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Re: Addendum to Phase II Architectural Resources Survey Report, Gaston East-West Connector,
U-3321, Gaston & Mecklenburg Counties, ER 02-9723

Dear Mr. Dayton:

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 2008, transmittal of the electronic copy of the above referenced addendum, prepared by Mattson, Alexander and Associates, following our April 21, 2008, meeting with you on the effects of the above reference undertaking. We have reviewed the addendum and offer the following comments.

GS1320
#1 Jake Long Dairy Barn: We recommended a larger boundary to include all the historic buildings as an appropriate setting and requested a photograph of the tenant house in order to assess its integrity. The addendum provided photographs of the tenant house and additional information on it. We believe it contributes to the National Register eligibility of the property. We concur with the enlarged boundary as shown in the addendum.

GS0179
#5 Stowe-Caldwell-Lowery House: We concur with the larger boundary shown in the addendum that includes the agricultural outbuilding.

GS0340
#8 Union Presbyterian Church: The information and photographs of the new addition, plus the photographs of the interior of the church were very helpful. Due to the loss of the 1949 educational building and the size and scale of its replacement, we concur that the property is not eligible for listing.

GS1327
#19 Wolfe Family Dairy Farm: We concur with the boundaries for the property as shown in the addendum and find that the entire tract is eligible for the National Register.


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. In all future

communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number. We look forward to evaluating the effects of the proposed undertaking with you on April 21, 2008.

Sincerely,



 Peter Sandbeck

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ADDENDUM

**PHASE II
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES REPORT**

**GASTON EAST-WEST CONNECTOR
STIP PROJECT U-3321
GASTON AND MECKLENBURG COUNTIES**

On 21 April 2008, a meeting was held with the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA), HNTB, and PBS&J to discuss the determinations of eligibility for historic architectural resources intensively surveyed. The SHPO requested that the North Carolina Transit Authority (NCTA) prepare an addendum to include a table listing eligible properties, the April 14 letter from the SHPO, and the additional information requested at the meeting as listed below:

- a. Photographs and more information on the tenant house located near the Jake Long Dairy Barn
- b. A map showing the expanded boundaries of the Jake Long Dairy Barn property
- c. A map showing the expanded boundaries for the Stowe-Caldwell-Lowery House
- d. Information on the condition of the interior of the Union Presbyterian Church
- e. A map showing the boundaries for the Wolfe Family Dairy Farm

Tenant House, Jake Long Dairy Barn

West side of Camp Rotary Road, approximately 0.5 mile west of junction with S.R. 1131 Gastonia vicinity, Gaston County

According to the Long family, this one-story, weatherboarded, double-pile dwelling was probably built in the 1940s for Jake Long as a farm tenant house. The Jake Long family subsequently resided in the house for a brief period, and it was later rental property. The house has been vacant for a number of years. The house is located to the south of the main farm complex. Capped by a side-gable roof with exposed rafters, the dwelling is partially vinyl-sided but retains the original eight-over-eight, double-hung windows. The shed-roofed porch has replacement wood posts. Views of the interior from the front porch reveal original horizontal paneled doors, wood floors, and wood ceilings. While later acoustic tiles cover sections of the ceilings, some of the later tiles have been removed in areas to reveal the original woodwork underneath. The house rests on a brick-pier foundation with fieldstone infill. The house also has an added rear wing and a modern deck. The proposed National Register boundaries for the Jake Long Dairy Barn are shown in Revised Figure 4 in this Addendum.



Tenant House, Jake Long Dairy Barn, Looking East.



Tenant House, Jake Long Dairy Barn, Looking Northeast.



Tenant House, Rear Ell, Jake Long Dairy Barn, Looking East.

