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January 6, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Thorpe, Ph.D., Director
Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch
NCDOT Division of Highways

FROM: David Brook *for David Brook*

SUBJECT: Addendum: Proposed National Register Boundary Expansion for the Oakdale Cotton Mill Village Historic District, Phase II Architectural Survey Report, Improvements to SR 4121 (High Point Road) from Deep River Road to Hilltop Road, High Point, Jamestown, and Greensboro, U-2412, Guilford County, ER90-7159

Thank you for your Record of Transmittal of December 12, 2003, transmitting the survey report addendum by Mattson, Alexander and Associates, Inc.

For purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we concur that the following property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under the criterion cited:

Oakdale Methodist Church is eligible as a contributing building to the Oakdale Cotton Mill Village Historic District, listed in the National Register in 1975, and located along the east bank of the Deep River and Oakdale Road in Jamestown. The church is eligible under Criteria A for community planning and development as an integral element of the mill village.

We concur with the proposed National Register Historic District expansion to include the church property as described and delineated in the survey report addendum. The historic district boundary expansion includes a vacant lot between the current National Register boundary and the church lot. In addition, the boundary expansion also includes two non-contributing buildings, the Oakdale Methodist Church Parsonage and the Oakdale Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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.

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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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RECORD OF TRANSMITTAL FORM

TIP No. U-2412 Federal Aid No. _____ County Guilford

Brief Project Description Oakdate Cotton Mill Village Historic District Expansion

On December 12, 2003 the enclosed materials were transmitted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and received by the undersigned representatives of the following agency:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- North Carolina Historic Preservation Office (NCHPO)
- Other _____

Materials Transmitted

- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) documentation, including:
 - Photographs
 - Color Transparencies
 - Landscape Plans
 - Negatives
 - Construction Drawings
 - Other _____
- Historic Architectural Resources Survey Report(s)
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- Historic Architectural Resources survey materials, including:
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 - Survey site forms

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ADDENDUM

PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER BOUNDARY EXPANSION:

OAKDALE COTTON MILL VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

**PHASE II ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY REPPORT
IMPROVEMENTS TO S.R. 4121 (HIGH POINT ROAD)
FROM DEEP RIVER ROAD TO HILLTOP ROAD
HIGH POINT, JAMESTOWN, AND GREENSBORO
GUILFORD COUNTY
T.I.P. NUMBER U-2412
STATE PROJECT NUMBER 8.2491601**

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**Recommended National Register Boundary Expansion:
Oakdale Cotton Mill Village Historic District
(NR 1975; Boundary Expansion D.O.E. 1990)**

It is recommended that the Oakdale Cotton Mill Village Historic District be expanded northward to encompass Oakdale Methodist Church (Figure A). Located north of the current historic district boundary, the church property includes the church and the associated Fellowship Hall and parsonage. Constructed in 1915 and renovated in the early 1940s, Oakdale Methodist Church is intimately related to the history of the mill and its village. It was the only church in the mill village, and was erected with funds provided by the mill owners on land donated by the mill. Oakdale Mill also contributed money and material for the 1940s renovation. The church is considered a contributing resource to the district under Criterion A for community planning and development. Churches were integral elements of the textile mill villages that took shape throughout the North Carolina Piedmont during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. They were encouraged by mill owners, who typically contributed significantly to ministers' salaries, and donated land and part of the money for church construction. The period of significance begins with the establishment of the cotton mill along the Deep River in 1865, and extends to 1955, the fifty-year cutoff for National Register eligibility. The property does not have the exceptional significance to extend the period of significance within the fifty-year period.

Expanded National Register Boundary Description and Justification

The proposed expanded boundary is depicted in Figure A. It follows the Deep River north of the current National Register boundary (D.O.E. 1990) to the north boundary of the tax parcel of the Oakdale Methodist Church. The proposed boundary then follows this north border east to Oakdale Road. The expanded boundary proceeds southward along Oakdale Road to meet the current National Register boundary. This expanded boundary preserves the mill's original physical setting alongside the Deep River on the west side of the tract, which remains wooded and undeveloped, and encompasses the Oakdale Methodist Church parcel at the northeast side of the tract. The expanded boundary also includes a vacant lot between the current National Register boundary and the church lot.

