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Re: Historic Architectural Resources Survey, Fred D. Alexander Blvd. Section B,
Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, ER 02-8627

Dear Mr. Dehler:

Thank you for your letter of December 20, 2001, transmitting the architectural survey report for the above referenced undertaking. The report, prepared by Mattson, Alexander and Associates, meets our guidelines and those of the Secretary of the Interior.

We have reviewed the report and concur that the following properties are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the criteria noted.

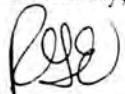
- ◆ Paw Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery (MK 1687), Criterion A
- ◆ Love's Service Station, Criteria A and C

These properties should be taken into consideration during the planning for the proposed undertaking. If they may be affected by the undertaking, further consultation with us will be necessary.

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.

Sincerely,


David Brook

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
AR Report - ERO2-8626
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Subject: Project 512-01-004
Fred D. Alexander Blvd. Section B
From East of Little Rock Road to Valleydale Road

Dear Ms. Gledhill-Earley:

The City of Charlotte has retained the firm of Ralph Whitehead Associates, Inc. to perform planning, engineering and design services and prepare a Project Planning Report and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed improvements on the subject project. As an integral part of this study, the project team has performed reconnaissance level surveys to identify any archaeological and/or historic resources within the project corridor.

We respectfully request that you review the attached survey reports and provide any input/comments that you may have. For your convenience, we have included two copies of each of the reports.

Thank you in advance for providing your comments on this important transportation project. Please do not hesitate to call with any questions that you may have. You can reach me at (704) 372-1885.

Sincerely,
RALPH WHITEHEAD ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Brian D. Dehler, P.E
Project Manager

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Attachments

c: Imad Fakhreddin, City of Charlotte
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**RECONNAISSANCE-LEVEL
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY AND REPORT
FRED D. ALEXANDER BOULEVARD-SECTION B
CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Charlotte is preparing a transportation planning study for the proposed Fred D. Alexander Boulevard-Section B in Charlotte, Mecklenburg County (**Figure 1**). The proposed boulevard would be a four-lane, median divided roadway on a new alignment that would extend northwest for 1.2 miles from the eastern edge of Freedom Drive (N.C. 27) to Valleydale Road just past the North Carolina Department of Transportation maintenance facility entrance. Included as part of this project would be the construction of a new bridge over the CSX Railway at the bulk distribution center and a new bridge over Mount Holly Road and CSX Railway at an interchange with Mount Holly Road. Finally, the project will encompass the installation of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and planting strips on both sides of the road. The preferred alternative is depicted in **Figure 2**.

Mattson, Alexander and Associates, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina, conducted a Phase I reconnaissance level architectural survey for this project. Richard L. Mattson and Frances P. Alexander served as the principal investigators, and the project was undertaken in August and September 2001. The survey was conducted and the report prepared as part of the planning study for this project. The planning study, although not anticipated to be a National Environmental Policy Act (N.E.P.A.) document, is being prepared in general accordance with the requirements as set forth in the N.E.P.A. of 1969, as amended. This is an informational document intended for use by both the decision makers and the public. The contents conform, where applicable, to the requirements of the Council on Environmental Quality (C.E.Q.) guidelines, which provide direction regarding implementation of the procedural provisions of N.E.P.A., and the Federal Highway Administration's Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents.

The goal of the architectural survey was to identify all historic and potentially historic properties within the study area for the project area. Such properties include those listed in the National Register of Historic Places; those designated as local landmarks by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission; or those considered, as a result of this reconnaissance level survey, to be potentially eligible for the National Register.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology for the reconnaissance survey consisted of historical research and field work within the study area for the project. The purpose of the survey was to identify all National Register properties, all designated local landmarks, as well as all other resources that may be potentially eligible for the National Register. During the research phase, the architectural survey files of Mecklenburg County at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission in Charlotte and the State Historic Preservation Office (S.H.P.O.) in Raleigh were examined. Sufficient background research was conducted to acquire a basic understanding of the history and architectural development of the area. Local property owners and historic preservation specialists were also contacted regarding specific properties.

