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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Winfall Historic District

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 101-529 Main St., 100-144 Wiggins Rd., 110 Bembury Rd., 105 Winfall Blvd., 210-310 Catherine St., 202 Church St., 209 White St., 107-110 Two Mile Desert Road N/A not for publication

city or town Winfall N/A vicinity

state North Carolina code NC county Perquimans code 143 zip code 27985

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 for 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.)

Allyson Crow SHPO 11/25/02
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

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

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

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

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
72	29	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
73	29	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: Single Dwelling
- DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure
- COMMERCE: General Store
- RELIGION: Religious Facility
- TRANSPORTATION: Railroad
- TRANSPORTATION: Service Station
- AGRICULTURE: Agricultural Outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

- DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling
- DOMESTIC: Secondary Structure
- GOVERNMENT: Post Office
- RELIGION: Religious Facility
- TRANSPORTATION: Railroad
- AGRICULTURE: Agricultural Outbuilding

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

- LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne
- LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY
- AMERICAN MOVEMENTS: Bungalow
- LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY
- REVIVALS: Colonial Revival
- MODERN MOVEMENT: Ranch Style

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation BRICK
- walls WOOD: Weatherboard
- SYNTHETICS: Vinyl
- roof METAL: Tin
- other CONCRETE
- ASPHALT
- METAL: Aluminum

Narrative Description

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

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

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

- 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)

Architecture

Commerce

Period of Significance

1860-1950

Significant Dates

c. 1881

1887

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

Primary location of additional data:

- X State Historic Preservation Office
Other State Agency
Federal Agency
Local Government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Winfall Historic District
Name of Property

Perquimans County, NC
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 20 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	<u>18</u>	<u>368040</u>	<u>4009060</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u>18</u>	<u>368480</u>	<u>4009180</u>

3	<u>18</u>	<u>368770</u>	<u>4009180</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	<u>18</u>	<u>369100</u>	<u>4009060</u>

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

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

Boundary Justification

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Heather Fearnbach, consultant
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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 Multiple (more than 50)
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 listing. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*)

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7. Narrative Description

The Winfall Historic District encompasses approximately twenty acres of the town of Winfall, which is located northeast of Hertford in the Parkville Township of Perquimans County. The town was laid out in a grid plan in 1873, with lots ranging in size from one-quarter-acre to one acre. The principal road in the district is Main Street, the primary east/west corridor through town, although some contributing resources are located on perpendicular side streets. The streets running parallel to Main Street have a much higher percentage of non-contributing buildings and therefore are not included in the district. The Norfolk and Southern Railroad bisects the 400 and 500 blocks of Main Street, running north and south. The topography of the region is flat, with houses and farms randomly scattered in the area outside the district. Hardwood and pine trees line the streets of Winfall and border the fields outside of town. The Perquimans River separates the towns of Winfall and Hertford.

The historic commercial buildings of Winfall are in the center of town, at the intersection of Main Street with Catherine Street and Winfall Boulevard. These modest one and two-story frame structures are all located in close proximity to the railroad. The depot that served Winfall is no longer extant. Community buildings such as schools and town offices are modern buildings outside the district. Epworth United Methodist Church, a one-story, frame, Gothic Revival building located near the western end of Main Street, is the only church in the Winfall Historic District.

Winfall's residential buildings were constructed from 1865 through the 1950s, with the majority dating from the late-nineteenth-century building boom that followed the arrival of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad in 1881. Most of these one-and two-story frame buildings, located east and west of the small commercial district at the center of town, display modest Victorian-era decorative embellishments such as sawnwork brackets and turned porch posts. The circa 1888 W.E. Speight House, the circa 1890 J.D. White House, the circa 1894 Alonzo R. Winslow House, the circa 1895 R.T. White House, and the circa 1920 Jesse H. Baker House boast elaborate sawnwork elements including brackets, pendants, balustrades, posts, bargeboards, and spindle friezes.

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Early-twentieth-century Craftsman elements such as truncated posts on brick piers are also evident in the district on houses at 205 and 305 Main Street. The circa 1920 Jesse A. Baker House and a more modest home at 302 Main Street have Colonial Revival columns incorporated into traditional porch forms. The circa 1937 house at 513 Main Street is a good example of a one-story, shingled, period revival cottage, while its circa 1935 neighbor across the road at 510 Main Street is a classic, two-story, three-bay, boxy, Colonial Revival house. The majority of the houses are single-family dwellings and many have been rental houses since their construction. The houses are set back an average of twenty-five feet from Main Street, with new curb-and-gutter serving most of the street.

The outbuildings in the district are primarily one-story, frame, gable-roofed, weatherboarded sheds and garages located behind residences on small lots. A few properties include detached kitchens, carriage houses or workshops. They appear to date from the early-twentieth century to the present.

In summary, the Winfall Historic District contains a substantially intact collection of historic resources reflecting the development of the community from the 1860s through the early 1950s, with the majority of the contributing resources dating from the late-nineteenth to the early-twentieth century. There are one hundred and one resources in the Winfall Historic District, seventy-three percent of which are contributing. The noncontributing resources, most of which are modest ranch houses and recently constructed sheds and garages, do not overwhelm the contributing resources.

Inventory List

The inventory list for the Winfall Historic District begins with the westernmost property on the north side of Main Street and moves east to the end of Main Street, including resources located on side streets running perpendicular to Main Street (with the exception of Catherine Street and Two Mile Desert Road). At its eastern terminus Main Street becomes Bembury Road, with Wiggins Road forking off to the southeast. The inventory follows the Wiggins Road fork, and includes resources on first the eastern side of

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Wiggins Road and then the western side, looping back to Main Street. The inventory then follows Main Street back to the western end, listing properties on the south side of the street and on side streets running perpendicular to Main Street. The inventory ends with one property on Catherine Street and two properties on Two Mile Desert Road that are a distance from Main Street.

Each resource is designated as contributing (C) or non-contributing (NC) to the historic significance and integrity of the district. The designation criteria were based on age, condition and degree of alteration. Buildings pre-dating 1952 were considered contributing if they retained architectural integrity. Non-contributing buildings were constructed after 1952 or lack architectural integrity. Each resource is listed as a building or structure. Vacant lots are also noted. Each resource is assigned a number and each secondary resource within a property is assigned a letter. These number and letter designations are keyed to an overall map of the district and to photographs.

The methodology utilized in the completion of the nomination included field survey, research, and interviews with property owners. Whenever possible, the original owner's name (based on deed research) was given to a property. The survey files resulting from the field survey include photographs, historic data sheets, and maps.

