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Memorandum

To: Barbara Church  
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From: David Brook *for David Brook*

Subject: Historic Structures Survey Report, Improvements to I-77/US 21/SR 1109, I-4410,  
Iredell County, ER 02-9104

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 2002, submitting the historic structures report for the above referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the report and concur with its findings that the National Register-listed Centre Presbyterian Church is the only historic property within the undertaking's area of potential effect and that the three houses over fifty years old are not eligible for the register.

We ask that you forward an additional copy of the report to us for our files. We have requested three copies of all historic structures survey reports for several years and would appreciate receipt of the third copy so we can incorporate all three copies into our filing system.

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 919/733-4763. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above-referenced tracking number.

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**Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report  
Phase I Reconnaissance**

Improvements to I-77/US 21/SR 1109 (Williamson Road) interchange (Exit 33)  
Iredell County  
North Carolina Department of Transportation  
TIP No. I-4410  
State Project No. 6.821011

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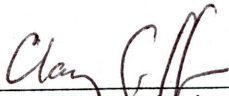
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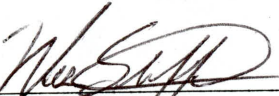
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to improve the I-77/US 21/SR 1109 (Williamson Road) interchange (Exit 33) from relocated SR 1206 (Alcove Road) to east of the US 21 intersection with SR 1246 (Fairview Road). The proposed project will widen the existing bridge over I-77 along the north side to create a four-lane facility. A new loop ramp will be constructed in the northwest quadrant of the interchange and the remaining ramps will be adjusted as well. The total project length is 0.5 mile and extends from the ends of the existing bridge for approximately 600 feet to the west along SR 1109 (Williamson Road) and 1,600 feet to the east along US 21 (Figure 1).

### PURPOSE OF SURVEY AND REPORT

Edwards-Pitman Environmental, Inc. (EPEI) conducted a Phase I (reconnaissance level) survey and compiled this report for THE LPA GROUP of North Carolina, p.a. (LPA), and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in order to identify significant architectural resources located within the Area of Potential Effect (Figure 3). The report has been prepared as a technical appendix to the Categorical Exclusion (CE) and as part of the documentation of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended. Section 106 of the NHPA requires that if a federally funded, licensed, or permitted project has an effect on a property listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation be given an opportunity to comment. This report is on file at NCDOT and available for review by the public.

### METHODOLOGY

The Phase I (reconnaissance level) survey was conducted and the report prepared in accordance with the provisions of FHWA Technical Advisory T6640.8A (Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents); the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeological and Historic Preservation (48 FR 44716); 36 CFR Part 800; 36 CFR Part 60; and the NCDOT document entitled *Historic Architectural Resources: Survey Procedures and Report Guidelines* (1994).

EPEI conducted the survey with the following goals: (1) to determine the Area of Potential Effect (APE), defined as the geographic area or areas within which a project may cause changes in the character or use of historic properties, if any such properties exist; (2) to identify all significant resources within the APE; and (3) to evaluate these resources according to the National Register of Historic Places criteria.

The methodology consisted of fieldwork within the APE and research to identify properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places and all other resources worthy of further study. The fieldwork for the Phase I survey consisted of a drive-through (windshield) survey of the project area and site inspections of selected properties. An EPEI historian conducted the fieldwork on January 28 and February 19, 2002, and 100 percent of the APE was examined.

During the research phase, EPEI staff inspected the architectural survey files at the State Historic Preservation Office in Raleigh for National Register and Study List properties, as well as for other previously recorded resources located in and around the project area. Ruth Little-Stokes conducted a comprehensive survey of historic architectural resources in Iredell County in 1977-78, and the results were published in *An Inventory of Historic Architecture, Iredell County, North Carolina* (1978). Also, Brockington and Associates, Inc., compiled information on cultural resources for the Exit 33 feasibility study in 1999, and their report was reviewed.

