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RE: Historic Structures Survey Report for Henderson Grove Church Road Rail Crossing Closure and New Access Road, Y-5500 IA, Rowan County, ER 16-0955

Dear Ms. Alexander:

Thank you for your letter of January 4, 2017, transmitting the above-referenced report for an undertaking proposed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail's Division. As we discussed with you upon receipt of the report, we no longer accept reports directly from consultants. Rather, reports are to come to us from the responsible state or federal agency or from non-governmental clients. Given that there was a misunderstanding about this policy, we have accepted and reviewed the submittal.

The report does not contain any historical overview or context of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) in which to understand this interesting group of resources. In particular, several topics need to be addressed in the report.

1. The African American church (1) raises questions about whether the residential resources in the southern area of the APE are associated with an African American community. The church was veneered in brick within the historic time period and the report does not address the question of whether the church is an important institution or the building is architecturally significant.
2. The textile mill building (11) was remodeled in the 1960s, within the historic time period. Is this an important mill through the 1960s in Salisbury? Are the nearby houses associated with the mill?
3. Much of the commercial/industrial building (25) also appears to date to the historic time period. If it was a manufacturing building, then the bricked-up windows are not a major loss of integrity. Many mills have been listed in the National Register with bricked-windows. Also, the later addition dating to the 1960s appears to be intact. More contextual information about the 1950-1967 industrial development in Salisbury is needed to evaluate whether this company is of historic significance.

We would also note that the report and associated documentation do not meet our guidelines for historic structures survey reports that were posted January 1, 2016. We would ask that you review those guidelines at: [http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/er/Section106\\_Standards.html](http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/er/Section106_Standards.html) as you revise the report and supporting materials.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579 or [environmental.review@ncdcr.gov](mailto:environmental.review@ncdcr.gov). In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,



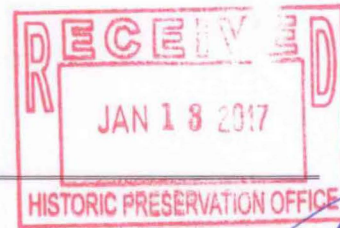
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*Rowan County, North Carolina*  
*TIP No. Y-5500IA, WBS No. 45533.1.4, ER 16-0955*

Dear Renee:

Enclosed please find for your review the following draft deliverables for the Henderson Grove Church Road project in Rowan County:

Hard Copies:

Survey Report (both Word and PDF formats)  
Survey Forms  
Photo Proof Sheets

CD:

GIS Data	Field Survey Maps
Survey Report (Word and PDF)	Labeled Survey Photos
Survey Forms (PDF)	Photo Proof Sheets
Survey Database	Survey Number Table

Please let me know if you have questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

MATTSON, ALEXANDER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

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President

cc: Mr. Jeffrey Schlotter, Senior Project Manager, H.W. Lochner, Inc.

Enclosures

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**HISTORIC STRUCTURES SURVEY REPORT**

**HENDERSON GROVE CHURCH ROAD  
RAIL CROSSING CLOSURE AND NEW ACCESS ROAD  
CITY OF SALISBURY AND ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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## Introduction

This historic structures survey report was prepared in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Rail Division project entitled, *Henderson Grove Church Road Rail Crossing and New Access Road*. NCDOT, Rail Division is studying a proposed closure of the Norfolk Southern Railway crossing (Rail Crossing 724 362M) at Henderson Grove Church Road (SR 1526) in Rowan County. As part of the project, a new road would be constructed to accommodate traffic affected by the Henderson Grove Church Road closing at the railroad. The TIP Number for the project is Y-5500IA, and the WBS Number is 45533.1.4. The project location is shown in **Figure 1**.

