

North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee Minutes  
**October 10, 2019**

The North Carolina National Register Advisory Committee (NRAC) met on October 10, 2019, in the second-floor conference room of the Archives and History Building at 109 East Jones Street in downtown Raleigh.

NRAC members attending the meeting were Chairman David Maurer, Tamera Holmes-Brothers, Alicia McGill, Kristen Baldwin-Deathridge, Matthew Jorgenson, Valerie Johnson, and Barbara Snowden.

NRAC members absent were Mary Lynn Bryan, David Dennard, Lee Edward Grey, and Terri Russ.

NC HPO staff in attendance included Hannah Beckman-Black, Jenn Brosz, Beth King, Jeff Adolphsen, Ramona Bartos, Amber Stimpson, Chandra Burch, Andy Edmonds, Scott Power, Anna Grantham, David Christenbury, Debbie Bevin, and Kristi Brantley.

The following guests attended: Peter Sittig, Mary Ruff Hanbury, Michelle Michael, Edna R. Rich-Ballentine, Mary Pope Furr, Martha Hartley, Mo Hartley, Jamie Lancaster, Paul Mohler, Matt Wilkerson, Lori Townsend, Jaquelin and Norman Perry, and Dan Pezzoni.

The meeting was delayed until a quorum was achieved. David Maurer called the meeting to order at 10:22 with Dr. Holmes-Brothers joining the meeting via telephone. Mr. Maurer reviewed the committee's conflict-of-interest policy and asked the committee members if they had any conflicts of interest with any of the National register nomination so Study List applications on the agenda. No conflicts were revealed. Mr. Maurer reminded everyone to sign into the meeting, to silence cell phones and devices, and to speak clearly and state your name when a motion. He also reminded the committee that tax credits should not be part of their deliberations.

Mr. Maurer moved directly into the National Register presentations because those presentations require a quorum to approve or reject them. Mr. Maurer noted that Study List applications can be addressed in a special meeting if necessary.

Mr. Maurer asked for approval of the June 2019 NRAC meeting minutes and offered two corrections: Maurer was misspelled throughout the minutes, and that the vote concerning the Bowman and Elizabeth Grey House Study List application was 7-0 because Mr. Jorgenson had recused himself for that vote.

Ramona Bartos noted that the committee will hear the requested additional information about Mt. Ararat Church at the February 2020 NRAC meeting.

Ms. Snowden made a motion to approve the amended and corrected minutes. Mr. Jorgenson seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0.

## National Register Nominations

Mr. Maurer recognized Scott Power to present the **Colerain Historic District** in Bertie County for listing on the National Register under Criterion A. Mr. Power began by welcoming Jaquelin and Norman Perry from Colerain, and he reported that town is in favor of the nomination. He also noted that Michelle Michael was the consultant. The historic district contains about 115 acres and follows the town's corporate bounds. Mr. Power presented images of the single-block commercial area, noted that the period of significance begins in 1846 based on cemetery and ends in 1969, at the 50-year cut off. Mr. Power discussed the agricultural fields used to justify a boundary that includes those cultivated fields.

Mr. Power continued with a presentation about **Warren Place** in Northampton County. He introduced Mary Ruffin Hanbury, the preparing consultant. Warren Place is eligible for the Register under Criterion C in architecture, as an example of Free-Classic, Queen Anne design. Mr. Power discussed the house's combination of Colonial Revival and Queen Anne design elements and noted that this is the best such house in the county. The resource's period of significance begins in 1910 and ends in 1920. The nominated boundary incorporates about 5 acres and 7 outbuildings that all contribute to the site's historic character.

Mr. Maurer called for comments and questions from the audience and committee. Mr. Jorgenson and Ms. Snowden complimented Michelle Michael on the Colerain nomination. Ms. Perry from Colerain complimented Ms. Michael and Mr. Power. Ms. Snowden moved to approve Colerain and Warren Place for nomination. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0.

Jenn Brosz presented **Evergreen Farm, also known as the James Monroe "Ploughboy" Jarvis Farm**, in Forsyth County. The farm was proposed for inclusion in the Register under Criteria A, B, and D, with a period of significance beginning in 1894 and extending to 1947. Ms. Brosz noted that Jarvis was not keen on farming, but he worked to make his farm a progressive farm. The nomination proposed listing the farm under Criteria A and B at the statewide level because of Jarvis' involvement in experimental and progressive farming; Jarvis' name was synonymous with scientific farming practices and he received numerous awards at the statewide level including recognition from State College as an agricultural scientist of distinction. The farm was also recommended for listing under Criteria D at statewide level for its potential to yield information about his holistic agricultural management. Ms. Brosz presented a site plan as well.