No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
1	House	C	c. 1900	building	103 Main St.
This two-story, three-bay, double-pile, frame house has six -over-six sash windows, replacement doors, one interior chimney, a one-story rear shed addition, an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof, and brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation. Most of the exterior is sheathed in weatherboards, but brick veneer covers the first story of the facade.					
1a	Garage	NC	c. 1970	building	
This one-story, frame garage, located northeast of the house, has an open bay and an entrance to a shed room on its southern elevation.					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
2	House	NC	c.1955	building	111 Main St.
<p>This one-and-one-half story, three-bay, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has windows with three horizontal panes, a continuous brick foundation, an asphalt shingle roof, a small front gable porch hood, and a one-story rear addition.</p>					
3	Mobile Home	NC	c.1970	building	113 Main St.
<p>This single-wide mobile home is currently vacant.</p>					
4	House	C	c.1890	building	115 Main St.
<p>This one-and-one-half story, three-bay, single-pile, weatherboarded, frame house has original two-over-two sash windows and a standing seam metal, side-gable roof. The east side of the front shed-roofed porch has been enclosed. Chamfered posts support the porch roof. A small end chimney serves the main portion of the house, which sits on brick piers. The one-story rear ell is served by a stovepipe chimney.</p>					
5	House	C	c. 1895, 1940	building	202 Church St.
<p>This one-and-one-half story, three-bay, frame building, formerly the Church of the Good Shepherd, was converted into a residence around 1940. Shingled gables and one paired window are all that remain of the Gothic Revival ornamentation. The house has two dormers with four-over-four sash windows, a gable-roofed porch with aluminum posts on the front elevation, a small rear addition, six-over-six sash windows, a continuous concrete block foundation, and an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof. A single interior chimney with a tall corbelled stack serves the building. German siding covers the front elevation, while the rest of the house is sheathed in weatherboards.</p>					
6	House	C	c. 1900	building	133 Main St.
<p>This two-story, three-bay, hip-roofed, aluminum-sided, frame house has a shingled front gable, a projecting bay on the east elevation, and a standing-seam metal roof. The one-story hip-roofed front porch has been partially enclosed and brick veneered. A series of additions extend from the rear elevation. Brick piers infilled with brick form a continuous foundation.</p>					
6a	Garage	C	c. 1950	building	
<p>This one-story, gable-roofed, two-car garage, located northwest of the house, has asbestos siding and an asphalt shingle roof. The garage doors each have sixteen lights over six vertical panels.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
6b	Shed	C	c. 1950	building	
<p>This one-story, gable-roofed shed, located northeast of the house, has double three-over-one windows and a hollow-core door on the front elevation, small four-light windows on the side elevations, and a brick chimney on the rear elevation. The building has a continuous brick foundation, a standing-seam metal roof, and is sheathed with asbestos siding.</p>					
7	House	NC	c. 1960	building	201 Main St.
<p>This one-story, gable-roofed, brick Ranch house has small six-over-six sash windows, a central gable-roofed portico with aluminum supports, a one-story rear shed addition, and an asphalt shingle roof.</p>					
8	House	NC	c. 1955	building	203 Main St.
<p>This one-story, front-gable-roofed, frame house has a continuous concrete block foundation, an asphalt shingle roof, and a front shed addition with horizontal two-over-two sash windows. German siding covers the house with the exception of the front addition, which is sheathed with sheet paneling.</p>					
9	House	C	c. 1920	building	205 Main St.
<p>This two-story, three-bay, triple-A-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has a two-story rear ell with a one-story shed addition, four-over-four sash windows, brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation, two interior chimneys with corbelled stacks, and an asphalt shingle roof. Four bungalow posts support the shed-roofed front porch.</p>					
9a	Garage	NC	c. 1970	building	
<p>This small, gable-roofed, one-bay garage, located east of the house, has a retractable aluminum door on the front elevation and a dutch door and small window on the west elevation.</p>					
10	House	C	c.1890	building	209 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, L-plan, gable-roofed, frame house has a rear ell, four-over-four sash windows, a front door with sidelights, deep cornice returns, brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation, two interior chimneys with corbelled stacks, a standing-seam metal roof, and blue vinyl siding. Chamfered posts support the one-story, shed-roofed, front porch.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
10a	Kitchen	C	c. 1890	building	
<p>This one-story, one-room, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame kitchen, located north of the house, has four-over-four sash windows, brick piers, a standing-seam metal roof, and an engaged shed-roofed porch with square posts on the front elevation.</p>					
11	House	C	c. 1900	building	301 Main St.
<p>This two-story, L-plan, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has a one-story rear ell, two-over-two sash windows, an asphalt shingle roof, and brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation. Turned posts support the hip-roofed front porch. A one-story addition on the western elevation has an interior chimney.</p>					
11a	Garage/Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
<p>This frame building, located north of the house, has two open car bays on the western elevation and an enclosed storage area on the eastern elevation.</p>					
12	House	C	c. 1930	building	305 Main St.
<p>This one-story, front gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame bungalow has six-over-six sash windows protected by storm windows, an asphalt shingle roof, two interior chimneys in the main section of the house, one exterior brick chimney on the rear shed addition, and brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation. Bungalowoid posts support the hip-roofed front porch. A porch railing composed of square wooden balusters appears to be a recent addition.</p>					
12a	Garage	C	c. 1930	building	
<p>This frame building, located northwest of the house, has two open car bays on the southern elevation.</p>					
12b	Workshop	C	c. 1930	building	
<p>This weatherboarded frame workshop, located east of the house, has a double-wooden door on its southern elevation, and is larger than the bungalow it is associated with. The building has three one-over-one sash windows on each of its other elevations, a concrete block foundation, and a standing-seam metal, front-gable roof.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
13	House	C	c. 1930	building	309 Main St.
<p>This modest, side-gable-roofed, frame house with a one-story rear ell and six-over-six wood sash windows is clad in vinyl siding. The front porch has been enclosed to form a sunroom, with a centrally located door. Eighteen one-over-one windows provide light for the sunroom. A large deck extends from the rear elevation. The house rests on brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof.</p>					
13b	Garage	C	c. 1950	building	
<p>This one-story, frame garage, located north of the house, has an open shed addition on its east elevation, vertical sheathing, and a standing-seam metal roof. Double doors provide access to the garage, which sits on a concrete pad.</p>					
14	House	C	c. 1930	building	311 Main St.
<p>This one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, aluminum-sided, frame house with a one-story rear ell has full-width shed dormers on the front and rear elevations, paired six-over-one sash windows protected by aluminum storm windows, brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation, a standing-seam metal, steep side-gable roof, and a central chimney stack. A half-story shed extends from the back of the rear ell.</p>					
14b	Shed/Carport	C	c. 1950	building	
<p>This one-story, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame shed, located north of the house, has an attached carport on its east elevation. Double doors provide entry to the shed on the southern elevation. Several small four-light windows are on each of the other elevations. The building is protected by a standing-seam metal roof and sits on a concrete pad.</p>					
15	White Store	C	c. 1893	building	317 Main St.
<p>Formerly a general store/residence, this two-story, weatherboarded, frame building with six-over-six sash windows and a standing-seam, front-gable metal roof now serves as the post office. The two-story, hip-roofed front porch has bungalow posts on the first floor and chamfered posts with sawnwork brackets on the second floor. A one-story, frame addition on the western elevation has a rear ell and a front porch that connects to the main block of the building. An interior brick chimney serves the main section, while a single-shouldered exterior chimney serves the side addition. The White family operated the store until 1901, when it was sold to the Wards.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
16	Alonzo R. Winslow House	C	c. 1894	building	409 Main St.

This two-story, L-plan, weatherboarded, frame house has two-over-two sash windows protected by storm windows, a standing-seam metal roof, and brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation. An exterior end chimney on the western elevation serves the house. A one-story, shed-roofed porch with turned posts, sawnwork balusters and brackets extends across the front elevation, while a two-tier porch with a sawnwork balustrade and lattice extends across the western elevation of the two-story rear ell. A bay window with sawnwork brackets projects from the first floor of the western elevation. Other decorative elements include shingles in the front gable and bands of vertical boards at the foundation, second floor, and cornice levels. Alonzo R. Winslow had extensive landholdings in Perquimans County, and owned a sawmill and cotton gin in the Winfall vicinity.