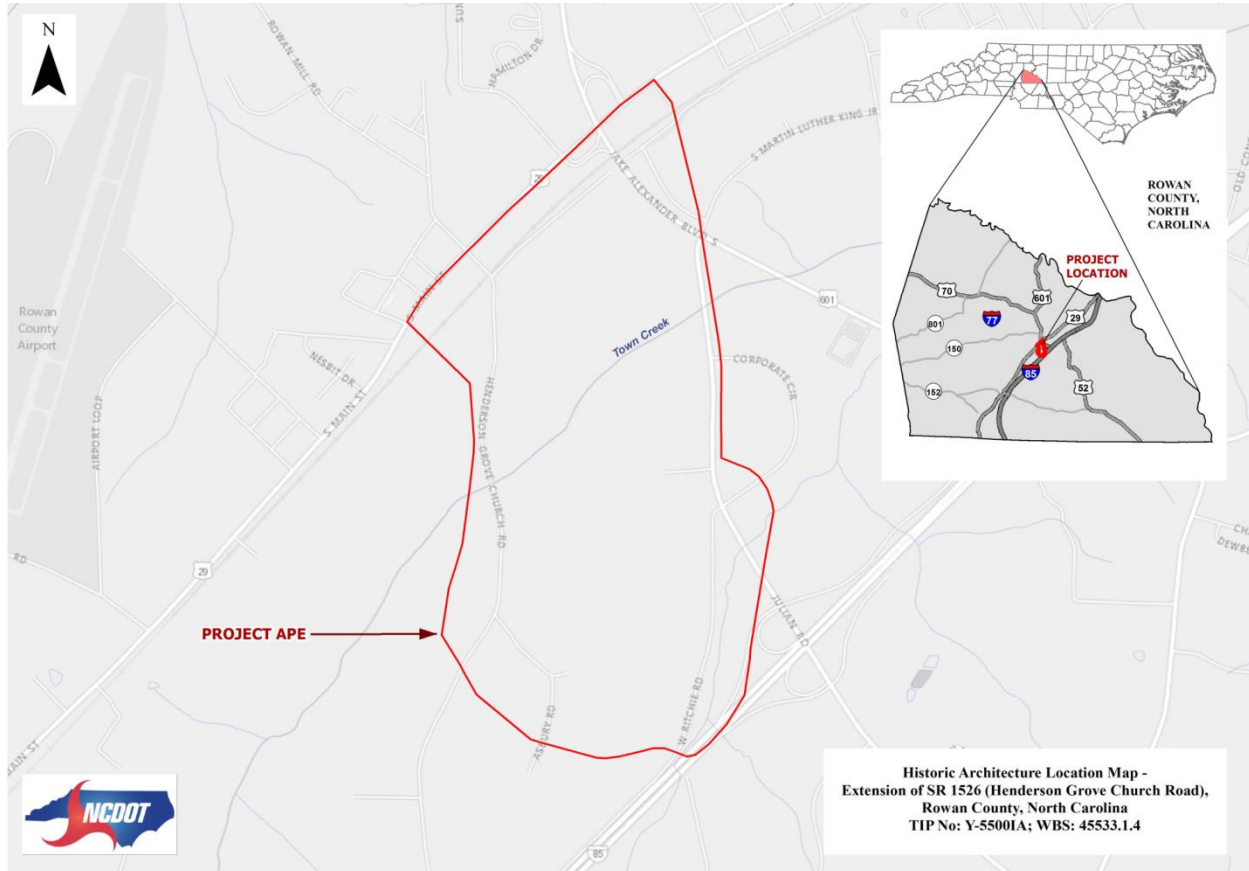
In May 2016, Mattson, Alexander and Associates, Inc. conducted a historic structures survey of the project area to define the area of potential effects (APE) and to identify all properties within APE that were at least fifty years of age. Subsequently, the properties were assessed for National Register eligibility. The APE was drawn to include any area that might be affected by the proposed improvements. The APE follows the southeast side of US 29 (South Main Street) on the north side of the study area; wooded, rolling terrain along the south side; I-85 and modern industrial and commercial construction along the east and southeast sides; and dense industrial development and wooded tracts along the north side. This APE boundary serves as an effective physical and visual buffer for the undertaking.

The historic structures survey of the APE in May 2016 identified and recorded twenty-five resources that were fifty years of age or older. None of the properties was recommended for