There were no questions from the committee or audience.

Ms. Brosz continued with the **Thomas A. Morgan Farm** in Vance County. This farm was proposed for listing under Criterion B for its association with Thomas A. Morgan was instrumental in the installation of a gyro compass that was not magnetically-based for naval ships. Morgan worked for the company that manufactured the compass, and he travelled all over the country, installing the devices. Morgan became the president of the company and lead the company into microwave and radar products, expanding the company from 5,000 people to 65,000 people during World War II. In 1948 he and the company were recognized for their contributions to World War II successes. Ms. Brosz discussed the family's time at the farm, and Morgan's farming and hunting uses of the land, and his work as a progressive farmer. It is the principal extant property in North Carolina associated with his life. The property is also eligible under Criterion C for its local architectural significance as a mid-twentieth century, Rustic Revival house.

Mr. Maurer called for questions and comments from the audience and committee. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked for the period of significance for the Morgan Farm. That period of significance begins in 1937, when Morgan purchased it and runs to 1967 when he died. Dr. McGill asked about a millstone that's located in the hearth and one at the front step of the Morgan Farm. Ms. Brosz answered that we do not know where they came from. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked if the B argument for the Morgan Farm is for local significance and she asked for clarification regarding how staff and the preparer decided against using the B argument. Ms. Brosz answered that the significance is limited to the local level based on available research; she noted that arguing a national level of significance would require far more investigation about other people involved in military-related technological advances.

Ms. Brosz presented **Oakwood Cemetery** in Wake County as eligible under Criterion B and C at the statewide level. The cemetery was formally established in 1869, with a section for confederate burials.

Mr. Maurer asked for questions or comments; there were no questions from the audience or committee.

Ms. Brosz presented **St. Ambrose Episcopal Church** in Wake County. The nomination argues that the church is eligible for the Register under Criteria A and C. She noted that Mary Ruffin Hanbury was in attendance and had authored the nomination.

When Mr. Maurer opened the floor for questions, Mr. Jorgenson asked how the 1980s additions fit in with the original building? Mary Ruffin Hanbury described how the building was always intended to expand. Ms. Brosz noted that the additions are architecturally congruous.

Dr. McGill moved to approve the nominations for Evergreen Farm, the Thomas Morgan Farm, the Oakwood Cemetery, and St. Ambrose Episcopal Church. Mr. Jorgenson seconded the motion and it passed, 7-0.

Hannah Backman-Black began her presentations with **Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church**. She noted that the church is eligible under Criterion C and that it meets Criterion Consideration A. The church dates to about 1830 and may be one of the county's oldest church buildings. The original meeting house form, with a side-elevation entrance, was converted to an end-entry with an apse in 1891. A newer church was built in 1946 and altered in 1964. The site includes an early 19<sup>th</sup> century cemetery.

Ms. Beckman-Black continued with the **Ben and Barbara Graves House** in Surry County. She noted that the presentation was created by Michael Southern. The house is eligible for the Register under Criterion C for its modern architecture, at the local level. The period of significance is 1953 to 1954.

Ms. Beckman-Black next presented **Ridge Westfield Elementary School**, also in Surry County. The modern school has a period of significance from 1957 to 1966. The school is proposed for the listing under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Ethnic Heritage.

Mr. Maurer opened the floor to comments and questions from the audience and committee. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked why Mt. Carmel was considered eligible under Criterion C, but that Criterion A was not considered; she argued that the evolution is expressed better using Criterion A. Consultant Dan Pezzoni and Ms. Beckman-Black noted that the building was Study Listed under Criterion C.

Dr. Johnston made a motion to approve Mt. Carmel, the Ben and Barbara Graves House, and the Ridge Westfield Elementary School nominations. Dr. McGill seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0.

## **Updates from the HPO**

With National Register nominations complete, Ramona Bartos reported on SHPO activities. Jeff Adolphsen, Reid Thomas, and John Wood have been spending a great deal of time working with properties affected by Hurricane Dorian. Ms. Bartos noted that the office was completing an application to the National Park Service for post-hurricane grant money for recovering from Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Ms. Bartos noted that a Building Showcase in Tarboro highlighted potential investment in old buildings in Tarboro, and that Mr. Maurer had been a presenter at the showcase.