#### SUMMARY OF SURVEY FINDINGS

The APE contains one property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Centre Presbyterian Church, an 18-acre property including the Session House, Centre Cemetery, and Baker Cemetery, was listed in the National Register in 1980. The nominated boundary extends on both sides of SR 1245 to the east of its junction with SR 1246 and lies adjacent to the project area. Three other properties over fifty years of age considered not eligible for the National Register (Figure 3) exist within the project area, which is characterized by ongoing modern development due to its proximity to Lake Norman, the Town of Mooresville, and the City of Charlotte. Development in the immediate vicinity of the interchange includes retail, residential, commercial, and light industry. Centre Presbyterian Church and a new medical facility stand to the southeast of the proposed project area.

*Properties Listed in the National Register of Historic Places:*

Centre Presbyterian Church

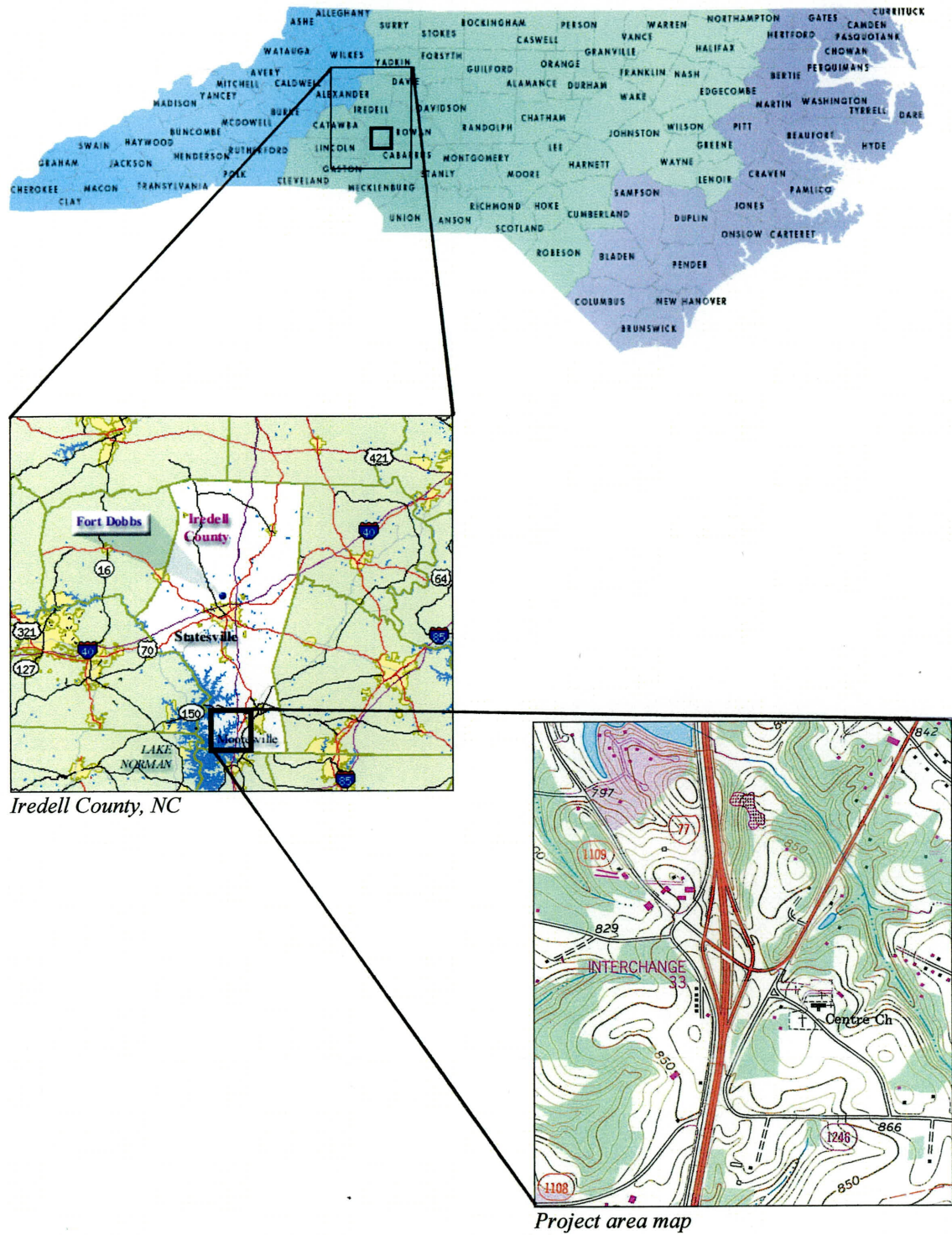
*Properties Potentially Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places:*