16a	Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, brick shed, located northeast of the house, has two six-over-six sash windows and a five-horizontal-panel door on its front elevation. A standing-seam metal roof covers the shed.

16b	Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame outbuilding, located northwest of the house, has shed rooms on either side of the central section. The building sits on a concrete block foundation and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof. There are three board-and-batten doors on the eastern elevation of the building.

16c	Garage	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame garage, located northwest of the house and barn, has an open bay in its southern elevation and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof.

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
17	W.E. Speight House	C	c. 1888	building	505 Main St.

This two-story, two-bay, L-plan, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has a two-story rear ell with a one-story shed addition, an exterior brick chimney with one-to-five common bond and a corbelled stack, a boxed cornice, and a standing-seam metal roof. A one-story, hip-roofed porch with chamfered posts and sawnwork brackets wraps around the front and rear elevations. There is a two-story porch on the rear ell. W.E. Speight bought the lot for this house in 1888 for \$52.00.

17a	Mobile Home	NC	c.1970	building	
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This double-wide mobile home sits on a concrete slab and functions as a storage shed.

18	Alphonso White House	C	c. 1895	building	507 Main St.
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This late tripartite form, two-story, aluminum-sided, frame house has a two-bay central section with one-and-one-half story wings. One central chimney serves the main block of the house, while the one-story rear ell has an end chimney with a hooded stack. There is a one-story, hip-roofed porch with chamfered posts on the front elevation. The house is protected by a standing-seam metal roof with deep cornice returns, sits on brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation, and has two-over-two sash windows. Alphonso White was a prominent landowner and merchant.

18a	Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame shed, located northeast of the house, has a small porch on its eastern elevation and an unusually long overhang that provides additional shelter on the western elevation. The shed sits on brick piers and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof.

18b	Garage	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame garage, located just north of the house, has two open bays on its eastern elevation. The garage sits on a concrete block foundation and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof.

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
19	J.D. White House	C	c. 1890s	building	511 Main St.
	This two-story, two-bay, side-gable-roofed, vinyl-sided, frame house with a one-story rear ell has two interior chimneys with corbelled stacks. A distinctive two-story, hip-roofed porch with elaborate sawnwork posts, brackets, and balustrade protects a central doorway with sidelights and a transom. The front elevation has six-over-six sash windows, while the other elevations have four-over-four sash windows.				
19a	Shed	C	c. 1940	building	
	This small, one-story, weatherboarded, frame shed, located northeast of the house, has an entrance on the gable end and a standing-seam metal roof.				
20	House	C	c. 1937	building	513 Main St.
	This one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, frame, shingled, period revival cottage has a small pergola over the front landing. A dormer on the west side of the front elevation is balanced by a projecting gable on the east side of the elevation. A small addition projects to the west side and rear of the main block of the house. The house sits on a continuous brick foundation and has an asphalt shingle roof.				
20a	Garage	NC	c. 1980	building	
	This one-story, two-bay garage with vinyl siding and an asphalt shingle roof is located north of the house.				
20b	Shed	C	c. 1950	building	
	This one-story, brick shed, located northeast of the house, has a fixed six-light window on its southern elevation and a standing-seam metal roof.				
21	House	C	c. 1900	building	515 Main St.
	This two-story, two-bay, side-hall plan, weatherboarded, frame house with a one-story rear ell and interior chimney stacks has a standing-seam metal, front-gable roof and brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation. The one-story, shed-roofed, front porch and one-story, shed-roofed porch on the rear ell have chamfered posts and sawnwork brackets. The two-over-two sash windows are original but the front door has been replaced. The interior four-raised-panel doors and door hardware are original.				

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
22	House	C	c. 1930	building	519 Main St.
<p>This one-story, front-gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has a hip-roofed, screened-in front porch, standing-seam metal roof, original two-over-two sash windows protected by aluminum storm windows, and brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation.</p>					
23	Mobile Home	NC	c. 1970	building	521 Main St.
<p>This single-wide trailer is situated perpendicular to Main St.</p>					
24	Mobile Home	NC	c. 1970	building	523 Main St.
<p>This single-wide trailer is situated parallel to Main St., northeast of Property # 25.</p>					
25	House	C	c. 1930	building	525 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, side-gable-roofed, frame house has a one-story rear ell, a concrete block foundation, two interior chimneys, replacement one-over-one sash windows, new doors, a standing-seam metal roof and aluminum siding. The hip-roofed front porch has replacement square posts and a turned balustrade.</p>					
25a	Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
<p>This small, one-story, weatherboarded, frame shed, located northeast of the house, has German siding, a standing-seam metal roof, and sits on brick piers.</p>					
26	R.T. White House	C	c. 1895	building	529 Main St.
<p>This two-story, cross-gable, vinyl-sided, frame house has a one-story, hip-roofed porch with sawnwork brackets, turned posts and balusters, and a spindle frieze with pierced sawnwork that wraps around the front and west elevations. Sawnwork bargeboards decorate the gables. Two interior chimneys with recessed panels and corbelled caps serve the house. The building is protected by an asphalt shingle roof, sits on brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation, and has two-over-two sash windows. R.T. White purchased the house lot in 1893 for \$1.00 and sold the house and lot in 1904 for \$1,200.00.</p>					
26a	Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
<p>This one-story, weatherboarded, frame shed, located northwest of the house, has two windows in its eastern elevation and an entrance in its front (southern) elevation. The shed sits on brick piers and has an asphalt shingle roof.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
27	House	NC	c. 1940	building	110 Bembury Road

This one-story, three-bay, frame house has vinyl siding, a continuous foundation parged with concrete, replacement one-over-one aluminum sash windows, a central portico on the front elevation, recycled early-twentieth-century double doors, and an asphalt shingle, side-gable roof. A one-story, one-room, flat-roofed addition with a side porch extends from the southern elevation.

28	House	NC	c. 1960	building	119 Wiggins Road
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This one-story brick ranch house has a low gable roof covered with asphalt shingles, six-over-six sash windows, and a recessed front entry.

28a	Shed	NC	c. 1960	building	
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This one-story, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame building with open shed additions on the north and south elevations and a standing-seam metal roof is located southeast of the house.

29	William W. Phillips House	C	c. 1871	building	123 Wiggins Road
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This one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, weatherboarded, frame coastal cottage has an engaged front porch, rear shed rooms, and single-shouldered brick chimneys that serve the main block of the house. The front door, sidelights, transom and nine-over-six sash windows are original elements of the house. A one-story ell with a porch on the southern elevation extends from the rear of the building. The house sits on brick piers and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof.

29a	Garage	NC	c. 1970	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame building with a standing-seam metal roof and two open garage bays on the western elevation is located northeast of the house.

30	House	NC	c. 1980	building	133 Wiggins Road
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This one-story, vinyl-sided, frame house has a continuous brick foundation, one-over-one windows, an asphalt shingle roof, and one end chimney with a corbelled stack on the southern elevation. The front portico and side porch have aluminum columns.