She also informed everyone that HB 399 is moving forward to extend state tax credits.

Dr. Cherry reported that Archives and History has reconstructed Ft. Dobbs after 40 years of discussion. Ft. Fisher visitor center is included in the proposed budget, which has not passed yet.

Dr. Cherry further noted that a board book entitled *My North Carolina from A to Z* has been created for children focusing on notable African American figures in North Carolina history, and that the book will be passed around at lunch.

He reported that 15,000 people attended Pirate Day at the history museum, that the budget includes funds for renovation, and that the museum is hoping to expand into parking lot across from this building.

Dr. Cherry reports overall expansion, growth, and vision for the department rather than contraction and handwringing.

Dr. Johnson asked Dr. Cherry about the North Carolina Transportation Museum: The National Park Service awarded two Civil Rights grants to the Division of State Historic Sites (\$800,000) to restore the Tea House at Charlotte Hawkins Brown Site AND to restore 1920s era, segregated passenger car at museum.

Dr. Holmes-Brothers asked about hurricane repairs, noting that resiliency is an issue. Dr. Cherry agreed, noting that repairs made after one hurricane were sometimes undone by the next hurricane.

The committee recessed for lunch at 12:03. Dr. Holmes-Brothers was leaving the meeting, but Mr. Ruffin would be joining the meeting before 1, so that the committee should be able to maintain a quorum in the afternoon.

## **Lunch**

At 1:08, the committee reconvened. Mr. Ruffin had joined the meeting during lunch. At the chair's request, Ms. Snowden made a motion to adjust the agenda to move the eastern region properties ahead of the western region. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge seconded and the motion passed, 7-0.

Kristi Brantley updated members on reimbursement and travel forms.

Dr. Cherry updated the committee that we had submitted the NPS hurricane grant application, and he updated everyone with the news that the state tax credits extension passed the house this morning.

## **Survey Presentations**

Beth King introduced Dan Pezzoni as the consultant who conducted the Cleveland County post-World War II survey and a survey of Dallas. Ms. King noted that the projects were Certified Local Government grant projects.

Mr. Pezzoni presented his **Cleveland County** survey findings with the following properties recommended for inclusion on the Study List: Polkville Cotton Gin, Washington Theater, West Dixon Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge, Red Bridges Barbeque Lodge, the Fred and Eunice Simmons House, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Bruns High school, East Marion-Belvedere Park Historic District Boundary Increase, and Gardner-Webb University Historic District.

After Mr. Pezzoni's presentation, Mr. Maurer opened the floor for questions and comments.

Mr. Jorgenson asked why the Simmons House was being listed under Criterion C and not B. Annie McDonald explained that Mr. Simmons' office might be a better candidate for Criterion B. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge noted that B could be considered during a subsequent National Register Nomination. Ms. McDonald confirmed that a B argument could be added during the nomination process.

Mr. Jorgenson noted that Gardner Webb includes some buildings from the 1970s, and he asked how that would affect the period of significance. Mr. Pezzoni noted that some things are close to 50 years old now; Ms. McDonald noted that the Study List doesn't often include a period of significance.

Mr. Jorgenson made a motion to accept staff recommendations for Cleveland County for all the proposed study list properties. Dr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Pezzoni continued with **Dallas**. His presentation reviewed the existing district and then described the expansion area, which was proposed for Study Listing under Criteria A and C.

Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge moved to approve the Study List recommendation to expand the Dallas Historic District. Mr. Ruffin seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0.

### **Study List Applications**

Mr. Power presented the study list application on the **Tillery Cooperative Store**. He reviewed past investigations of a larger boundary and elaborated how the focus came to be on only the one store building.

Because one of the buildings in the immediate vicinity of the store had been, historically, a potato curing house, a question was asked about curing potatoes and Dr. Cherry expertly described potato curing. Mr. Ruffin and Ms. Snowden furthered the description and discussion of potato curing and storage, based on their knowledge of the process.

Mr. Power then presented the **Elizabeth City Boundary Increase**. This project resurveyed and updated the 1977 original district, expanded period of significance, and assigned contributing and noncontributing statuses to the resources, expanded the boundary by 42 primary resources, and corrected a mapping error regarding the boundary of the 1994 expansion.

Mr. Power continued with the **Elizabeth City Industrial Historic District**. He explained that Elizabeth City previously had more industrial buildings along the wharf, and that district encompasses the last remaining industrial buildings along the city's riverfront.

