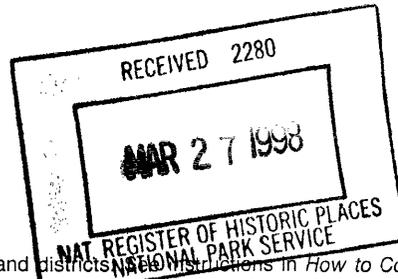


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Registration Form



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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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Rural village centered around intersections of Efland- Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357) and Carr Store Road (SR 1004). not for publication

city or town Cedar Grove vicinity

state North Carolina code NC county Orange code 135 zip code 27231

3. 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.)

Jeffrey J. Crow SHPD 3/18/98
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 commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. 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): _____

for
Edson H. Beall
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action 4-23-98

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
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
44	21	buildings
9	0	sites
7	3	structures
0	0	objects
60	26	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Domestic/Secondary Structure
- Domestic/Single Dwelling
- Religion/Religious Facility
- Religion/Church Related Residence
- Funerary/Cemetery
- Commerce/Trade/Department Store
- Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store
- See Continuation Sheet

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Domestic/Secondary Structure
- Domestic/Single Dwelling
- Religion/Religious Facility
- Vacant/Not In Use
- Funerary/Cemetery
- Commerce/Trade/Department Store
- Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store
- See Continuation Sheet

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

- Mid-19th Century
- Late Victorian
- Colonial Revival
- See Continuation Sheet.

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation Brick
- walls Weatherboard
- Brick
- roof Asphalt
- other Concrete

Narrative Description

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

See Continuation Sheet.

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.)

- X 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.
X 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)

- Agriculture
Architecture
Ethnic Heritage/Black
Community Development
Social History

Period of Significance

Early nineteenth-century - 1947

Significant Dates

Ca. 1880

1897

1912

See Continuation Sheet.

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Liner, Henry

McDade, Charlie

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:

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

Name of repository:

Orange County Planning Department

Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads
Name of Property

Orange County, NC
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property $\frac{+}{-}$ 125 Acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	17	664200	4004500
Zone	Easting	Northing	
2	17	665200	4004460

3	17	664960	4003760
Zone	Easting	Northing	
4	17	664060	4003920

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

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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 _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Located in the northwest corner of Orange County, Cedar Grove Rural Crossroad Historic District lies within an unincorporated community originating at the intersection of Carr Store Road (State Road 1004), and Efland-Cedar Grove Road (State Road 1357). The intersection of the two-lane paved roads is situated within a slightly elevated rural landscape approximately eleven miles northwest of Hillsborough, the county seat, and about one mile east of the Eno River. The community retains a variety of once-typical crossroads building types and uses, including two store buildings, two churches, a post office, and residences, all providing a physical framework that contributes to a sense of ongoing vitality. For the most part, the non-domestic structures are clustered at the crossroads while the residences emanate from the intersection for just under a half-mile stretch to the north and east. Some of the original English cedar trees for which the community was named in the late eighteenth century are located at the southeast corner of the intersection. Many of the residential lawns are shaded by large oak and magnolia trees. The built resources punctuate expanses of pasture and cultivated land framed by woodlands. The undulating farm land is laid out in fields and pastures delineated by treelines, fences, and the two narrow main roads with their grassy verges- all remaining relatively unchanged during the last five decades (Exhibits 2 and 3: Orange County Agricultural Aerial Maps 1938 and 1951). Thus, the natural and agrarian countryside overlaid with the built environment constitutes a significant cultural landscape which embodies the essential character of the once-typical rural crossroads community.

The most prominent built resources of the Cedar Grove crossroads community, in addition to the crossroads themselves, include two each of historically significant and architecturally notable Colonial Revival houses, churches and store buildings. With the exception of one of the houses and one of the churches, these resources are concentrated at the crossroads. Most of the built resources are houses that lack significance individually, but as a group possess intrinsic value as components of the crossroads community pattern of development. The architectural landscape of the community is one of a rural vernacular aesthetic, and although most of the primary barns associated with the farmsteads have disappeared, sufficient physical vestiges in the form of field patterns strongly allude to the historical agrarian character of the community.

Cedar Grove's existence as a rural community began in 1828, when the community's first post office was established at the former site of the Finley house on the southeast corner of the crossroads where the contemporary Mildred Finley House (14) now stands (Powell 1968, p. 96 / Councilman 1981). Throughout the nineteenth century the community served as a commercial, social, and educational center for agrarian families in the vicinity. By 1850 the Cedar Grove community not only boasted a private academy, but also a tanner, a coachmaker, a doctor, a post office and three businesses including a drygoods store, a blacksmith, and a grocer (*Manufacturing Census* 1850). The ca. 1845 Cedar Grove Academy was located on the now-vacant site to the adjacent east of the Rogers-McDade House (10). A period photograph indicates that the school building was a two-story, frame, triple-A structure with a full-facade hipped porch with a spindlework cornice. The four-over-four windows were set in segmentally arched openings. The double-leafed central entrance set within a projecting central bay. A four-sided pedimented cupola crowned the roof (1800s photograph located at the Historical Museum in Hillsborough, NC). Later in the nineteenth century,

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structures housing a sawmill, a grist mill, two churches and several large residences were present (Carter and Peck 1993, p. 22 / Branson 1889, p. 499 / *Manufacturing Census* 1850).

During the 1920s, 1930s, and into the 1940s, a variety of enterprises established in the early 1900s were still thriving. Businesses such as a physician's office, a blacksmith, and a pharmacy continued to serve the community. The early twentieth-century pharmacy building had been moved in 1913 from the site of the current Ligon Commercial Building (19) to the site on the adjacent east of the Dr. Claude M. Hughes House (9). A three-story frame flour mill was at that time erected on the original site of the pharmacy. The flour mill was destroyed by fire ca. 1931. Two still-vital churches, Eno Presbyterian (26) and Cedar Grove (20), established in 1756 and 1832 respectively, continued to serve the community as well as did two general stores, known as Ellis' (12) and Oliver's (16). In the mid-1940s the north-south Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357) was paved and the east-west Carr Store Road (SR 1004) was paved in 1958. These roads retain the crossroads configuration depicted on an 1891 map of Orange County as well as early physical characteristics relating to their width and grassy verges.

Currently, the frame gable-front Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16), in operation since the 1880s, is flanked by mid-twentieth-century buildings, the Cedar Grove Post Office (17) on the north and the C.C. Oliver Auto and Tractor Repair Shop (15) on the south. The repair shop stands on the former site of the late 1800s Oliver's blacksmith shop at the northwest corner of the crossroads. The Allen A. Ellis Store (12), built in 1923 on the southeast corner of the crossroads, is also a notable rural vernacular rendition of a commercial store building and has historically contributed to the perception of the community as a veritable destination point in the rural county. To the south of the Allen A. Ellis Store on Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357), a plaque commemorates the historic location of the Cedar Grove well (13f), where according to local history, nineteenth-century stagecoaches customarily made water stops. The Hughes-Greene House (6), the Burch-Malone House (7), the Hayes-Hall House (8) are situated to the south of Carr Store Road (SR 1004) facing a portion of the roadbed of the former Cedar Grove to Greensboro stagecoach route, which now serves as a driveway. To the west of the crossroads are two notable early twentieth-century Colonial Revival houses: the Dr. Claude M. Hughes House (9) and the John House (4), all owned by family descendants. The John Paisley Hughes House (1), a late 1800s vernacular farmhouse which was also originally oriented to the stagecoach route, and its associated open land anchor the west end of the district.

Two architecturally distinctive church buildings have served as gathering places for community: the Cedar Grove Methodist (20) erected in 1939 and the Eno Presbyterian (26) erected between 1897 and 1899. The rustically handsome Methodist Church, a Gothic Revival structure of fieldstone, is sited a short distance to the north of the crossroads. The cemetery (20a), possessing stones dating to as early as the 1880s radiates from the north side of the church building and lends to the picturesque setting. Beyond the church to the north, the landscape becomes more residential in character with a variety of vernacularly interpreted architectural styles. The Eno Presbyterian Church, a Gothic Revival brick veneered structure, anchors the northernmost end of the district. Thus, the built resources of the community represent a layering of periods and styles with an underlying continuity of ownership.

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Integrity Statement

The Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District is comprised of approximately 135 acres and contains twenty-one non-contributing primary buildings and five non-contributing primary structures. These non-contributing structures are unobtrusive in scale and compatibly sited and therefore do not infringe upon the overall integrity of the this rare, and largely intact crossroads community. Although many of the resources lack individual significance, the collective whole possesses intrinsic value as an example of the crossroads pattern of development. The architectural landscape of the community is one of a rural vernacular aesthetic, and although the primary barns associated with the farmsteads have disappeared, sufficient physical vestiges in the form of field patterns strongly allude to the historical agrarian character of the community. Additionally, the crossroads themselves retain much of their early physical appearance with their narrow width, grassy verges and original configuration. The community of Cedar Grove has for the most part escaped the proliferation of modern intrusions and today retains the principal historic buildings and landscape characteristics which lend to its historic integrity.

Potential Archaeological Resources

The scope of this nomination did not include the investigation of potential archaeological resources; however, land within the district may include archaeological remains which have the potential to yield information about pre-history and history. The Rogers-McDade House (10) is located on the site of the former Cedar Grove Academy, built ca. 1845. Documentary photographs dated ca. 1850 indicate the size and configuration of the building (located at the Hillsborough, N.C. Historical Museum). Across Carr Store Road (SR 1004) and to the northwest of this site, the Annie L. Hughes House (5) was built on the former site of the Cedar Grove Public School which was begun in the late 1800s. This school building was moved to another part of the county in 1915. To the adjacent east of the Claude M. Hughes House (9) was an early 1900s pharmacy building that had been moved in 1913 from the site that is now occupied by the Ligon Commercial Building (19). The pharmacy building was moved from this site to accommodate the erection of a grist mill which was destroyed by fire in 1931. Thus, the Ligon Commercial Building site may also have potential to yield archaeological information. The C. C. Oliver Auto and Tractor Repair Shop (15) is the former site of an early 1800s blacksmith's shop. On the now vacant northeast corner (18) of the crossroads, another blacksmith's shop operated by the Finley family in the late 1940s existed as well. The ca. 1910 Finley House was located on the site of the current Mildred Finley House (14). To the east of the Cedar Grove Methodist Church (20), a few yards from Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357), is the site of the now demolished original church building erected in 1834. At the northern end of the district, the L..A. Ligon House (24) is situated on the former site of Dr. Terrell House, the community's second physician who practiced as early as 1891.

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The Inventory List

The inventory listing for the historic district begins with the property at the western-most end of the district [John Paisley Hughes House (1)] and proceeds east along both sides of Carr Store Road (SR 1004). At the intersection with Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357), it turns south to include those properties at the corners of the crossroads and then runs north along both sides of Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357). Each resource is designated as either contributing (C) or noncontributing (NC) to the historic integrity of the district. The designation criteria were based on age, condition and degree of alteration. The type of each resource is designated as either a building (bldg.), site, or structure (struc.). Each tax parcel is assigned a number and each secondary resource within a property complex, such as outbuildings or farm and pasture land, is assigned a letter. These number and letter designations are keyed to an overall map of the district and to the photographs.

