

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

MULTIPLE RESOURCE

THEMATIC NOMINATION

1 NAME

HISTORIC Good Hope Methodist Church Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER NW jct. of NC 150 and SR 1445

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Welcome

VICINITY OF

STATE

North Carolina

CODE

037

COUNTY

Davidson

CODE

057

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Cemetery

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Good Hope Methodist Church

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4, Box 490

telephone: 919-764-0622

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

VICINITY OF

North Carolina

STATE

27292

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC Register of Deeds Office, Davidson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

North Carolina

STATE

6 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ruth Little, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Survey and Planning Branch

DATE

July 26, 1983

STREET & NUMBER

Division of Archives and History

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina 27611

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Good Hope Methodist Church Cemetery contains about 350 gravestones. The earliest, located near the main highway, are a group of about 26 locally crafted gravestones. The first few markers, dated 1834 and 1836, are crude, plain fieldstones with no artistic significance, but a group of at least eight, dating 1836-1862, are the work of the "Master of the Upper and Lower Case," a minor folk master who apparently lived in the Welcome vicinity. The John Zimmerman headstone, dated 1843, is one of the rare examples of the fussy over-elaboration of the "Pierced Style" design idiom. The following gravestones, grouped by schools, are most significant:

Master of the Upper and Lower Case

Levi Yonts	1833-1836
Sarah Hage	1773-1843
Henry Link	1842-1843
William Phillips	1789-1842
Jacob Lopp	1821-1847
Solomon Hanes	1813-1847
Rebecca Caroline Phillips	1838-1848
Sarah Hanes	1813-1862

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John Zimmerman	1842-1843
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8 SIGNIFICANCE

XX NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Various

STONECUTTERS: unknown

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

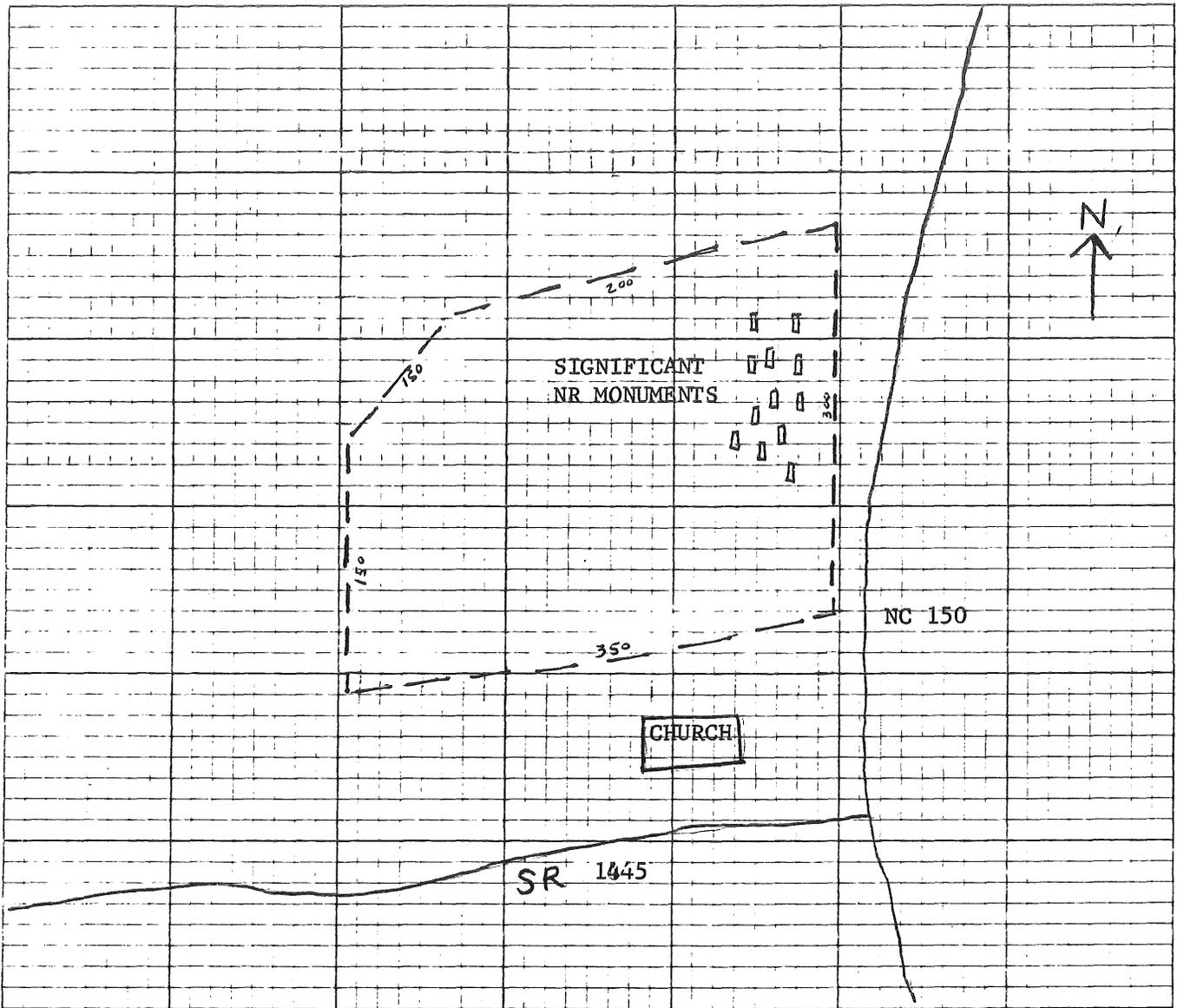
Good Hope Methodist Church was established as a Methodist-Episcopal congregation about 1836. The history of this congregation has not been published, and this date has been determined by the earliest inscribed gravestone in the cemetery.

CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

A,C Derives primary significance from the unique collection of folk gravestones by local stonecutters erected here in the late eighteenth and first half of the nineteenth centuries. These highly decorative soapstone gravestones with folk symbols for resurrection and eternity represent the height of folk art accomplishment within the craft community of the Anglo-German farmers of north Davidson County.

Contains one of the largest groupings of gravestones by the "Master of the Upper and Lower Case" in the county, and may have been the home church of this anonymous folk stonecutter.

SITE PLAN



not to scale

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

N/A

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	17	559860	3976100
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The cemetery boundaries include an area of roughly 2 acres with the approximate dimensions of 200 feet by 300 feet by 350 feet by 150 feet by 150 feet in a polygonal configuration as shown on the U.S. Geological Survey map, Welcome, N.C. Quadrangle.

