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**MEMORANDUM**

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

Re: Supplemental Historic Structures Survey Report, US 70 Goldsboro Bypass,  
R-2554, Wayne County, ER02-7642 **also ER 91-7163**

Thank you for your letter of September 7, 2001, transmitting the about referenced supplemental report. We apologize for the delay in our response.

We have reviewed the report and concur that the Whitfield Cemetery is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We would also appreciate another copy of the report for our files.

The above comments are offered in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley at 919/733-4763. Thank you.

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## Purpose of Survey and Report

This report was prepared in order to evaluate the Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery according to the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places. The cemetery is located within the area of potential effects (APE) of the US 70 Goldsboro Bypass, TIP R-2554. During the initial (1995) field survey, the cemetery was concealed by vegetation in the surrounding field and was not addressed in the report. The present study was undertaken as part of the environmental studies conducted by NCDOT and documented by a Categorical Exclusion (CE), and is prepared as a technical appendix to the 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 potentially eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on such undertakings.

## Methodology

This historic resources evaluation was conducted and the report compiled in accordance with the provisions of FHWA Technical Advisory T 6640.8A (Guidance for Preparing and Processing Environmental and Section 4(f) Documents); and 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 Survey Procedures and Report Guidelines for Historic Architectural Resources by NCDOT.

The methodology consisted of a field survey of the Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery in Lenoir County, and background research into the historical significance of Reverend Whitfield. The fieldwork was conducted in July 2001. During the site visit, photographs were taken of the cemetery and brief interviews conducted with local residents. Few Whitfield descendants remain in the vicinity of the cemetery and none provided substantive information regarding Lewis Whitfield or the gravesite. Dorothy Langston Isler, who resides in the nearby Whitfield-Isler House (D.O.E. 1992), offered some historical information. The background research consisted of investigations of both primary and secondary resources. Emma Morehead Whitfield's *Whitfield, Bryan, Smith and Related Families* (1948) provided a genealogy of the Whitfield family. The 1998 architectural study, *Coastal Plain and Fancy, The Historic Architecture of Lenoir County and Kinston, North Carolina* (1998), by M. Ruth Little, contained descriptions of the Reverend Whitfield's surviving plantation seats in the county. Lenoir County's deed records prior to 1880 were destroyed by fires in 1878 and 1880. However, other primary sources were investigated, including federal census data, the Reverend Whitfield's 1848 will, and historical maps (e.g., the 1863 Koerner Military Survey Field Map of Lenoir County) depicting property ownership in the region. All of these sources are located at the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh. The vertical files of the Heritage Place Center, Lenoir Community College in Kinston, North Carolina, were also searched for Whitfield family histories. The 1848 Will of Lewis Whitfield, later typewritten, is included in the appendix of this report.

### **Summary Findings of the Survey**

One resource, the Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, was evaluated at the intensive level for its significance according to the Criteria of the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not considered eligible under any Criteria or Criteria Consideration.

