

**North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**February 13, 2025**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom, streamed on YouTube and available for viewing in the Archives  
Building Auditorium at 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh**

Chairperson Shawn Patch called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. and started the meeting with introductions.

Those committee members present were Fred Belledin, David Bergstone, Newell Clark, Mary Beth Fitts, Jim Harper, Valerie Ann Johnson, Joe Oppermann, Shawn Patch, Noah Reynolds, and Josi Ward, comprising a quorum.

David Ruffin and David Dennard were absent.

State Historic Preservation Office staff members who were present included Ramona Bartos, Hannah Beckman-Black, Kristi Brantley, Beth King, Lauren Poole, Jeff Smith, Julie Smith, Audrey Thomas, Darin Waters, and Sarah Woodard.

Ms. Woodard reported that as she did not have the October 2024 minutes prepared in time for the meeting, they would be ready for consideration at the June 2025 meeting.

Mr. Oppermann reported a conflict of interest with the Mendenhall House nomination. Ms. Bartos suggested how Mr. Oppermann should signify his recusal and nonparticipation by leaving the meeting for the Mendenhall discussion.

SHPO Dr. Waters offered his remarks. He appreciated the team changing to a virtual format. He discussed a transition to the new administration with Secretary Pam Cashwell; she hopes to join our June meeting. He also noted the arrival of the new Chief Deputy Secretary Maggie Thompson, recently with the US Department of the Interior. He discussed current requests in the Governor's Budget to address capacity issues at the Office of State Archaeology and HPO.

He turned it over to DSHPO Ramona Bartos, who also thanked staff for their work, noting hours of work and years of expertise. She noted that we are continuing to work with federal and state partners in Helene recovery, specifically working with FEMA and HUD.

The meeting then turned to a Committee Training session which covered:

- An Overview of the National Register Nomination Process
- Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Policy
- State Study List Procedures
- Architectural Surveys
- National Register Details including criteria for evaluation, boundaries, contributing and non-contributing resources, discontiguous districts, and traditional cultural properties.

Following conclusion of the training offered by HPO staff, Hannah Beckman-Black began the National Register presentations with the **Pineburr Hosiery Mill in Burke County**. She provided an overview of the company's history and the evolution of the physical building. The Period of Significance begins in 1923 with the construction of the building and ends in 1975. In providing an evolution illustration of the building, she also discussed the historic integrity of each component. The mill is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A in the area of Industry.

Ms. Beckman-Black moved on to the **Gladstone Academy in Stanly County**. She provided the building's location on a map and used photographs to show the building's current appearance. She discussed some changes to the building, include the replacement of windows with double-hung windows that match the original windows. The school is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A in the area of Education with a period of significance, which spans 1894 to 1910, which was the period of time the building operated as a school. After 1910, it was used as a church. The property also meets Criteria Consideration A for religious properties.

Mr. Patch asked for questions or comments regarding Pineburr Mill and Gladstone Academy. Mr. Bergstone moved to recommend approval of the nomination and Mr. Oppermann seconded. Mr. Patch proceeded with a roll-call vote and the motion passed, 9 to 0.

The committee then took a break at 11:50 am and resumed the meeting at 12:01 pm.

Ms. Woodard presented the **Bynum Historic District in Chatham County**. She located the district on a map and presented the mill and mill village's history. She described the evolution of the mill through two reconstructions beginning with a grist mill in the eighteenth century and how the village developed beginning in the late 1800s. She also noted that district residents raised funds to finance preparation of this nomination. The district is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C in the areas of Community Planning and Architecture. The period of significance runs from 1800, the approximate date of grist mill ruins in the district, to 1972. The village includes 104 contributing resources.

Mr. Patch asked for comments, and Dr. Johnson offered a reflection about Chatham County's growth and how Bynum has managed to maintain its feeling in spite of the growth. She also described interactions with the artist Clyde Jones who was famous for is outsider art and "critter" sculpture. Mr. Reynolds recounted the near-total loss of the Hanes Town mill village in Winston-Salem and noted how special the preservation of Bynum is.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to recommend approval of the Bynum nomination and Mr. Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 to 0.

Ms. Woodard continued with a presentation of the **Elihu, Ann, and Abigail Mendenhall House in Guilford County**. Mr. Oppermann recused himself and turned off his video camera. Ms. Woodard explained that the house is named for Elihu and both his first and second wives. She

located it in western Guilford County and presented a boundary and site plan. She noted an error with the site plan in the members' packet, and described corrections. The house is eligible under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Social History and under C in the area of Architecture. She described the Mendenhall family's history and their abolitionist activities and support of freed Black people after emancipation, and set the Mendenhalls' activities in the context of North Carolina Quakerism.