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
31	Jesse H. Baker House	C	c. 1920	building	144 Wiggins Road

This expansive two-story, hip-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house was moved approximately two hundred feet across Wiggins Road to its current location. The house now sits on a continuous brick foundation with brick latticework vents and is protected by an asphalt shingle roof. A one-story, hip-roofed porch with Tuscan columns and a turned balustrade wraps around the southern, eastern and northern elevations. The two-story, hip-roofed porch on the rear (western) elevation includes an enclosed sunroom on the first-floor level. Sawntwork decorates each gable. One interior chimney with a corbelled stack survived the move, as did all of the original six-over-one sash windows. Jesse H. Baker was a prominent local merchant.

31a	Carriage House	C	c. 1920	building	
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This one-story, hip-roofed, weatherboarded, frame building is located east of the Baker House across Wiggins Road. The building, which sits on brick piers and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof, has an open carriage bay in its western elevation, as well as a door that provides access to a storage room.

31b	Barn	C	c. 1920	building	
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This large, weatherboarded, frame barn, located south of the carriage house, has an open equipment storage shed on its northern elevation and an enclosed shed room on its southern elevation. The central section has a large double door on the front elevation, with a hay loft door above it. The barn has a standing-seam metal roof and sits on brick piers.

31c	Shed	C	c. 1940	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame building, located south of the barn, is a series of connected, one-story, frame sheds with open equipment bays. The shed has a standing-seam metal roof and sits on brick piers.

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
32	House	NC	c. 1920	building	100 Wiggins Road

The original section of this one-and-one-half story, three-bay, gable-roofed, aluminum-sided, frame house is surrounded by one-story additions on the front and rear elevations. The central section has a standing-seam metal roof, while the additions have asphalt shingle roofs. The building has replacement two-over-two-horizontal-sash windows and rests on a concrete block foundation.

32a	Shed	C	c. 1910	building	
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This one-story, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame shed, located southeast of the house, has a large, partially collapsed equipment storage shed on its northern elevation. The shed rests on brick piers and has a standing-seam metal roof.

33	House	NC	c. 1960	building	524 Main St.
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This one-story, three-bay, frame house has a low hipped-roof, two-over-two horizontal sash windows, a continuous brick foundation, vinyl siding, and an attached open garage on the western elevation.

34	Mobile Home	NC	c. 1970	building	522 Main St.
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This single-wide mobile home is located behind Property # 35.

35	House	C	c. 1910	building	520 Main St.
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This two-story, gable-roofed, L-plan, frame house has a shed-roofed front porch with aluminum posts, a one-story rear ell, two-over-two wood sash windows, brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation, aluminum siding, replacement shutters, storm windows and doors, a standing-seam metal roof, and interior chimneys.

35a	Shed	C	c. 1950	building	
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This one-story, gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame shed, located southeast of the house, has a standing-seam metal roof and an entrance on its northern elevation.

35b	Garage	NC	c. 1970	building	
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This one-story garage, located southeast of the house, has two open bays on its western elevation.

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
36	House	NC	c. 1955	building	516 Main St.
<p>This one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, gable-roofed, frame house has a continuous brick foundation and an asphalt shingle roof. A large gable-roofed portico shelters the side entrance, while the front entrance is protected by a small shed-roofed portico.</p>					
36a	Garage	NC	c. 1955	building	
<p>This one-story, concrete block garage with an open bay on its eastern elevation and rear shed additions is located southwest of the house.</p>					
37	H.T. Billups House	C	c. 1910	building	514 Main St.
<p>This two-story, front-gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has a two-over-two sash windows, an interior chimney with a corbelled stack, and a hip-roofed porch supported by turned posts that wraps around the front and west elevations. The southern end of the porch on the western elevation has been enclosed to form a small room. A one-story ell with a porch on its western elevation extends from the back of the house. The building sits on brick piers and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof with deep cornice returns. The house is currently vacant and in fair condition.</p>					
38	House	C	c. 1935	building	510 Main St.
<p>This two-story, three-bay, side-gable-roofed, vinyl-sided, frame, Colonial Revival house with six-over-six sash windows has a front portico that replaced a two-story front porch. The one-story, shed-roofed porches on the western and southern elevations have been enclosed to form a sunroom and screened-in porch, respectively. Exterior end chimneys serve the house, which has an asphalt shingle roof. Interior woodwork, five-raised-horizontal-panel doors and hardwood floors are intact.</p>					
38a	Garage	C	c. 1940	building	
<p>This one-story, weatherboarded, frame building with one open bay and a shed room is located southeast of the house.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
39	Willis L. Jessup House	C	c. 1901	building	504 Main St.

This two-story, L-plan, frame, vernacular Queen Anne-style house has a hip-roofed porch that wraps around its north and west elevations and a one-story rear ell. A tower with a flared polygonal asphalt-shingled roof projects from the center of the front elevation. Interior chimneys with corbelled caps serve the house. The building is protected by a standing-seam metal roof and sits on brick piers that have been infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation. The house is currently undergoing extensive renovations, which include the application of gray vinyl German siding, vinyl shutters, and new two-over-two windows.

39a	Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, brick shed with a standing-seam metal roof and a door in its northern elevation is located southeast of the house.

39b	Shed	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame shed, which has a door in its western elevation, a shed addition on the south elevation, and a standing-seam metal roof, is located directly south of the brick shed.

39c	Garage	C	c. 1930	building	
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This one-story, weatherboarded, frame garage has German siding, a standing-seam metal roof, and two open bays on its northern elevation secured by new plywood doors.

40	Winfall Service Station	C	c. 1920	building	105 Winfall Boulevard
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This one-story, three-bay, weatherboarded, frame gas station has a steep hip roof sheathed in standing-seam metal, double windows with five-light transoms and a door with a three-light transom on the front elevation, and a series of post-1960 shed additions on the south (side) elevation. The service station has been closed for some time.

41	Railroad Right-of-Way	C	c. 1881	structure	
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This section of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad bisects the 400 and 500 blocks of Winfall's Main Street.

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
42	Josiah H. White Rental House	C	c. 1885	building	404 Main St.

This one-and-one-half story, three-bay, double-pile, center-hall plan, weatherboarded, frame house has six-over-six sash windows, an engaged front porch with pierced sawnwork posts and an enclosed rear porch. Sidelights and a transom surround the front door. The house sits on brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation and has an asphalt shingle roof. Josiah H. White built the house as rental property.

43	Store	C	c. 1890	building	210/212 Catherine St.
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These two frame store buildings are connected by a hyphen and a full-length, shed-roofed, front porch. The northern end is a one-story, three-bay, front-gable-roofed building with deep cornice returns, while the southern end is a two-story, three-bay building with a shingled front gable and a narrow one-story rear ell. Both buildings have large plate-glass windows on the first floors of their facades and six-over-six sash windows on the rest of the elevations.

44	Josiah H. White House	C	c. 1875	building	312 Main St.
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This two-and-one-half-story, two-bay, double-pile, gable-roofed, frame house has a side hall plan, an interior brick chimney, and a hip-roofed front porch. A one-story shed addition extends across the rear elevation. The house sits on brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation and is protected by a standing-seam metal roof. The building was renovated in 2001, and received aluminum siding, replacement windows, and new chamfered porch posts and balustrade. Josiah H. White bought this lot and the lot across the street in 1873.