Figure 1

Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery

Project Map  
TIP R-2554

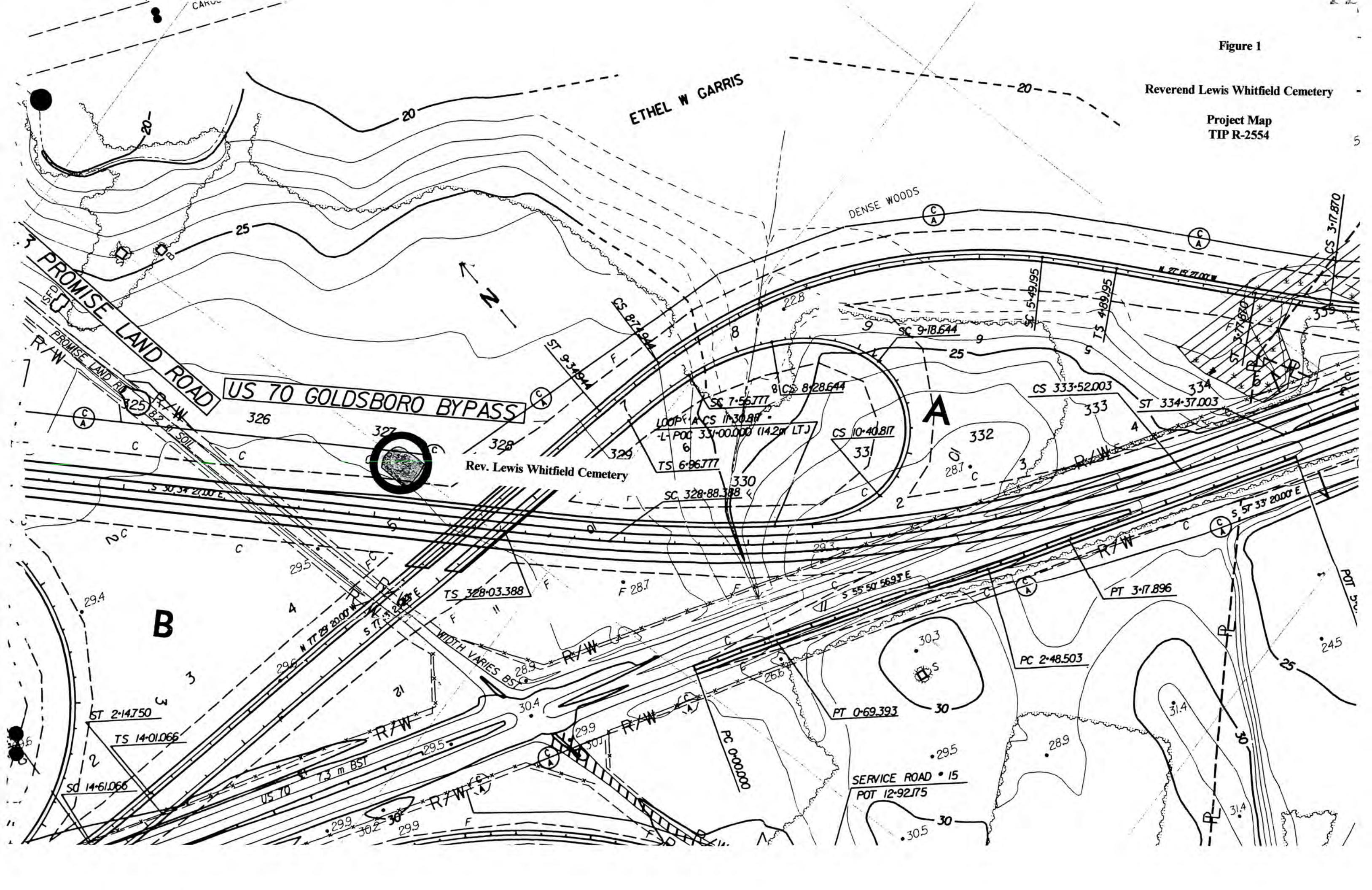
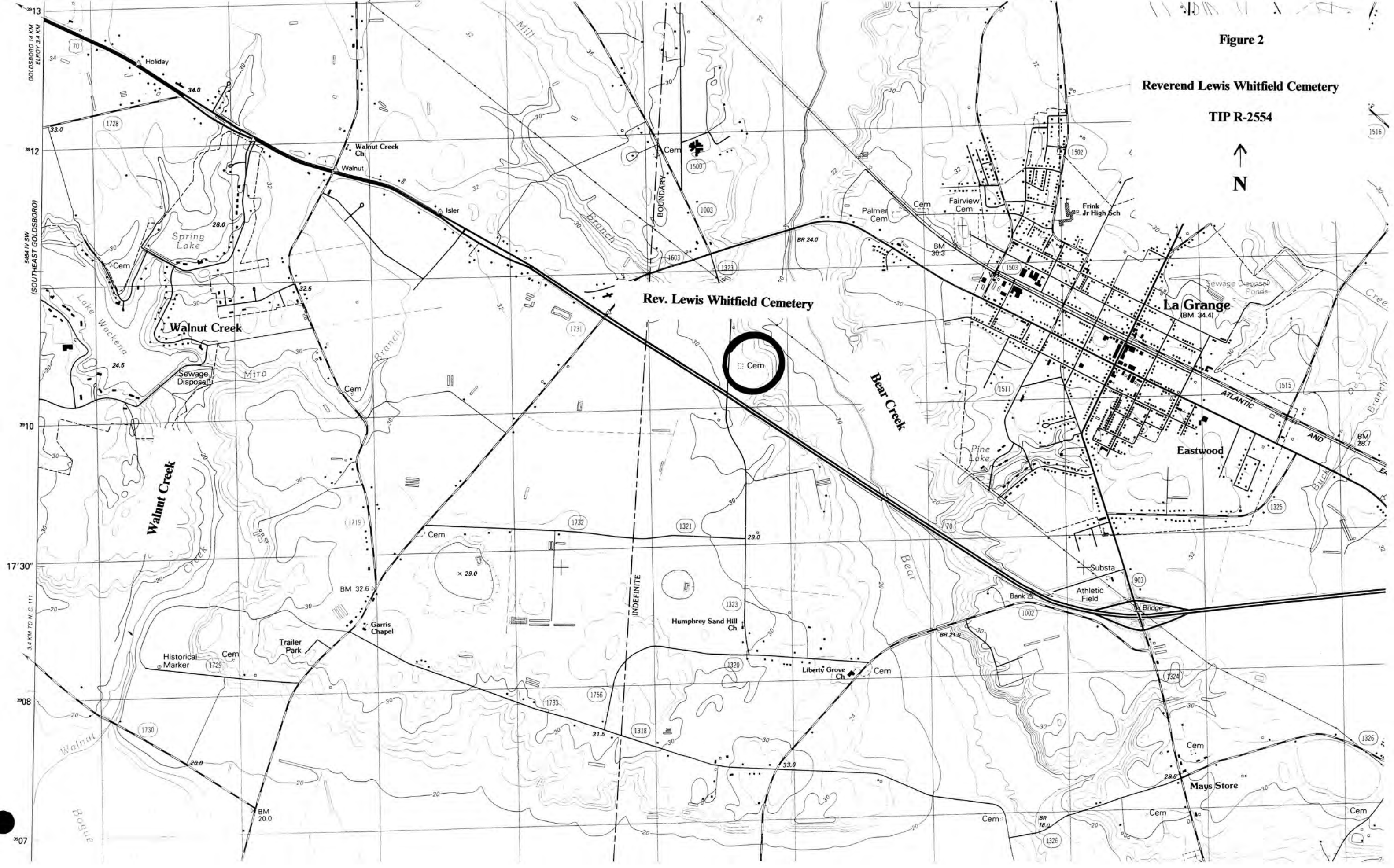