National Register eligibility either because of a loss of integrity or a lack of architectural or historical significance. The surveyed properties are shown on detailed maps of the APE (**Figures 2A-2C**).

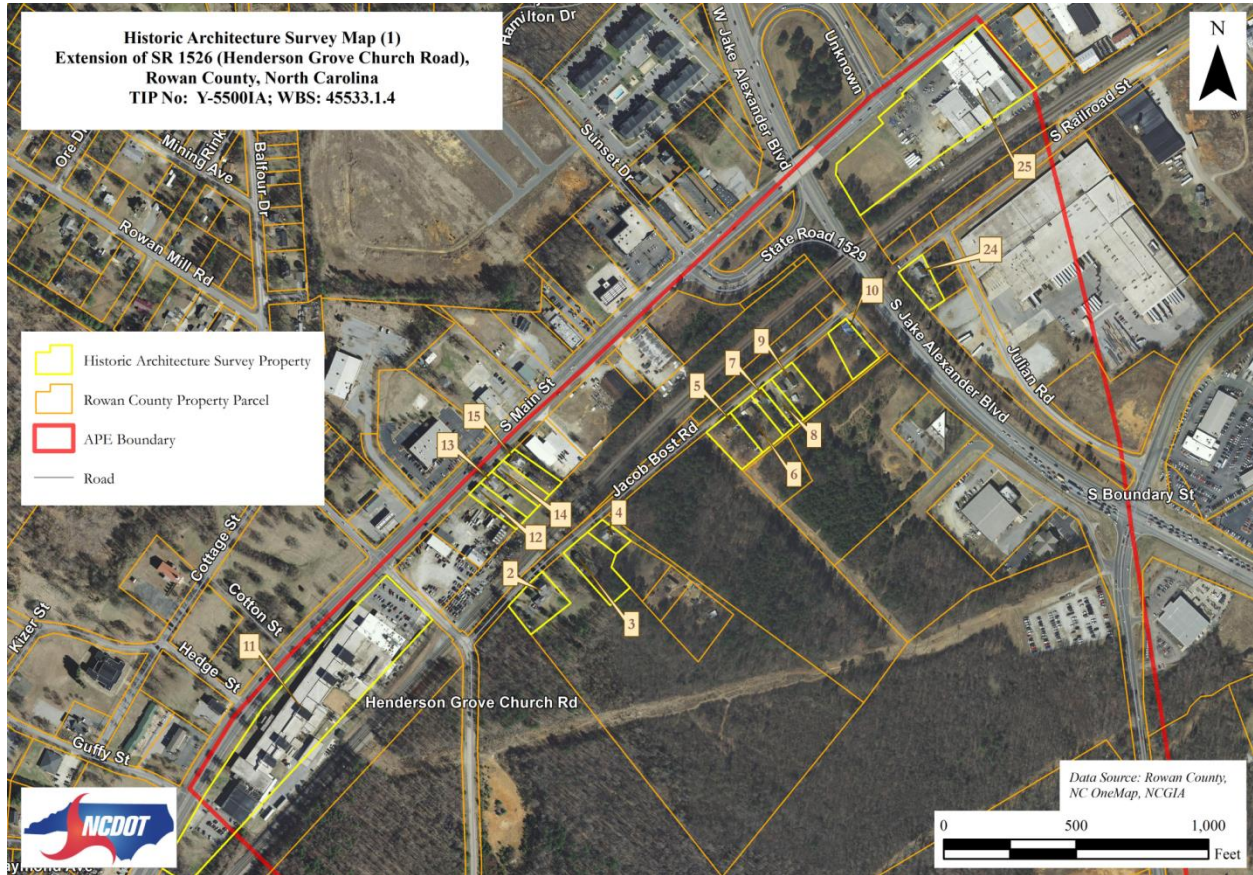
This historic structures survey report is part of the environmental studies undertaken by NCDOT and is on file at NCDOT, Rail Division, Raleigh, North Carolina. This documentation complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (36 CFR 800), the National Register criteria set forth in 36 CFR 61, and the North Carolina Historic Preservation Office, *Report Standards for Historic Structure Survey Reports*. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to take into account the effect of federally funded, licensed, or permitted projects on properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places and to afford the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the North Carolina Historic Preservation Office (HPO) a reasonable opportunity to comment.