Dr. Fitts asked about the contributing and noncontributing status of the archaeological sites, specifically regarding the general store site. The general store area was presented as noncontributing because no archaeological investigation has taken place. Dr. Fitts pointed out that designating the general store site as noncontributing simply because it hadn't been investigated is different than designating the store site in some other way that acknowledges the possibly of contributing status. Ms. Woodard discussed the reasons that deeper investigation had not taken place, and Ms. Woodard asked Mr. Smith to comment on how to designate something is "probably" rather than definitively contributing or noncontributing. Mr. Bergstone mentioned Criterion D's requirement of "potential" information, while Mr. Smith and Ms. Woodard described the HPO's past requirements for actual archeological reporting to apply D. Dr. Fitts brought up Evergreen Farm, which was listed several years ago, which was listed under D using only aerial photography. Mr. Bergstone described another listed site that had not undergone deep investigation. Ms. Woodard asked about comfort levels with architectural historians making observations or offering commentary on archaeology. Dr. Fitts noted conflicts between the National Register documentation and the OSA statement in the document. Dr. Fitts suggested taking the general store off the map and out of the inventory list.

Dr. Fitts made a motion to recommend approval of the nomination with changes to the site plan and inventory as suggested in the conversation. Mr. Bergstone seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0, with Mr. Oppermann recused.

Mr. Smith moved forward with the **John E. and Ann Ferrier Ramsay, Sr. House in Rowan County**. Mr. Smith located the house on a map and presented photographs of the interior and exterior of this home located on a golf course in Salisbury. John Ramsay was Yale-educated architect, and this house is his own award-winning Modernist home, built in 1951. The house is eligible for the Register under Criterion C in the area of Architecture and the period of significance is 1951. The mayor and the local preservation commission support this nomination.

Ms. Ward asked if Ramsay had designed the sunroom added just a few years after construction. They discussed adding or expanding the period of significance to include the sunroom. Mr. Oppermann acknowledged the well-done design of the house. Mr. Reynolds asked for a copy of the slide deck. Mr. Patch added a favorable comment about the design.

Mr. Oppermann made a motion to recommend approval of the nomination, and Ms. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 to 0.

The committee took a lunch break beginning at 12:47 pm and ending at 1:20 pm.

The meeting continued with Ms. Poole presenting eastern region Register candidates. Her first presentation was the **Herbert A. and Ann Creef, Sr., House in Dare County**. She located the house on Budleigh Street in Manteo. She noted it was recently Study Listed. The house is eligible for the Register under Criterion C, with a period of significance running from 1940 and 1941, which were the years of construction. She described the Creef family and Mr. Creef's business interests. Alfred Lublin, a Jewish German émigré, designed the Modernist house, and Lublin and Creef collaborated on several commercial buildings. She described the house and provided interior images.

Ms. Poole moved forward with the **Fletcher D. Wharton House in Edgecombe County**. After locating the house on a map, she provided a tour of the house's interiors and exteriors. She then went on to describe Mr. Wharton's work as an influential Agricultural Extension Agent. Mr. Wharton was African American and he served Edgecombe County's Black farmers. The period of significance extends from 1954 to 1975, reflecting the time the Wharton family occupied the house. His influence began before 1954, but this house is the only remaining building that can reflect his productive life. The house is eligible for listing under Criterion B for its association with Fletcher Wharton. Ms. Poole's presentation included a number of documentary photographs.

Ms. Poole move forward with a presentation of the **Sunset Avenue Public Works Historic District in Nash County**. Ms. Poole described the district and presented photos of the exteriors and some interiors of the buildings. The district includes significant early twentieth-century water and power infrastructure. She noted that exterior historic integrity remains high even for buildings where interior changes have occurred. The district is eligible for listing under Criteria A and C for Community Planning and Engineering. The period of significance is 1909, the construction date of the district's oldest building, to 1971, which is when the water treatment facility was converted to a back-up water treatment plant.

Mr. Patch asked for comments, and he opened comments by expressing his pleasure at seeing the Wharton House come forward. Dr. Harper noted the first Black agricultural extension director in the United States was from Durham. Dr. Johnson discussed how the Wharton House exemplifies Black wealth and Black financial success.