The methodology utilized in the completion of the nomination included three elements: field survey, research, and personal interviews. First, a field survey covering all resources within the proposed district was completed according to North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office Standards. The resultant property files include exterior and/or interior photographs, historic data structures sheets, brief physical and historical descriptions and property sketch maps. Primary research sources included Orange County land deeds, farm census reports, agricultural maps and schedules, population census reports, business directories, and nineteenth-century county maps. Secondary resources included an unpublished 1996 manuscript by Rick L. Mattson entitled History and Architecture of Orange County, N.C., an unpublished 1993 manuscript by Jody Carter and Todd Peck entitled Historic Resources of Orange County, and a thesis from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by Christopher Lornell. Interviews were conducted with long-time residents, homeowners, and descendants of community founders to supplement and clarify the preliminary interviews conducted in 1993 by Orange County Planning Department intern Shannon Sexton.

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NO	PROPERTY NAME	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
01	Hughes, John Paisley House	C	bldg.	early 1800s	S side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	2000 Carr Store Rd.

DESCRIPTION:

The acreage associated with this house lies on the north and south sides of SR 1004 and is largely composed of cleared land embraced by timber. The earliest portion of the house is the oldest surviving structure in the Cedar Grove community. This one-story timber-frame section was constructed in the early 1800s and consisted of a kitchen room and two other rooms. A stone chimney with brick stack is located on the west end of the house. A two-story, two-bay-deep east-facing house was erected adjoining the east side of the one-story structure ca. 1892 by a local builder, John Finley. Intersecting this addition is a two-story I-house that extends from the front or east side forming an L-plan. The I-house appears to be contemporary with the addition or built shortly thereafter. The I-house has two brick exterior end-chimneys, a brick exterior rear chimney, and 2/2 double-hung windows. The two structures are sheathed in weatherboard siding, rest on a stone foundation, and are covered in a v-crimp metal roof. The house was originally the centerpiece of a farmstead and has several outbuildings associated with it. These include three sheds, a corn crib, a barn, two log tobacco barns, and a tenant house. The log tobacco barns and the tenant house are located across Carr-Store Road (SR 1004) to the northwest of the main house. At the west end of the side-gabled tenant house is a large stone chimney. The occupants of the early 1800s house are not known; however, the first occupant of the 2-story addition was John Paisley Hughes (1867-1931). He and Lena McDade moved into the house upon their marriage in 1892 (Orange County Marriages 1752-1911).

01a	Wood shed	C	bldg.	early 1900s	S side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Early 1900s frame shed-roofed open-sided

01b	Barn	C	bldg.	early 1900s	S side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Early 1900s small frame front-gable

01c	Well house	C	struc.	early 1900s	S side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Early 1900s open frame, pyramidal roof

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NO	PROPERTY NAME	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
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01d	Equipment shed	C	bldg.	1940s	S side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

1940s frame open-front

01e	Corn crib	C	bldg.	early 1900s	S side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Early 1900s horizontal board and screen crib.

01f	Cultivated field	C	site	1960s	N side SR 1004 beginning appx. 900 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

This cultivated field remains within the original John Paisley Hughes land tract. The land has historically yielded corn and wheat. These crops were replaced by tobacco during the 1960s and rotated with alfalfa.

01g	Loafing shed	NC	struc.	early 1900s	N side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Deteriorated open-sided frame structure with flat tin roof.

01h	Tenant house	NC	bldg.	early 1900s	N side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Deteriorated 1-story side-gabled log house.

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NO	PROPERTY NAME	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
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01i	Tobacco barn	NC	bldg.	1930s- 1940s	N side SR 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Deteriorated 1-1/2-story 1930s-40s log front-gable barn.

01j	Tobacco barn	NC	bldg.	1930s- 1940s	N side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Deteriorated 1-1/2-story 1930s-40s log front-gable barn.

01k	Manufactured house	NC	bldg.	Modern	S side SR 1004 appx. 2000 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Modern manufactured house.

01l	Pasture	C	site		S side SR 1004 appx. 1500 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

This pasture land remains within the original John Paisley Hughes land tract. The land has historically been and is currently utilized as pasture land (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 23, 1997).

02	Hughes, Robert House	NC	bldg.	1970s	S side SR 1004 appx. 1400 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	1900 Carr Store Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

1970s brick veneer ranch house.

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02a	Garage	NC	bldg.	1970s		

DESCRIPTION:

Modern brick veneer front-gable garage.

03	Eno Presbyterian Manse	C	bldg.	1925	N side SR 1004 appx. 800 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	1815 Carr Store Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

The Craftsman bungalow house was built in 1925 by the Eno and Fairfield Presbyterian Churches as a parsonage. The front-gabled roof is crossed by a gabled dormer over each side facade-each dormer having paired windows. The weatherboarded structure features two interior brick chimneys and paired 4/1 double-hung windows. The front door is flanked by multi-paned sidelights. The wrap-around porch roof is supported by battered columns on brick piers. A weatherboarded garage of the period is located to the rear northeast of the structure.

Reverend C.D. Whitely, pastor of the Eno Presbyterian Church from 1921-1926, was the first pastor to reside here. Before this manse was built, pastors resided in Caldwell, a crossroads community located a few miles east of Cedar Grove (Ellis and Ellis 1933).

03a	Garage	C	bldg.	ca. 1925		
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DESCRIPTION:

Ca. 1925 frame front-gable garage with exposed rafters.

04	Tolar, John House	C	site	1891	W side SR 1357 appx. 1300 ft. N of jct w/ SR 1004	1816 Carr Store Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

The house was built in 1891 for John H. Tolar (1858-1924), a teacher, and his wife, Henrietta Hughes (1867-1931) (Carter and Peck 1993). The Tolars resided in the house for the remainder of their lives. This 2- 1/2-story four-square frame house exhibits a hipped roof and a large projecting central roof dormer with gable returns. Two interior brick corbelled chimneys pierce the roof. The entry door possesses one large light over vertical panels and is flanked by sidelights. The windows are paired 1/1 double-hungs. The wrap-around porch with central gabled projection is covered by a hipped roof which is punctuated by a central front gable and supported by Doric columns. The structure rests on a brick foundation. A rear ell is lit with 6/6 double-hung windows. A brick pumphouse is the only surviving outbuilding.

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04a	Pumphouse	C	bldg.	1930s		
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DESCRIPTION:

1930s brick front-gable

05	Hughes, Annie L. House	C	bldg.	1915	N side SR 1004 appx. 700 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

The 1-1/2-story side-gabled frame house was built in 1915 by James Henry Liner (1888-1959) for Annie L. Hughes who lived there until her death ca. 1932. It features a central dormer with returned gables, paired 6/6 double-hung windows, and an interior brick chimney. A 1920s garage has a gabled roof and central dormer. In 1901, Annie L. Hughes became principal of Cedar Grove Academy which was located on the site to the adjacent east of the Rogers-McDade House (10) and resided on the second floor until the county bought the Academy ca. 1914. She was the daughter of Samuel W. Hughes, the founder of the Academy. The Annie L. Hughes House was built on the former site of the Cedar Grove Public School which was begun in the late 1800s. This school building was moved to another part of the county in 1915. Annie L. Hughes bequeathed the house to her niece Annie H. Hughes who resided there until her death in 1960 (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes July 14, 1997).

05a	Garage	C	bldg.	1920s		
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DESCRIPTION:

One-story 1920s frame front-gable garage.

05b	Shed	C	bldg.	1920s		
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DESCRIPTION:

One-story 1920s small frame shed.

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06	Hughes-Greene House	C	bldg.	mid to late 1800s	S side SR 1004 appx. 600 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

The mid- to late 1800s one-story frame house is characterized by Greek Revival features including a sidelit, two-paneled entry door with a heavily molded surround, and 6/6 windows, some with original shutters. The weatherboarded house is covered by a v-crimp metal roof and rests on stone piers. Two additions including a side and rear ell adjoin the house. The western portion of the house, added ca. 1912 facing south onto what appears to be the former stagecoach road, was originally part of the ca. 1860 home of Thomas Cox Ellis (1843-1890) once located on the Dr. Claude M. Hughes House (9) site and now demolished. A building which once housed a detached frame kitchen with a large stone chimney and brick stack are also extant. The first-known occupant of the house was Thomas Harvey Hughes (1813-1892). Mary Hughes Greene bought the house from Hughes upon the death of her husband, Anderson Green, who was the minister of Hawfields and Crossroads Presbyterian Churches (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 16, 1997).

06a	Kitchen	C	bldg.	late 1800s		
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DESCRIPTION:

The late 1800s detached frame kitchen building is situated to the north of the house. The 1-story gabled- roof structure has 4/4 and 6/6 light-windows and a stone and brick end-chimney.

06b	Wood shed	C	bldg.	early 1900s		
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DESCRIPTION:

Early 1900s frame shed-roofed open-sided shed.

06c	Manufactured house	NC	bldg.	Modern	S side SR 1004 appx. 700 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Modern manufactured house.

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07	Burch-Malone House	C	bldg.	1880s	S side SR 1004 appx. 500 ft W of jct w/ SR 1357	

DESCRIPTION:

Coleman Burch (1825-1907) constructed the 1-story triple-A frame house in the 1880s. The house faces north onto what appears to be a former stagecoach roadbed. The hall-and-parlor-plan structure is sheathed in weatherboard. The original entry doors are lit with paired panes above three panels and are covered with spindled and bracketed screen doors. The cornices are returned at the gable diamond-shaped attic vents pierce all three gables. The house is also characterized by a central ridgeline brick chimney and a three-quarter length porch with chamfered posts and sawnwork. A rear ell exhibits an exterior brick end chimney, a projecting gable-roofed entry, and two entry doors on each facade. The Burches boarded female students of Cedar Grove Academy. About 1904, Mary (known as Mollie) Malone (1855-1929), the widow of John Malone (1832-1896), bought the house and lived there until her death (Sexton interview with Griffen & Haley, February 25, 1995). The family eventually gave the property to the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 23, 1997).

08	Hayes-Hall House	C	bldg.	1880s	S side SR 1004 appx. 600 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

Jim Hayes built this one-story triple-A frame house in the 1880s. The house faces north onto what appears to be the roadbed of a former stagecoach route. The house is sheathed in weatherboard and features 2/2 double-hung windows, chamfered porch posts, and a star-motif attic vent located on the front gable. Hayes and his wife Maggie Taylor originally occupied the house. The Hall family inherited the house during the early 1910s and boarded Cedar Grove Academy students here. Simeon J. Hall (1848-1920) was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Academy in 1892 and 1893 (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 23, 1997 / Sexton interview with Estelle Haley and Lois Hughes, February 1995).