The National Register eligibility evaluations consisted of research into the history and architecture of the resources and a field survey of each property. For the research phase, both primary and secondary sources were examined, including deeds, historic maps, and the HPO survey files for Rowan County. Mr. Reginald W. Brown, a local historian, provided useful information about African American churches in the county. Current property owners also provided helpful information.

**Figure 1**  
**Project Location Map**

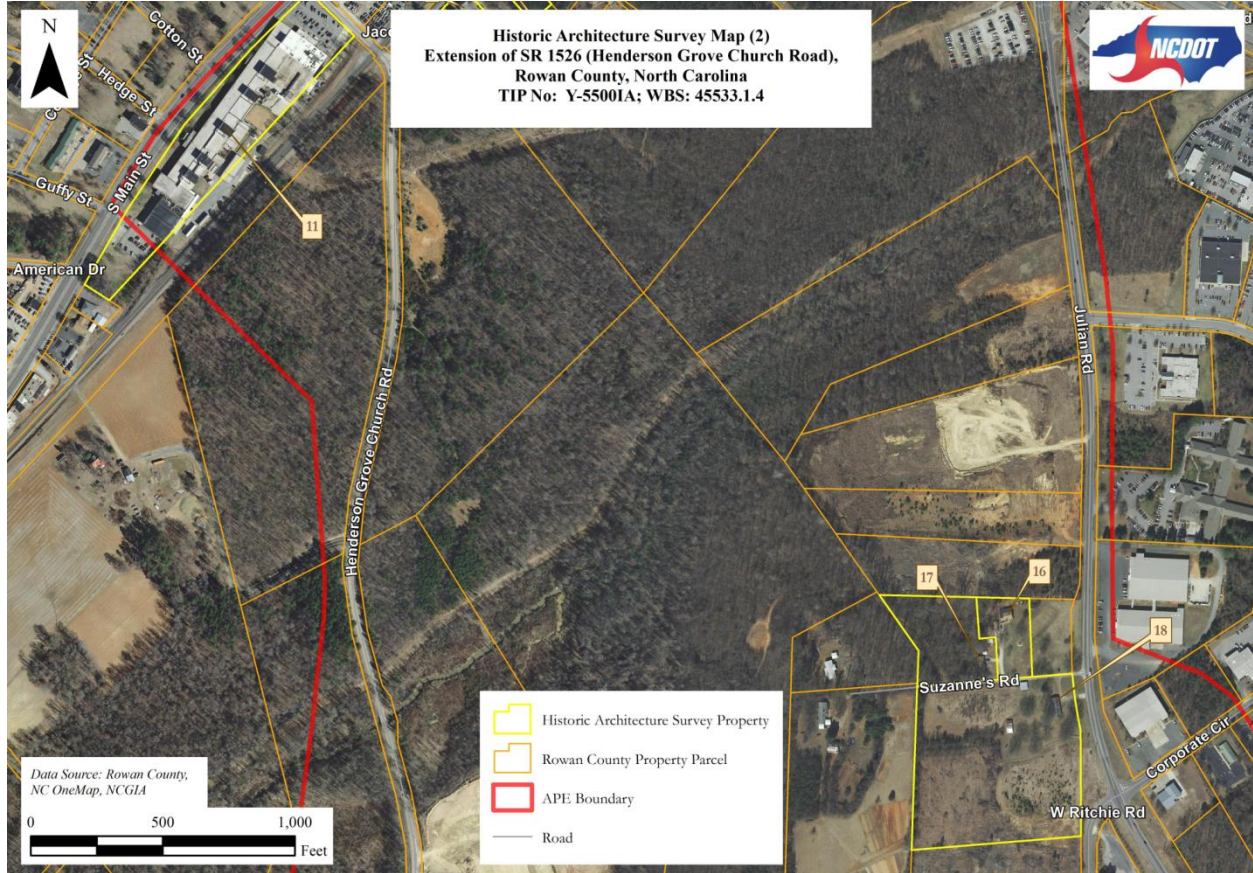


### Figure 2A Area of Potential Effects (APE) Map

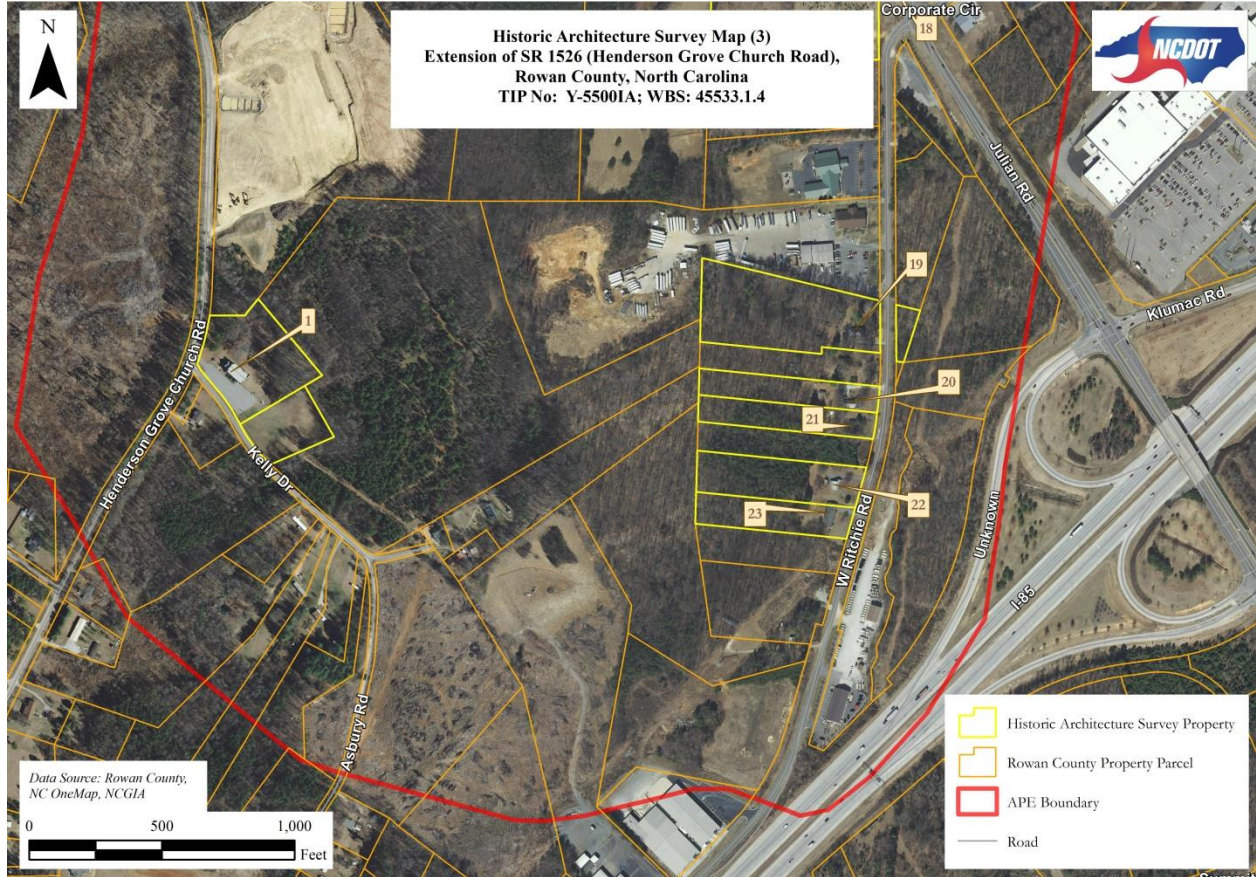




**Figure 2B**  
**Area of Potential Effects (APE) Map**



**Figure 2C**  
**Area of Potential Effects (APE) Map**



## Evaluations of Eligibility

### **No. 1 Henderson Grove Baptist Church (PIN 400 030; 400 030 01)**

888 Henderson Grove Church Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

The inscription in the concrete corner block of this African American church states that the church was organized in 1812, and the church building was rebuilt in 1961. However, published studies of Rowan County's cemeteries and African American historic sites record the establishment of this congregation as 1912 which is evidently the correct date.