44a	Garage	C	c. 1950	building	
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This one-story, German-sided, frame garage has a standing seam roof and an open bay on its northern elevation.

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
45	Sallie M. Phillips House	C	c. 1881	building	308 Main St.
<p>This one-story, weatherboarded, L-plan, frame house with a standing-seam metal roof has a rear ell and a projecting front gable room with a bay window. One interior chimney serves the house, which sits on brick piers. Paired posts with sawnwork brackets support the hip-roofed porch. Sidelights and a transom frame the four-paneled front door. Sallie M. Phillips bought this lot from Josiah H. White in 1881 for \$50.00.</p>					
46	John A. Bennett House	C	c. 1865	building	306 Main St.
<p>This two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed, frame house has two-over-two horizontal sash and four-over-four sash windows, a standing-seam metal roof with deep cornice returns, a one-story rear ell and a hip-roofed porch with turned posts and sawnwork brackets that wraps around its front and west elevations. The porch on the west elevation has been enclosed to form a room. The house is clad with asbestos siding and is missing an exterior chimney.</p>					
47	House	C	c. 1900	building	302 Main St.
<p>This two-story, aluminum-sided, L-plan, frame house with four-over-four sash windows has a continuous brick foundation, a standing-seam metal roof, a two-story, flat-roofed ell with a one-story rear shed addition, and a hip-roofed front porch supported by wood columns. A front-gable with bay windows and sawnwork brackets projects from the western end of the façade.</p>					
48	House	C	c. 1940	building	210 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, front-gable-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has six-over-six sash windows, an interior brick stovepipe chimney, a standing-seam metal roof, and a hip-roofed front porch with chamfered posts. The foundation is sheathed in pressed tin.</p>					
49	House	C	c. 1940	building	208 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, concrete block house has brick quoins, one-over-one replacement windows, a standing-seam, front-gable, metal roof, an interior stovepipe chimney, and a hip-roofed front porch with square posts.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
50	Epworth United Methodist Church	C	c. 1903	building	206 Main St.
<p>This one-story, vinyl-sided, frame, Late Gothic Revival church has a projecting gable-end entry flanked with ornamental buttresses that culminates in a bell tower. An arched stained-glass transom tops the Gothic double doors at the front entrance. The double-hung, wood sash, pointed-arch windows also have stained-glass panels and arched surrounds. Original interior elements include bead-board wainscoting and ceiling sheathing. The church sits on a continuous brick foundation and is protected by an asphalt shingle roof. Shadrach M. Hurst deeded this lot to the church in 1903.</p>					
51	House	NC	c. 1960	building	206 White St.
<p>This one-story, low gable-roofed, brick Ranch house has a recessed front entry and an attached garage on its western elevation.</p>					
51a	Garage	NC	c. 1980	building	
<p>This one-story, vinyl-sided, frame building has a garage door on its northern elevation. The building sits on a concrete block foundation and is protected by an asphalt shingle roof.</p>					
52	House	NC	c. 1960	building	209 White St.
<p>This modest one-story, three-bay, low gable-roofed, brick ranch has a recessed front entry, one-over-one sash windows and an asphalt shingle roof.</p>					
52a	Carport	NC	c. 1960	building	
<p>This one-story carport has frame walls on its southern and western elevations and is open on the other two. The building has an asphalt shingle roof.</p>					
53	House	NC	c. 1955	building	130 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, side-gable-roofed, frame house with a front porch and additions on the east and south (rear) elevations has a standing-seam metal roof, replacement one-over-one sash windows, and a continuous brick foundation. The house has been sheathed with vinyl siding and has vinyl shutters.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
53a	Garage	NC	c. 1955	building	
<p>This one-story, weatherboarded, frame garage has an open bay on its western elevation and a shed room on its eastern elevation.</p>					
54	Robert White Rental House	C	c. 1895	building	126 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, side-gable-roofed, frame house has four-over-four sash windows, a hip-roofed front porch, brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation and a rear enclosed porch with a shed addition. The house has been sheathed with vinyl siding and has an asphalt shingle roof. Robert White owned several rental properties in Winfall.</p>					
55	House	C	c. 1920	building	118 Main St.
<p>This two-story, three-bay, side-gable-roofed, frame I-house has two-over-two sash windows, interior chimneys with corbelled stacks, a concrete block foundation, a hip-roofed front porch with square posts, and a one-story rear ell with an interior stovepipe chimney. The house is clad with asbestos siding and has an asphalt shingle roof.</p>					
56	House	C	c. 1930	building	112 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, front-gable-roofed, frame bungalow has three-over-one sash windows, one interior stovepipe chimney, a standing-seam metal roof, a front hip-roofed porch with square posts, and brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation. The house is clad with asbestos siding everywhere but under the front porch.</p>					
57	House	C	c. 1900	building	110 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, single-pile, side-gable-roofed, frame house has a four-over-four sash windows, a one-story rear addition and an enclosed shed-roofed front porch. The house sits on brick piers, is protected by a standing-seam metal roof, and is sheathed with weatherboards covered with aluminum in places. One interior stovepipe chimney serves the house.</p>					
57a	Mobile Home	NC	c. 1970	building	
<p>This single-wide mobile home sits perpendicular to Main Street.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
58	House	C	c. 1930	building	108 Main St.
<p>This one-story, three-bay, gable-roofed, frame bungalow has six-over-six sash windows, two interior stovepipe chimneys, a standing-seam metal roof, a front hip-roofed porch, and brick piers. The front gable is decoratively shingled above the double windows.</p>					
59	House	NC	c. 1920	building	104 Main St.
<p>This two-story, two-bay, double-pile, hip-roofed, frame house has one-over-one replacement windows, an enclosed hip-roofed porch on the front and eastern elevations, one interior chimney, brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation, and an asphalt shingle roof. A garage has been added to the eastern elevation.</p>					
60	House	C	c. 1910	building	102 Main St.
<p>This two-story, three-bay, triple-A-roofed, weatherboarded, frame house has two-over-two sash windows, interior end chimneys with corbelled stacks, an asphalt shingle roof, a hip-roofed porch with turned posts that wraps around the front and west elevations, and a two-story rear ell with an interior chimney. The house, which is vacant, has collapsed off some of its brick piers.</p>					
61	Store	C	c. 1890	building	310 Catherine Street
<p>Formerly a commercial building/residence, this two-story, weatherboarded, frame building with two-over-two sash windows, scrolled eave brackets, an asphalt shingle, front-gable roof, and brick piers infilled with concrete block to form a continuous foundation, was converted into apartments and is currently vacant. A recessed entry with raised-panel wainscoting is centrally located on the front elevation. A one-story, shed-roofed, screened-in porch with bungalow posts extends across the rear elevation. One interior chimney with a corbelled stack serves the building.</p>					
62	House	C	c. 1920	building	110 Two Mile Desert Road
<p>This one-story, three-bay, single-pile, frame house has six-over-six sash windows, replacement doors, vinyl German siding, a standing-seam metal roof, brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation, a screened-in, shed-roofed, front porch, and a rear shed addition. A single-shouldered chimney on the southern elevation serves the house.</p>					

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No.	Property Name	C / NC	Date	Type	Address
63	House	C	c. 1890	building	107 Two Mile Desert Road

This two-story, three-bay, single-pile, aluminum-sided, frame house has four-over-four sash windows, interior end chimneys with corbelled stacks, a standing-seam metal roof, brick piers infilled with brick to form a continuous foundation, a two-story, Colonial-Revival porch, and a series of one-story rear additions. The front door is a replacement, but an original four-light transom and sidelights remain.