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09	Hughes, Dr. Claude M. House	C	bldg.	1912	N side SR 1004 approx. 300 ft. W of jct with SR 1357	1717 Carr Store Rd.

DESCRIPTION:

Dr. Claude Murray Hughes (1869-1927) built this center-hall, 2-story, double-pile Colonial Revival house in 1912 (Carter and Peck, 1993). The substantial residence is characterized by a hipped, v-crimp metal-sheathed roof, a projecting gable entry way, 1/1 double-hung windows, and decorative corbelling on the two interior chimneys. The gables projecting over the front and side facades feature decorative sawnwork. Doric columns support the wrap-around porch roof. On the interior, a parlor and former bedroom (now a kitchen) are to the west of the center hall and the dining room and another bedroom are to the east. There are four fireplaces on the first floor. The fireplaces in the center hall, dining room, and former parlor on the east side of the plan share a chimney. The mantelpieces feature mirrored overmantels and surrounds of ceramic tile bricks. The two-tiered hall mantel is flanked by colonettes on plinths and the shelf is supported by heavy brackets. Many of the original five-panel doors in fluted surrounds with bull's eye corner blocks remain. The stair was originally semi-enclosed but was fully enclosed in 1956 (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 10, 1997). The turned balustrade terminates in a fluted square newell. A vertical beaded board wainscot lines the staircase, while the second-level walls are sheathed in horizontal beaded board. The second-level ceiling is also sheathed in bead board. A mid-nineteenth-century 1-story frame kitchen ell with a stone chimney with brick stack was destroyed by a hurricane in 1996. The vertical board door leading from the main house dining room to the former ell remains. The structure was originally the home of Thomas Cox Ellis who died in 1890. Thomas Ellis' daughter, Elizabeth Mary Ellis, married Dr. Claude Murray Hughes. In 1912, Dr. Hughes had the larger house built to the south of the Ellis House which became the kitchen ell. Dr. Hughes was the son of Samuel Hughes who operated the Cedar Grove Academy between the 1850s and 1884. The Academy was considered one of the best in the county during that period (Blackwelder 1961, pp. 124-5).

Dr. Hughes' medical practice operated out of the pharmacy that was located between the house and the current site of the C.C. Oliver Auto and Tractor Repair Shop (15) was moved to this location ca. 1913-14 so that a flour mill could be built on the site (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 23, 1997). Dr. Hughes, who was known as the "beloved physician," was very popular among residents of Cedar Grove. He resided in the house until his death in 1927 (Sexton interview with Griffin and Haley interview, February 25, 1995). Dr. Hughes' remains are interred in the Eno Presbyterian Church Cemetery. His stone reads, "He saved others, himself he could not save."

09a	Garage	C	bldg.	1920s		
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DESCRIPTION:

One-story 1920s 2-car frame front-gable with shed-roof extension on west side.

09b	Storage building	C	bldg.	1910s		
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DESCRIPTION:

One-story 1910s frame weatherboarded front-gable building with exposed rafters.

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09c	Corncrib	C	bldg.	1910s		
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DESCRIPTION:

One-story 1910s frame shed.

09d	Well house	C	struct.	1910s		
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DESCRIPTION:

1910s small frame front-gable structure.

10	Rogers-McDade House	C	bldg.	1920	S side SR 1004 appx. 400 ft. W of jct w/ SR 1357	1716 Carr Store Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

The Rogers-McDade House was built in 1920 for William Rogers by James Henry Liner (1888-1959), his son-in-law. The frame house has a gambrel roof, 12/1 double-hung windows and a bungalow porch with square brick piers and battered columns. Cedar Grove Academy students boarded here. The Reverend Samuel Freeman Nicks (1874-1946) bought the house in the 1930s for his daughter, Katherine McDade. Nicks was pastor of the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church (20) from 1933 to 1940 and was the first minister to serve in the current church building (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 23, 1997 / Sexton interview with Katherine McDade, January 28, 1995). The ca. 1850 Cedar Grove Academy was located on the site to the adjacent east.

10a	Garage	C	bldg.	1920s		
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DESCRIPTION:

1920s frame one-story front-gabled with shed-roof shelter on east side.

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11	Patton, Benjamin C. Store	C	bldg.	late 1800s	S side SR 1004 appx. 200 ft W of jct w/ SR 1357	

DESCRIPTION:

The 1-story, 5-bay-wide timber frame building dating to the late 1800s, was used originally as a school building and later as a general store and post office (Sexton interview with Katherine McDade, January 28, 1995). The asymmetrical facade of the side-gabled form is crossed by a front-gabled bay at the north end and is lit with 6/6 double-hung windows. The structure of the building is sheathed in weatherboard, covered by v-crimp metal sheathed roof, and rests on a stone foundation. It possesses both interior and exterior brick chimneys and both a rear ell and shed addition. Benjamin C. Patton (1842-1922) taught private school in this building until he became principal of Cedar Grove Academy (on the now vacant lot to the adjacent west of the store) in the 1880s (Branson 1889, p.499 / Pender 1983, p. 97). He also operated a general store out of the building in partnership with his son-in-law, Allen A. Ellis. Patton was a member of the first Board of Education in 1885 and was appointed county superintendent of schools from 1889 to 1890 (Lefler and Wager 1953, p. 141). He also served as postmaster for the community as the post office was housed in his store building until 1922. Upon Patton's death in 1922, Ellis erected a store and post office building (12) in 1923 at the southwest corner of the crossroads, a few yards east of the Patton Store (Pender 1983, p. 104).

12	Ellis, Allen A. Store	C	bldg.	1923	W side SR 1004 at SW corner of jct w/ SR 1352	
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DESCRIPTION:

The store building built by Allen A. Ellis in 1923 is an excellent example of a typical early 20th-century rural crossroads store building. This 2-story, 3-bay-wide weatherboarded structure features a cornice supported by paired brackets below a flat roof. The symmetrical facade at the lower-level is lit by triple-grouped, 1/1 fixed windows flanking the central entrance, while 2/2 double-hung windows light the upper level. Entrance to the building is gained through a 3-door opening. Beyond the entry doors is a windowed vestibule and a set of interior entry doors. Both the front and the back porches have hipped roofs supported by square posts. Ellis operated both a general store and a post office here after the Patton Store building (11), located a few yards west, closed ca. 1923.

13	Ellis, Allen A. House	C	bldg.	ca. 1880	W side SR 1004 appx. 200 ft S of jct w/ SR 1352	5132 Efland-Cedar Grove Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

This 1-story hipped roof center-hall cottage was erected in ca. 1880. The symmetrical 3-bay facade is lit with 6/6 double-hung windows flanking a central sidelit entrance. The hipped porch roof is supported by chamfered posts with sawn brackets. Allen A. Ellis operated the Ellis Store (12) which he built in 1923 on the property to the adjacent north.

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NO	PROPERTY NAME	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
13a	Storage building	NC	bldg.	late 20th century		
DESCRIPTION: Late 20th-century front-gabled corrugated tin building.						
13b	Garage	NC	bldg.	late 20th century		
DESCRIPTION: Late 20th-century front-gabled corrugated tin building similar to the storage building.						
13c	Shed	NC	bldg.	late 20th century		
DESCRIPTION: Late 20th-century shed-roofed corrugated tin shed.						
13d	Gazebo	NC	struc.	late 20th century		
DESCRIPTION: Late 20th-century frame gazebo.						
13e	Shed	C	bldg.	early 20th century		
DESCRIPTION: Early 20th century board-and-batten shed-roof storage building.						

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13f	Well house	NC	struc.	modern		
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DESCRIPTION:

Modern open-sided frame structure with pyramidal shingled roof.

14	Finley, Mildred House	NC	bldg.	ca. 1960s	E side SR 1004 S of jct w/SR 1352	1611 Carr Store Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

The ca. 1960s 1-story side-gabled brick ranch house is now owned by William Hall. The property was the location of the now demolished 1910 Finley House (Graybeal interview with Virginia Boland, July 10, 1997). One of the first post offices in Cedar Grove was located on this site, probably in the Finley house. The existence of Cedar Grove as a rural community can be traced to around 1828, when the community's first post office was established with Joseph Allison as its postmaster (Powell 1968 & Postmasters of Cedar Grove 1981). Some of the original English cedar trees for which the community is named are located in the front yard of this house. Community historians relate that a Revolutionary War colonel by the name of Allison had the trees planted on each side of the crossroads for a one-mile distance each direction.

14a	Garage	NC	bldg.	ca. 1960		
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DESCRIPTION:

Ca. 1960 side-gabled brick garage.

15	Oliver, C.C. Auto & Tractor Repair Shop	C	bldg.	1946	N side SR 1004 W of jct w/ SR 1357	
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DESCRIPTION:

The 1-story concrete block garage building with a stepped parapet was built in 1946 by Charles Crisp Oliver. T.L. Oliver, the father of Charles Crisp, operated a blacksmith shop on this site in the early 1900s.

15a	Storage building	NC	bldg.	late 20th century		
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DESCRIPTION:

Late 20th-century corrugated metal front-gabled storage building.

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16	Allison-Oliver-Pender Store	C	bldg.	late 1800s	W side SR 1357 appx. 100 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	
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DESCRIPTION:

The late 1800s frame weatherboarded building is 3-bays wide with a front-gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal and with returned cornice. The main facade is lit with 9/9 double-hung windows and is fronted by a hipped porch roof supported by chamfered posts. A small 1-story side addition, which formerly housed a post office, is lit with 6/6 and 4/4 double-hung windows. The interior of the store retains the original fixtures, glass display cases and hardwood floors. The structure was erected in the 1880s by the Allison family and has been in continuous operation to the present day. The Oliver family acquired the store in October 1907 and C. H. Pender and his wife Irene Oliver acquired the store in the 1960s (Graybeal interview with Irene Oliver Pender, July 16, 1997 and Stephen Finley, August 14, 1997).

16a	Shed	C	bldg.	mid-20th century		
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DESCRIPTION:

Mid-20th-century small frame open-front shed.

17	Cedar Grove Post Office	NC	bldg.	1951-1952	W side SR 1357 appx. 300 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	
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DESCRIPTION:

The 1-story concrete block structure was constructed by Robert Oliver between 1951 and 1952 (Graybeal interview with Robert Oliver, July 23, 1997). Throughout the history of the community, the post office was located in various buildings surrounding the crossroads including the now demolished Finley House on the site of the current Mildred Finley House (14), the Patton Store (11), the Ellis Store (12) and the Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16). During the 1930s, the only post office in Orange County north of Hillsborough was located in Cedar Grove (Vukan 1948, p. 61). The present building is non-contributing because of its age.

18	Vacant Land NE Corner of Crossroads	C	site		NE corner SR 1357 & SR 1004	
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DESCRIPTION:

This parcel of land anchoring the northeast corner of the crossroads was the site of a blacksmith shop and a wheelwright shop operated by the Finley family well into 1940s (Graybeal interview with Stephen Finley, August 14, 1997). The grassy plot of land has been vacant since the late 1940s.

