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April 27, 2018

Matt Bramble
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Re: Historic Resource Report, Stephens House, 1621 Little Moccasin Lane, Holly Springs,
Wake County, ER 18-0440

Thank you for your letter of March 22, 2018 concerning the above-referenced report. We have reviewed the materials submitted regarding the Jeff Stephens/Alsey J. and Missouri Stephens House (WA0613) and farm complex, which was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 1997.

We concur that the main house, relocated to the property's south boundary in 2002/2003 for the NC 55 road widening project, has lost the structural and architectural integrity needed to meet eligibility requirements of NRHP Criteria C.

For a determination of effect regarding the property and associated development project please see the letter drafted by NC SHPO on March 27, 2018. Please ensure that future correspondence includes the correct HPO Environmental Review reference number.

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. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Renee Gledhill-Earley".

for Ramona M. Bartos

Received: 04/05/2018

State Historic Preservation Office



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ER 18-0440
~~ER 17-2901~~

Via FedEx

March 22, 2018

North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office
4617 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4617

Due -- 4/20/18

Attention: Ms. Renee Gledhill-Earley
Environmental Review Coordinator

Re: Historic Resource Report
~~ER172901~~ ER 18-0440
1621 Little Moccasin Lane
Holly Springs, Wake County, North Carolina
H&H Job No. FAK-119

S-(NO) KBH 4/13/18
See letter

Dear Renee:

Please find the enclosed *Historic Resource Report* prepared by Capital Area Preservation dated March 5, 2018 regarding the Ashley & Missouri Stephens House located at 1621 Little Moccasin Lane in Holly Springs, Wake County, North Carolina (~~ER172901~~). Representatives of Capital Area Preservation, the Town of Holly Springs, and H&H recently visited the property to inspect the historic integrity of the on-site house. The enclosed report details the results of the inspection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Hart & Hickman, PC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Bramblett".

Matt Bramblett, PE
Principle

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Birmingham".

Danielle Birmingham
Assistant Project Environmental Scientist

Attachments

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Historic Resource Report

Property Name: Ashley & Missouri Stephens House Survey Number: WA0613
Location: 1621 Little Mocassin Lane PIN Number: 0658049799
Date of Visit: March 2, 2018

Classification:

- Local Inventory
- Study List for the National Register of Historic Places
- National Register of Historic Places (Individual/District)
- Wake County Historic Landmark

Observations:

The Ashley & Missouri Stephens House, while listed on the Study List for the National Register of Historic Places, was once an elaborate two-story house that featured Victorian and Craftsman details throughout. Moved to its current location in the early 2000s, the house was abandoned and left to deteriorate (see survey file attached).

After examination of the house and grounds, we are of the opinion that 25% of the original historic fabric remains intact. The house has suffered significant deterioration over the years. Considering the structural integrity of the house, missing windows and floors, and a collapsed porch, there appears to be salvageable historic materials. We would suggest that the developer allow the historical architectural elements of the house (chimney bricks, doors, mantles, and beadboard) be salvaged for use towards other preservation projects in Wake County.

Historic Integrity:

House

- Yes
- No

I, Jeremy Bradham, inspector of the above property, state that this report provides an accurate representation of the historic integrity of the property as of:

Date 3/5/2018

Signature

Historic Property Survey Summary

County: **Wake**

SSN: **WA0613**

Blockface#

Quad: Apex
PIN: 0658049799
X: -78.8279 Y: 35.62946
DOT Project #:
OSA#:

Update Mo: 12 Yr: 2014

- No Alt Alt Det Rehab
- Removed Outbldg Loss
- No Acc. Not Fnd FileMsg
- Newly ID'd Needs Resch.