The original church was probably built initially with the organization of the congregation in 1912 but was rebuilt (or heavily remodeled and expanded) in 1961. The present church has a gable-front main block, veneered in jumbo brick, with flanking, conical-roofed entrance towers and a gable-front wing that projects from the center of the façade. The front wing is capped by a tall steeple. The wing is probably used for additional seating as well as for a Sunday School classroom. The two entrances have round-arched openings with double-leaf, paneled doors. Stylized, brick buttresses define the window bays on the side elevations. The round-arched windows in the sanctuary have stained glass while the basement and rear elevation have steel-sash windows that appear to date to the 1961 remodeling. The principal investigators did not gain access to the interior. However, an online video revealing a portion of the church interior shows pews and other furniture that date to circa 1961. A small, tree-shaded cemetery is located on the north side of the church. Reflecting the organization of this church in 1912, the cemetery primarily contains twentieth-century markers. An overgrown section of the cemetery at the north side of the cemetery may contain additional unmarked graves, but this has not been confirmed. A small, concrete-block pump house and brick sign stand in front of the church ([www.youtube.com/HendersonGrove/PraiseSingers](http://www.youtube.com/HendersonGrove/PraiseSingers), March 11, 2010; Brown Interview 2016).

Because of a loss of architectural integrity, Henderson Grove Baptist Church is not recommended for National Register eligibility.

### **No. 2 House (PIN 400 061)**

2435 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Remodeled and expanded in recent years, this 1920s, frame bungalow has a side-gable roof with broad, bracketed eaves. The three-bay façade is sheltered by an engaged porch supported by battered piers on brick pedestals. An open-work, brick apron spans the pedestals. The house retains its weatherboard siding, a Craftsman-style door with sidelights, and seven-over-one sash windows on the facade. All the other windows are four-over-one sash. The side elevations and rear ell have been vinyl sided, and the variegated brick chimneys are later. The house has a large wing that is attached by an enclosed breezeway to the rear of the side (south) elevation. The wing may have originally been another bungalow that was moved to the site and remodeled as the side addition. Now also vinyl siding, this gable-roofed wing has the characteristic four-over-one sash windows, deep eaves, and a knee-bracket in the gable. The house does not have the integrity to merit National Register eligibility.

**No. 3 House (PIN 400 073)**  
2475 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Vinyl siding covers this simple one-story, gable-front bungalow. The 1920s house retains its original inset porch supported by a battered pier set on a brick pedestal as well as some three-over-one sash windows and deep eaves with knee brackets. The fixed-light window on the façade is a later replacement. The house lacks the significance and integrity for National Register eligibility.

**No. 4 House (PIN 400 055)**  
2325 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

This 1920s, side-gable, double-pile cottage has original German siding and paired, four-over-one sash windows flanking the center entrance. The glazed and horizontal-paneled door is sheltered by a bracketed, gable-front canopy. The side porch is supported by later metal posts. The dwelling lacks architectural and historical significance and is not recommended for National Register eligibility.

**No. 5 House (PIN 060 009)**  
2225 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Asbestos shingles and later vinyl siding cover this 1940s, Minimal Traditional dwelling. The one-story, side-gable house has a projecting, gabled entry bay and a brick, front-exterior chimney with a single, stepped shoulder and concrete ornamentation. A fanlight caps the entrance which is flanked by paired windows. Only the six-over-six sash windows in the north bay of the façade are original. Now in deteriorated condition, the house lacks the integrity for National Register eligibility.

**No. 6 House (PIN 060 010)**  
2235 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

This gable-front, frame, vinyl-sided bungalow has exposed purlins in the eaves and a hip-roofed porch with later metal supports. A later shed-roofed appendage is found at the rear of the south elevation. The four-over-one sash windows are original. The house no longer retains sufficient integrity for National Register eligibility.

**No. 7 House (PIN 060 011)**  
2245 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Built in the 1920s, this one-story, hip-roofed, vinyl-sided bungalow has an inset front porch supported by a brick pier set on a brick pedestal. The four-over-one sash windows are original, but the horizontal-sash window next to the entrance is a postwar alteration. There is one interior, brick chimney, and the standing-seam, metal roof is modern. The house lacks the significance and integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 8 House (PIN 060 012)**  
2255 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Nearly identical to the neighboring house at 2245 Jacob Bost Road, this hip-roofed, vinyl-sided bungalow has an inset front porch supported by a brick pier set on a brick pedestal, four-over-one windows, and an interior, brick chimney. The house lacks architectural or historical significance and is not recommended for National Register eligibility.

**No. 9 House (PIN 060 013)**  
2275 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Replacement one-over-one sash windows are found on this 1920s, vinyl-sided, gable-front bungalow. The hip-roofed front porch has later metal supports. The house no longer has the architectural integrity for National Register eligibility.

**No. 10 House (PIN 060 014)**  
2135 Jacob Bost Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Heavily remodeled, this 1920s, one-story, hip-roofed, double-pile dwelling has replacement one-over-one sash windows and vinyl-siding. The rebuilt, hip-roofed porch has replacement square posts and balustrade. The roofs of the house and porch are covered recently in standing-seam metal. The house no longer has sufficient integrity for National Register eligibility.

