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# 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 *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## Name of Property

Historic name McBane, Camilus House

Other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

## Location

Street & number down lane .2 mi; N. side SR 2345; .3 mi. W jct. SR 2340  Not for publication

City or town Snow Camp  vicinity

State North Carolina code NC county Alamance code 001 zip code 27349

## State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  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  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William S. Price, Jr. SHPO 9-30-93  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

## National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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McBane, Camilus House  
Name of Property

Alamance Co., NC  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

| Contributing | Noncontributing |            |
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**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

Log Buildings in Alamance County, NC, ca. 1780-ca. 1930      -0-

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling  
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Domestic: secondary structure  
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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Other: log; multi-room plan  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

foundation stone  
walls log  
weatherboard  
roof metal  
other brick  
asphalt

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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.)

Property is:

- 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 of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

c. 1850; 1892

**Significant Dates**

c. 1850

1892

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

McBane, Sherman, builder (addition)

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Property

Alamance County, NC  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of Property 8.8 acres

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Patricia S. Dickinson

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date March 1, 1993

street & number 4606 Hunt Road telephone (919) 732-5439

city or town Hillsborough state NC zip code 27278

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Mrs. A.R McBane

street & number 4342 Greenhill Road telephone (919) 376-3343

city or town Snow Camp state NC zip code 27349

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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### 7. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

The Camilus McBane House is located at the end of a long driveway on the north side of Green Hill Road in the southeastern corner of Alamance County. It stands in the rear yard of a 1961 red brick ranch style house (non-contributing) built by a McBane family descendant; the log house is currently used for storage. The Camilus McBane House is composed of two log buildings, a c. 1850 one-story, single-room log kitchen and a one-story with loft hall-and-parlor plan log house, expanded by a one-room frame side addition built, according to a chimney date brick and family tradition, in 1892 by Sherman McBane, Camilus McBane's brother. The log units are set close, and at a ninety-degree angle, to each other; following a county building convention, the gap between the buildings is bridged by a continuous porch roof. The c. 1850 construction date of the log house and kitchen is based on some construction details common in that period including a ridgeboard found at the apex of the house roof and an X-shape five nail pattern used to nail the battens onto the plank doors.

Both log buildings display exceptionally precise, well-fitted V-notches. The frame addition is covered with German siding. The log kitchen building, log house and frame addition have handsome exterior end dry laid fieldstone chimneys with sloped shoulders and brick stacks; the chimney on the frame addition has a brick stack with a date brick in the simply corbeled stack. The buildings rest on low stone foundations and are roofed with standing seam metal. The main elevation of the log house is covered with flush boards under the porch. The free-standing log kitchen has plank doors centered in the main and rear elevations. (While the kitchen appears to be square in shape, the logs of the back wall are actually ten inches shorter than those which form the front wall; the chimney end wall is angled to compensate for the difference.) The 1892 frame addition also has a plank door. The hall-and-parlor log house has a replacement door with four raised panels. One six-over-six sash window lights the kitchen; another window opening was boarded over at an undetermined date. A mixture of four-over-four and six-over-six sash windows light the house. On the interior of the log kitchen building, the broad fireplace opening is surrounded by a simple plank mantelpiece. The ceiling is covered with narrow beaded tongue-and-groove boards and the flooring is oak.

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The fireplace in the log house has an arched opening and a mantelpiece with two recessed panels; curvilinear brackets, added at an undetermined date, support the simple shelf. The ceiling is covered with narrow tongue-and-groove boards, as are the walls. The floor was re-laid with pine boards when the original corner staircase was removed in the late 1930s. At that time the partition which divided the hall and parlor was also removed. The ghost marks of the partition wall remain.

The interior walls and ceiling of the 1892 frame addition are covered with machine-finished pine planks. The handsome mantelpiece in this room has four recessed panels in the frieze. A plank-and-batten door provides interior access between this addition and the log house. A shallow shed-roofed addition was appended to the rear in the mid-twentieth century; a small (7' x 8') shed-roofed room, flush with the main elevation of the addition and next to the chimney, was added at an undetermined date.

No farm outbuildings survive.

Both the log kitchen and house are in sound, stable condition. A couple of the kitchen's gable end covering boards are missing and the porch floor planks have rotted away, which give the buildings a deteriorated appearance. However, the McBane House retains its historic integrity because the essential physical features are present and visible enough to convey their significance. The property retains its location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. The 1961 construction of the nearby brick ranch house by Camilus McBane's grandson has altered the setting somewhat, but it does not unduly detract from the property's significance. Indeed, the continued family stewardship of the log buildings has permitted these buildings to avoid both demolition and great alteration.

