

# Addendum

To Architectural Survey Report,  
US 17 Widening from North of  
NC 171 to South of Williamston

ER 99-8744, R-2511

Jasper C. Griffin House (MT 1044)

Tenant House (MT 1046)

Griffin's Hatchery (MT 0298)

Hadley House (MT 1060)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kate Husband  
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FROM: Claudia Brown *For Claudia Brown*

SUBJECT: Architectural Survey Report, US 17 from North of NC 171 to South of Williamston, R-2511, Beaufort and Martin Counties, ER 99-8744

We are in receipt of your memorandum of July 7, 2011, providing additional information that addresses the issues raised in our review of the above architectural survey. We greatly appreciate the time and effort you put into the survey report and answering our follow-up questions.

For the purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we concur that the **Jasper C. Griffin House** (MT 1044, Property #45) and the **Tenant House** (MT 1046, Property #46) are both *not eligible* for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The additional information on these properties shows that these properties are not eligible for listing individually as they do not meet any of the National Register Criteria. They are also not eligible for listing as part of the larger Griffin Farm Complex, which has been significantly altered, most notably by the loss of the original homeplace. We are in agreement that the **Griffin's Hatchery** (MT 0298, Property #44) remains eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its association with agriculture and Criterion C for its design and construction.

Based on your memorandum, we are in agreement that the **Hadley House** (MT 1060, Property #61) remains eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C, for its architecture, and Criterion D, for its likelihood of yielding important building technology information. The revised boundary for the Hadley House appears appropriate given that the house has been relocated and it is not historically associated with the other structures on the parcel.

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, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-807-6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number.

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July 7, 2011

TO: Ms. Claudia Brown  
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North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

FROM: Kate Husband

SUBJECT: Architectural Survey Report for R-2511, Widening of US 17 from North of NC 171 to Multi-Lanes South of Williamston, Beaufort and Martin Counties, ER 99-8744

Dear Ms. Brown,

We received your memorandum of May 20, 2011 which comments on the above referenced report. The letter specifically asked for information on whether the **Jasper C. Griffin House** (MT 1044, Property #45) and the **Tenant House** (MT 1046, Property #46) are eligible, either individually or as part of a larger farm complex that may or may not include Griffin's Hatchery (MT 0298, Property #44). The memorandum also states that the HPO cannot concur with the finding that the **Hadley House** (MT1060, Property #61) is no longer eligible for listing in the National Register.

The Griffin Farm Complex as a whole is **not eligible** for National Register listing. The complex is an amalgamation of periods of construction and uses ranging from its creation in the 1920s to the present; it does not convey a distinct time period and is not a significant example of a particular type of farm complex. In the first half of the twentieth century the farm grew peanuts and cotton as a cash crop and also raised cows and mules, and chicken raising that led to the construction of the hatchery was added in the 1930s. Today, the original landscape dating to the 1930s has been altered with the removal and addition of buildings over the years. The original homeplace, the center of the complex, is gone, in addition to animal pens, a rye field utilized to raise the chickens, and a three-story chicken laying house. The integrity of feeling, association, and setting has diminished with the loss of period landscape and outbuildings; the addition of modern structures such as the brick ranch house (constructed to replace the original house), modern metal shed, and silo further compromise the integrity of setting. There is no cohesion of structures to indicate a distinctive farm complex of the early to mid-twentieth century, and the loss of the original main house further diminishes integrity. The farm complex is not a

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significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; in fact the opposite is true. Griffin's Hatchery stands alone as a distinctive building type associated with Depression-era farming practices, even as the surrounding farm complex has undergone alterations that negatively impact the integrity of the complex as a whole.

The **Jasper C. Griffin House** (MT 1044, Property #45) is **not eligible** for National Register listing as an individual property. The Jasper C. Griffin House, a c.1930 one-and-a-half story, three-bay wood frame house with a hipped roof punctuated by a hipped roof dormer and two brick chimneys, is a common building type in Martin County and the surrounding counties. This is evident by comparison to the Ward House (MT 1042, Property No. 41) located just south of the property. The Ward House, determined not eligible in the 2011 report based on its loss of period outbuildings and physical alterations, is almost completely identical in style and form to the Jasper C. Griffin House. Other examples are extant in the surrounding counties as well. The John Dancy House (PT 144) in neighboring Pitt County also shares an identical style and similar form to the Jasper C. Griffin House and is a more intact example of the building type. Built c. 1920, the John Dancy House also features extant outbuildings including a tobacco barn complex, packhouse, and log-pole livestock pen. Another example of the type is the c.1920 Broadwater House (PM82) in Pamlico County, which also exhibits a form and style similar to the Jasper C. Griffin House. The Jasper C. Griffin House is not a distinctive, nor unique, example of the building type and is not eligible under Criterion C. The Jasper C. Griffin House is also not associated with a significant person or event, or likely to yield important information, making it ineligible for listing under Criterion A, B, and D.

The **Tenant House** (MT 1046, Property #46) is **not eligible** for National Register listing as an individual property. Built in the time period of the 1920s to 1930s, the structure is a one-story wood frame house on concrete block piers and capped by an end-gable roof clad in standing seam metal that extends over a one-story addition in the rear. The Tenant House is not associated with a significant person or event, or likely to yield important information, making it ineligible for listing under Criterion A, B and D. The Tenant House is also not eligible for listing under Criterion C. The simple, wood-frame form clad in weatherboard is common for tenant houses; it is not a distinctive example of a type, period, or method of construction. Although tenant houses are a disappearing building type, the Tenant House is not eligible for listing based on this fact.

After further review, we can concur with you that the **Hadley House** (MT1060, Property #61) should remain eligible for listing on the National Register based on the reasons outlined in your response. The National Register boundary proposed in the 2000 Ellis report, 1.3 acres of the 15.7 acre tax parcel, should be modified to reflect the criteria for eligibility. Due to the fact that the house is no longer in its original location and the building's eligibility is based on architectural and historical significance, the proposed National Register boundaries should be modified to a twenty foot buffer around the house, as depicted below.



### Proposed National Register Boundary



Thank you for your response, and should you have any questions, please contact me at [klhusband@ncdot.gov](mailto:klhusband@ncdot.gov) or (919) 707-6075.

Sincerely,

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Architectural Historian  
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**Tenant House (MT 1046, Property #46)**  
Looking Northwest



**Tenant House (MT 1046, Property #46)**  
Looking Southeast





**Jasper C. Griffin House (MT 1044, Property #45)**  
Looking Northwest



**Jasper C. Griffin House (MT 1044, Property #45)**  
Looking Northeast