Mr. Maurer asked questions about ending the period of significance and about arbitrarily using the 50 year cut off.

Mr. Ruffin asked about seeing the coolers in the industrial historic district as part of continuation of use.

Ms. Snowden moved to approve the Tillery Cooperative Store, the Elizabeth City Boundary Increase, and the Elizabeth City Industrial Historic District applications for the Study List. Dr. Johnson seconded the motion and it carried, 7-0.

Ms. McDonald presented four Study List applications: **Downtown Sparta, Walton Park and Pool** in Asheville, **Skyline Lodge** in the Highlands Vicinity, and the **Yancey Theater** in Burnsville.

Mr. Ruffin noted that Sparta is moving its electricity lines underground.

Regarding the Yancey Theater, Ms. Snowden asked if the owners are interested in restoring façade. Ms. McDonald said she did not know the answer, but that she would ask the owners to consider that. Mr. Maurer noted they can come back with an updated application.

Dr. Johnson noted the importance of African Americans swimming and African Americans being in outdoor spaces, and that a nomination of the Walton Park and Pool property would add to growing scholarship on this property type and segregated space. Ms. McDonald said she will add a note to that effect to the file.

Mr. Maurer stated that he supports approval of the Skyline Lodge, and he noted that its evolution tells a story rather than presenting one period versus the other. Ms. McDonald noted that the building became a compatible blend of periods/styles.

Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge would consider Criteria C and A or just A for Skyline Lodge, and she recommended focusing more on Criterion A than C.

Mr. Jorgenson asked if one building (Skyline Lodge) can illustrate a broader pattern of history. Ms. McDonald answered yes. Mr. Maurer talked about extending that story too much or too far forward.

Mr. Jorgenson made a motion to accept staff recommendation to approve Sparta, Walton Park and Pool, and Skyline Lodge and to deny approval of the Yancey Theater. Dr. McGill seconded the motion, and it carried 7-0.

Dr. Cherry noted that staff will talk to the Yancey Theater owners about façade improvements.

Ms. Brosz presented **Cameron Presbyterian Church Cemetery** in Iredell County. The earliest grave maker is 1873. Dr. Cherry suggested that a local plantation was burying its enslaved dead closer to the main plantation house before the Civil War. Dr. Johnson thought it was reasonable to seek more information. Dr. Johnson noted that a researcher named Dr. Adams had focused on African American cemeteries and that the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission is working on cemeteries. The committee discussed possible research resources to this end. Dr. McGill recognized that National Register listing may never be possible because the Register is structured to focus on funerary art and that cemetery listing is, by design, difficult, and she suggested making sure staff communicates to local community about other avenues of research. Dr. Johnson recommended contacting Johnson C. Smith University archives. Dr. Johnson moved to defer a decision pending more information. Ms. Snowden seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Brosz presented the **Henry Fletcher and Carrie Allison Long House** in Salisbury, and Mr. Ruffin noted that the Long family is prominent in Salisbury. Ms. Brosz concluded that the house was probably eligible under B for its association with Dr. Long, and possibly under C.

Ms. Brosz presented the **Coble Dairy** in Lincolnton, noting significant integrity problems.

Ms. Brosz presented the **Stroup Garage/Carwash**, also in Lincolnton, likewise noting its significant integrity problems.

The committee did not have questions or comments, and Mr. Ruffin moved to accept staff's recommendations to approve the Long House and deny the Coble Dairy and Stroup Garage/Carwash. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge seconded Mr. Ruffin's motion and the motion passed, 7-0.

Sarah David presented the **Ervin Building** in Charlotte, and Mr. Ruffin asked for clarification on its construction date. The building is probably eligible for the Register under Criterion B for its association with a prolific and influential developer in post-World War II Charlotte. Mr. Jorgenson made a motion to approve the application, Ms. Snowden seconded the motion, and the motion carried, 7-0.

Ms. David continued with **Pilot Hosiery Mill** in Surry County. It is likely eligible for the register under Criterion A in the area of industry. Mr. Maurer asked if there was evidence of a stoop on the façade. There was no evidence of a stoop. Mr. Jorgenson moved to approve the application, Ms. Snowden seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Beckman-Black presented the **Alice Belle**, Core Sounder fishing vessel, and provided a helpful discussion of the intricacies of marine integrity and eligibility, and a discussion of how these resources are listed. Ms. Snowden mentioned her husband's connection to the North Carolina Maritime History Council that maintains the North Carolina Historic Vessel Registry; the chair decided that she did not need to be recused. Ms. Snowden discussed differences in shad boats and Core Sound boats. Dr. Baldwin-Deathridge asked if it still had its pilot house before rehabilitation because mid-restoration images show it gone.