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19	Ligon Commercial Building	NC	bldg.	1960s	E side SR 1357 appx. 200 ft N of jct w/ SR 1352	5211 Efland-Cedar Grove Rd.

DESCRIPTION:

The 1960s 1-story gable-front commercial building is brick-veneered with a central entrance flanked by picture windows. This site was originally the site of a 1-story front-gabled pharmacy building with a shed-roof porch during the early 1900s. The pharmacy building was moved ca. 1913 to the site on the adjacent east of the Dr. Claude M. Hughes House (9). A 3-story frame flour mill was then erected in the original location of the pharmacy. The flour mill was destroyed by fire ca. 1931.

20	Cedar Grove United Methodist Church	C	bldg.	1939	W side SR 1357 appx. 400 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	5118 Efland-Cedar Grove Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

Completed in 1939, the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church is a 2-story cross gable stone structure with a nave plan interior which seats 200. The paired casement windows are transomed and are headed by keystoned lintels. A tower with an embattled crown, louvered lantern, and a double-entry doorway with an arched transom light, articulated the Gothic Revival style. The interior features wooden pews, a paneled chair rail, and a round stained glass window above the altar. A cemetery to the adjacent north of the church dates to at least as early as the 1860s.

The congregation was organized on July 23, 1832 as the Cedar Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. The church was given land by both Joseph Allison, one of the original settlers of Cedar Grove and its first Postmaster, and John Kelly. The first church building, erected in 1834, was a small frame sanctuary and faced east fronting the now Cedar Grove-Efland Road (SR1357). In 1876, the small church was enlarged by an addition to the south side (Pender and McDade 1982, p. 15).

20a	United Methodist Church Cemetery	C	site	early 1860s		
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DESCRIPTION:

The markers in this cemetery are executed in the form of obelisks, tablets, stelles, and monoliths composed of granite or marble. Unmarked fieldstones occupy the northwest corner. The earliest dated stones appear to be those marking the McDade plots of the early 1860s. The majority of markers predate 1947. Other well-known community names inscribed on gravemarkers include Burch, Cude, Hall Hughes, Lindsay, Liner, Malone, and Nicks. The cemetery covers approximately one acre to the north of church and is framed by woodland on the west and north sides. The entrance to the cemetery is designated on the south side with an iron archway supported by fieldstone pillars.

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20b	United Methodist Church Cemetery Gate	C	struc.	ca. 1939		
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DESCRIPTION:

The iron archway supported by fieldstone pillars designates the entrance to Cedar Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery which lies northeast of the church. The church name is incorporated into the arch. The archway, located on the south side of the cemetery, appears to be contemporary with the 1939 church building.

21	Arthur Finley House	C	bldg.	ca. 1917	E side SR 1357 appx. 1000 ft N of jct w/ SR 1352	
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DESCRIPTION:

John Finley built this 2-story frame I-house ca. 1917 as the seat of a six-acre farm. Arthur Finley, John's brother resided in the house in the 1920s (Graybeal interview with William Finley, July 10, 1997). The house is characterized by an interior center chimney punctuating a v-crimped metal-sheathed gable roof. The hipped porch roof is supported by chamfered posts with sawn brackets). The Finley family has owned acreage on both sides of Efland-Cedar Grove Road, including the land on which the Eno Presbyterian Church is presently located (Orange County Deed Books, 21-3100).

21a	Shed	NC	bldg.	1950s		
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DESCRIPTION:

One-story 1950s frame, open-front shed.

21b	Barn	C	bldg.	1946		
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DESCRIPTION:

1946 frame front-gabled barn.

21c	Tobacco barn	C	bldg.	1910s		
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DESCRIPTION:

1910s log two-story front-gabled barn.

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21d	Pasture land	C	site		E side SR 1357 beginning appx. 500 ft. N of jct w/ SR 1352	
DESCRIPTION:						
The adjacent pasture land associated with the Arthur Finley House was historically cultivated predominately for wheat and corn - grains having been the traditional crop grown in the community since its establishment. In the mid-to late 20th century, the land has been utilized for pasture. A pond was built in the northeast corner in 1947 by Arthur Finley (Graybeal interview with Stephen Finley, August 14, 1997).						
21e	Equipment shed	NC	bldg.	late 20th century	entr. E side SR 1357 appx. 900 ft. N of jct w/ SR 1352; appx. 300 ft. east	
DESCRIPTION:						
Late 20th-century corrugated metal shed-roofed shed.						
21f	Equipment shed	NC	bldg.	late 20th century	entr. E side SR 1357 appx. 900 ft. N of jct w/ SR 1352; appx. 600 ft. east @ end of dirt road	
DESCRIPTION:						
Late 20th-century corrugated metal shed-roofed shed.						
22	Oliver, T.L. House	C	bldg.	ca. 1906	W side SR 1357 appx. 800 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	5308 Eland-Cedar Grove Rd.
DESCRIPTION:						
Built ca. 1906 by T.L. Oliver, the weatherboarded house is a 2-story, triple-A structure covered by a v-crimp metal roof. The house features 1/1 double-hung windows, two interior chimneys and a wrap-around Doric porch. Two ells extend from the rear. Decorative features include attic vents located in the side gables and a small window with colored glass panes. Several weatherboarded outbuildings including a garage, privy, shed, and well are located to the rear of the main house. T.L. Oliver built this house after the family's previous house located on the site was destroyed by fire. His blacksmith shop was located on the site on which the C.C. Oliver Auto and Tractor and Repair Shop (15) is currently located. In 1925, T.L. Oliver became an ordained deacon in the Eno Presbyterian Church.						

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22a	Garage	C	bldg.	1920s- 1940s		
DESCRIPTION: 1920s-40s one-story frame front-gable garage with side shed addition.						
22b	Shed	C	bldg.	1920s- 1940s		
DESCRIPTION: 1920s-40s small front-gabled frame shed.						
22c	Shed	C	bldg.	1920s- 1940s		
DESCRIPTION: 1920s-40s frame-gabled shed.						
22d	Well house	C	struc.	1920s- 1940s		
DESCRIPTION: 1920s-40s small frame front-gabled frame structure.						
23	McDade-Pender House	C	bldg.	1882	W side SR 1357 appx. 900 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	5314 Efland-Cedar Grove Rd.

DESCRIPTION:

This classic bungalow was built in 1882 by Charlie McDade according to community historians. The Pender family later acquired the house. The 1-1/2- story house was originally two stories. It is covered by a side-gabled roof with bracketed cornice and a bracketed dormer with 6/6 windows. Brick piers and battered columns characterize the engaged-roof porch.

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NO	PROPERTY NAME	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
23a	Garage	C	bldg.	1930s		
DESCRIPTION: One-story 1930s frame front-gabled garage.						
23b	Garage	NC	bldg.	late 20th century		
DESCRIPTION: Late 20th-century frame, front-gabled garage.						
23c	Well house	C	struc.	1930s		
DESCRIPTION: 1930s frame front-gabled structure.						
23d	Milk house	C	bldg.	1930s		
DESCRIPTION: 1930s low-slung brick shed-roofed building.						
23e	Guest house	NC	bldg.	late 20th century		
DESCRIPTION: Late 20th century frame, side-gabled, one-story cottage.						

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24	Ligon, L.A. House	NC	bldg.	1960s	W side SR 1357 appx. 1200 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	

DESCRIPTION:

The 1-story brick ranch house was built in the 1960s. The home of Dr. Terrell, the community's second physician who practiced at least as early as 1891, was once located on this site (George Tate Map of Cedar Grove, 1891).

24a	Garage	NC	bldg.	1960s		
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DESCRIPTION:

1960s brick, front-gabled garage.

25	Robeson-Frazier House	C	bldg.	1909	W side SR 1357 appx. 1300 ft. N of jct w/ SR 1004	
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DESCRIPTION:

According to community historians, this early 20th-century 1-story triple-A house was built in 1909 for a widow, Mrs. Robeson. Mrs. Robeson was the sister of Dr. Willis Monroe Terrell (1830-1906), a community physician whose home site was located on the adjacent south lot during the late 1800s. The Frazier family occupied the house ca. 1920s. The structure has a v-crimp metal roof, is sheathed in weatherboard and is supported by brick piers. The house features several decorative elements, including chamfered posts, sawnwork, and a colored glass window pane in the front gable. The house has a centrally located interior ridgeline brick chimney and a rear gabled ell with a small shed addition. Outbuildings include a well house.

25a	Garage	C	bldg.	1930s- 1940s		
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DESCRIPTION:

1930s-1940s one-story frame, front-gabled garage.

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26	Eno Presbyterian Church	C	bldg.	1897-1899	E side SR 1357 appx. 1300 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	5409 Eland-Cedar Grove Rd.

DESCRIPTION:

This brick veneered cross-gabled church with belfry was built between 1897-1899. The congregation, organized in 1755, had previously gathered in a series of structures (the first was log) located about two miles southeast of the Cedar Grove community on the banks of the Eno River. After the third church building (erected in 1878) was destroyed by a forest fire in 1893, the congregation erected the present-day church building one-half mile north of the Cedar Grove crossroads. The communion table, pulpit and Bible were salvaged from the previously-destroyed building. On November 26, 1899, the first meeting was held in the present church building under the pastorate of H.S. Bradshaw (Ellis & Ellis 1933).

The one-story building is lit by stained glass windows (installed in 1961) within segmental arched openings on all facades of the main block. A breezeway leads from the main block to a 1952 brick fellowship hall addition which is a front gabled structure with an exterior end chimney and 8/8 double-hung windows. Both the church building and the fellowship hall have asphalt shingle roofs. A set of 5-paneled doors lead into the vestibule and at the rear center of the sanctuary is a small apse. The nave-plan interior, heavily remodeled in 1925, seats 300 people (Lefler 1953, p. 295).

26a	Eno Presbyterian Cemetery	C	site	ca. 1890		
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DESCRIPTION:

The markers are executed in the form of tablets, stelles, and monoliths composed of granite and marble. Most of the markers predate 1947. The earliest dated stone appears to be that marking the 1890 gravesite of T.C. Ellis. A marker for a member of the Hughes family and that of Willis M. Terrell dates to 1906 and the Benjamin C. Patton marker dates to 1922. Other prominent community names include Lindsay, Boland, Oliver, and Tolar. The cemetery lies to the west(rear) of the church and is framed by pastureland on the north, south and east sides.

27	Miller's House	C	bldg.	early 1920s	W side SR 1357 appx. 1400 ft N of jct w/ SR 1004	5800 Eland-Cedar Grove Rd.
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DESCRIPTION:

This house was built for the village miller and originally consisted of four rooms located in the back of the house. The front block was constructed in the early 1920s. This 1-story, triple-A structure is covered in vinyl siding; the windows are 1/1 double-hung, and the front door contains two panels and a screen door. The first miller to occupy the house was Hastings Gentry. Coy Whitaker is believed to be the third and last miller to occupy the house. During his tenure in the 1930s, the flour mill, located on the current site of the Ligon Commercial Building (19) was destroyed by fire. The Cudes then bought the house and added the ell. Eber Folger Cude (1904-1952) taught at the Aycok school and later became principal.