The field work consisted of a drive-through (windshield) survey of the study area and site inspections of selected properties that warranted such analysis. For each historic or potentially historic resource, the principal investigators took a sufficient number of exterior photographs to illustrate the property. The boundaries of the study area was defined so as to encompass all

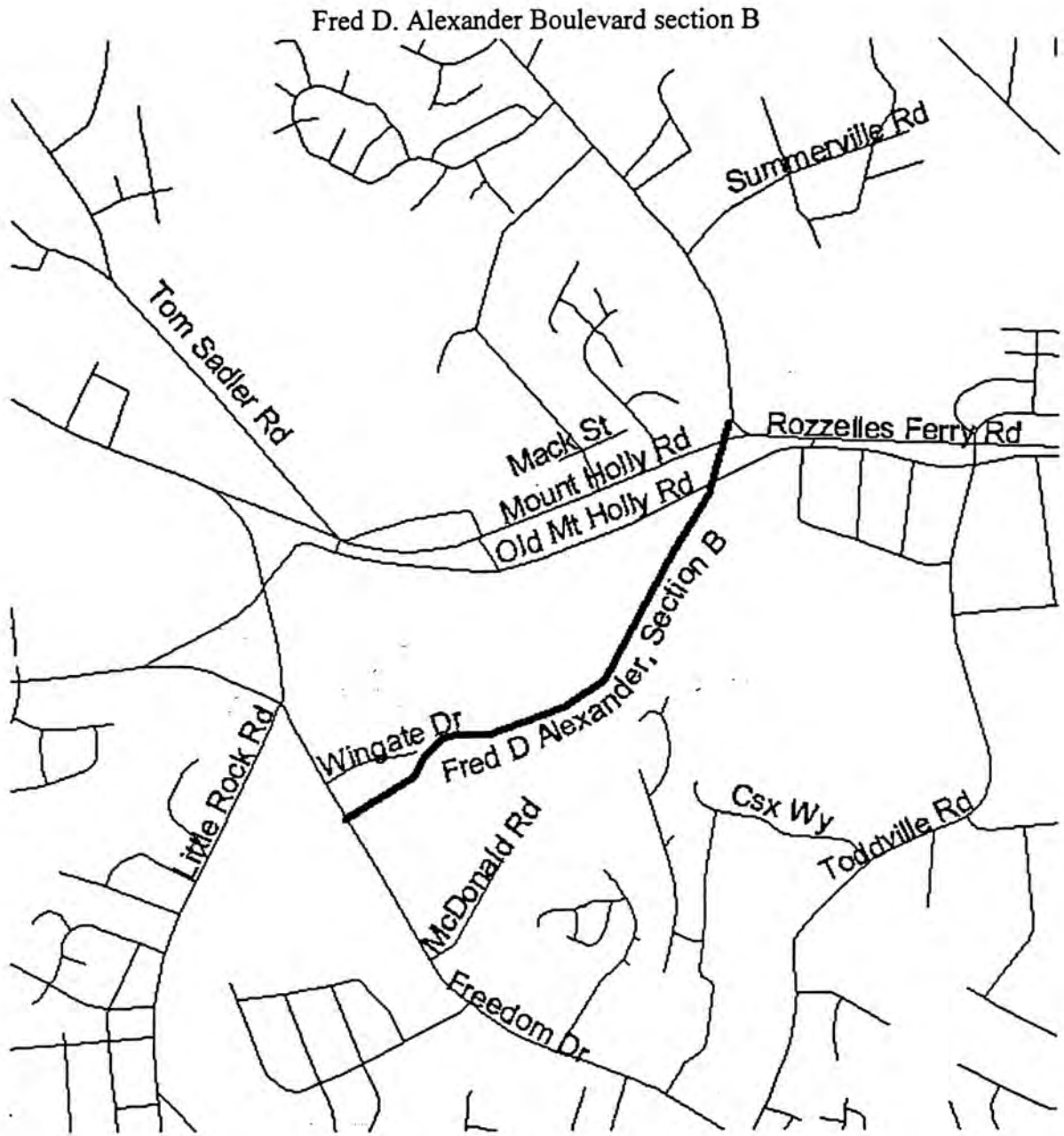


Figure 1
Project Location Map

historic properties that might be either directly or indirectly affected by the proposed project. The field work was conducted in August 2001, and 100 percent of the study area was examined.

SUMMARY RESULTS OF FINDINGS

The study area contained no National Register properties or designated Local Landmarks. Two properties that have been previously surveyed are found within the study area for the project: Paw Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery and Love's Service Station. These two resources are mapped on a field survey map and briefly described below (see **Figure 3**).