Figure 2

Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery

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Rev. Lewis Whitfield Cemetery

La Grange

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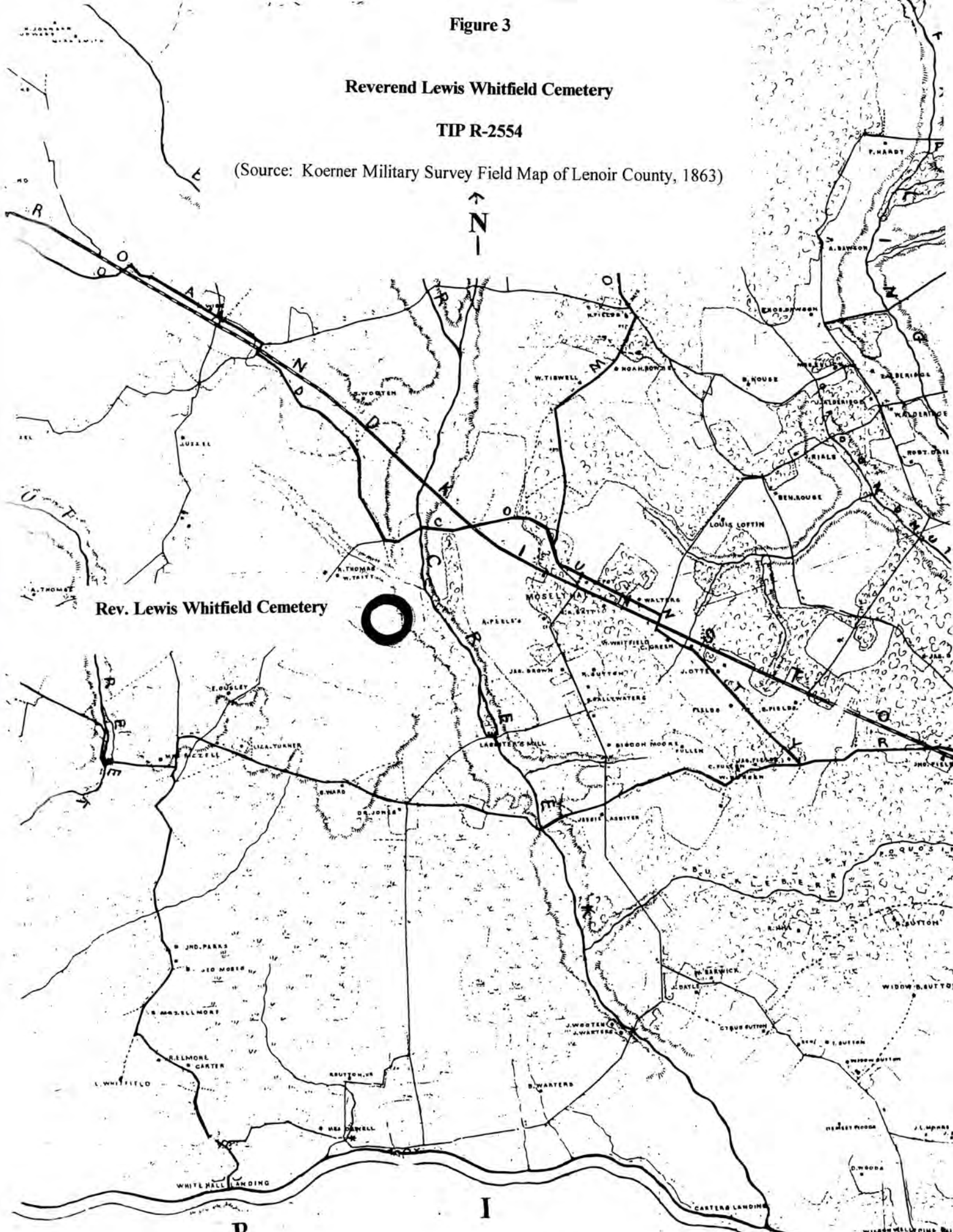
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Figure 3

Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery

TIP R-2554

(Source: Koerner Military Survey Field Map of Lenoir County, 1863)





## PROPERTY EVALUATION

### **Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery**

East side Promise Land Road, 0.1 mile north of US 70, Goldsboro vicinity  
Lenoir County

#### Evaluation of Integrity (Plates 1-10)

The Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery is a small collection of headstones and footstones surrounded by a large, cultivated agricultural field on the north side of US Highway 70 east of Goldsboro. The headstones and footstones are in generally fair condition, though some are cracked or broken. The grassy graveyard measures roughly seventy feet on each side and is maintained by a local farmer who rents the agricultural tract. The cemetery is no longer in use. There are approximately fifteen gravesites, and the headstones are loosely arranged in three rows facing southwest. The stones are primarily simple, traditional soapstone markers with rectangular, pointed-arch, and segmental-arch shapes. No stonecutters are identified on any of the headstones. Located in the northeast corner, the tallest tablet marks the grave of Lewis Whitfield (June 23, 1766-October 20, 1849). The inscription on the stone reads:

The gospel was his joy and song  
Even to his latest breadth.  
The truth he had proclaimed so long  
Was his support in death.

The two adjacent stones mark the graves of two of his three wives, Charlott[e] (died 1798) and Patsy (died 1840). The other grave markers denote the gravesites of other families who presumably farmed this tract, and date primarily from the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These families are Boyett(e), Williams, Ellis, and Carrill.

#### Historical Background

The Reverend Lewis Whitfield is credited with owning a host of plantations and over fifty thousand acres of land in five counties in southeastern North Carolina. There is little published information or documentary records regarding his life, and land records for Lenoir County burned in a succession of fires in 1878 and 1880, making it difficult to verify all of the claims regarding the nature and extent of his vast holdings. Nevertheless, the surviving evidence—archival as well as architectural—establishes Whitfield as one of the region's major planters of the antebellum period (Will of Lewis Whitfield, 6 March 1848; "Whitfield Reunion," in Whitfield Papers: 23595-17; Little 1998: 29-30, 51-52).

Lewis Whitfield was born in 1766 to William Whitfield II (1715-1795) and his wife Rachel Bryan at White Hall along the Neuse River in Wayne County. Whitfield was the youngest of four sons and five daughters. William Whitfield II had fifty-six grandchildren by three sons alone, and most remained in this area, establishing farms and professions in Lenoir and Wayne counties. William Whitfield II, a prominent planter and civic leader, owned over a thousand acres, primarily south of the Neuse River in both Lenoir and Wayne counties. The tract stretched for roughly two miles on both sides of this plantation seat, White Hall (Johnson and Norwood 1979: 12; *The Heritage of*

Wayne County, North Carolina 1982: 483-484; William S. Price, Jr. to George W. Graham, letter correspondence, 1994, in Whitfield Papers).

Lewis Whitfield married three times, first in 1782 to Charlotte Moore Bryan, then in 1800 to Tabitha Atkinson, and finally in 1816 to Martha (or Patsey) Hinton Bryan. Charlotte and Tabitha bore Whitfield eight children. Although raised in the Anglican Church, Lewis Whitfield entered the Baptist ministry and served for sixty years. Lewis and his father, who also became a Baptist, built a Baptist church (now gone) at Pleasant Plains near White Hall in 1782-1783 (Whitfield 1948: 75-76; "Whitfield Reunion," in Whitfield Papers; Little 1998: 30).

According to family tradition, Whitfield earned a reputation as something of an eccentric. For many years before his death he had his coffin made and would take it along on his longer ministerial journeys, occasionally resting inside. When he died in 1849, tradition says that he was encased in four coffins and laid to rest at his Nature's Beauty plantation, the site of the Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery (Whitfield 1948: 77).

The Reverend Whitfield appears to have devoted a great deal of his life to acquiring and developing property in the Coastal Plain and Tidewater of North Carolina. In Lenoir County, he owned the plantations of Monticello, Lafayette, Carmon, Nature's Beauty, and Jefferson Hall, lands in the fork of the Neuse River and Stonyton Creek, the Walter Jackson estate, and lots in the county seat of Kinston. In Wayne County, Whitfield owned the plantations of Baptist Hall and Rich Island. In Carteret County, he owned the Cooks Hammond property near Beaufort, and land on Turners Creek known as Florida. He also held title to land in Sampson County and Sloop Point plantation on Topsail Sound in New Hanover County (now Pender County) (Will of Lewis Whitfield, 6 March 1848; Whitfield 1948: 76, 78; Little 1998: 18-19, 24).