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NO	PROPERTY NAME	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
27a	Garage	NC	bldg.	late 20th century		

DESCRIPTION:

Late 20th-century one-story frame front-gabled garage.

28	Woodland	C	site		W side SR 1357 beginning appx. 800 ft. N of jct w/ SR 1004	
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DESCRIPTION:

This 8.5 acre tract of land has historically been woodland according to 1938 United State Department of Agriculture aerial view maps (located at the NC Division of Archives and History, Raleigh, NC) and long-time residents of Cedar Grove. The configuration of the treeline contributes to the delineation of the historic field patterns of adjacent cultivated fields. The tract of land has historically belonged to the Hughes family of Cedar Grove (interview with Virginia Hughes Boland August 18, 1997).

29	Cedar Grove Crossroads	C	struct.	ca. 1828	Both sides SR 1004 and SR 1357 intersection	jct. of Efland-Cedar Grove Rd
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DESCRIPTION:

The Cedar Grove Rural Crossroad Historic District originates at the intersection of State Routes 1004 and 1357 which are two-lane paved roads. These roads retain the configuration depicted on an 1891 map of Orange County as well as early physical characteristics relating to their width and grassy verges (Tate, 1891). Some of the original English cedar trees for which the community was named in the late eighteenth century are located at the southeast corner of the intersection. The crossroads retain much of their original character and significantly contribute to the historic integrity of the community. Cedar Grove's existence as a rural community began in 1828, when the community's first post office was established at the southeast corner of the crossroads (Powell 1968, p. 96 / Councilman 1981). During the late 1800s and early 1900s, the crossroads provided a physical framework for the further development of the community. For the most part, non-domestic structures are clustered at the crossroads while residences emanate from the intersection to the north and east. In the mid-1940s the north-south Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357) was paved and the east-west Carr Store Road (SR 1004) was paved in 1958.

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NO	PROPERTY NAME	STATUS	TYPE	DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS
30	Cedar Grove to Greensboro Stagecoach Roadbed	C	struc.	early 1800s	south of SR 1004 beginning approximately 500 feet west of junction with SR 1357 and running west to John Paisely Hughes property (1)	

DESCRIPTION:

The Cedar Grove community was a veritable destination point in the rural county during the nineteenth century and portions of what appears to be the Cedar Grove to Greensboro stagecoach road bed survive as testimony to this status. To the south of the Allen A. Ellis Store (12) on Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357), a plaque commemorates the historic location of the Cedar Grove well (13f), where according to local history, stagecoaches customarily made water stops. The Hughes-Greene House (6), the Burch-Malone House (7), the Hayes-Hall House (8) are all situated to the south of Carr Store Road (SR 1004) facing a portion of the roadbed of the former stagecoach route, which now serves as a driveway to the houses. At the western-most end of the district, the John Paisley Hughes House (1) was also originally oriented to the stagecoach route.

31	Cedar Grove Historic District Landscape	C	site			
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DESCRIPTION:

The resources comprising the district embody the characteristics of a once prevalent rural landscape that evolved as a result of human activity and use. The landscape characteristics coalesce the natural, the cultivated, and the built environments in a manner unique to the rural crossroads community that supported its agrarian roots. The land has been continuously farmed throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and existing field patterns deviate little from those evident during the early to mid-twentieth century, as shown on Orange County Agricultural Aerial Maps date 1938 and 1951. These continuing patterns of cultivation are testimony to the prevalence of farming during the course of the community's development. This historical pattern of field cultivation is becoming increasingly rare as modern industrial agricultural patterns and far-flung subdivisions are encroaching on the cultural landscape. The built resources punctuate expanses of pasture and cultivated land framed by woodlands. Many of the residential lawns are shaded by large oaks and magnolia trees. Some of the original English cedar trees for which the community was named in the late eighteenth century are located at the southeast corner of the crossroads. The undulating farm land is laid out in fields and pastures delineated by treelines, fences, and the two narrow main roads with their grassy verges- all remaining relatively unchanged during the last five decades (Exhibits 2 and 3: Orange County Agricultural Aerial Maps 1938 and 1951). The Cedar Grove community is located between the east and west forks of the Eno River and the proliferation of gristmills was a trend that was apparent within the community and its vicinity as an outgrowth of the agrarian culture (Collet's map as stated in Mattson, 1996). Thus, the natural and agrarian countryside overlaid with the built environment constitutes a significant cultural landscape which embodies the essential character of the once-typical rural crossroads community.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Summary

The Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District, located in northwest Orange County, is eligible for National Register listing under Criteria A and C. Significant in the area of *Community Development* under Criterion A, the district exhibits the historic pattern of development in Orange County's agricultural communities which were manifested in the emergence of commercial and social centers along intersections of primary roads. The resources comprising the district embody the characteristics of a once prevalent rural landscape that evolved as a result of human activity and use. The landscape characteristics coalesce the natural, the cultivated, and the built environments in a manner unique to the rural crossroads community that supported its agrarian roots. Of the half-dozen or so rural crossroads communities that evolved during the nineteenth century in Orange County, Cedar Grove is among the most intact and least altered examples of this disappearing genre. Many rural community businesses have suffered economic demise as a result of the proliferation of the automobile and improved roads which have facilitated travel to larger retail businesses in urban areas. However, Cedar Grove survives as a crossroads community which retains a distinct identity reflected in its physicality as well as its historic culture.

Cedar Grove's existence as a rural community dates to around 1828, when the community's first post office was established. Throughout the nineteenth century the community served as a commercial, social, and educational center for agricultural families in the vicinity and was a major stop on the stagecoach route to Greensboro. By 1850 Cedar Grove was a thriving community, and not only supported the prestigious Cedar Grove Academy, but a variety of businesses including an innkeeper, a coachmaker, a doctor, a post office, a blacksmith, a tanner, and a drygoods and hardware store. Later in the nineteenth century the community additionally boasted a public school, a sawmill, a grist mill, and a plug tobacco factory employing fourteen men. The community was nearly self-sufficient and thus its ongoing vitality was perpetuated well into the twentieth century. During the 1910s, several large farm houses were erected and two churches whose congregations were established in 1756 and 1832 continued to serve the community. A physician's office, a drugstore, a blacksmith, a flour mill and a post office were also operating during this period, and in the 1920s another drygoods store was erected. Many of these businesses established in the late 1800s and early 1900s operated well into the 1930s and 1940s.

Today, the community of Cedar Grove continues to support various local businesses including the Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16) locally known as the Pender Store which now offers gasoline for sale. A post office flanks the store on the north and an automobile and tractor repair business begun in 1946 flanks the south. Houses are only slightly more dense than in the early 1900s, with a few twentieth-century dwellings added mostly in the 1920s and in the 1960s and 1970s. Largely because of its continuously operating post office and general store, the community of Cedar Grove continues to be a veritable local destination point today.

The district meets Criterion A in the area of *Agriculture*. The land has been continuously farmed throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and existing field patterns deviate little from those evident during the early to mid-twentieth century, as shown on Orange County Agricultural Aerial Maps (Exhibits 2 and 3),

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these continuing patterns of cultivation are testimony to the prevalence of farming during the course of the community's development. This historical pattern of field cultivation is becoming increasingly rare as modern industrial agricultural patterns and far-flung subdivisions are encroaching on the cultural landscape.

The district is additionally significant under Criterion A in the area of *Social History*. The physical development characteristics of the Cedar Grove community, along with the resulting inherent form of social interaction, represent a rarity in rapidly-developing Orange County given that the advent of the automobile, the county-wide road improvement trends, and the resultant population boom has hastened the demise of many crossroads communities. Furthermore the community is significant in the area of *Ethnic Heritage* for its role as a mecca for Black string band musicians and the square dances they accompanied between the years of ca. 1930 and 1947. The Black string band, a genre based on traditional indigenous white instrumental traditions, usually accompanied community harvest dances and represented a contrast to the contemporary jazz and blues genre developing in urban areas. Thus, local musical tradition also reflected the nearly equal Black-white population ratio of Cedar Grove township and the stable race relations there.

Significant under Criterion C in the area of *Architecture*, the community's enduring vitality is exhibited in a notable and varied collection of late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century residential and commercial buildings which provide the visual framework for the hamlet. A sense of continuity is lent in that many descendants of Cedar Grove's early founders reside in the community and maintain substantial family homeplaces. Although a few noncontributing resources exist, they are unobtrusive in scale and character, and are secondary to the overall historic character of this rare, largely intact crossroads community.

The overall period of significance for the community lies between the early nineteenth century and 1947. The earliest physical vestiges of building activity in the community, other than the crossroads itself, are represented the early nineteenth century Cedar Grove to Greensboro Stagecoach roadbed, by the later portion of John Paisley Hughes House (1), the Hughes-Greene House (6), the Burch-Malone House (7), the Benjamin C. Patton Store (11), the Allen A. Ellis House (12), the Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16), and the McDade-Pender House (23). The community continued to develop as it entered into the twentieth century as exemplified by the 1920s Eno Presbyterian Manse (3) and the Rogers-Mcdade House (10) which exhibit Craftsman features, and by the 1923 Allen A. Ellis Store (12) at the crossroads. The 1939 Cedar Grove United Methodist Church (20) is among the latest resources erected during the period of significance. The manmade pond on the Arthur Finley Farm (21d) was introduced into the landscape during the last year of the period of significance-1947. The other activities which have justified additional areas of significance for the community, including those agricultural and social, were occurring as late as 1947, the year which marks the National Register age criteria for events to have occurred at least fifty years ago in order to have achieved historic significance.

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Criterion A: Community Development: The Realization Nineteenth-Century Rural Crossroads Communities in Orange County

As the characteristic ante-bellum self-sufficiency of the Orange County farmstead declined with the increased trend of cultivating cash crops, a need for manufactured goods and specialized services arose. Thus, after the Civil War, small industries and businesses began to develop within each of the county's townships. Small pockets of commerce often developed in the areas surrounding crossroads post offices, such as in the Cedar Grove community. These development patterns brought about the establishment of the an important rural institution, the local general store. Products and services that were once provided by the self-sustaining farm could now be purchased at the local community store (Carter and Peck 1983).