Revised Figure 4

Jake Long Dairy Barn
Proposed National Register Boundaries

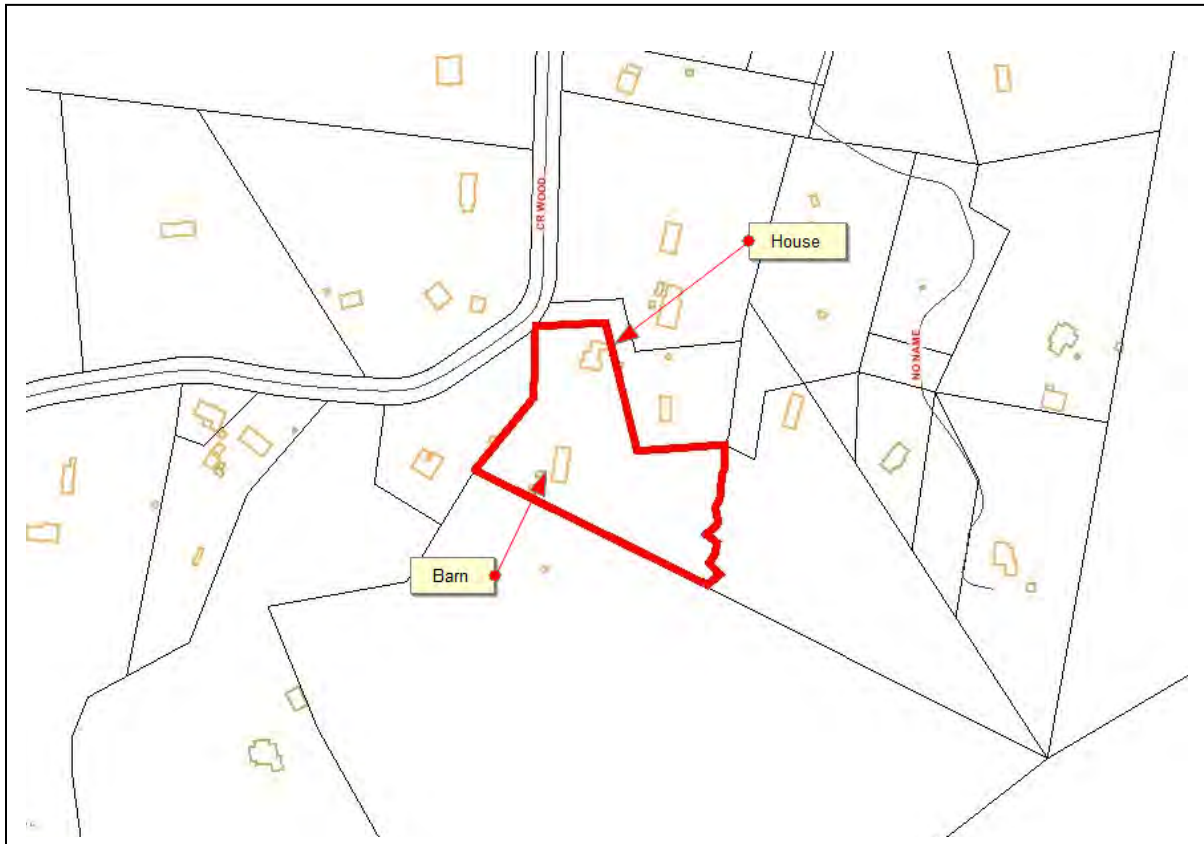


Source: Gaston County Tax Map

Scale: 1"=900'

Revised Figure 12

Stowe-Caldwell-Lowery House
Proposed National Register Boundaries



Source: Gaston County Tax Map

Scale: 1"=488'

Union Presbyterian Church

Northeast side of N.C. 274, 0.5 mile south of junction with S.R. 2439
Gastonia vicinity, Gaston County

In recent months, following the completion of the historic architectural resources survey, Union Presbyterian Church has undergone a major renovation. The construction of a large educational wing/office is now in progress. The new one-story, red-brick addition is significantly larger than the original 1908 church and has replaced the modest, 1949 educational wing on the north elevation. The 1960s, free-standing, educational building to the north has also been razed, but the ranch-style manse at the north end of the tract remains. While the addition suggests the original church in its brick exterior and Gothic-inspired entranceways, the modern design and especially the scale of the new construction compromise the architectural integrity of the 1908, Gothic Revival edifice. Consequently, the principal investigators do not recommend Union Presbyterian Church eligible for the National Register under any criteria.

The adjoining cemetery remains unchanged since the survey. It holds a concentration of nineteenth-century and early-twentieth-century gravestones surrounded by large number of modern headstones. While the cemetery reflects the establishment of the church before the Civil War, it is not recommended as individually eligible for the National Register.