In his 1848 will (see the appendix in this report), Whitfield bequeathed some property to specific slaves (presumably domestic servants), and left his estates to his children and grandchildren. For example, daughter Rachel Wright Whitfield received the Topsail Sound tract (Sloop Point), and daughter Harriet Whitfield Carraway and her husband, Snoad B. Carraway, received Monticello. Whitfield willed Lafayette plantation to his granddaughter, Mary Jane Carraway. Grandson Franklin Whitfield received the plantations of Nature's Beauty, Rich Island, and Baptist Hall. The will stipulated that a forty-acre section of Nature's Beauty, "including the houses and grave-yard," be rented out to pay debts (Will of Lewis Whitfield, 6 March 1848: 10).

The Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery appears to be located on Nature's Beauty plantation, and presumably includes the "grave-yard" noted in the will. The specific location of Nature's Beauty is not known. No architectural evidence of the plantation survives and no surviving historical documentation delineates the tract. It is not identified in any historical maps, including the 1863 Koerner Military Survey Field Map of Lenoir County (see Figure 3). However, the 1948 Whitfield family genealogy states that Whitfield was buried at Nature's Beauty, and general physical descriptions of the plantation site place it within this area (Whitfield 1948: 77). Whitfield's will describes Nature's Beauty plantation as being "north of the Neuse River between Walnut Creek and Bear Creek," an area that encompasses the cemetery (Will of Lewis Whitfield, 6 March 1848: 6). Moreover, in 1887, the Reverend N. B. Cobb, writing for the *Goldsboro Messenger* newspaper, briefly described the Nature's Beauty tract. By 1887, the house and other buildings at Nature's Beauty appear to be gone. The Reverend Cobb reminisced,

Not far from LaGrange, in Lenoir County, N.C., overlooking the valley of Bear Creek and the site of the Old Bear Creek Baptist Church, surrounded by a fertile farm, is a beautiful knoll, which, for nearly a century has borne the name of "Nature's Beauty." It was once the hospitable home of Rev. Lewis Whitfield, a Baptist minister of the olden time, and a prominent figure in the Neuse Association during the last century (*Goldsboro Messenger*, 10 January 1887, in Whitfield Papers).

Although no architectural evidence of Nature's Beauty survives, the plantation seats at both Monticello (DOE 1993; Study List 1994) and Lafayette in Lenoir County remain intact. Both dwellings clearly represent the significance of Lewis Whitfield. Architectural historian, M. Ruth Little, writes, "Although the paucity of pre-1878 records hampers investigation into the history of Monticello, its large Georgian dwelling, antebellum graveyard, and impressive setting constitute one of the finest, if not the finest, of the surviving plantation complexes in Lenoir County" (Little 1998: 325). About 1790, Whitfield acquired the Monticello land on Wheat Swamp at the north edge of the county. The house was probably erected in two major stages in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and stands today as a well-preserved two-story, frame, double-pile dwelling with Georgian and Federal-style elements. Monticello is sited at the end of a cedar allee on 157 acres of land, reduced from thousands of acres in the antebellum period (Little 1998: 29-30, 325-326, 332).

Located west of Monticello near Stonyton Swamp, the ca. 1830 Whitfield-Dunn-Wiggins House is reputed to be the Lafayette plantation house of Lewis Whitfield. It is the county's largest example of the coastal cottage form and considered to be one of the county's most significant antebellum buildings. The 1948 Whitfield family genealogy describes the residence at Lafayette as having stone pillars, solid porch columns, built-in porch seats, and eight-foot-tall doors. This description closely matches the Whitfield-Dunn-Wiggins House. The story-and-a-half, frame dwelling rests on high foundation piers of stone and marl, and features a flush-sheathed recessed entrance with solid porch posts and enclosed end bays. Built-in benches originally flanked the front door. The coastal cottage design resembles another Whitfield property, Sloop Point (National Register), which survives in Pender County (Little 1998: 51, 358-359).

#### Evaluation of Eligibility

The Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery is not considered eligible for the National Register under any Criteria or Criteria Consideration. The cemetery is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A, Criteria Consideration D). Although the cemetery is associated with a prominent landowner in Lenoir County and the region (Criterion B, Criteria Consideration C), Whitfield's plantation houses of Monticello and Lafayette survive intact to reflect his achievements and impact on this area. The cemetery does not possess the artistic or architectural distinction necessary for National Register eligibility (Criterion C, Criteria Consideration D). The cemetery is also not likely to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).