8. Summary Statement of Significance

The Winfall Historic District, located northeast of Hertford in the Parkville Township of Perquimans County, is a well-preserved small town that evolved from a crossroads community into a commercial and residential center. The arrival of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad in 1881 initiated the growth of the town. Although the economy of Perquimans County has always been rooted in agriculture - from corn, wheat and cotton in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries to tobacco, peanuts and soybeans in the twentieth century - the lumber industry bolstered the economy by the early twentieth century. As agricultural and industrial enterprises prospered, Winfall became a center of the local economy, thus meeting National Register Criterion A for commerce. The success of the community during this period is reflected in the collection of late-nineteenth and early-to-mid-twentieth-century buildings that line Main Street. Winfall has one of the most intact assemblages of vernacular Queen Anne, Craftsman and Colonial Revival-inspired dwellings in Perquimans County, thus meeting National Register Criterion C for architecture. The period of significance for the district begins in 1865, the date of construction of the earliest building in Winfall, and continues to 1950, encompassing the primary years of the town's development. There are 101 resources in the Winfall Historic District, seventy-three percent of which are contributing. The noncontributing resources, most of which are modest ranch houses and recently constructed sheds and garages, do not overwhelm the contributing resources.

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Perquimans County, formed around 1668 as a precinct of the County of Albemarle, is bisected by the Perquimans River. The two resulting land masses are Durants Neck to the northeast and Harveys Neck to the southwest. Creeks and swamps further define the landscape. The county has been divided into five townships (Belvidere, Bethel, Hertford, New Hope, and Parkville) since 1868. The town of Hertford, incorporated in 1758, serves as the county seat. Winfall, located three miles northeast of Hertford in Parkville township, is the only other incorporated town in Perquimans County. The economy of the county has always been rooted in agriculture, resulting in rural communities growing up around water and transportation routes. The lumber industry also provided a large number of jobs for county residents by 1900, resulting in a period of countywide growth and change. Twelve communities had post offices in 1900: Beech Springs, Belvidere, Burgess, Chapanoke, Durants Neck, Dwight, Eva, Hertford, Jacocks, Nicanor, Winfall and Woodville.¹

The small crossroads community at the junction of the roads from Hertford and Parkville and the road from Woodville to Belvidere in rural Perquimans County was known as Red House Fork in the early nineteenth century. The community acquired the name Winfall when a store at the intersection blew down in a storm. A few locally prominent men, including Josiah H. White, Jonathan W. Albertson and Edward C. Albertson, began purchasing land near the junction in 1850. By 1872 a modest commercial district and residential area had developed.²

The street plan for the town of Winfall was laid out in 1873, the same year the community acquired a post office and became an election precinct. The street grid utilized Main Street as the primary east/west corridor. King, Queen, Cornelia and

¹ The exact date of the storm event that resulted in Winfall's name is not known. Dru Gatewood Haley and Raymond A. Winslow, The Historic Architecture of Perquimans County, North Carolina (Elizabeth City: Precision Printing, 1982), 2, 59.

² Ibid., 229.

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Randolph Streets ran parallel to Main Street, while Spence, Kirby, Catherine, Louisa and White Streets ran perpendicular to Main Street. Streets such as Louisa, Catherine and Cornelia were named after the wives of prominent landowners.³

The arrival of the Norfolk and Southern Railroad in 1881 promoted further growth in town. Winfall was one of five railroad stops along the sixteen-mile stretch of line in Perquimans County. The Norfolk and Southern stops in Winfall, Chapanoke, Benbury, Hertford and Yeopim provided farmers with a faster and more direct link to the markets of Virginia and encouraged the development of lumber companies throughout the county.⁴

Elihu A. White planned an addition to Winfall of 133 lots north of King Street in the 1880s, and many of those lots were sold to black workers who were employed at the Major and Loomis Mill in the 1890s. Winfall was incorporated in 1887, with A.S. Jordan serving as the first mayor. The town's population numbered 222 by 1900, resulting in the construction of new residential and commercial buildings through the early twentieth century. Winfall's population remained steady through the 1910s and early 1920s, and grew to 426 by 1930.⁵

Winfall teemed with activity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. *The Albemarle Observer*, a biweekly newspaper published in Edenton, reported on the social scene of the small town. Winfall residents received friends and relatives and hosted surprise parties, wedding showers, receptions and religious revivals. They shopped, attended church services, went to school and received medical care in Hertford, Elizabeth City, Greenville and Norfolk. They visited nearby attractions such as Virginia Beach and the U.S. Fish Hatchery near Edenton, and traveled further afield to destinations such as Baltimore, Philadelphia and Niagara Falls. The paper also covered somber events such

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid., 56.

⁵ Ibid., 229; Alan D. Watson, Perquimans County: A Brief History (Raleigh: Division of Archives and History, 1987), 107.

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as deaths, wrecks on the Norfolk-Southern line and accidents at the Major and Loomis Mill.⁶

Business directories from the period document that in 1903, H.D. Pendleton, Alphonso White, George W. Turner and W.H. Speight owned grocery stores in Winfall's commercial district. W.L. Jessup, Watson Winslow and W.F.C. Edwards sold general merchandise. These stores served town residents and local farmers from the northeastern part of the county who came into town to shop, retrieve their mail and ship their crops out of town by rail. When the first permanent bridge replaced the pontoon bridge that linked Winfall and Hertford in 1897, much of Winfall's commercial trade moved across the river into Hertford.⁷

Other entrepreneurs in early twentieth-century Winfall included J.W. Hurdle, who operated a livery stable, J.R. Billups, who plied his trade as a blacksmith, Thomas Perry, who provided masonry and plastering services, and A.J. Bright, who was a millwright. The physician B.W. Hathaway served the community's four hundred residents. There were two boarding houses in town: the Hotel Billups and a house managed by Mrs. Elihu White. In 1907, J.E. Davidson and W.D. Miller were the town butchers, and J.R. Billups shipped produce. Wilson Hendricks and F.W. Humphlette ran wood-working shops. W.H. Moore and Elihu Felton worked as barbers in town. In 1910, five general merchants remained in Winfall: E.B. Daughtrey, W.L. Jessup, J.H. Baker, J.W. Ward, and Alphonso White.⁸ Alphonso White and Alonzo R. Winslow owned saw mills and grist mills in the Winfall vicinity. The White and Jessup cotton gin operated just outside the town limits.⁹

⁶ *The Albemarle Observer*, Edenton, North Carolina, 1914-1915.

⁷ *The News and Observer*, The North Carolina Yearbook and Business Directory (Raleigh: The News and Observer, 1903), 441.

⁸ Watson, Perquimans County, 107.

⁹ Levi Branson, Branson's North Carolina Business Directory (Raleigh: 1884, 1890, 1897); *The News and Observer*, The North Carolina Yearbook (1907, 1910).