The principal investigators gained access to the interior of the 1908 church. It remains substantially intact, including the original auditorium plan, with sloping floor, wood pews, plaster walls, beaded-board wainscot, lancet-framed chancel, Gothic-inspired light fixtures, and ribbed, vaulted ceiling. However, a part of the modern addition to the church, plans are underway to install modern double doors near the chancel.



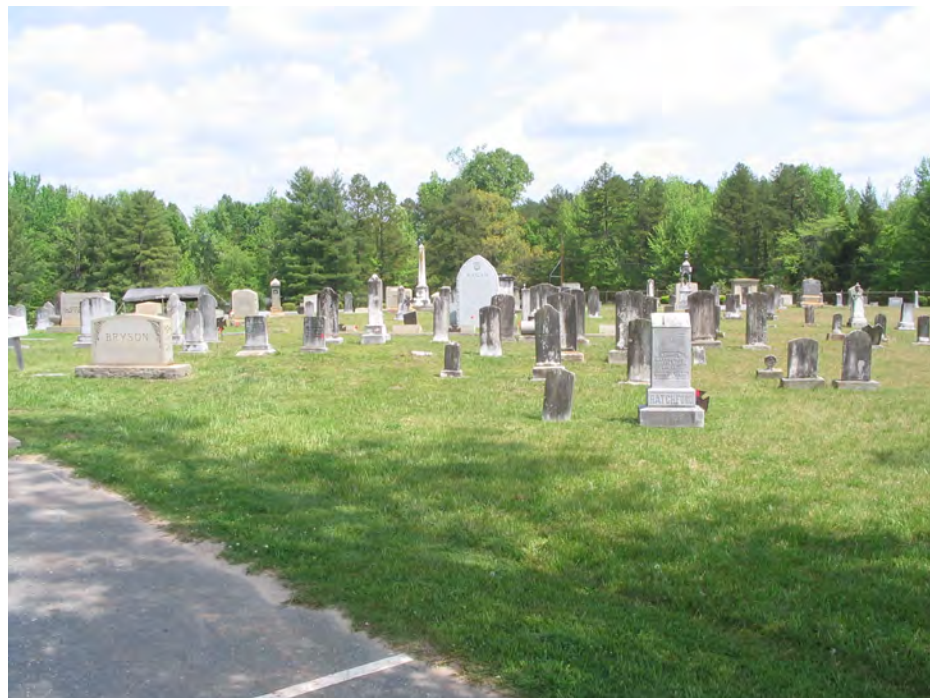
Union Presbyterian Church, Modern Educational Wing/Office, Looking Northeast.



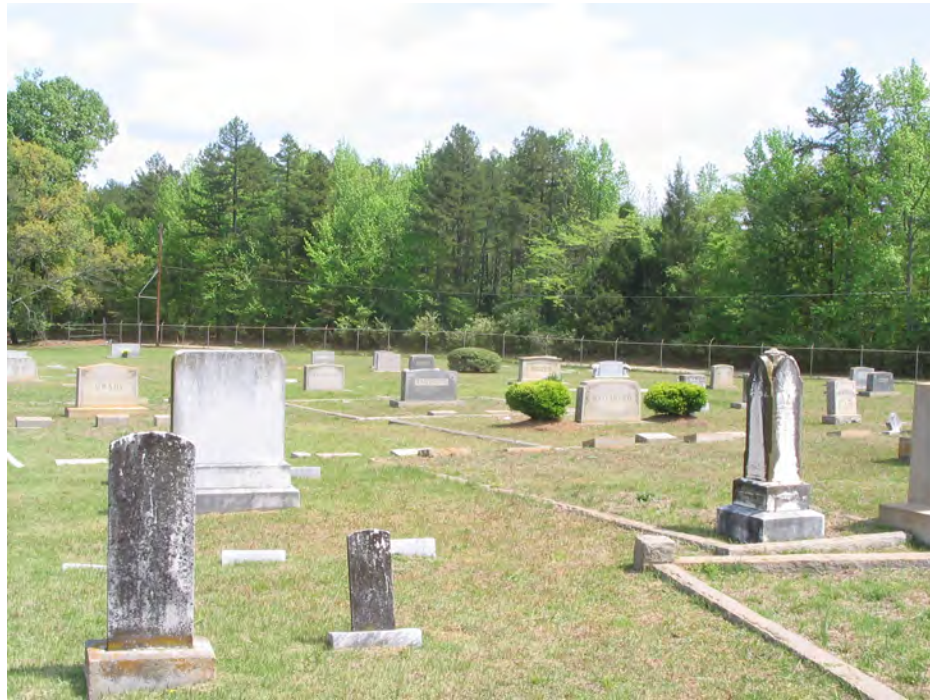
Union Presbyterian Church, Modern Educational Wing/Office, Looking Northeast.