Properties Listed in the National Register

None

Local Landmarks

None

Properties Considered Potentially Eligible for the National Register (Keyed to Field Survey Map)

1. **Paw Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery (MK 1687)**
North side of S.R. 1784, 0.25 mile east of the junction with S.R. 1769
Charlotte, Mecklenburg County

One of the oldest congregations in Mecklenburg County, Paw Creek Presbyterian Church was first formed in 1807 and officially established in 1809. That same year, the fledgling church built its first sanctuary which was replaced in 1826. The 1826 church was itself demolished for a new edifice in 1882. The 1882 church building remains extant. The brick church was designed with a simple, gable front meeting house form with a rectangular plan and symmetrical, three bay facade. The giant portico, with its brick pediment, entablature, and wooden columns, is an early twentieth century addition. The facade features tall, double leaf door capped by a segmental arched transom, and tall, segmental arched windows flank the entrance. The side elevations also feature tall, segmental arched, stained glass windows. According to survey data, the interior has been remodeled. The church was inaccessible during the current field investigation. A rear addition was built in 1928, and in 1949, the rear wing was expanded to the east. Finally, in the 1970s, a third addition was built that is connected to the 1928 wing by a breezeway.

Behind the tree-shaded church yard is a well-preserved cemetery that is among the oldest in the county with the earliest gravestone dating to 1810. The cemetery is enclosed by a chain link fence, but an early iron gate remains in place.

As far as can be determined by a reconnaissance survey, the Paw Creek Presbyterian Church and Cemetery are considered potentially eligible for the National Register under National Register Criterion Consideration A: Religious Properties as tangible reminders of the early and predominant Scotch-Irish Presbyterian settlement of Mecklenburg County (**Plates 1-2**).

2. **Love's Service Station**
West side of N.C. 27 at the junction with S.R. 1641
Charlotte, Mecklenburg County

Dating to the 1920s, Love's Service Station is a rare example of pre-World War II roadside architecture remaining in Mecklenburg County. Occupying a triangular lot at the junction of Little Rock Road and Freedom Drive, the frame gasoline station has German siding and a hipped roof that extends to form a pump canopy. The canopy is supported by iron posts. The three bay facade has a central, horizontal paneled door and shuttered windows flanking the entrance. A long storage area, with a side gable roof, extends from the south elevation, and small sheds abut the north and west (rear) elevations. Once common in rural, crossroads communities, these small gasoline stations and roadside stores are now rare. In the postwar era, highway construction and the introduction of large, franchised gasoline stations drew business away from smaller enterprises on older roads, while improved transportation allowed for centralized shopping in city and suburban centers. As far as can be determined by a reconnaissance survey, Love's Service Station is considered eligible for the National Register under National Register Criterion A for commerce and Criterion C for architecture (**Plate 3**).