**No. 11 Parkdale Mills, Plant 11 (PIN 461 070)**  
2701 South Main Street (US 29)  
Salisbury, Rowan County

In 1919, the Rowan Cotton Mills Company constructed the core of this long, rectangular, one-story textile manufacturing plant along the southeast side of South Main Street (US 29). The associated mill village, now largely gone, was constructed across the street on the northwest side of South Main, beyond the APE for this project (see RW0737). The plant has undergone a series of renovations and expansions, notably by Parkdale Mills of Gastonia, North Carolina, which acquired the property in the 1950s. The current building largely reflects Parkdale's extensive changes in the postwar period. The long, main elevation facing South Main Street is composed of a windowless, brick façade with slender piers of raised brick defining the bays and a projecting, flat-roofed entrance bay near the center. Veneered with Jumbo brick offset by vertical brick bands, this entry features a recessed doorway with glazed, steel-framed double doors. The postwar changes to the complex were comprehensive, and there is no visible evidence of the original 1919 mill on the exterior. Because of the major renovations, Parkdale Mills, Plant 11 is not recommended for National Register eligibility.

**No. 12 House (PIN 461 067)**  
2325 South Main Street (US 29)  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Now covered with aluminum siding, this 1920s, story-and-a-half dwelling reflects a common bungalow design. The side-gable house has broad eaves, an engaged front with battered piers resting on brick pedestals (now stuccoed), and a prominent, shed-roofed dormer. The one-over-one sash windows are replacements. The house no longer has the integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 13 House (PIN 461 066)**  
2323 South Main Street (US 29)  
Salisbury, Rowan County

This 1930s, brick-veneered, one-story dwelling has a Jerkinhead roof and gabled entry bay in the center of the three-bay façade. The windows are mainly one-over-one replacements although paired six-over-six sash windows on the side elevations of the main block are original. A flat-roofed porch, with metal supports and roof balustrade, extends from the side (south) elevation. The house has only marginal integrity and lacks the significance needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 14 House (PIN 461 065)**  
2321 South Main Street (US 29)  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Altered and deteriorated, this 1930s, frame, one-story, gable-front bungalow has an original three-over-one sash window on the north elevation and an inset front porch. The house has later aluminum siding, replacement porch posts, and replacement one-over-one sash windows. The house does not have the integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 15 House (PIN 461 147)**  
2319 South Main Street (US 29)  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Built in the 1920s, this one-story, hip-roofed, double-pile dwelling has weatherboard siding and six-over-six sash windows. The hip-roofed front porch is supported by box piers. An asbestos-shingled, two-car garage stands behind the dwelling. The property does not have the architectural or historical significance needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 16 House (PIN 400 058)**  
1050 Suzannes Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Probably originally built in the 1940s and expanded in the 1960s, this one-story, weatherboarded dwelling consists of a Minimal Traditional main block and what appears to be a later wing on the west elevation. The original block includes a front-exterior, brick chimney, a gabled entry, a three-over-one sash window, and later horizontal-sash windows. The wing has a picture window. The property no longer has the integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 17 House (PIN 400 047)**  
1090 Suzannes Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Now vinyl-sided, this one-story, side-gable, three-bay dwelling has a center chimney, six-over-six sash windows, and a carport on the side (north) elevation. On the opposite side is a gable-roofed porch. Built circa 1950, the house lacks the significance and integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 18 House (PIN 400 047)**  
807 Julian Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

This circa 1960, brick-veneered, side-gable ranch house now has replacement windows. The dwelling has an engaged carport on the side (north) elevation and decorative metal supports that support the engaged porch. A small, weatherboarded, gable-front shed stands behind the house. The property does not have the significance or integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 19 House (PIN 400 021)**  
230 Ritchie Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Built in the 1920s, the one-story, hip-roofed bungalow has an engaged porch supported by box piers with a replacement balustrade. Now aluminum sided, the house has original Craftsman-style six-over-one sash windows. Two deteriorated, frame outbuildings stand in woodland behind the house. The property lacks the integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 20 House (PIN 400 023)**  
340 Ritchie Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Displaying a traditional form, this one-story, single-pile, three-bay, weatherboarded dwelling has a side-gable roof and a rear ell. There are both single and paired, six-over-six sash windows. The shed-roofed porch has replacement turned posts and balustrade. Built circa 1945, the property does not have the significance needed National Register eligibility.

**No. 21 House (PIN 400 024)**  
370 Ritchie Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Now heavily remodeled, this frame, one-story, hip-roofed cottage (1920s) has replacement one-over-one sash windows and aluminum siding. Other alterations include an inset porch that has been enclosed and a later, attached carport. Because of this loss of integrity, the house is not recommended for National Register eligibility.

**No. 22 House (PIN 400 025)**  
380 Ritchie Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Built in the early 1950s, this one-story, frame, Minimal Traditional dwelling has been heavily altered with replacement windows and vinyl siding. In addition, a deck has been added to the front. There is a gabled canopy over the center entrance, a brick, exterior-end chimney, and an engaged side porch on the north elevation. The house is not recommended for National Register eligibility because of its loss of integrity.

**No. 23 House (PIN 400 050)**  
420 Ritchie Road  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Built circa 1960, this brick-veneered ranch house has a long, side-gable form that includes an engaged, two-car garage on the north side. There are horizontal-sash windows in the south bays, and three fixed-light picture windows in the bays between the recessed entrance and the garage. The two especially large picture windows are later replacements. The house does not have the historical or architectural significance needed for National Register eligibility.