The community of Cedar Grove, an example of this development pattern, served as a commercial, social, and educational center for surrounding agrarian families throughout the nineteenth and into the early twentieth centuries. It was one of about a half-dozen such rural crossroads communities that evolved in Orange County during this period. In addition to Cedar Grove, the communities of Caldwell, Oaks and White Cross emerged at this time. Most of the extant crossroads communities established in the nineteenth century in rural Orange County exhibit a repletion of insidious modern intrusions which have diluted the original fabric, resulting in a loss of community identity and definition. They have suffered a loss of commercial as well as social viability and no longer function as true communities. The community of Cedar Grove, along with that of Caldwell in the Little River Township in the northeastern section of the county, are the most intact examples of the rare-surviving rural crossroads community in the county. The way of life in these rural communities was centered around social interaction as well as economic trade. For example, farmers during the ante-bellum period typically purchased major goods in Hillsborough, the economic center and county seat of Orange County; however, they continued to patronize the local general store not only to conveniently purchase staple goods but also to socialize with neighbors. Impromptu social interaction often took place in the general stores, but school buildings and churches, typically the more prominent buildings in the community were the sites of planned social gatherings (Johnson 1937, pp. 98-99).

Steadily improving roads facilitating transportation to urban areas ultimately affected Post-World War II patterns of development in Orange County. Between the Great Depression and 1950, the rural population fell from 87 percent to 73 percent of the total populace, while the county-wide population increased from 21,000 to 34,000 (as stated in Mattson 1996, pp. 45-46). The effects of urbanization and improved transportation were perhaps most evident in the crossroads communities. The local general stores of these communities suffered a demise as a result of urban enterprises that were accessible to a broader market area. The general store gave way to the gas station with a porte-cochere drive-through as seen at Laws crossroads in northeast Orange County and in the McDade Store No. 2 in the northwest county. The community of Cedar Grove, however, has been spared intrusions by modern gas stations and retains its late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century store buildings. The stores continued to serve the local residents well into the twentieth century, but no longer held influence over farmers as institutions of trade and credit. The 1880s

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Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16) continues to serve the community to the present day with the provision of drygoods. The buildings housing the 1880s Benjamin C. Patton Store (11) and the 1923 Allen A. Ellis Store (12) are extant, though the businesses ceased to operate in 1923 and 1943 respectively.

Criterion A: Agricultural Trends in Orange County- Post-Bellum to Post-World War II

Post-Bellum to the Late Nineteenth Century

The Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Community is deeply rooted in the Orange County agrarian tradition that shaped it. Orange County was among those areas that did not experience the physical devastation effected by the Civil War; however, the county did experience the social and economic transformation that proliferated throughout the South as a result of the abolition of slavery, lingering wartime poverty, and the depletion of capital. These circumstances slowed agricultural production and necessitated a reorganization of the ante-bellum social and economic systems (Mattson 1996, p. 35). During the ten years immediately following the Civil War in Orange County, farm value decreased by half and the average size fell from 285 acres to 198 acres (U.S. Census, 1860 and 1870).

Ante-bellum Orange County maintained 6,000 slaves- one-third of the total population. Farmers contended with the adjustments necessary to deal with the labor shortage as many Black families migrated to urban areas in pursuit of job opportunities. As a result, a variety of methods were utilized to tenure the land in Orange County after the Civil War. Landowners either employed and supervised farm laborers or divided holdings into smaller plots. As major landholdings were parceled out, the overall number of farms increased and the rise in production of cash crops as a means of livelihood in a cash-poor economy resulted in the erosion of the traditional self-sufficient family farm (Mattson 1996, p. 36-37). Tenant farming and share cropping became prevalent, and by 1890 well over half the county's farmers were either renters, sharecroppers, or laborers. More than a third of white farmers did not own land and over twenty percent were sharecroppers. Most Black farmers remained as field hands, a third were sharecroppers, and only a tenth became landowners. The average size of their farms was less than half that of farms operated by white farmers. By the late 1800s almost forty percent of all farmers in Orange County were sharecroppers and worked on average twenty to sixty acres of land. In the Cedar Grove Township, the typical amount of improved or tilled land per farm was twenty to forty acres, while unimproved land or woodlands constituted anywhere from twenty to 150 acres (U.S. Census 1890-1900 as stated in Mattson 1996, p. 38).

With the decline of the self-sufficient farm and the growth in tenancy came the increased importance of the country crossroads store where a variety of goods could be conveniently purchased that were previously produced on the family farm. Another outgrowth of farm tenancy was new crop lien laws which benefited the owners of these general stores. Lien laws permitted merchants to accept unplanted crops as collateral in the purchase of seeds, fertilizer, and other supplies. In a post-war cash-poor economy, merchants took on a powerful role in the rural Piedmont as general stores became the principal sources for loans and credit. Merchants, as creditors, required repayment of loans with crops such as tobacco and cotton, which could be

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sold for cash. Thus, farmers became caught in a cycle of dependency, compelled to raise more and more cash crops to pay for staple items that had traditionally been produced on their own farms. Although tenancy enabled the sharecropper to buy land, the agricultural credit extended them caused many to fall into chronic debt. In addition to crop liens, farmers faced mounting taxes that were imposed during the late nineteenth century to pay for the building of railways and county roads (Ayers, as stated in Mattson 1996, p. 38).

Land tenancy, crop liens, higher taxes, and fence laws all colluded to lure the small farmer toward cash-crop agriculture and away from traditional self-sufficiency. The shift to the growing of cash crops was also encouraged, given that their transport to market was facilitated by the introduction of the North Carolina Railroad which ran from Goldsboro to Charlotte via Hillsborough. Although semi-subsistence farming practices continued into the early twentieth century, farmers pursued the cultivation of bright-leaf tobacco as a cash crop. Corn, oats and wheat were important crops in the county throughout the nineteenth century; however, in the latter half of the century, cotton became a significant cash crop in the southern county while most tobacco was produced in the northern county in which Cedar Grove is located (U.S. Census 1850-1880). However, as more farmers entered the cash crop market, the competition caused the price of these crops to drastically drop. This fall in cash return was compounded by the 1890s national depression. Additionally, the relentless planting of these cash without rotation resulted in soil depletion and thus reduced per-acre crop production (Powell 1968, p. 417). A loss of independence and mounting indebtedness characterized the plight of the county's farmers. Burdened by uncertainty and debt, farm laborers increasingly began to migrate to factories and cities.

Early Twentieth Century to Post-World War I

With the arrival of the twentieth century, crop prices began to rise steadily and continued to escalate throughout World War I. While the traditional rural communities remained intact, the fruits of commercial farming were becoming clearly evident in the improvements made in the built environment. Cotton gins emerged along Cane Creek south of the railroad and Hillsborough (Branson 1889; Lefler and Wager 1953, pp. 301-302). Gristmills and saw mills increased in number as well as product output, and a string of mills developed along the east and west forks of the Eno River (Collet's map as stated in Mattson, 1996). This trend was apparent within the vicinity of the Cedar Grove community, which was located between these two forks. Compton's Grist Mill was located on the east fork of the Eno River a few miles east of the Cedar Grove crossroads (Tate, 1891). A later grist mill also existed from 1913 to 1932 within a few yards of the northeast corner of the crossroads on the site of the current Ligon Commercial Building (19). The dwelling associated with this mill is referred to as the Miller's House (27) located at the north end of the Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District on Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357).

Blacks were also influenced by this atmosphere of prosperity. Although the majority of Black farmers remained as laborers or sharecroppers, one-fourth were able to purchase farms by 1910. Countywide, rural Black communities expanded around new churches at the fringes of white hamlets. Examples of these communities include that near Carr which erected White Oak Grove Baptist Church above the crossroads in

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1914, and on the outskirts of Cedar Grove, where Lee's Chapel Baptist Church was erected in 1918 (Lefler and Wager 1953, pp. 305-306).

After World War I significant improvements in transportation were both the product and cause of transitioning agricultural conditions. Improved roads and bridges, coupled with the introduction of the automobile, yielded unprecedented mobility. However, farmers continued to encounter impassable roads for months out of each year when traveling farm-to-market routes well into the 1950s. Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357) and Carr Store Road (SR 1004) in the Cedar Grove community were not paved until the 1940s and 1950s respectively. These circumstances perpetuated the ongoing importance of the local community store (Lefler and Wager 1953, pp. 230-250).

The 1920s to Post-World War II

The post-World War I period of prosperity was fleeting and the 1920s crop returns plummeted. They continued to fall during the Depression as tobacco and cotton prices dropped by more than half between the late 1920s and the early 1930s. The devastating effects of the Depression, along with the plague of the boll weevil during the 1920s and 1930s, created a decrease, particularly in cotton production. Only forty-three pounds of cotton were produced in the Cedar Grove Township in 1930 (U.S. Census 1930). However, the township had the second-highest acreage of farmland in the county after Bingham Township at the time. The most prevalent crop was corn, followed by tobacco (U.S. Census 1930). By the 1940s, however, more options became open to farmers and many turned to dairy farming and livestock production in the southern section of the county, while still others continued the migration that had begun in the late 1800s to nearby urban areas such as Durham and Burlington to labor in cotton mills. Also, tobacco prices began to rise and stabilize and tobacco remained the preferred cash crop in northern Orange County where the Cedar Grove Township is located (Bell as stated in Mattson 1996, p. 43). Although the prevalence of tobacco farms necessitated small land tracts, dairying and livestock production, which had become commonplace in the southeast county required larger tracts. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, there were about eighteen farms in Orange County that averaged 765 acres in size, even though the median farm size had declined by this time to an average of only sixty-three acres. Though modest farms still dotted the landscape, small land tenancy declined as advances in agricultural technology took hold in the mid-twentieth century (Lefler and Wager 1953, pp. 230-250). Thus, as an outgrowth of the new trends in agriculture during the 1940s, new patterns of land use began to emerge in Orange County; however, aerial maps of the county indicate that between 1938 and the present-day, agricultural field patterns have changed very little in the Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District (Exhibits 2 and 3 / Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 10, 1997).

Criterion C: Late Nineteenth- to Mid-Twentieth-Century Architecture in Rural Orange County

Late Nineteenth to Early Twentieth Century

The architectural heritage of rural Orange County is characterized by vernacular interpretations rather than high-style examples. Stylistic influences are more apparent in Orange County's post-bellum, late nineteenth-

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and early twentieth-century houses than in pre-Civil War examples. The availability of manufactured architectural components including brackets, doors, sheathing, gable detailing, balustrades, and mantels resulted in a proliferation of architectural embellishment just prior to the nineteenth century in Orange County, as throughout North Carolina (Bishir 1990, pp. 293-295). Most common are frame center-hall plan houses. Many of these are *I-houses*, which generally date from 1870 to 1910, and are typically characterized by a two-story height and a single-room depth with either a hall-and-parlor or center-hall plan. Examples of the I-house found in the Cedar Grove crossroads community include the John Paisley Hughes House (1) with its two-story ell, and the John Finely House (21) with its center-hall plan. The I-house variation known as the *triple-A* is prevalent in Orange County. This house form is characterized by a side-gable roof with a third gable centered on the front facade. The Burch-Malone House (7), the Hayes-Hall House (8) and the T.L. Oliver House (22) are examples of the triple-A house in the Cedar Grove crossroads community.