Property Name: **Jeff Stephens Farm**
 Street or 911 Address: **1621 Little Moccasin Lane**
 Location Description: **W side NC 55 at jct. w/SR 1114**
 Town/vicinity: **Holly Springs**
 District: **None ()**
 District Dates: NRdate: SLdate: DOEdat:

Recommended for SL StudyList SLDate: **7/12/1990** NR NRDate: NR #: **None**
 DOE DOEDate: **6/2/1997**
 DOE Type: Local Status: **None** Ownership: **Private**

Principal Resource Material Integrity: Condition: **GONE** Location Integrity:

Architectural Data: Date(s): **ca. 1900**
 Major Style Group(s)
 Construction: **Not specified**
 Ext. Material: **Not specified** Later Covering:
 Height: **2 story** Roof: **Hip** Plan: Core Form (Domestic): **Double Pile**
 Design Source and attribution: **Not specified**

Major Theme: 2nd Theme:
 Group Association: Religious Affiliation
 Historic Function:

Written Summary

2014-15 Survey Update

This house was the subject of an MOA in 1999 between federal highways admin and NCSHPO. Project was widening of NC 55 to multi lanes. The property was moved back from NC 55 on same parcel. Not found.

2005-2007 County Survey Update:

2006: house appears to have been moved off of NC 55 onto a dirt road parallel to NC 55. Two outbuildings remain. House is abandoned and deteriorated.

1988-1991 County Survey:

This large house was built around the turn of the century, no doubt to accommodate Jeff and Missouri Stephens's growing family of eleven children (born 1881-1904). The two story, double pile dwelling with hip roof and rear ell is similar in size and prominence to the Adams house to the south, though slightly more elaborate in ornamentation. Like the Adams house, the Stephens house has interior brick chimneys and 2/2 sash windows, but also features late Victorian details, such as a wrap-around porch with craftsman-style supports, front gable on the north bay, rather than at the entry, with small, decorative windows, a gable dormer with returns, and a patterned metal shingle roof. Outbuildings include a fallen log tobacco barn, a number of frame barns and sheds, a covered well, and a frame tenant house. A low hedge runs along the perimeter of the yard in front of the house.

A. J. Stephens (born 1858) started out with 51 acres on Bull Branch which he bought from James and Gilly

Stephens (thought to have been his parents) in 1881. In the next three decades, he gradually acquired about 100 additional acres (mainly Stephens family land) and a few town lots in Holly Springs and Fuquay Springs. The 1900 Census shows that five children between ages 7 and 14 were in school five months out of the year, while the oldest son and daughter (ages 18 and 16) worked on the farm. A black farm laborer named Jordan Richardson was listed with his family after the Stephenses, perhaps living in the two-room tenant house still on the property (referred to in Deed Book 313, 558, dated 1917). The 1910 Census shows two tenant families (one white, one black) nextdoor to the A. J. Stephens family. The Stephenses employed two sons and two daughters on their cotton-producing farm, while their 24-year-old son Clennie was running a separate tobacco-producing operation, no doubt spurred by the opening of the Apex and Fuquay markets only a couple of years earlier.







Revised by Todd Johnson, Sept. 1991

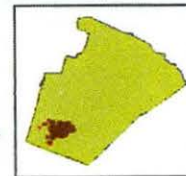
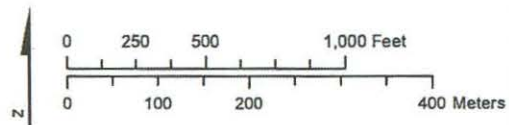
Outbuildings/Features

Actions

Year	Month	Surveyor	Action/Report
2006		Edwards Pitman Environmental	Wake County Survey Update Phase I
2015	01	Ellen Turco, New South Associates	Survey update



-  Holly Springs and ETJ from SHPO Previously Surveyed Gone
-  Holly Springs and ETJ from SHPO Previously Surveyed
-  Holly Springs Properties 1960-1970 ETJ
-  Holly Springs and ETJ from SHPO
-  Holly Springs Municipality
-  Holly Springs Previously Surveyed Points



Wake County Survey Update 2014-2105,
New South Associates