Union Presbyterian Church, Looking North.



Union Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Looking East.



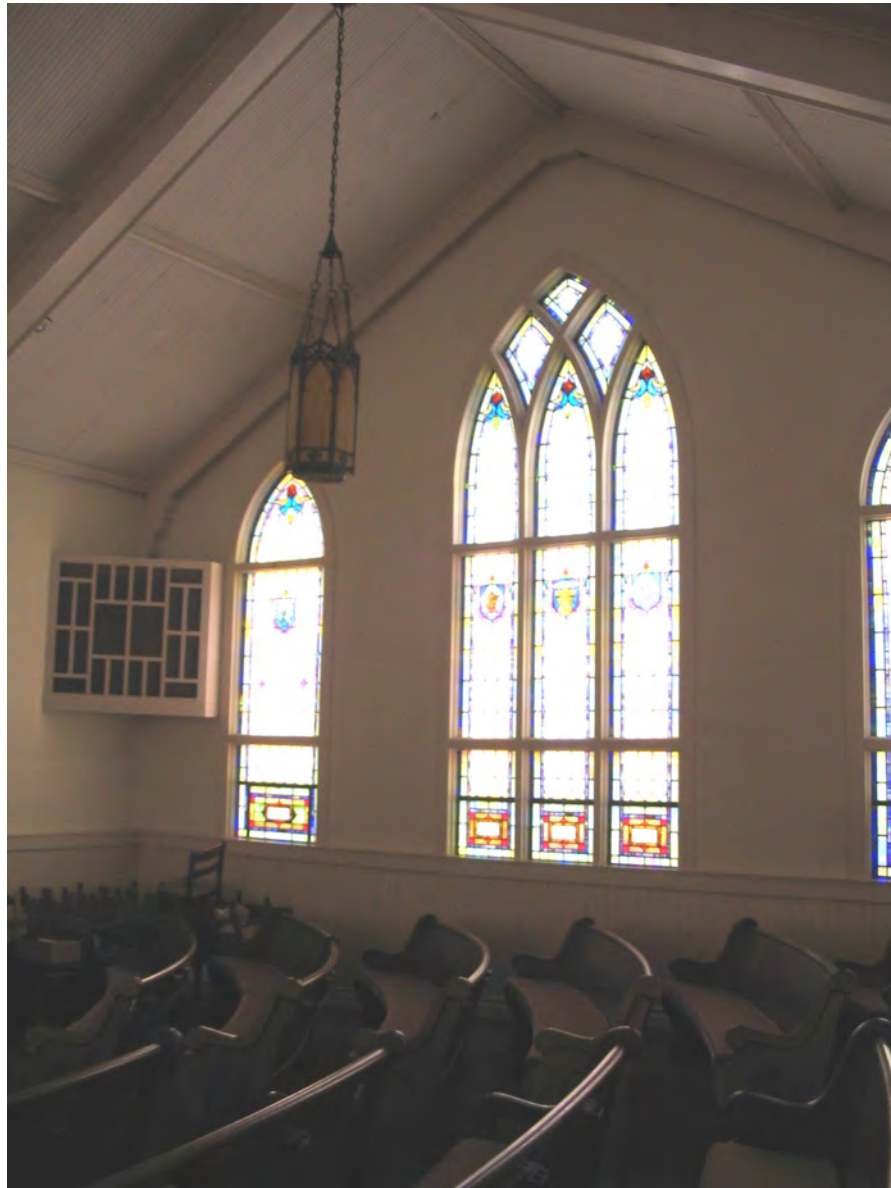
Union Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Looking East.