Many rural dwellings in Orange County are late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century farmsteads which retain much of their historic acreage. These farmsteads constitute one of the most character-defining property-types in the county and manifest the pockets of intact rural quality found throughout the county. While many of the main houses of these farm complexes are not distinctive, the collection of the farm buildings as a whole, including their spatial relationship to each other, is of greater significance. An example of such a farmstead in the Cedar Grove Crossroads Community is the John Finley Farm (21).

The innovative framing methods, mass production of building materials, and emergence of the rail road during the late nineteenth century fostered the introduction of new domestic forms of architecture. An unprecedented array of affordable architectural embellishments, moldings, and mantelpieces were produced at steam-powered factories and transported by rail. The increased use of the light balloon frame corresponded with the rise of the nationwide picturesque movement which facilitated more freedom of expression than had the censures of neoclassicism. The movement included the Gothic Revival and Italianate styles culminating in the flamboyant Queen Anne. However, conservatism in rural Orange County maintained traditional building practices and house-forms well into the twentieth century, even as architectural embellishments began to appear more frequently on domestic facades. With the increased availability of milled lumber, domestic plans and facades became more conforming. The center-hall I-house plan supplemented with a front porch and rear kitchen ell was preferred among Orange County farmers from the late 1860s to about 1910. Tenant dwellings were usually one-story renditions of the I-house. Decoration and scale varied according to taste and means (Mattson 1996, pp. 46-8).

The 1910s to Post-World War II

In spite of the availability of building materials made possible by the advent of the railroad in the twentieth century in Orange County, the conservative agrarian culture held the introduction of new house-types in check. Among the few that did gain popular use were the Colonial Revival American four-square (two-story double-pile with four rooms on each floor) and the Craftsman-influenced bungalow (usually one-and-one-half-story with an irregular floor plan) (Mattson 1996, p. 52 and McAlester 1984, pp. 452-463).

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Colonial Revival was the preferred style among Orange County land owners by the 1910s, as its classical and more sophisticated design appealed to the prosperous middle-class farmer (Mattson 1996, p. 52). Builders integrated Colonial Revival motifs and detailing into traditional house types as well as applied it to the two-story four-square form. A fine example of Colonial Revival architecture in the Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District is the Dr. Claude M. Hughes House (9). Built in 1912, this handsome frame house is executed in a two-story, four-square form which is covered by a high hip roof with smaller cross gables. A projecting cutaway bay, wrap-around verandah, and decorative sawnwork in the gables allude to the transition from the Queen Anne style. The cubic symmetry, Doric porch columns, and pedimented entry bay exemplify the domestic Colonial Revival style.

The John Tolar House (4) is also exemplary of Colonial Revival farmhouses built in the 1910s. The two and a-half-story frame house has a hipped roof form with a central dormer, symmetrically placed single and paired windows, and a center-hall plan. The style is also exemplified in the boxed cornices of the dormers and porch gable, the Palladianesque dormer window, and the classic columns supporting a wrap-around porch roof.

A "Revival" style that was nationally popular in ecclesiastical architecture was that of the Gothic Revival, which was reflected often in the church buildings of rural Orange County. An outstanding example of this style is seen in the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church (20). Constructed in 1939, it is the largest and most exemplary of the rural county churches built before World War II. The well-executed Gothic Revival design includes an L-shaped configuration with a crenellated tower that defines the entrance at the apex of the two wings. The church features a veneer of native fieldstone and wood-frame casement windows crowned by stone jack arches.

While the Revival styles were inspired by precedents, fresh architectural trends emerged during the World War I era that emphasized a pleasing simplicity achieved primarily by employing practical forms and fine craftsmanship. A nationally popular expression of this trend towards uncomplicated and functional architecture was the Craftsman style, featured in pattern books for bungalows that catered to the middle and working classes. There are innumerable vernacular interpretations, but the essential features of the style typically include a height of one-and-a-half-stories, a low-pitched gabled roof with a wide unenclosed eave overhang, roof dormers, exposed rafter ends and decorative eave brackets, a wide porch with battered posts supported by brick piers, and vertically divided windows (McAlester 1984, p. 453). These stylistic features often manifested in additions or "updates" to existing houses, especially when related to the modifications and expansions necessitated by a conversion to dairy farming. Therefore, the style appears to be more prevalent in the southern townships where dairy farming was more prevalent (Mattson 1996, p. 54). Only two examples of the Craftsman influence are apparent in the Cedar Grove Historic District. The McDade-Pender House (23) exhibits bracketed eaves at the gabled ends and central dormer. The engaged full-facade porch roof is supported by battered posts on brick piers, features typically referred to as "bungaloid." The Eno Presbyterian Manse (3) exhibits a front-gabled form with bracketed eaves and wrap-around porch, the roof of which like the McDade-Pender House, is supported by battered posts on brick piers.

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The crossroads general store was the icon of commercial architecture in rural Orange well into the twentieth century. This community architectural focal point served as a center for selling and trading merchandise as well as for social interaction. However, with the advent of the automobile which provided easier access to urban centers, their prominence faded and many were abandoned. Nonetheless, a few remained in operation filling a modest commercial need as local groceries and gas stations. The Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16) at Cedar Grove is one of the best examples of these survivors. This two-story weatherboard building dates to the 1880s and befitting its early prominence has an impressive facade which lends a notable presence distinguishing the crossroads. The front-facing gable is delineated with heavily molded cornice returns and sheathed in flush boards. A hip-roofed porch with original chamfered posts covers the central entrance which is flanked by multi-light sash windows. The interior is also remarkably intact with wooden shelving and glass display cases lining the walls.

The Alan A. Ellis Store (12) on the southwest corner of the Cedar Grove crossroads is another fine example of the community general store with its flat roof, bracketed cornice and large triple-grouped display windows flanking a central triple-grouped entrance.

The McDade Store No. 2 located a few miles north of the Cedar Grove crossroads typifies the 1920s rural gas station with its square form, gable-front pump canopy, and large display window.

Historical Background and Criterion A: Social History and Ethnic Heritage

Historical Background

Cedar Grove's existence as a rural community can be traced to around 1828, when the community's first post office was established with Joseph Allison as its Postmaster (Powell 1968, p. 96 and Councilman 1981). Throughout the nineteenth century it served as a commercial, social, and educational center for agricultural families in the vicinity. By 1850 Cedar Grove was a thriving community, and not only supported a private academy; but also a tanner, a coachmaker, a doctor, a post office, a blacksmith and three businesses including a drygoods store, a hardware store, and a grocer (*Manufacturing Census* 1850). Later in the nineteenth century, the community additionally boasted a sawmill, a grist mill, a plug tobacco factory, two churches and several large farmhouses (Carter and Peck 1993, p. 122 & Branson 1889, p. 499 and *Manufacturing Census* 1850).

During the nineteenth century, Cedar Grove was a major stop on the stagecoach route to Greensboro, and weary travelers stopped there to refresh at the public well (Mattson 1996, p. 18). Portions of the east-west - running stagecoach road are evident to the south Carr Store Road (SR1004) a few yards west of the crossroads. The now demolished ca. 1845 Cedar Grove Academy, formerly located on the site of the current Rogers-McDade House (10), faced north onto the road. The Burch-Malone House (7) and Hayes-Hall House (8) currently face north onto the road bed, while the Hughes-Greene House (6) and the John Paisley Hughes

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House (1) face to its south. The 1891 survey map of Orange County by George Tate depicts High Rock Road merging with Yanceyville Road [now Corbett Ridge Road (SR 1004)] in the northwest county and running east-west through the village of Cedar Grove (See Exhibit 1). According to deeds dating from the first half of the twentieth century, the north-south-running Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357) was referred to as the Hillsboro-Milton Road for the towns to the south and north of Cedar Grove respectively (Orange County Deedbooks 124/35 and 59/345). The east-west-running Carr-Store Road (SR 1004) was referred to as High Rock Road.

Many of the currently standing homes and buildings were erected in the late 1800s, including the Hughes-Greene House (6), the Burch-Malone House (7), Benjamin C. Patton Store (11), the Allen A. Ellis House (12), the McDade-Pender House (23), and the later wing of the John Paisley Hughes House (1). The Eno Presbyterian Church (26) as well as the Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16) and the John Tolar House (4) had been completed before the turn-of-the-century. The Cedar Grove Public School was also erected in the late 1800s on the current site of the Annie L. Hughes House (5). This building was moved to another part of the county in 1915 (Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes July 14, 1997).

During the 1930s, the only post office in Orange County north of Hillsborough was in the community of Cedar Grove which was considered an important trade center for the northern county (Vukan 1948, p. 61). Two extant general stores, then known as Ellis' (12) and Oliver's (16), served the community in addition a physician's office, a drugstore, a blacksmith and two still vital churches: Eno Presbyterian (26) and Cedar Grove Methodist (20) established in the mid-1700s and mid-1800s respectively. The community was fairly self-sufficient and thus its ongoing vitality was perpetuated. The community's population, though it included Blacks as well as whites, was quite homogeneous in its occupation- that of a tobacco farmer. Only one out of every four residents worked in non-farm jobs (Vukan 1948, p. 85).

In the 1940s, few residents owned automobiles and only Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357) was paved. A blacksmith shop remained on the northwest corner of the crossroads. The community of Cedar Grove conformed to the prototypical concept of a "folk society" - a small, isolated, relatively self-contained and homogeneous population as defined in a 1947 *American Journal of Sociology* publication (Redfield as cited in Lornell 1976, p. 56). Such a society is, according to a 1953 *American Anthropologist* article, "relatively immobile," and slow to change (Foster as cited in Lornell 1976, p. 57). Due to the relatively isolated nature of the community and restricted travel during the 1930s and 1940s, the tradition of square dances accompanied by Black string bands thrived as a recreational activity that occurred according to agrarian-based time frames until the 1950s. At this time, residents began leaving the farms for industrial work in nearby towns. However, tobacco and livestock crop farming remains a vital occupation in the community today. Thus, the community of Cedar Grove has for the most part escaped the proliferation of modern intrusions and today retains the principal historic buildings and landscape characteristics which lend to its historic integrity. Indeed, the community's stores continued to serve local residents well into the twentieth century. The 1880s Allison-Oliver-Pender Store (16) serves the community today while the Benjamin C. Patton Store (11) operated until ca. 1943. The two church congregations, Eno Presbyterian (26) and Cedar

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Grove United Methodist (20), established in 1756 and 1832 respectively, are still vital elements of the community. Although Carr Store Road (SR1004) was paved in 1958, the crossroads retain much of their early physical appearance with their narrow width, grassy verges and original configuration.

Criterion A: Social History and Ethnic Heritage- Black String Band Music from ca. 1930 to 1947

As blues and jazz artists were enjoying commercial popularity in the South, during the 1930s and 1940s the community of Cedar Grove became a mecca for a different genre of music, that of the Black string band. Additionally, Cedar Grove was the center for Black square dancing in northern Orange County (Lornell 1976, p. 28).