Dr. Johnson moved to recommend approval of the nominations for the Creef and Wharton houses and the Sunset Avenue Public Works Historic District. Mr. Oppermann seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8 to 0, with Mr. Clark being absent for the vote.

Following National Register nomination presentations, staff continued **with Study List presentations**.

Study List presentations began with Clay County resources, presented by Audrey Thomas and Michael Ann Williams. They presented their findings from their comprehensive survey of Clay County. They used maps and contemporary and documentary photos to present the county's architectural history and highlight resources proposed for Study Listing.

Proposed resources:

**Houses**

Capt. Bill P. Moore House  
Bidstrup Acres

**Farms**

Davidson-Hyatt Farm  
Luther Mull Farm  
Groves Farm  
Cherry Farm  
Anderson Farm

**Commerce and Industry**

P. N. Tiger House & Store  
Boice Supply

**Recreational Resources**

Wonderview

**School Buildings**

Hayesville Gymnasium

**Religious Properties**

Moss Memorial Baptist Church & Cemetery

**Districts**

John C. Campbell Folk School Historic District Boundary Increase (BI)

BI includes the following properties:

- Scroggs Store
- Mountain Valley Cooperative
- TVA Boxed Dwelling
- TVA Boxed Dwelling
- Mountain Valley Creamery
- Bidstrup Acres

Ms. Thomas and Ms. Williams asked for questions and comments. Ms. Ward asked about Ms. Thomas and Ms. Williams' proposal of a historic district including Hayesville-area African

American resources instead of individual listings. Ms. Thomas stated that she believed the resources had integrity weaknesses that made them stronger candidates as a group. Ms. Bartos asked about evidence of Fort Hembry that would be potentially extant. Ms. Williams noted that she is not aware of any physical, above-ground remains.

Mr. Patch asked for a motion to approve the Study List items. Ms. Ward made a motion to recommend adding the Clay County proposals to the Study List. Dr. Harper seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 to 0.

Ms. Woodard carried on with the **Thompson-Pope House in Harnett County**. She provided a location for the house in Dunn and proceeded with a history of the house and its owners. She also presented photos of the exterior and interior and described the changes to the building. The house was constructed in the late 1910s or around 1920. She also presented other Craftsman-style houses in Dunn as comparisons. Staff recommended adding the Thompson-Pope House to the Study List. It is likely eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture.

Ms. Woodard proceeded with the **Maggie Barnes House in Johnston County**. After locating the house on a map and presenting it in its geographic context, Ms. Woodard gave a brief overview of the life of Maggie Barnes who lived to be 115 years old. She was North Carolina's oldest verified resident and one of the oldest people in the United States. Ms. Woodard provided exterior and interior photographs. Staff does not recommend adding the Barnes House to the Study List because longevity of a home's resident alone does not provide sufficient significance to qualify for National Register listing. Ms. Woodard did note that this house has been documented and added to our survey files and mapping.

Ms. Woodard asked for questions. Mr. Reynolds made a motion to accept staff recommendations and recommend adding the Thompson-Pope House to the Study List and not adding the Barnes House to the Study List. Mr. Bergstone seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 to 0.

Ms. Smith began her presentations with the **Monroe Downtown Historic District (Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase) in Union County**. Ms. Smith showed the three increase areas on a map that also illustrated the existing historic district. She described staff's discussions and methodology for arriving at the proposed areas. She gave a history of downtown Monroe and showed photos of the expansion areas. The expansion would add twentieth-century political and government resources, with commerce and government as areas of significance. Staff recommended approval of the expansion area and additional documentation.

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve recommendation of Study Listing for this property, and Dr. Fitts seconded. The motion carried, 9 to 0.

Ms. Poole presented **C. C. Spaulding High School in Nash County**. She located the school in Spring Hope. The school was built in 1941 and was the third school to serve African American students at this location. She described the school's original form, materials, and floor plan that

includes classrooms, auditorium, and gym. As she presented a brief history of Black education in Nash County, she showed photos of the building. Staff recommended adding the school to the Study List. It would likely be eligible under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Black Heritage.

Mr. Patch noted the outstanding architecture of the gym.

Mr. Harper moved to approve recommendation of Study Listing for the school, and Mr. Oppermann seconded the motion. The motion passed 9 to 0.

Mr. Patch then called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Harper moved to adjourn, with Dr. Johnson seconding the motion. The motion passed, 9-0.

# NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

February 13, 2025  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting

The public may view the meeting on YouTube via livestream at this location:

Archives and History Building, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room (#308)

or view the meeting on YouTube via livestream.

<https://youtube.com/live/q4DAO23VMZA?feature=share>

## NATIONAL REGISTER AND STUDY LIST AGENDA

COUNTY	PROPERTY/LOCATION	PRESENTER
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### NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

#### SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

##### ***Western Region***

Burke County	Pineburr Hosiery Mill Valdese	Hannah Beckman-Black
Stanly County	Gladstone Academy Misenheimer	Hannah Beckman-Black

##### ***Central and Southeastern Regions***

Chatham County	Bynum Mill Village Historic District Pittsboro vicinity	Sarah Woodard
Guilford County	Elihu, Ann and Abigail Mendenhall House High Point	Sarah Woodard
Rowan County	John Erwin and Anne Ferrier Ramsay, Sr. House Salisbury	Jeff Smith

##### ***Eastern Region***

Dare County	Herbert A. and Ann Creef, Sr., House Manteo	Lauren Poole
Edgecombe County	F. D. and Annie H. Wharton House Tarboro	Lauren Poole
Nash County	Sunset Avenue Public Works Historic District Rocky Mount	Lauren Poole



**STUDY LIST APPLICATIONS****SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH**

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***Western Region******Western County Survey Presentation***

Clay County	Clay County Survey	Audrey Thomas / Michael Ann Williams (NC HPO Western Office Staff)
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**Houses**

Capt. Bill P. Moore House  
6487 Tusquittee Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity

Bidstrup Acres  
10025 Old Highway 64 W.  
Brasstown vicinity

**Farms**

Davidson-Hyatt Farm  
8105 Old Highway 64 W.  
Brasstown vicinity

Luther Mull Farm  
471 Mull Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity

Groves Farm  
660 Barnard Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity

Cherry Farm  
93 Cherry Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity

Anderson Farm  
590 Eagle Fork Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity

**STUDY LIST APPLICATIONS****SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH**

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***Western County Survey Presentation – Clay County (continued)*****Commerce and Industry**

P. N. Tiger House & Store  
3389 Old Highway 64 E.  
Hayesville vicinity

Boice Supply  
736 Tusquittee Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity

**Recreational Resources**

Wonderview  
76 Wonderview Dr.  
Hayesville vicinity

**School Buildings**

Hayesville Gymnasium  
137 School Drive  
Hayesville

**Religious Properties**

Moss Memorial Baptist Church & Cemetery  
5188 Tusquittee Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity

**STUDY LIST APPLICATIONS (continued)****SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH**

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>PROPERTY/LOCATION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
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***Western County Survey Presentation – Clay County (continued)*****Districts**

John C. Campbell Folk School Historic District Boundary Increase (BI)  
 Old US Highway 64 W.  
 Brasstown vicinity

BI includes the following properties:

Scroggs Store  
 10886 Old Highway 64 W.  
 Brasstown

Mountain Valley Cooperative  
 10900 Old Highway 64 W.  
 Brasstown

TVA Boxed Dwelling  
 Old Highway 64 W.  
 Brasstown

TVA Boxed Dwelling  
 10904 Old Highway 64 W.  
 Brasstown

Mountain Valley Creamery  
 10079 Old Highway 64 W.  
 Brasstown vicinity

Bidstrup Acres  
 10025 Old Highway 64 W.  
 Brasstown vicinity

**STUDY LIST APPLICATIONS (continued)****SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH**

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***Western County Survey Presentation – Clay County (continued)*****Districts continued**

African American Heritage Historic District  
comprised of the following properties:

Freedom Cemetery  
end of Slave Dr.  
Hayesville vicinity

Herbert Hill Cemetery  
Herbert Hills Dr.  
Hayesville vicinity

Fort Hembree Baptist Church  
34 Fort Hembree Rd.  
Hayesville

Hayesville School (site)  
Hinton Center Rd.  
Hayesville vicinity \* Rosenwald funded

***Central and Southeastern Regions***

Harnett County	Thompson-Pope House Dunn	Sarah Woodard
Johnston County	Maggie Barnes House Kenly	Sarah Woodard
Union County	Monroe Downtown Historic District (Additional Documentation and Boundary Increase) Monroe	Julie Smith

***Eastern Region***

Nash County	C. C. Spaulding High School Spring Hope	Lauren Poole
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