Plate 1. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Looking East.



Plate 2. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Looking Southeast.



Plate 3. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Looking Northeast.



Plate 4. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Headstones of Whitfield (left) and Wives Charlotte and Patsey, Looking East.



Plate 5. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Headstone, Looking East.



Plate 6. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Headstones of Charlotte and Patsey Whitfield, Looking East.



Plate 7. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Boyett Family Headstones.



Plate 8. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Boyette Family Headstones.



Plate 9. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Cora Williams Headstone.





Plate 10. Reverend Lewis Whitfield Cemetery, Johnny J. Williams Headstone.

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**Appendix:**

**Will of Lewis Whitfield, 6 March 1848**

In the name of God, Amen!

I, Lewis Whitfield of the Counties of Lenoir and Carteret, and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this instrument of writing to be, and to contain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, viz:-

First.- I ordain and direct that my four negroes, Ned, Charles, Juno and Patsy be settled and fixed for living in a comfortable manner on such part of my Carmen place plantation as lies East of a cross fence, North and West of a small branch running through said plantation and a field East of Bog-Hole Pocosin or any other land my Executor may designate, and to have the use of said part to cultivate for their support, and that Ned's daughter, Beck, live with him during his natural life to aid and assist him in making support on said lands, and to nurse him in his affliction. I do direct that they have a horse or mule, a riding saddle and bridle, two cows and calves, three sows and pigs, corn to make a crop and raise meat for the second year, some kitchen furniture and farming tools such as are necessary for them, and provisions for the first year for the said four negroes.

I give to old Ned all of my wearing apparel after my burial, and four good blankets,- and to Charles, Juno and Patsy, two good blankets each, which four negroes I leave in the care and under the direction of my executor, and I do hereby clothe him with all necessary power to govern and protect them; and I further ordain and direct that Four Hundred Dollars be reserved, and remain in the hands of my executor and kept at interest during the life or lives of old Ned, Juno and Patsey. Which interest be it understood shall be applied to their real wants, and if the interest is not sufficient, a part or all of the Four Hundred Dollars shall be applied if necessary. And that Ned be paid the sum of twelve dollars per annum, and Juno and Patsy six dollars a piece

per annum, as a pension for life, and that Juno and Patsy have the liberty of living with their children with the consent of the owners.

I request my executor to act from the most noble principle of love to God and his creatures, and with humanity to the unfortunate black slaves I leave to his care, without accountable to my heirs in any respect whatever so far as relates to said negroes, and I do hereby declare that no succeeding legacies, gifts, loans or conditions shall alter or change the provisions I have made in favor of these old negroes.

Second.- I give, bequeath and devise to my daughter Rachael Wright my land on Topsail Sound, lying between said Sound and Holly Shelter Desert in New Hanover County, including my Sloop Point Plantation and the lands contiguous thereto, and my lands in Mike's Neck, held by deed from Woodman S. Sidbury, James Howard, Nathan Green and Archibald Blake, and all the lands patented in my own name in said County, to her, her heirs and assigns forever and confirm to her the right to all the negroes I have put in her possession.

Third.- I give and devise to my daughter Janet Moseley, Five Dollars in notes and confirm in her the right and title of all the negro slaves that I have put in her possession, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth.- I give and devise to my son-in-law Snoad B. Carraway and Harriet, his wife, and to the survivors of them, for life that part of my lands on Wheat Swamp whereon they now live, called Monticello, beginning at a small maple (description) and after the death of said survivors, I give and bequeath the said tract of land and plantations to such child or children now in being of the said Snoad B. Carraway and Harriet, his wife, as the said S. B. Carraway shall name, designate and appoint to take the said lands

in and by his last will and testament or any writing in the nature of a deed or last will and testament, and after the death of said child or children and devisees so named, designated and appointed, to the children of said child or children to be equally divided among them, and their heirs, forever, and in default of any appointment or designation of any such child or children by the said S. B. Carraway as aforesaid, then I give and devise that part of my land on Wheat Swamp as above described, called Monticello, and half of two lots in Hookerton to William W. Carraway, son of S. B. Carraway and Harriet his wife, and that part of my land on Beaver's Dam Branch as above described, called LaFayette, to Mary Jane Carraway, daughter of Snoad B. Carraway and Harriet his wife, to them and their heirs forever.

Fifth.- I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet Carraway the following named negroes (naming them) and mine and my wife's last portrait and frame to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Sixth.- I give to my daughter Julia Beck all the negro slaves I put in her possession when she married, and the twelve she carried away from Sloop Point in New Hanover County, to her, her heirs, and assigns forever, also five dollars in money.