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8. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Summary:

The Camilus McBane House is a little-altered example of a single-pen, hall-and-parlor log house with a type discussed in the multiple property listing, "Log Buildings in Alamance County, North Carolina, c. 1780-c. 1930." The house is a c. 1850 L-shaped compound of a freestanding one-room log kitchen and adjacent hall-and-parlor plan log house which was expanded, according to a date brick, in 1892 by a frame side addition. The logs of both units are joined with exceptionally precise, well-fitted V-notches. The kitchen and house display handsome exterior end dry laid fieldstone chimneys with sloped shoulders and brick stacks. The house was occupied by members of the McBane family from 1853 until 1961 when Allen Reece McBane, grandson of Camilus McBane, built a brick house in the front yard of the log dwelling. The old homestead is now used for storage.

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Historical Background:

The builder of the Camilus McBane House is unknown. Camilus McBane (1832-1919) is the earliest known owner of the house. According to family tradition, he moved into the house in 1853 when he was twenty-one years old. He was a Quaker, as were many of the residents of southern Alamance County, and, also according to family tradition, he avoided the local Confederate Army recruiters by hiding in the forest near the house.

The earliest recorded Alamance County deed concerning Camilus McBane's property is dated February 12, 1872: Thomas M. Holt and wife Lavinia sold to brothers, David and Camilus McBane, 227 acres in (bordering) Alamance and Chatham counties on Cane Creek for \$925.00.<sup>2</sup> In April, 1886 David McBane divided the tract with his brother, Camilus. David McBane sold 104 acres to Camilus McBane: the deed was not recorded until July, 1920, after Camilus' death.<sup>3</sup> Both David and Camilus McBane were farmers, raising "pretty much what everyone did." Those crops included, for home consumption, small grains such as corn, wheat and oats, a variety of fruit trees, vegetable row crops, and small numbers<sup>4</sup> of cattle, sheep, and swine; the major cash crop was tobacco.

Camilus McBane died in 1919 and, according to his will which was probated in October of that year, his wife Ann was

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granted a life estate in forty acres at "the east end of my place. . .to include the house where I live. . .not including any of my land on the north side of Cane Creek."<sup>5</sup> His eldest son, A(nderson) S. McBane, the estate's executor, inherited the "40 acres on the east end, subject to a life estate by my wife." The estate included real estate "worth about \$1,050" and personal property valued at \$250. Camilus left to his son, G.G. McBane, a tract on "the north side of Cane Creek. . . about 9 or 10 acres." His youngest son J.S. McBane inherited an unspecified number of acres at "the west end of the place." Camilus McBane's will also specified the personal property his wife inherited along with her life estate, including "kitchen furniture, the wash tubs, small wash kettle, two stacks of bees, her choice of one cow, one set six chairs, two beds and furniture, one clock (the new one), one bureau (the one with glass), one center table, my trunk, glass fruit jars and one year's provisions."<sup>6</sup>

In 1938, Anderson S. McBane sold 40 acres of his land to his son, Allen Reece McBane.<sup>7</sup> In 1949, Anderson McBane sold forty acres to his daughter Verda, that tract "being a part of the lands inherited by A.S. McBane from his father Camilus McBane. . .upon which is located the home place and outbuildings of the said A.S. McBane."<sup>8</sup> He conveyed the rest of his land to his other surviving children: Elbert P. McBane, Amy McBane Ivey, J. Neave McBane and Wilson A. McBane. Allen Reece McBane and his sister Verda M. McBane became sole owners of the family property when their siblings conveyed their various portions of the family lands to them in 1956.

Allen Reece McBane and his wife, Mary Stout McBane lived in Indiana, his wife's native state, for a time before they returned to North Carolina in 1937 and moved into his old family homeplace. According to Mary Stout McBane, they lived for a number of years without electricity in the house, drawing water by hand from the well which is located under the porch roof of the 1892 frame addition to the hall-and-parlor log house. The detached kitchen building was used by the Allen Reece McBane family as a combined kitchen and dining room. They re-floored the c. 1850 hall-and-parlor log house and removed the corner staircase at that time. In 1961 they built the brick ranch house, which stands in the front yard of the log buildings, when their expanding family outgrew the log house. Allen Reece McBane died in 1985 and is buried near his ancestors at the nearby Chatham Friends Meeting house. Mrs. McBane inherited

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a life estate in the brick house and 8.8 acres which surround it.<sup>10</sup> She continues to live there and maintains the log family homeplace for sentimental reasons, using it for miscellaneous household storage.

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Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> Interviews with Mary Stout McBane by Carl Lounsbury, 1979 and Patricia Dickinson, 1991. Notes in working file, Survey and Planning Branch, North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.

<sup>2</sup> Alamance County, North Carolina Deed Book 5, p. 373.

<sup>3</sup> Alamance County, North Carolina Deed Book 73, p. 310.