Figure 3
Field Survey Map

Source: U.S. Geological Survey Map

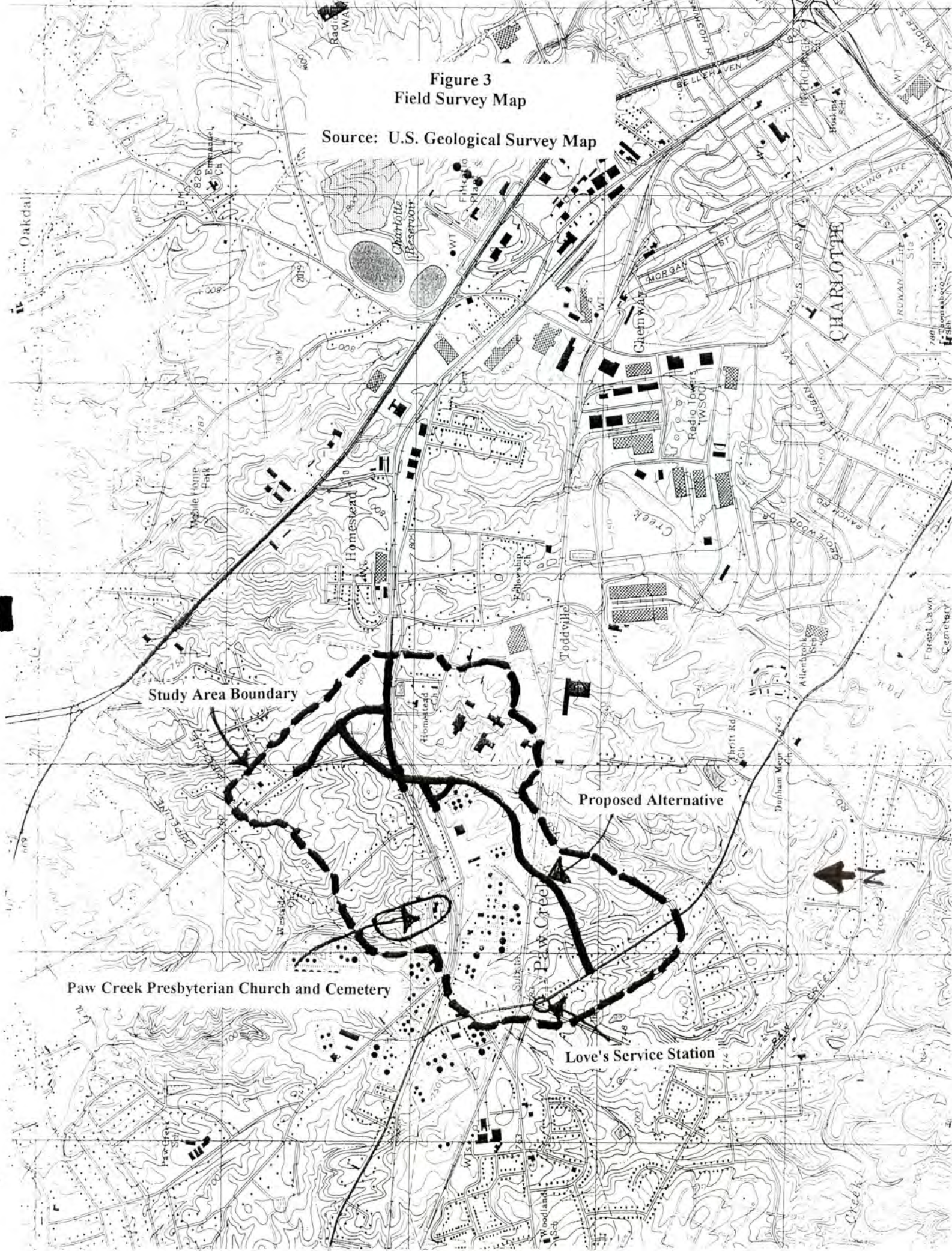




Plate 1. Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, Facade and Portico, Looking West.



Plate 2. Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Looking West.

REFERENCES

Olson, Mary Beth. Architectural Survey Files for Mecklenburg County, 1947-1988. Inventory forms available at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, Charlotte.

Mecklenburg County. Department of Planning and Economic Development. Historic Resources Inventory. Available at the Mecklenburg County Historical Society, Charlotte.



Plate 3. Love's Service Station, Looking Southwest.

REFERENCES

Gatza, Mary Beth. Architectural Survey Files for Mecklenburg County. 1987-1988. Inventory forms available at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, Charlotte.

Mattson, Richard L. and William H. Huffman. "National Register Multiple Resources Documentation Form for Rural Mecklenburg County." 1990. Available at the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Raleigh.

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**APPENDIX:
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

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Richard L. Mattson, Ph.D.
Historical Geographer

Education

- 1988 Ph.D. Geography
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
- 1980 M.A. Geography
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
- 1976 B.A. History, Phi Beta Kappa
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

Relevant Work Experience

- 1991-date Historical Geographer, Mattson, Alexander and Associates, Inc.
Charlotte, North Carolina
- 1991 Visiting Professor, History Department, Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Developed and taught course on the architectural history of the North Carolina Piedmont, focusing on African-American architecture, textile-mill housing, and other types of vernacular landscapes.
- 1989-1991 Mattson and Associates, Historic Preservation Consulting
Charlotte, North Carolina
- 1988 Visiting Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning,
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
- Taught historic preservation planning workshop, developed and taught course on the history of African-American neighborhoods. The latter course was cross-listed in African-American Studies.
- 1984-1989 Private Historic Preservation Consultant,
Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1981-1984 Academic Advisor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of
Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
- 1981 Instructor, Department of Geography, University of Illinois, Urbana,
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- 1978-1980 Private Historic Preservation Consultant, Champaign, Illinois

Frances P. Alexander
Architectural Historian

Education

- 1991 M.A. American Civilization-Architectural History
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- 1981 B.A. History with High Honors
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Relevant Work Experience

- 1991-date Architectural Historian, Mattson, Alexander and Associates, Inc.
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- 1988-1991 Department Head, Architectural History Department
Engineering-Science, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- 1987-1988 Architectural Historian, Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic
American Engineering Record, National Park Service, Washington, D.C.
- 1986-1987 Historian, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service,
Washington, D.C.
- 1986 Historian, Historic American Engineering Record, National Park Service,
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