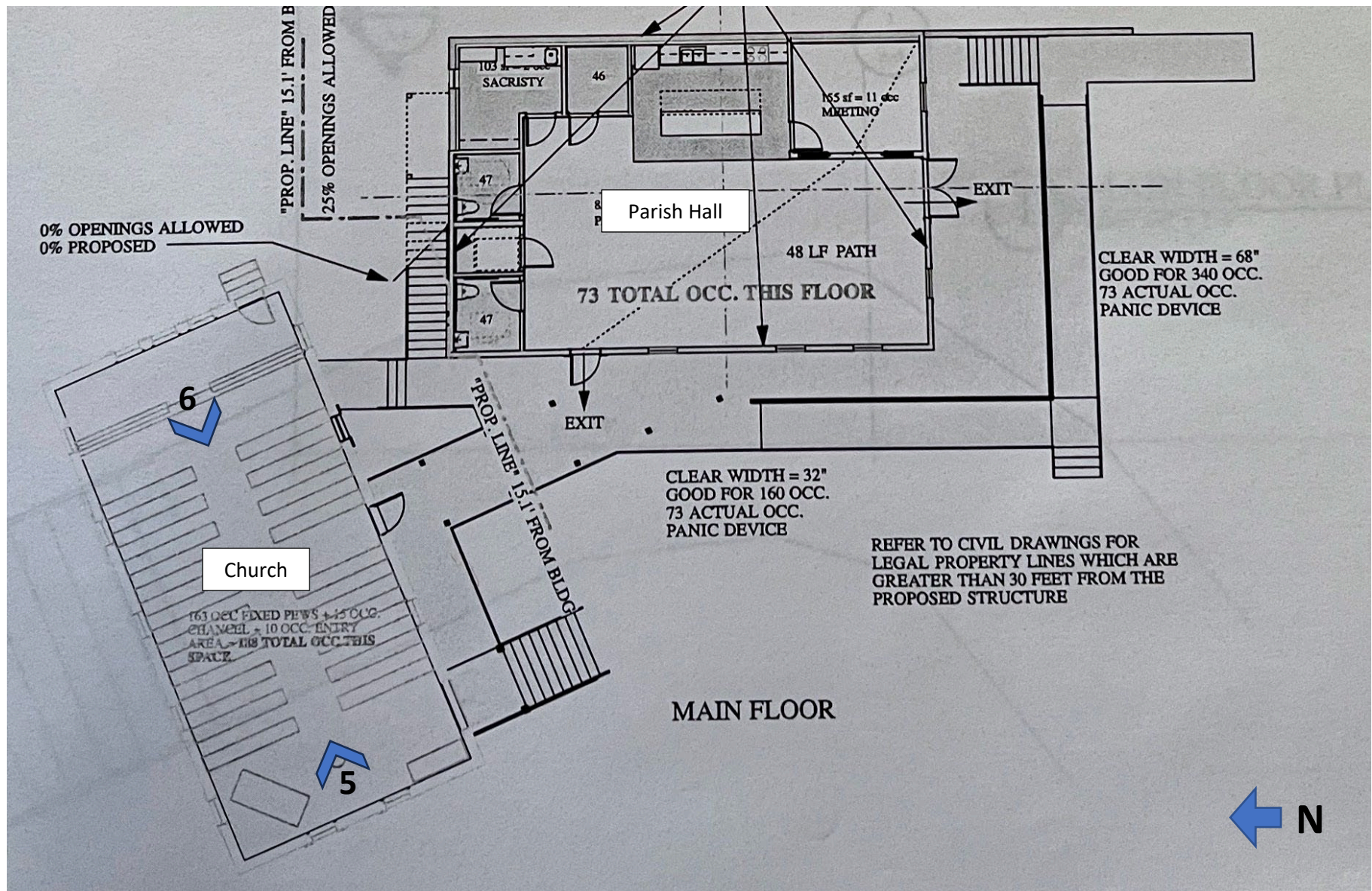


Photo view



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"WARNING: THIS IS NOT A SURVEY"
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 Cullowhee, Jackson County
 North Carolina
Floor Plan and Interior Photo Key



Photo view

Created by Mahaley Odell Thompson, Architect
 December 19, 2012
 Drawing not to scale