<sup>4</sup> McBane Interviews; Alamance County Agricultural Census 1880 and 1890.

<sup>5</sup> Alamance County, North Carolina Will Book 5, p. 559.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Alamance County, North Carolina Deed Book 201, p. 238.

<sup>8</sup> Alamance County, North Carolina Deed Book 180, p. 221.

<sup>9</sup> Alamance County, North Carolina Deed Book 242, pp.527-528.

<sup>10</sup> Alamance County, North Carolina Deed Book 688, p. 17.

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### Major Bibliographical References.

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Alamance County Will Book 5. Alamance County Courthouse, Graham, NC.

Lounsbury, Carl. Alamance County Architectural Heritage. Alamance Co. Printing Department: Alamance County Historic Properties Commission, 1980.

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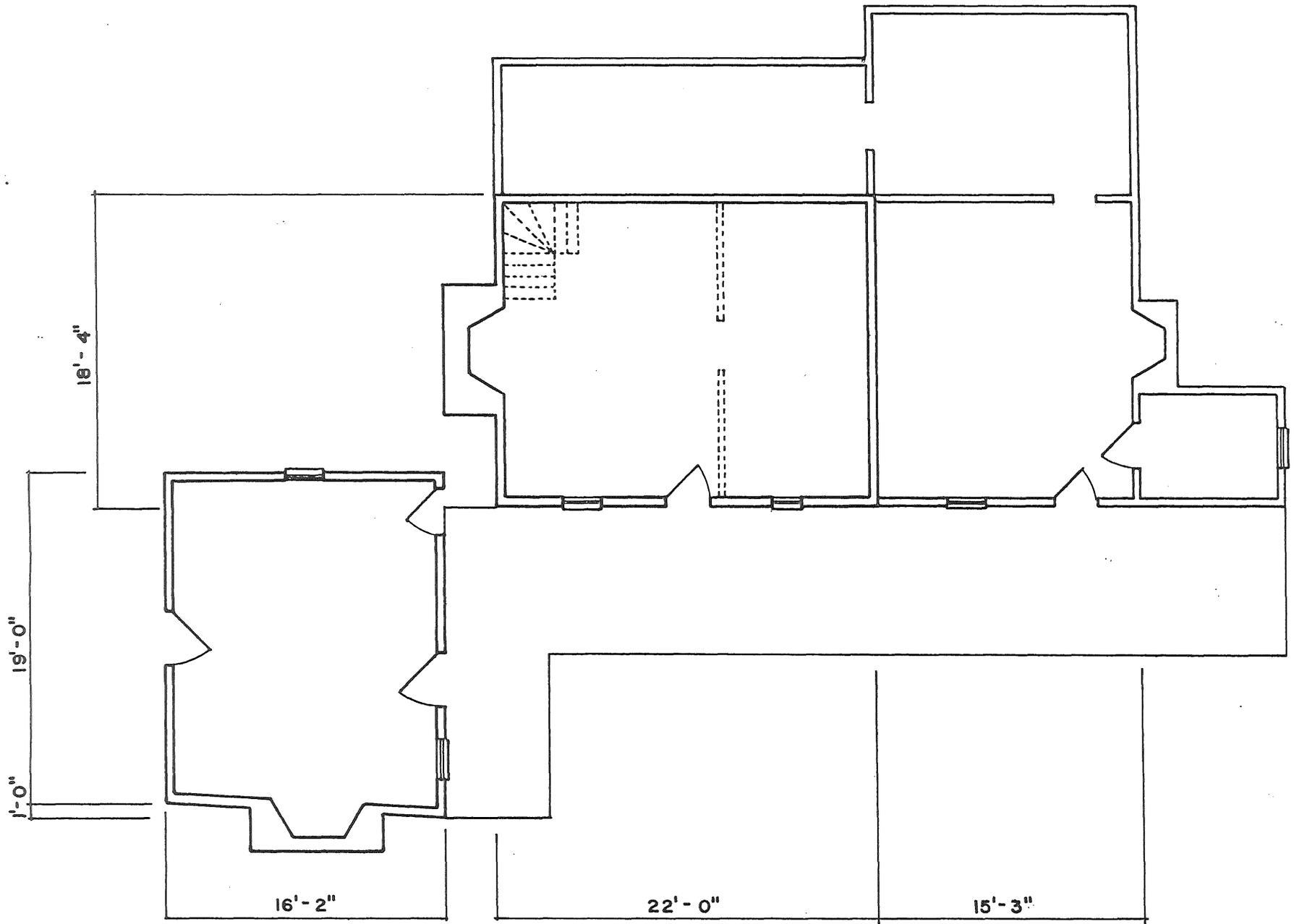
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10. VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

All of Alamance County Tax Map 8, Block 11, Lot 21

This tract is the remaining home tract historically associated with the Camilus McBane farm. Surrounding acres, once part of the farm, have been subdivided and developed with houses not historically associated with the McBane property.