None

*Properties Considered Not Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places:*

House (#1)  
House (#2)  
House (#3)

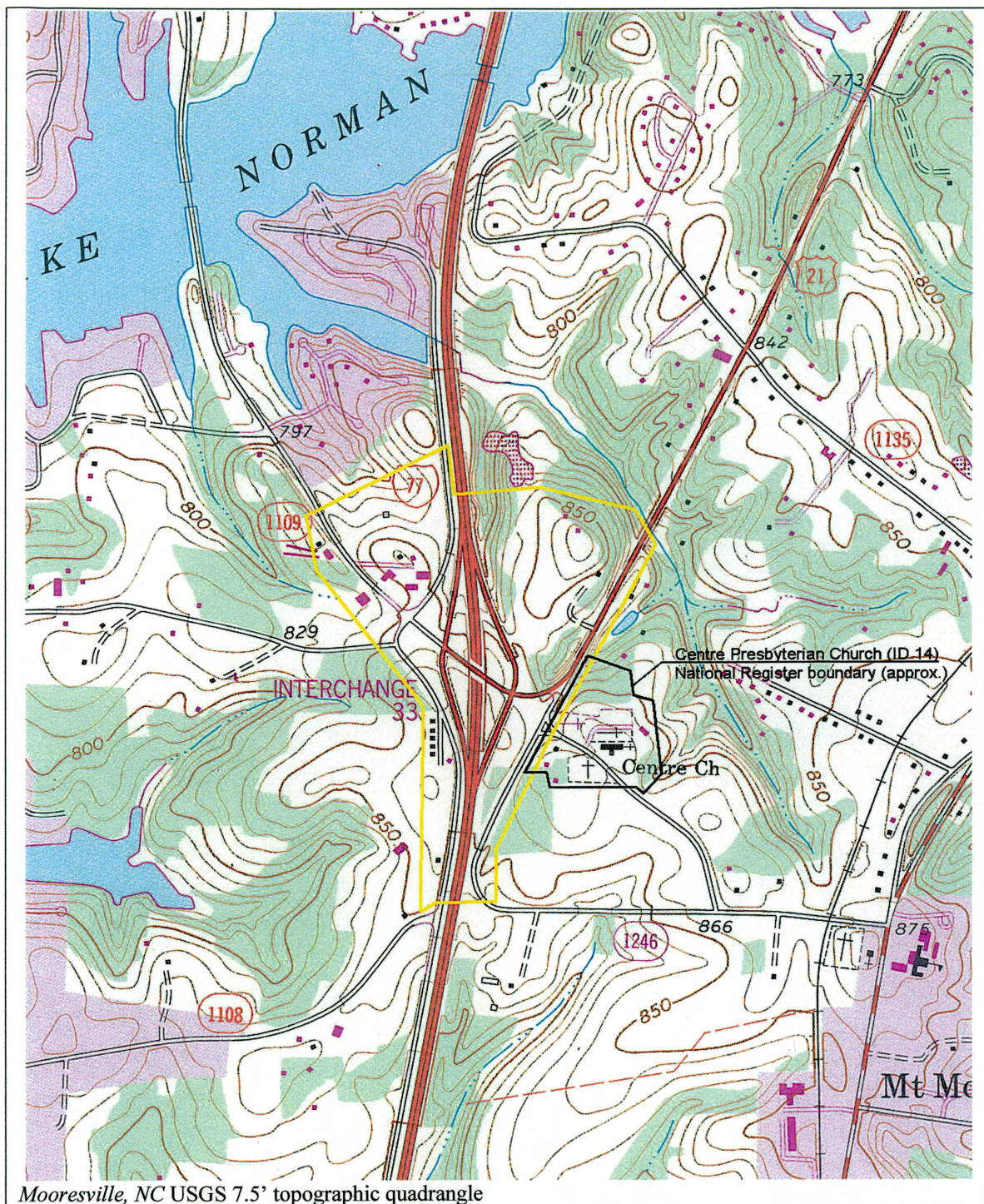
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Iredell County, NC

Project area map

Figure 1. Project location map.