According to the 1940 Census, Orange County consisted of 21,171 residents, only a third of the population of the nearby city of Durham. The county's ratio of whites to Blacks was about two-to-one- 14,269 whites to 6,904 Blacks. The ratio in the Cedar Grove Township was an exception to the rest of Orange County: the breakdown was 1,753 Blacks and 1,671 whites or essentially a racial equilibrium. More Blacks resided in the Cedar Grove Township than in any other in the county, with the exception of the densely populated Chapel Hill vicinity in which the Black population totaled 2,629 (U.S. Census 1941, p. 53).

The relatively large 1940s Black population in the Cedar Grove Township was heavily involved in agriculture. Overall in Orange County there were 503 Black-owned farms and nearly half were located in the Cedar Grove Township. There were also 267 white-operated farms in the township which was only about twenty percent of all white-operated farms in Orange County but nonetheless a significant number. Nearly three-fourths of the Cedar Grove Township population was described by the 1940 Census as "rural farm population." The percentage of Black tenant farmers was higher there than in any other township in Orange County which listed a county-wide average of twenty-seven percent. The percentage of white tenant farmers in the township was also high- fifty-seven percent, compared to an overall county average of thirty-nine percent (U.S. Census 1941, p. 53).

Race relations, however, were relaxed in Cedar Grove and the blatant racism which generally characterized the South was not evident given that the institutions that were traditionally segregated in the South—restaurants, public bathrooms, bus depots, and theaters did not exist in the community. Blacks were legally prevented from attending white schools and social conventions kept the churches and dances segregated; however, on occasion white and Black musicians gathered at dances. Blacks and whites also collaborated on farming efforts and white merchants were willing to extend credit to Blacks (Lornell 1976, p. 47).

This was the social and economic context in which Black musicians were performing secular music in the Cedar Grove community from the late 1930s until the late 1940s. Fiddles and banjos were the principal instruments of these musicians. Many musicians from nearby communities traveled to Cedar Grove to accompany dances known as set dances, square dances, or most commonly, barn dances. Interviews with senior residents of the community reveal that these dances were occurring as early as the 1880s and as late as

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the 1940s (Lornell interview with Joe Thompson, May 15, 1976 and Graybeal interview with Lois Hughes, July 10, 1997).

The occurrence of these square dances was related to the agrarian cycle in Cedar Grove. The dances were held in celebration of the completion of harvesting in the fall and the recreational season was ushered in by a "corn shucking" dance between mid- October and November. Some dances attracted as many as seventy-five to 100 people, many of whom traveled from distant parts of the county and neighboring counties (Lornell interview with Buck Turo, May 8, 1976). The dances were held for two or three months in succession, until the arrival of spring necessitated that farm work resume. "Chopping time," when wood was cut and fed to tobacco-curing fires, represented winter's end (Lornell interview with Joe Thompson, May 15, 1976).

In the Cedar Grove community, the Black population was interrelated and relatively stable. This stability, and the fact that tunes were passed down from older musicians, rendered the musical repertoire fairly limited and almost universally known within this community network. The repertoire of Cedar Grove's Black string band musicians stems from two primary sources: that of medicine and minstrel shows, and the indigenous white instrumental tradition. The medicine and minstrel shows provided entertainment in the form of music, comedy skits, short plays and story telling. Medicine shows were commonplace by 1900 and perhaps evolved from the minstrel shows which were most popular in the South between 1850 and 1870, and continued to be enjoyed until the late 1920s (Vukan 1948, p. 85; Redfield as cited in Lornell 1976, p. 36).

Perhaps a more important source for many of the tunes performed by Cedar Grove Black musicians was the indigenous white instrumental tradition. This instrumental tradition originated from the British Isles and remains vital in the Southern Appalachian mountains. This music was and is currently performed utilizing the stringed instruments of the fiddle, the banjo, and more recently the guitar (Davidson and Newman, as cited in Lornell 1976, p. 39).

Largely due to the relatively isolated nature of the community, the square dances were enabled to continue in Cedar Grove through the 1940s. Limited diversity of recreational activities and restricted travel during the 1930s compelled residents to support the dances as a celebratory and social activity. The dances provided entertainment as well as an opportunity for congregating with neighbors. The square dance tradition thrived until the 1950s when radios and television became relatively commonplace in the community. Additionally, residents began leaving the farms for manufacturing jobs in the nearby towns of Mebane and Hillsborough. By the early 1950s the square dances had ceased (Lornell 1976, p. 61).

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

GOVERNMENT/Post Office
AGRICULTURE/Agricultural field
AGRICULTURE/outbuilding
LANDSCAPE/forest
LANDSCAPE/natural feature

Current Functions

AGRICULTURE/Agricultural field
AGRICULTURE/outbuilding
LANDSCAPE/forest
LANDSCAPE/natural feature

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Greek Revival
Gothic
Commercial style
Bungalow/Craftsman

Materials

foundation: stone
walls: brick
stone
roof: metal

8. Statement of Significance

Significant Dates

1939

Builder

Hayes, Jim
Burch, Coleman

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Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register Historic District boundary for the Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District primarily follows property lines and is most easily defined by reference to Orange County Tax Map numbers 32 and 38 of Cedar Grove Township. Beginning at the northeast corner of the district, the boundary line originates at the point of intersection of the northern property line of lot 15, map 32 and Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR 1357). From this point, the boundary runs east along the northern property line of lot 15, map 32 and turns south to coincide with the rear (east) property line for lot 15, map 32 until it intersects the treeline as indicated on the Cedar Grove Quadrant of the U.S. Geological Survey Maps. Hence, the boundary runs south along this treeline until it intersects the northeast corner of lot 14A, map 32. From this point it runs south along the western property line of lot 14A, map 32 until it intersects Carr Store Road (SR 1004). Hence, the boundary turns west along the north side of Carr Store Road until it intersects the northeast corner of lot 2, map 38. It then coincides with the east and south boundaries of lot 2, map 38 and continues across Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR1357) to coincide with the southern boundary of lots 20A, 22 23B and 23 and 23A, 39A on map 32. The boundary proceeds west for approximately 400 feet. Then, the boundary turns west and follows the rear property lines of lots 22, 23B, 23, 26A, 23A, 39A, and 250 feet of lot 39 on map 32. From this point the boundary proceeds north to the point at which the northwestern line of lot 39, map 32 intersects Carr Store Road (SR1004). From this point, the boundary coincides with the northern property line of lot 39 until it intersects the southeastern corner of lot 34, map 32. From this point, the boundary runs southeast until it intersects the northwestern corner of lot 28, map 32 and follows the northern line of lots 28 and 29, map 32. From the northwest corner of lot 29, the boundary crosses Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR1357) to intersect with the originating point at the northeast corner of lot 15, map 32.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the Cedar Grove Rural Crossroads Historic District encompass entire land tracts and portions thereof that are historically associated with the original farm tracts owned by community farmers. The land tracts included are those that currently reflect historic viewsheds and field patterns as indicated on U.S. Department of Agriculture Aerial Maps dating to 1938. The boundaries encompass the intersection of Efland-Cedar Grove Road (SR1357) and Carr Store Road (SR1004) which appears on an 1891 survey map of the Cedar Grove Township (Tate). Each end of the district is anchored with a contributing resource.

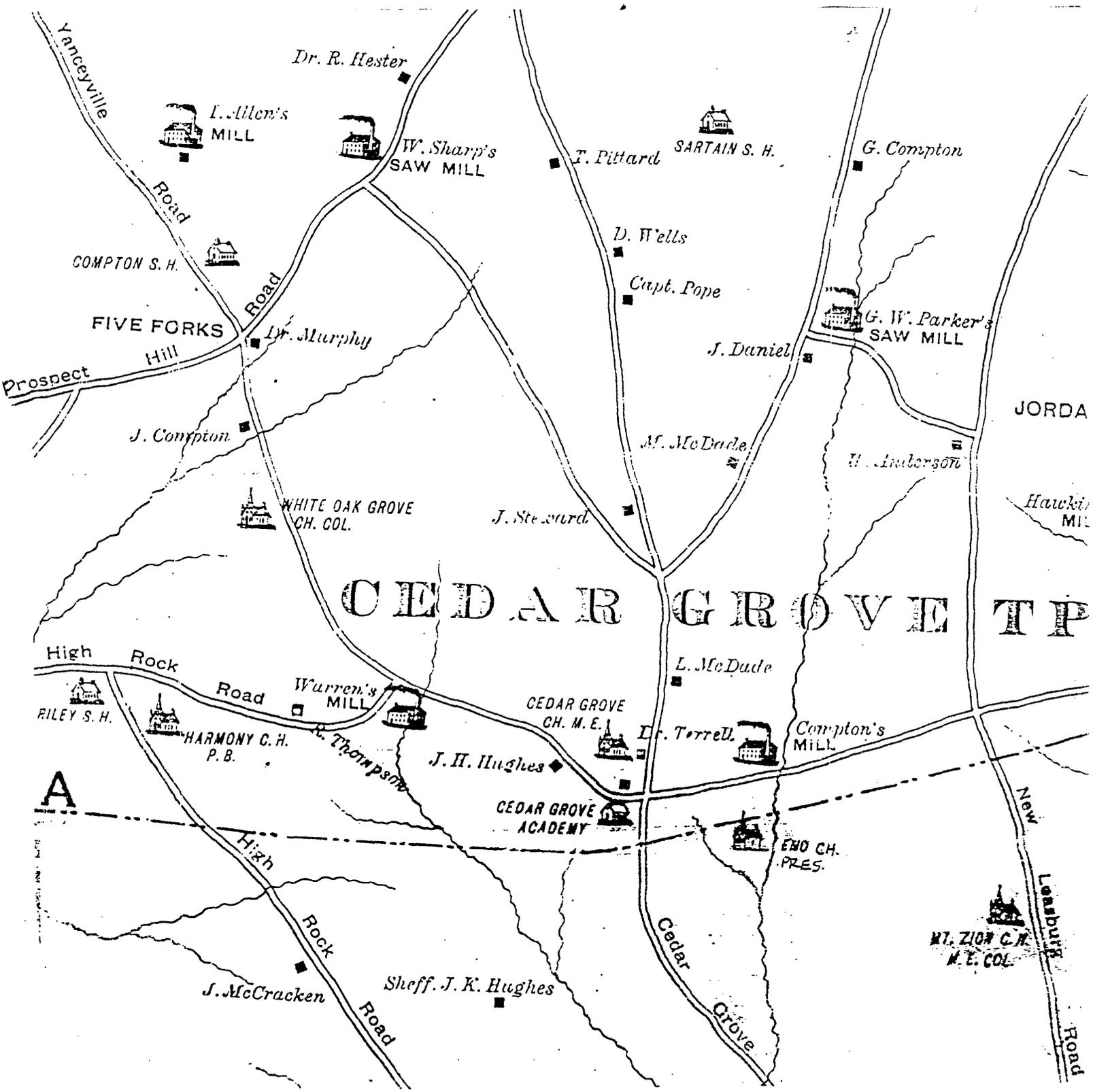


Exhibit 1:

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1891 Survey By George Tate

Orange County, NC