Union Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary.



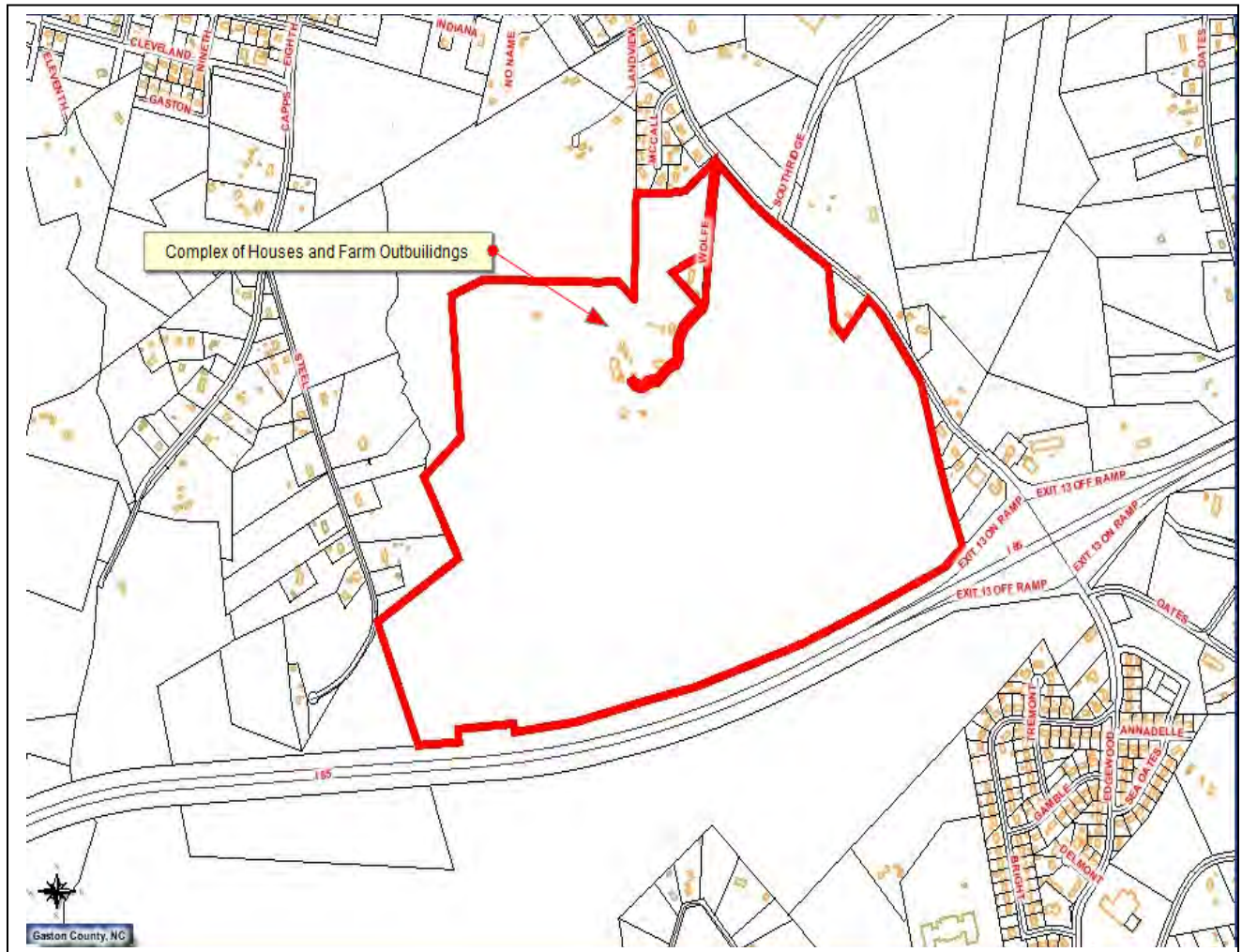
Union Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary.



Union Presbyterian Church, Sanctuary.

Figure 47C

**Wolfe Family Dairy Farm
Proposed National Register Boundaries**



Source: Gaston County Tax Map

Scale: 1"=1,626'