Ms. Beckman-Black presented the **Moulder House** in Hope Mills. The house was moved in 1955, and the original porch was replaced at that time with a full-height, Colonial Revival portico. The committee has been denying such houses and staff recommended that the house is not a good candidate for the Register.

Dr. Johnson made a motion to approve staff recommendation of listing Alice Belle and denying the Moulder House. Mr. Jorgenson seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Ms. King presented **Helena High School** in Person County. Ms. King described the campus and recommended that it is probably eligible for the Register under Criterion A and C for its association with education and its architecture. Ms. Bartos wondered if the architect had worked in other locations on WPA projects.

Ms. Snowden moved to put the high school on the Study List. Dr. McGill seconded the motion. The motion passed, 7-0.

Mr. Maurer asked if any other business remained.

Ms. Bartos thanked the committee and colleagues.

Dr. Jorgensen moved to adjourn, and Dr. McGill seconded the motion. It passed, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11.



NATIONAL REGISTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
**NOTE ROOM CHANGE: Room 208, (Second Floor Conference Room)**  
 Archives and History Building, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh  
 October 10, 2019  
 NATIONAL REGISTER AND STUDY LIST AGENDA

COUNTY	PROPERTY/LOCATION	PRESENTER
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**NATIONAL REGISTER**

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

***Eastern Region***

Bertie	Colerain Historic District Colerain	Scott Power
Northampton	Warren Place Pendleton vicinity	

***Central and Southeastern Regions***

Forsyth	Evergreen Farm Winston-Salem and vicinity	Jennifer Brosz
Vance	Thomas A. Morgan Farm Townsville vicinity	
Wake	Oakwood Cemetery Raleigh	
	Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church Raleigh	
Richmond/Montgomery	Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church Norman vicinity	Hannah Beckman-Black
Surry	Ben and Barbara Graves House Mount Airy	
	Ridge Westfield Elementary School Mount Airy vicinity	

**STUDY LIST**

SURVEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER BRANCH

***Survey Projects***

Cleveland	Cleveland County Architectural Survey Update (See Attachment)	Dan Pezzoni
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Gaston	Dallas Architectural Survey Update (See Attachment)	Dan Pezzoni
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***Western Region***

Alleghany	Downtown Sparta Historic District Sparta	Annie McDonald
Buncombe	Walton Park and Pool Asheville	
Macon	Skyline Lodge Highlands vicinity	
Yancey	Yancey Theatre Burnsville	

***Eastern Region***

Halifax	Tillery Cooperative Store Tillery	Scott Power
Pasquotank	Elizabeth City Historic District (Boundary Increase) Elizabeth City	
	Elizabeth City Industrial Historic District Elizabeth City	

***Central/Southeastern Regions***

Iredell	Cameron Presbyterian Church Cemetery Statesville	Jennifer Brosz
	Henry Fletcher and Carrie Allison Long House Statesville	
Lincoln	Coble Dairy Lincolnton	
	Stroup Garage/Car Wash Lincolnton	
Mecklenburg	Ervin Building Charlotte	Sarah David
Surry	Pilot Hosiery Mill Pilot Mountain	
Brunswick	The Alice Belle Southport	Hannah Beckman-Black

Cumberland

The Moulder House  
Hope Mills

Person

Helena High School  
Timberlake

Beth King

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**Cleveland County Architectural Survey Update**

**Proposed Study List Properties**

Polkville Cotton Gin, Polkville, ca. 1940

Washington Theater, Shelby, ca. 1949

West Dixon Boulevard Pedestrian Bridge, Shelby, ca. 1950

Red Bridges Barbecue Lodge, Shelby, ca. 1952

Fred and Eunice Simmons House, Polkville vic., ca. 1951

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Shelby, 1956 and 1966

Burns High School, Shelby, 1967

East Marion-Belvedere Park Historic District Boundary Increase, Shelby

Gardner-Webb University Historic District, Boiling Springs

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**Dallas Architectural Survey Update**

**Proposed Study List Properties**

Dallas Historic District Boundary Increase

Gaston College Historic District

Holy Communion Lutheran Church, 1972