Evaluation of Integrity: Oakdale Methodist Church

Built in 1915, the red-brick Oakdale Methodist Church combines original elements with features installed during the building's renovation in the early 1940s. The exterior of the church retains its original one-story, rectangular, gable-front form, lancet windows, and entry vestibule, while the brick veneer, and one-over-one sash windows in the basement and rear wings express the later modernization. The rear educational wing was built about 1937 and brick veneered with the rest of the building in the early 1940s. Inside, the renovation is evident in the handsome wood pews and the alter rail, suspended light fixtures, and composition ceiling. The wainscoting, paneled double doors leading from the vestibule to the sanctuary, and the oak flooring in the sanctuary are original.

North of the church, the grounds contain a simple, red-brick dwelling built in 1956 as the parsonage. The 1970s Fellowship Hall, which also has a red-brick veneer, is sited south of the church. The Fellowship Hall and the church are served by a small parking lot along the roadway. The church and the associated buildings all remain in use and in good condition.

Historical Background

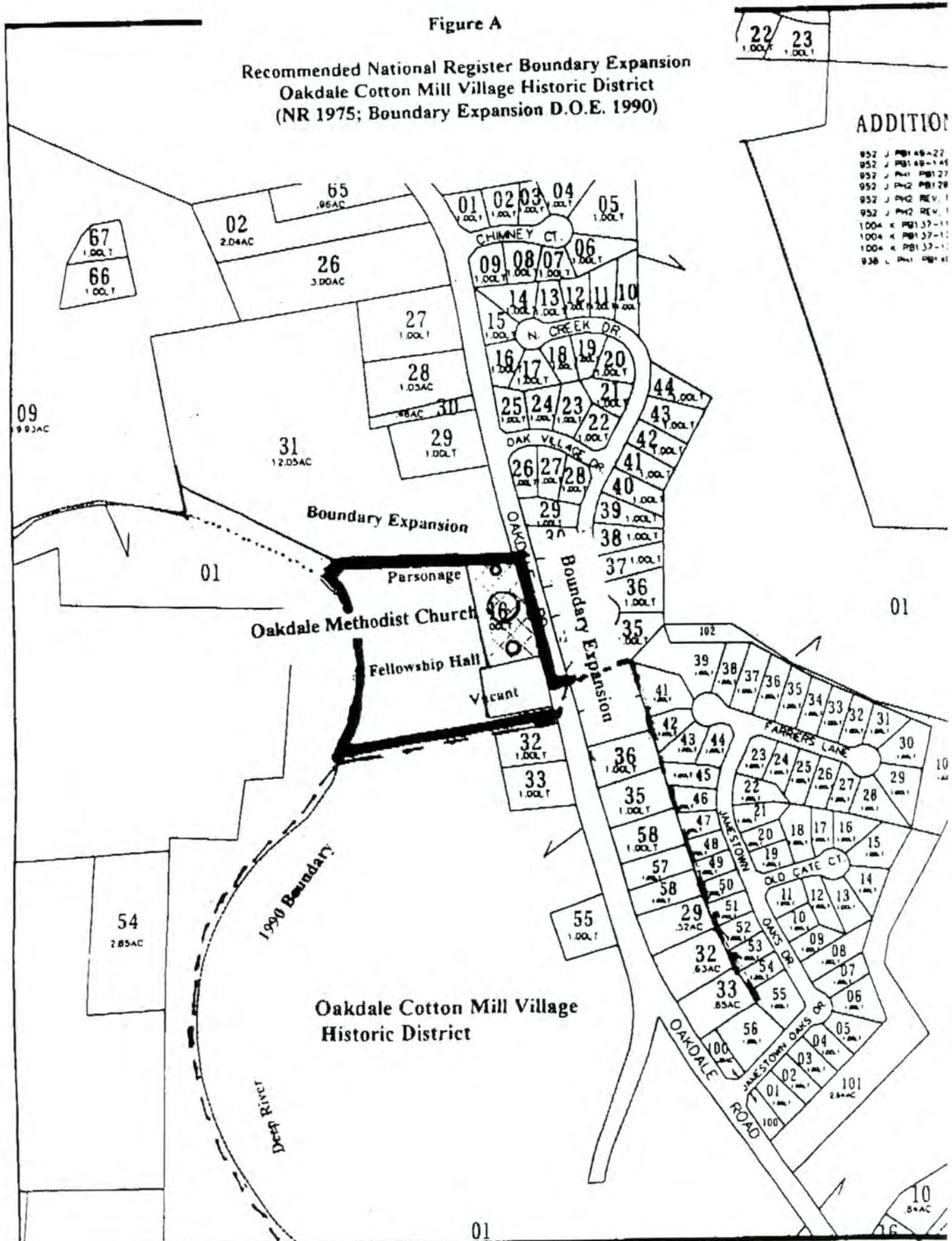
Shortly after the establishment of a cotton mill along the Deep River in 1865, mill workers and other residents just south of Jamestown began holding religious services at their homes. About 1878, with the assistance of mill officials, a brush arbor for worship services was constructed near the mill. About 1881, a Sunday School building was erected. In 1915, as church attendance increased, Oakdale Mills (organized in the 1880s) donated approximately an acre of land and funds for the construction of Oakdale Methodist Church. While members of the congregation donated their labor for the project, a Mr. John Ridge was the principal builder. The church building followed a traditional design, with a simple gable-front form and weatherboard siding. About 1937, under the leadership of the Reverend G. W. Fink, the congregation erected a frame educational building to the rear of church. In the early 1940s, with the church in need of repairs and modernization, the church and educational wing were brick veneered and remodeled. The mill, under the long-time ownership of the Ragsdale family, provided funds and materials for the renovation, and the updated building was dedicated September 19, 1943. In 1956, the red-brick parsonage was constructed on church property to the north of the church, and in 1970s, the Fellowship Hall was completed to the south. Oakdale Methodist Church remains active in the Oakdale/Jamestown community (Bustle 1950; Smith Interview 2003).