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The economy of Perquimans County has always been rooted in agriculture. Small subsistence farms produced two principal crops in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Indian corn and wheat, in addition to small quantities of oats, beans and potatoes. By the early nineteenth century, Quaker out-migration resulted in the consolidation of small parcels of land into large plantations. The slave labor force in the county also increased, and the cultivation of cotton rose dramatically by 1860. During the early twentieth century, peanuts and soybeans emerged as important cash crops. Tobacco was also grown, but not on a large scale.¹⁰

By the early twentieth century, the lumber industry bolstered the economy of Perquimans County. George Major of New Jersey founded the Major and Loomis Mill on the banks of the Perquimans River between Winfall and Hertford in 1894. The twelve-acre mill site was adjacent to the railroad, making the export of items such as siding, molding, ceiling, flooring and dimensional lumber more efficient. The Frost and Davis Lumber Company of New York marketed the mill's pine products outside of North Carolina. The mill also sold lumber locally, and was an important part of the economy, employing 150 residents of Winfall and Hertford at the time it burned in 1951.¹¹

The commercial district in Winfall continued to be an important center of the community until the mid-twentieth century, when the nearby merchants of Hertford and Elizabeth City eclipsed the offerings of local storeowners. Winfall experienced a steep decline in population in the late 1930s, as reflected in the 1940 census count of 160 people, but regained residents by 1950, when the town numbered 421 people. There was not a great deal of growth in town after most of the stores closed in the late 1950s and early 1960s, which is reflected in the small number of homes along Main Street constructed after 1955.

¹⁰ Drucilla H. York and Raymond A. Winslow, Jr., "Old Neck Historic District," National Register of Historic Places Nomination, 1996.

¹¹ Haley and Winslow, The Architecture of Perquimans County, 232.

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Architecture Context

There are three other historic districts in Perquimans County: Belvidere Historic District (NR 1999), Hertford Historic District (NR 1998), and Old Neck Historic District (NR 1996). The districts encompass buildings representing the early English settlement of Perquimans County in the eighteenth century through the mid-twentieth century. Winfall's development was relatively late in a county context, but is indicative of the significance of the arrival of the railroad to rural communities.

Residential Architecture

Standardized building materials began to appear in the built environment of Perquimans County in large quantities by the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Circular saw mills were operating throughout the county, and decorative sawnwork was available from the Major and Loomis Company, the Albemarle Lumber Company and M.C. Brown in Edenton. Traditional house forms such as the coastal cottage and the two-story, three-bay, frame house persisted through the early twentieth century, often enhanced with sawnwork elements. Queen Anne, Craftsman and Colonial Revival-inspired dwellings became increasingly popular by the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, most frequently appearing in the context of larger communities. In Hertford and Winfall, the growing speculative and rental housing market relied on simplified, traditional, one and two-story house forms.¹²

The domestic architecture of Winfall follows a traditional pattern from the side-hall to the center-hall plan, incorporating elements of various styles as they became popular. None of the houses are overwhelmed with ornamentation, but Queen Anne, Craftsman and Colonial Revival details are represented. Local sawmills may have provided the elaborate sawnwork elements that embellish many of the buildings. Most of the houses have been modified in some way, particularly by the installation of modern siding materials over original weatherboards, but the district as a whole retains architectural integrity.

¹² Ibid., 62.

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Winfall's earliest surviving houses include two simple, two-story, frame dwellings with side-hall plans and a one-and-one-half-story, frame coastal cottage. The circa 1865 John A. Bennett House and the circa 1875 Josiah H. White House have experienced exterior changes, but retain their original overall form. Both houses also reflect the building boom that followed the arrival of the railroad in 1881, with their hip-roofed porches supported by turned posts and sawnwork brackets. The circa 1871 William W. Phillips House is a late example of a coastal cottage with an engaged front porch and rear shed rooms. The house retains original elements including the front door, sidelights, transom, and nine-over-six wood sash windows.

Most of the contributing dwellings in Winfall date from 1880 to 1930. Modest one-story, frame houses sprang up along Main Street, with wealthy local businessmen such as Alonzo R. Winslow and Jesse H. Baker building more elaborate two-story, frame homes with sawnwork elements. Josiah and Robert White constructed one-story speculative houses to sell or rent. The largest and most architecturally distinctive dwellings are located at the center or on the outskirts of town, with more modest, simply adorned houses filling the space between.

Popular national architectural trends, such as the Queen Anne style, are sparsely represented in Winfall. The Queen Anne style is characterized by asymmetrical massing including a variety of forms, textures, materials and colors and architectural embellishments such as towers, turrets, tall chimneys, projecting pavilions, porches, bays and encircling verandas. A simplified version of the style, using locally known forms and incorporating a few new architectural embellishments, first appeared in Perquimans County in the 1890s. The circa 1904 Willis L. Jessup House at 504 Main Street boasts vernacular Queen Anne elements in its tower with a flared polygonal roof and its expansive porch.

The widespread availability and standardization of building materials during the mid-to-late-nineteenth century is reflected in the use of decorative mill-sawn elements throughout Winfall. The circa 1888 W.E. Speight House, the circa 1890 J.D. White

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House, the circa 1894 Alonzo R. Winslow House, the circa 1895 R.T. White House, and the circa 1920 Jesse H. Baker House have elaborate sawnwork elements including brackets, pendants, balustrades, posts, bargeboards, and spindle friezes. The circa 1885 Josiah H. White Rental House has pierced sawnwork porch posts, and turned posts abound on the porches of even the more modest homes of Winfall.

The simply finished, circa 1895 Alphonso White House, located amongst all of the Victorian embellishment in Winfall, provides contrast as the only tripartite house in town. The Palladian-inspired building form (a two-story, front-gable main block with one-story wings) of the Alphonso White House is increasingly rare in northeastern North Carolina. Three earlier examples of dwellings with tripartite forms survive in Perquimans County: the Elizabeth P. Clayton House (circa 1804), the William C. Scott House (circa 1830) and the Josiah H. White House (circa 1840).¹³

Period revival styles appeared in Perquimans County by the early twentieth century. As with other nationally popular styles, classically derived details rather than full-blown examples of the styles were incorporated into Winfall's building vocabulary. Colonial Revival columns appear on the porches of the circa 1920 Jesse H. Baker House at 144 Wiggins Road and a more modest home at 302 Main Street. The circa 1937 house at 513 Main Street is a good example of a one-story, shingled, period revival cottage, while its circa 1935 neighbor across the road at 510 Main Street is a classic, two-story, three-bay, boxy, Colonial Revival house.

The Bungalow style was more popular than other national styles in Perquimans County, with most examples being one-story, gable-front, frame houses with deep eave overhangs supported by oversized brackets and front porches with truncated posts on brick piers. A few one-story bungalows appeared in Winfall by the 1930s, and truncated posts on brick piers replaced turned posts on some porches along Main Street. The bungalows at 108, 112, and 305 Main Street are simple, one-story, frame examples built as cost-effective, middle-class housing. 305 Main Street has the best example of truncated posts on brick piers, while 108 Main Street has a decoratively shingled front gable. The circa 1920 two-

¹³ Ibid., 48.

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story frame house at 205 Main Street and the circa 1893 White Store also have truncated posts on brick piers.