Seventh.- I give to the children of my grandson Geo. William Whitfield, five Dollars in money and confirm to them, right and title to all slaves I put in their father's possession and their increase from the day he received them, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Eighth.- I give, bequeath and devise to my five grandsons, the sons of Allen Whitfield viz: Louis Whitfield, jr., Allen Whitfield, Jr, Willaim B. Whitfield, and James B. Whitfield, all my lands in Sampson County, and that part of my lands in Wayne County on the South side of Neuse River, also that part of my lands lying on the North side of Neuse River in Wayne County in the bend of said river and within the following bounds, beginning on the margin of Bog's Marsh at the

mouth of Mrs. Ivey's ditch by the public road, running along the margin of Bog's Marsh Westwardly to the place formerly called Flat Neck at or near the head of Beaver Dam Creek, thence down the various courses of said creek (The prong next to Hart's place by my old mill seat to Neuse River, thence down the various courses of said River to White Hall Ferry, thence along the public road from White Hall Ferry to the beginning, including all the lands I own within said bounds except the lower half of the landing purchased of Patsy Elmore) to them or the surviving part of them, and in the event of the death of the aforesaid Lewis Whitfield, Allen Whitfield, William B. Whitfield, Nathan B. Whitfield and James B. Whitfield, deceased, sons of Allen Whitfield deceased, leaving no heirs of their body, then and in that case the aforesaid lands shall be equally divided between Tabitha Wooten and Mary Jane Whitfield, daughter of Allen Whitfield, deceased or their children.

I hereby wish it to be distinctly understood that each son of Allen Whitfield, deceased, as above named shall receive his proportionable part of said land when he arrives at the age of twenty-five years and not before.

Ninth.- I give and devise to my grand-daughter Mary Jane Whitfield, daughter of Allen Whitfield, deceased, (Negroes) and in the event of the death of said Mary Jane Whitfield, leaving no heirs of her own body, then and in that case the aforesaid negro slaves and their increase to be equally divided between her brothers and sisters, children of Allen Whitfield, deceased.

Tenth.- I loan unto my granddaughter Sarah Mason LeWilliams, daughter of Harriet Carraway (negroes) during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among her children, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Eleventh.- I give to the whole of my grandchildren that are the

sons and daughters of Allen Whitfield, deceased, viz:-

Lewis Whitfield Jr., Wm. B. Whitfield, Mary Jane Whitfield, Nathan B. Whitfield and James B. Whitfield ( negroes) and all their increase from this day forward to be equally divided amongst them, the daughters to receive their share when they come to the age of twenty-five or sooner if married, and the sons to receive theirs when they arrive at the age of twenty-five years and not before.

The increase of said negroes from the death of Allen Whitfield, unto this day are also included in this legacy to his children as above named, and in the event of the aforesaid Lewis Whitfield, Allen Whitfield, William B. Whitfield, Nathan B. Whitfield, and James B. Whitfield leaving no heirs of their own body, then and in that event the aforesaid negroes and their increase from the death of Allen Whitfield and from this day forward to be equally divided between Tabitha Wooten and Mary Jane Whitfield, daughters of Allen Whitfield, deceased or their children.

Twelfth. I give, devise and bequeath to my grandson Hazard Whitfield, son of Lewis Whitfield, deceased, (describes land) and sofa and likeness, and in the event of the death of Hazard Whitfield (son of Lewis Whitfield, dec'd.) leaving no heirs of his own body, then and in that case the above described land and other property shall descend to the three sons of Lewis S. Whitfield, deceased, Cicero Whitfield, Lewis Whitfield, and Franklin Whitfield, or survivors of them, and in case the last survivors of the sons of Lewis S. Whitfield should die without leaving any heirs of his own body, the said lands or real estate shall be equally divided between all my grand-children.

Thirteenth.- I give, devise and bequeath to my grandson Cicero Whitfield, son of Lewis S. Whitfield, dec'd. (describes lands and one mahogany bedstead) and in the event of the death of the said Cicero Whitfield (son of Lewis S. Whitfield, dec'd) leaving no heirs of his own body, then and in that event the above described lands and other property shall descend to the three sons of Lewis



S. Whitfield, deceased, Hazard Whitfield, Lewis Whitfield and Franklin Whitfield or the survivors of them, and in case the last survivors of the sons of L. S. Whitfield deceased, should die without leaving an heir or heirs of his or their own body the said lands or real estate shall be equally divided between all my grandchildren.

Fourteenth.- I give, devise and bequeath to my grandson Lewis Whitfield (son of L. S. Whitfield, deceased) all my lands (describing them and a large clock) and in the event of the death of the said Lewis Whitfield, son of L. S. Whitfield, dec'd. leaving no heirs of his own body, then and in that event the above described land and other property shall descend to the three sons of L. S. Whitfield; dec'd., Hazard Whitfield, Cicero Whitfield, and Franklin Whitfield or survivors of them, and in case the last survivor of the sons of L. S. Whitfield, dec'd., should die leaving no heir or heirs of his own body the lands or real estate shall be equally divided between all my grandchildren.