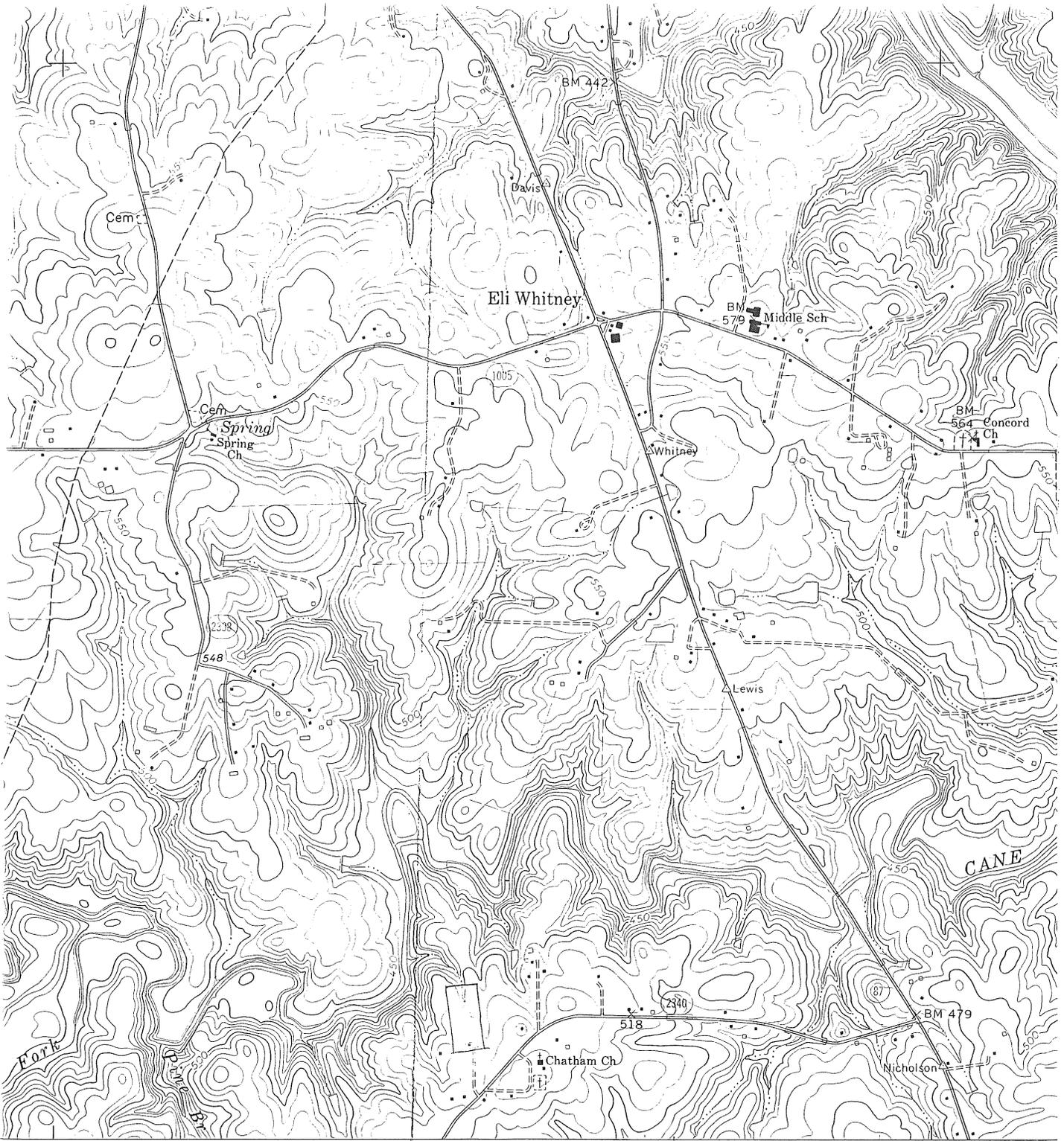


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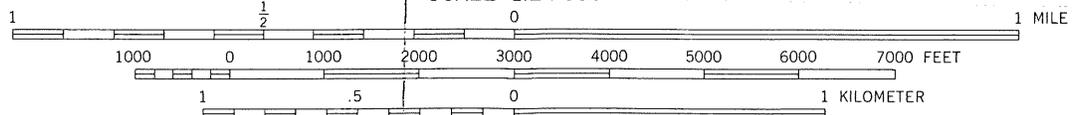
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

*Camillus McBane House  
 Snow Camp vicinity  
 Alamance Co., NC  
 Quad: Saxapahaw, NC  
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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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