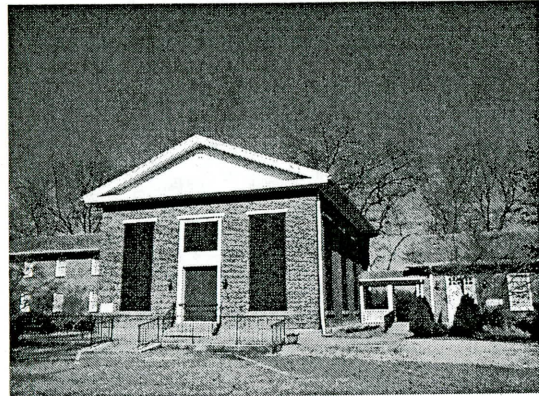
-  Project area boundary
-  Centre Presbyterian Church NR boundary (approximate)

Figure 2. Map of project area showing location of Centre Presbyterian Church (NR)

*Properties Listed in the National Register of Historic Places:*

1. **Centre Presbyterian Church (ID 14) (NR, 1980)**  
Both sides SR 1245, 0.1 mi E of jct w/SR 1246, Mount Mourne vic.

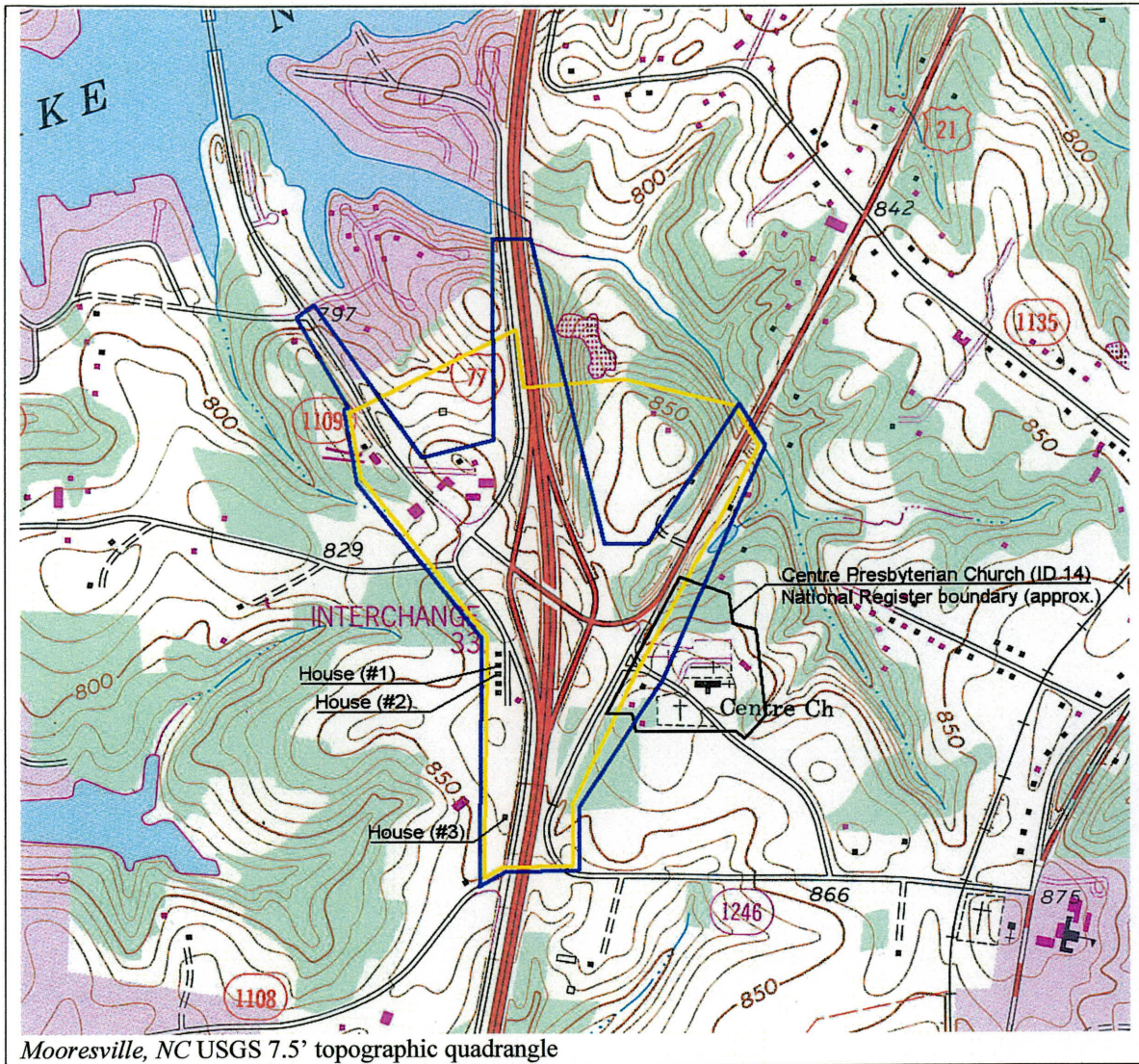
Centre Presbyterian Church, located in southern Iredell County, is one of the most historically significant early southern Piedmont churches. Established in 1765, the congregation is one of the oldest in the county, and the 1854 church building is likewise one of the oldest remaining in Iredell. The Presbyterian Synod of the Carolinas was formed at Centre Church in 1788. The simple yet refined Greek Revival structure embodies the distinctive regional characteristics popular in Piedmont North Carolina church architecture of the mid to late nineteenth century.