Evaluation of Eligibility

It is recommended that the existing National Register boundaries of the Oakdale Cotton Mill Village Historic District be expanded to encompass the Oakdale Methodist Church property. This one-acre tract contains the church, the Fellowship Hall, and the parsonage. From its construction in 1915 through its renovation in the early 1940s, Oakdale Methodist Church was intimately associated with the cotton mill and the community of mill workers. The church stands on land donated by the mill, and was built and later remodeled with the assistance of funds and materials provided by mill ownership. The building survives with few alterations since the 1940s renovation. The adjacent parsonage and Fellowship Hall are non-contributing resources. Unlike the church building, they do not have close historical ties with the cotton mill and are less than fifty years of age.

Figure A

Recommended National Register Boundary Expansion
Oakdale Cotton Mill Village Historic District
(NR 1975; Boundary Expansion D.O.E. 1990)



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- 1004 K PBI 37-13
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Plate 1. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Church and Setting (Parsonage on Right), Looking Northwest.



Plate 2. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Main (East) and Side (South) Elevations, Looking Northwest.



Plate 3. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Side (South) Elevations of Church and Rear Education Wing, Looking North.



Plate 4. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Side (South) Elevation, Looking East.

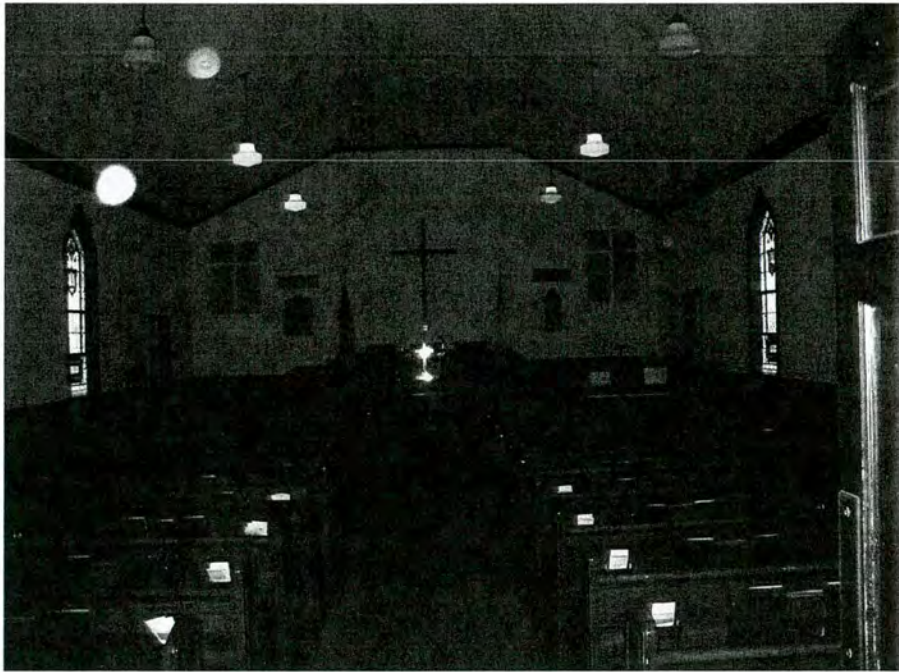


Plate 5. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Interior, Sanctuary.

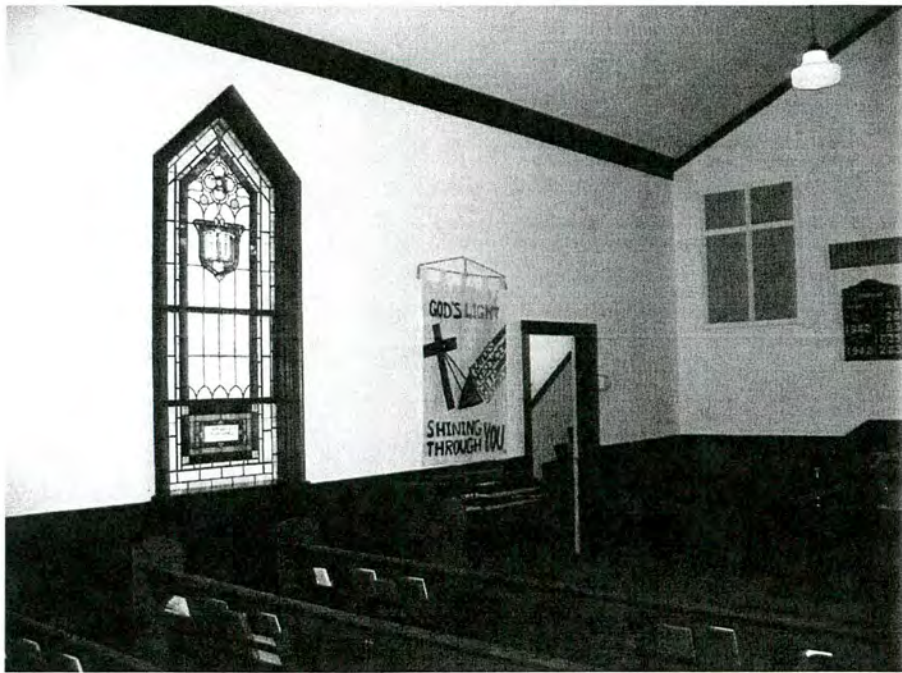


Plate 6. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Interior, Sanctuary.



Plate 7. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Interior, Sanctuary.



Plate 8. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Parish Hall Building, Looking Southwest.



Plate 9. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Church Parsonage, Looking West.



Plate 10. Oakdale United Methodist Church, Looking South Along Oakdale Road From Oakdale Church into the Oakdale Cotton Mill Historic District.

References

Bustle, Reverend W. R. "History of the Oakdale Methodist Church." 1950. Typewritten manuscript available at Oakdale Methodist Church, Jamestown, N. C.

Smith, Cheryl. Interview with principal investigators. 20 November 2003. Ms. Smith is a member of Oakdale Methodist Church.