Mid-twentieth-century garages are the most common outbuilding type in Winfall, but there are several clusters of earlier outbuildings. The circa 1901 Willis L. Jessup House, located at 504 Main Street, has a frame shed, a brick shed, and a garage (all appearing to date from the 1930s) associated with it. The circa 1894 Alonzo R. Winslow House at 409 Main Street also has a collection of 1930s outbuildings: a brick shed, a frame shed, and a frame garage. The outbuildings at the circa 1920 Jesse H. Baker House at 144 Wiggins Road include a weatherboarded carriage house, barn, and shed built about the same time as the house.

A relatively small number of one-story, low-gable-roofed brick Ranch houses were built on Main Street after 1955. Due to their lack of architectural and historical significance, these buildings have been classified as noncontributing.

Commercial Architecture

Five late-nineteenth- and early-twentieth-century frame buildings survive as vestiges of the once thriving commercial center of Winfall. These sparsely ornamented buildings, clustered at the intersections of Main Street with Catherine Street and Winfall Boulevard, range in size from one-story, one-room buildings to two-story buildings that served as stores and residences. All of the late-nineteenth-century commercial buildings have a front gable roof, while the Winfall Service Station, built in 1920, has a hipped roof. Most towns replaced their frame stores with brick ones by the turn of the twentieth century, but Winfall's frame commercial buildings remained. The expansive brick commercial building that once stood at the intersection of Main Street and Catherine Street was more in keeping with the size and scale of early-twentieth-century commercial buildings in neighboring Hertford.

The two-story, weatherboarded, frame, circa 1893 general store on the corner of Main Street and Catherine Street now serves as the Winfall Post Office. The two-story, hip-roofed front porch has truncated posts on brick piers on the first floor and chamfered posts with sawnwork brackets on the second floor. The two-story, weatherboarded,

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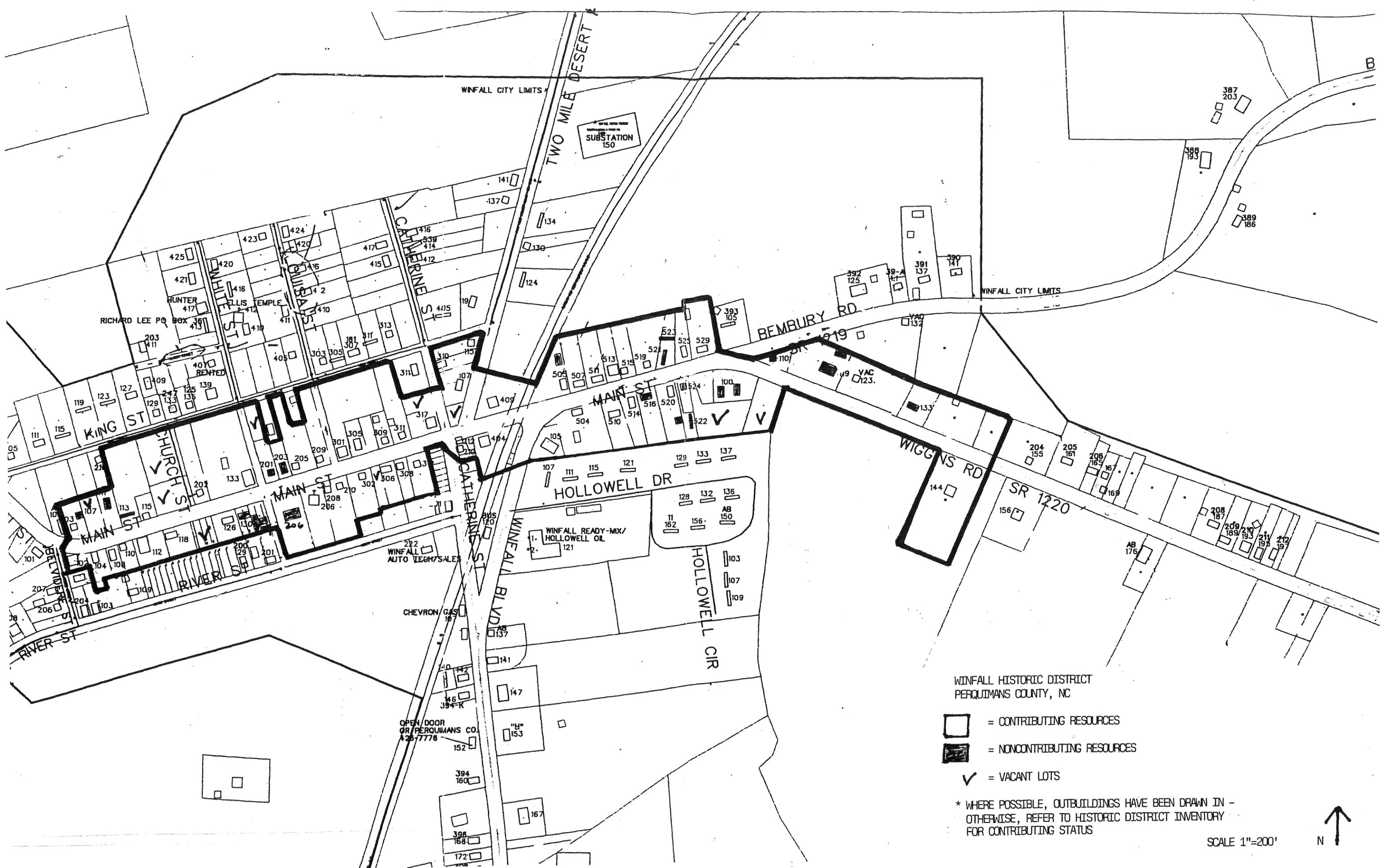
frame commercial building at 310 Catherine Street was also constructed in the late nineteenth century. A recessed entry with raised-panel bulkheads is centrally located on the front elevation.

The two one-story, frame buildings at 210 and 212 Catherine Street, (connected by a hyphen and a shed-roofed front porch), also functioned as general stores during the first half of the twentieth-century. The northern end is a one-story, three-bay, front-gable-roofed, building with deep cornice returns, while the southern end is a two-story, three-bay building with large store-front windows, a shingled front gable and a narrow one-story-rear ell. None of the commercial buildings retain general store-era interior elements such as display counters and shelving.

The circa 1920 Winfall Service Station, positioned on the corner of Main Street and Winfall Boulevard, has been vacant since it was replaced by a modern gas station across the railroad tracks. The Winfall Service Station, built during the transition from simple filling stations, selling only gas and oil, to full-service stations with rest rooms and retail sales areas, is characterized by a hipped-roof and an engaged canopy supported by truncated posts on brick piers. The additions to the south elevation of the building functioned as garage and storage areas.

Churches

Epworth United Methodist Church, built in 1903, is the only surviving church in the Winfall Historic District. The building, an excellent example of the Gothic Revival style, is one of only a few such churches in Perquimans County. Its ornamental buttresses, arched window and door surrounds, double doors, and projecting gable-end entry are intact. Interior elements such as beadboard wainscoting and ceiling sheathing also survive.



WINFALL CITY LIMITS

SUBSTATION
150

TWO MILE DESERT

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- = CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES
- = NONCONTRIBUTING RESOURCES
- ✓ = VACANT LOTS

* WHERE POSSIBLE, OUTBUILDINGS HAVE BEEN DRAWN IN - OTHERWISE, REFER TO HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY FOR CONTRIBUTING STATUS

SCALE 1"=200'