The simple rectangular form of the church building, the bold brickwork, and pedimented gable end above the main entrance clearly reflect the Greek stylistic origins. The session house is a miniature wood frame version of the main building. Surrounded by a low stone wall, the cemetery, which stands to the south across the road from the front of the church, contains hand-carved gravestones from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century and decorative iron gates. Baker Cemetery, originally located to the southwest, was relocated within the Centre Church cemetery during the construction of Lake Norman.

The National Register boundary for Centre Church encompasses approximately 18 acres and includes all of the church property with its interrelated parts (Figure 3). The setting is enhanced by numerous mature hardwood trees near the church buildings and cemetery. The northern portion of the property is more densely wooded.





Area of Potential Effect boundary



Centre Presbyterian Church NR boundary (approximate)

Figure 3. Area of Potential Effect map.

*Properties Considered Not Eligible for the National Register of Historic Places:*

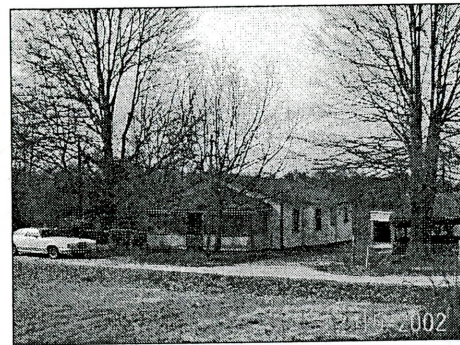
1. **House**—Rosehaven Lane, W side SR 1106, 0.25 mi S of jct w/SR 1109

Ca. 1930 one-story frame house has been substantially altered with brick veneer additions and enclosures surrounding three sides of the structure. Property lacks any special historic or architectural significance and integrity and is not eligible for the National Register.



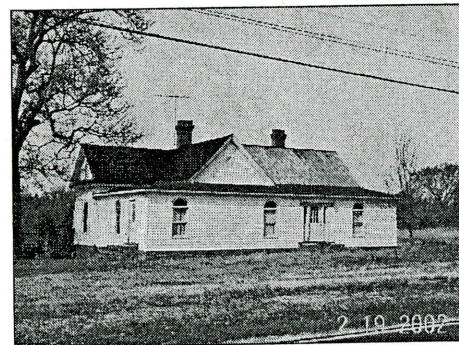
2. **House**—Rosehaven Lane, W side SR 1106, 0.25 mi S of jct w/SR 1109

Ca. 1930 front gable Craftsman-influenced house with rectangular plan, attached and enclosed hip roof porch, and nine-over-nine windows. Property lacks any special historic or architectural significance and integrity and is not eligible for the National Register.



3. **House**—W side SR 1106, 0.4 mi S of jct w/SR 1109

Ca. 1900 side gable frame dwelling with front gable projection and two rear ells has been substantially altered with enclosure of wraparound porch and modern replacement windows. Property lacks any special historic or architectural significance and integrity and is not eligible for the National Register.



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