**No. 24 House (PIN 060 020)**  
2011 South Railroad Street  
Salisbury, Rowan County

Probably built in the 1920s, this altered, gable-front bungalow now has vinyl siding, modern six-over-six sash windows, a concrete-block chimney flue, and a replacement hip-roofed porch with turned posts. The property includes a gable-front garage. Because of its loss of integrity, the house is not recommended for National Register eligibility.

**No. 25 Commercial/Industrial Building (PIN 061 050)**  
2011 South Main Street  
Salisbury, Rowan County

This now sprawling commercial/industrial building is comprised of an original brick building (1929) and an abutting masonry commercial building, with a roughly L-shaped plan, that was erected during the postwar period. As inscribed in the cast-stone name block in the parapet, the original brick factory was constructed as the Brown Building. The Brown Company manufactured industrial and commercial cooling systems. The building is now devoted largely to truck repair and the sale and rental of tools. The one-story, flat-roofed, brick, concrete-block, and metal-sheathed building has been expanded and remodeled over time. The original, 1929 section facing South Main Street retains its variegated-brick exterior, stepped parapet, and cast-stone trim. The large, display windows have been bricked in, and the doorways in the two storefronts have been enclosed. According to the present owner, the building was subsequently expanded in the 1930s, the mid-1950s, the 1960s, and the 1970s. The postwar construction includes a flat-roofed, brick office wing (1966) that is set tangential to South Main Street and abuts the south elevation of the original Brown Building. The roof of the office wing extends out to shelter sidewalks on the west and south sides. The large, brick and concrete-block service building, set back from South Main Street, was built in 1953. This building was subsequently expanded to the rear in the 1960s and to the south with a metal veneer in the 1970s. The interior has been modified in recent years for various offices

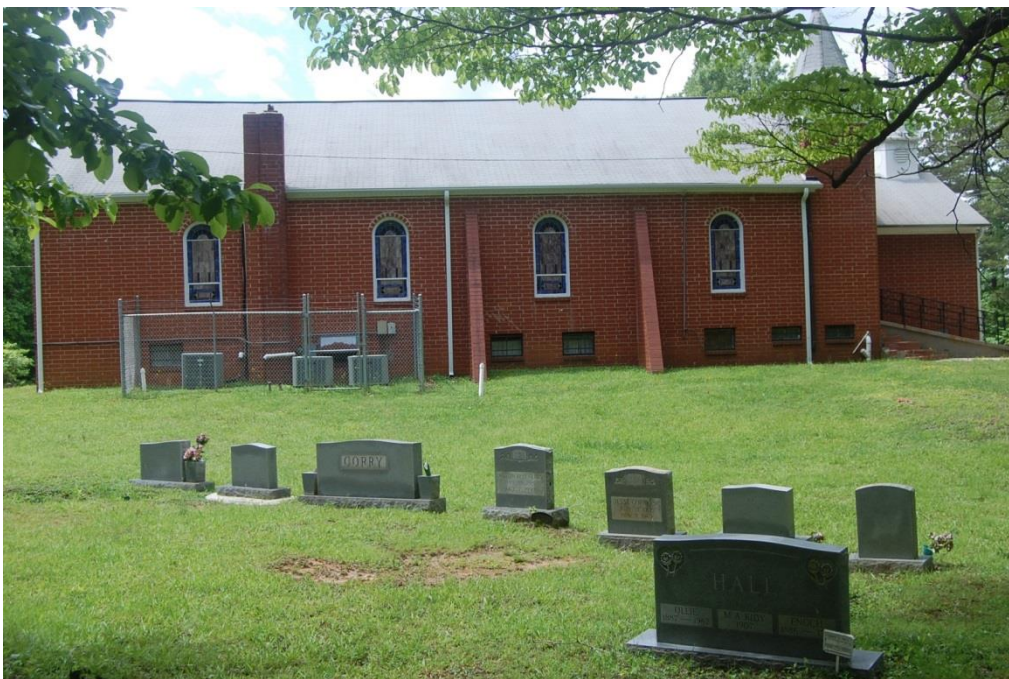


and sales and service departments. Because of its alterations and additions, the property no longer has the integrity needed for National Register eligibility.

## Photographs



No. 1 Henderson Grove Baptist Church, circa 1912, rebuilt circa 1961



No. 1 Henderson Grove Baptist Church, circa 1912, rebuilt circa 1961, Church and Cemetery.



No. 1 Henderson Grove Baptist Church, circa 1912, rebuilt circa 1961, Cemetery.



No. 2 House, circa 1925.



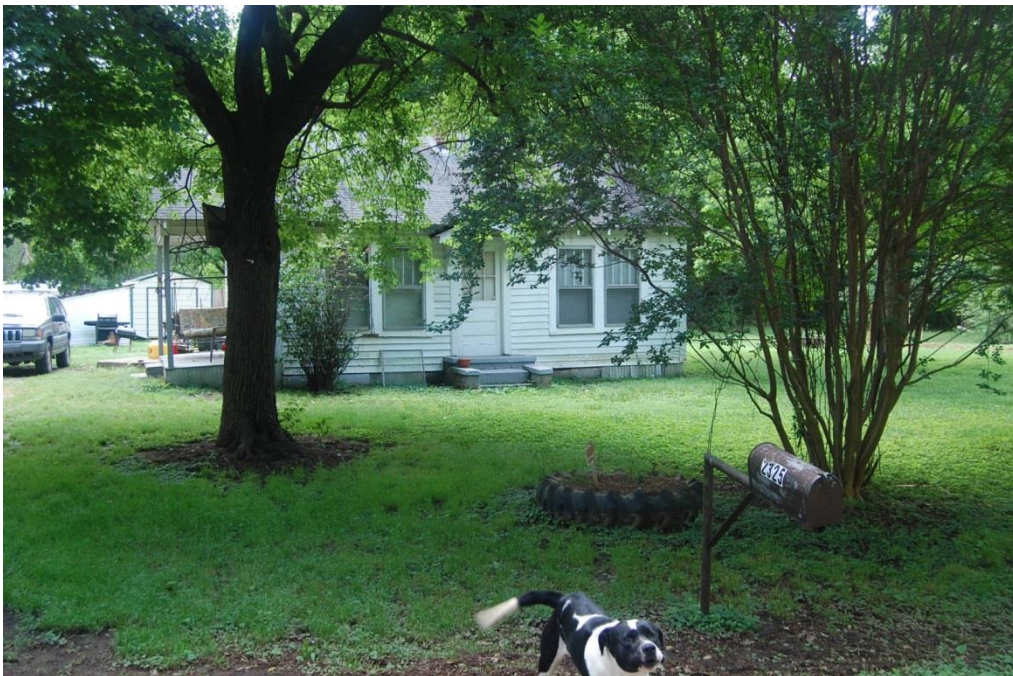
No. 2 House, circa 1925.



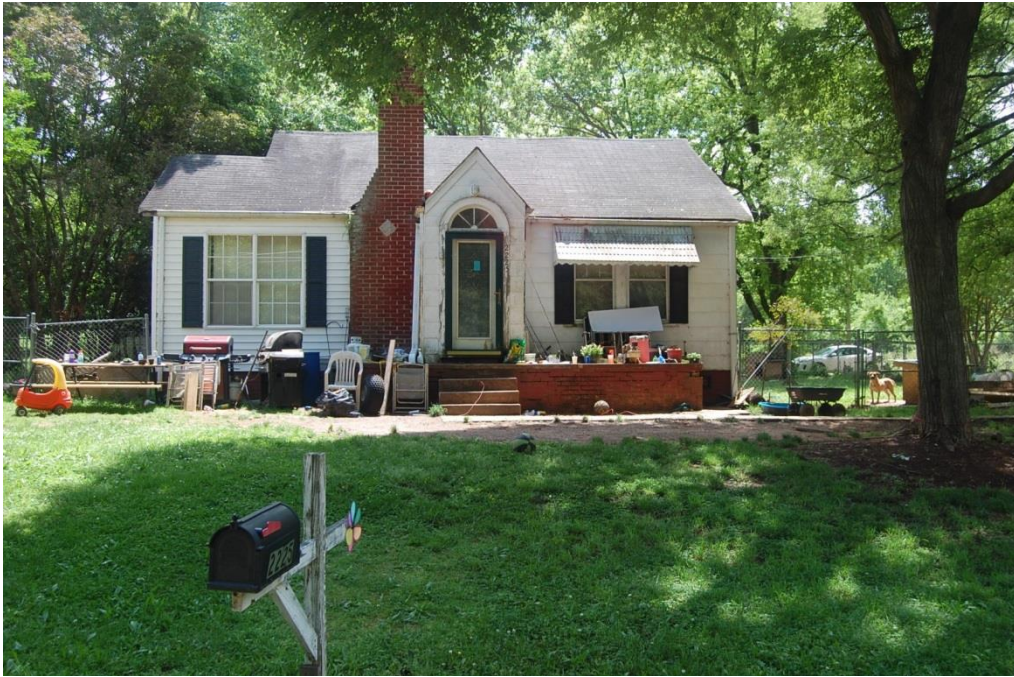
No. 2 House, circa 1925.



No. 3 House, circa 1925.



No. 4 House, circa 1925.



No. 5 House, circa 1945.



No. 6 House, circa 1925.



No. 7 House, circa 1925.



No. 8 House, circa 1925.



No. 9 House, circa 1925.



No. 10 House, circa 1925.





No. 11 Parkdale Mills, Plant 11, 1919, circa 1960.



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No. 12 House, circa 1925.



No. 13 House, circa 1935.



No. 14 House, circa 1935.



No. 15 House, circa 1925.



No. 16 House, circa 1925.



No. 17 House, circa 1950.



No. 18 House, circa 1960.



No. 19 House, circa 1925.



No. 19 House, circa 1925, Outbuildings.



No. 20 House, circa 1945.



No. 21 House, circa 1925.



No. 22 House, circa 1950.



No. 23 House, circa 1960.



No. 24 House, circa 1925.





No. 25 Commercial/Industrial Building, 1929.



No. 25 Commercial/Industrial Building, 1929, 1953-1970s.



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