Fifteenth.- I give, devise and bequeath to my grandson Franklin Whitfield (son of L. S. Whitfield, deceased) that part of my lands lying on and North of Neuse River between Walnut Creek and Bear Creek, in the Counties of Wayne and Lenoir, except that part in a foregoing legacy lying in the bend of said River, and described in said legacy and one or two acres on the East side of Bear Creek, being my old mill seat at the bridge including my Nature's Beauty Plantation, Baptist Hall and Rich Island Plantation, half the landing (being the lower half) purchased of Patsy Elmore, and my two lots on Neuse River at the High Banks, also my oval Black walnut table, also my gold watch and all portraits and frames not before given away in this will, also my family Bible, and all of my books, and in the event of the death of the said Franklin Whitfield (son of Lewis Whitfield, deceased) leaving no heirs of his own body, then and in that event the above described lands and other property shall descend to the three sons of Lewis Whitfield,

deceased, Hazard Whitfield, Cicero Whitfield and Lewis Whitfield, or the survivors of them, and in case the last survivors of the sons of L. S. Whitfield, deceased, should die leaving no heir or heirs of his own body, the said lands or real estate shall be equally divided among all my grandchildren.

Sixteenth.- I give to my four grandsons, Hazard Whitfield, Cicero Whitfield, Lewis Whitfield and Franklin Whitfield, all sons of Lewis S. Whitfield, deceased, the following named slaves:- (names them) and their increase from this day, and in the event of the death of Hazard Whitfield leaving no heirs of his own body, his interest in the above named negro slaves shall descend to his three brothers, Cicero Whitfield, Lewis Whitfield and Franklin Whitfield, or the survivors of them, and in the event of the death of Cicero Whitfield, leaving no heirs of his own body, his interest in the above named negro slaves shall descend to his three brothers, Hazard Whitfield, Lewis Whitfield and Franklin Whitfield or the survivors of them, and in the event of the death of Lewis Whitfield leaving no heirs of his own body, his interest in the above named negro slaves shall descend to his three brothers, Hazard Whitfield, Cicero Whitfield, and Franklin Whitfield, or the survivors of them, and in the event of the death of Franklin Whitfield, leaving no heirs of his own body, his interest in the above named negro slaves shall descend to Hazard Whitfield, Cicero Whitfield and Lewis Whitfield, and in case of the death of the last survivor of the above named sons of Lewis S. Whitfield, dec'd, leaving no heirs of his own body, said negro slaves above described shall be equally divided among all my grandchildren each of the heirs herein named sons of L. S. Whitfield, deceased, when he comes to the age of twenty-five years shall draw out his share of the above slaves, and the rest remain in common stock until <sup>all</sup> are thus divided, also they (sons of L. S. Whitfield- shall take possession of the lands devised to them as described above, at the age of twenty-five years and not before.

Seventeenth.- I leave to S. B. Carraway our negro girl named Lila and her increase, upon condition that the said S. B. Carraway pay the executor the value of said girl Lila, which shall be assessed by two competent men, the money arising from the sale of said negro Lila to be applied to the extinguishment of my own debts.

Eighteenth.- I give to Letitia Craft (personal property). I also send unto Miss Letitia Craft that part of my Carmon plantation, lying West etc with certain privileges during her single life and continuance on said land and plantation, and no longer.

She is also to have kitchen furniture.

Nineteenth.- I do hereby appoint Allen W. Wooten guardian to my grandchildren, William K. Whitfield, Mary J. Whitfield, Nathan B. Whitfield, and James B. Whitfield, sons and daughter of Allen Whitfield deceased, and he is hereby directed to rent out lands or hire out the negroes at public or private contract, that is to say, he shall only rent one half of each field annually.

I further direct that the rents arising from said land which may accrue to them, together with what may accrue to them from other funds by this will for the four sons and daughter of Allen Whitfield, deceased, viz:-

Allen Whitfield, William, Mary, James, Nathan, Junius Whitfield to be held as a common fund for their education and support, and as they arrive at the age of twenty-five years each one shall receive his proportionable part of said fund. Mary Jane Whitfield drawing her share sooner if married, my will and desire is that Allen Wooten, guardian, submit the raising and training of his two grandchildren William B. Whitfield, and Mary Jane Whitfield to S. B. Carraway and wife.

Twentieth.- I do hereby appoint Snoch B. Carraway, guardian of the grandchildren Hazard, Cicero, Lewis, and Franklin Whitfield, (sons of L. S. Whitfield, deceased) and he is hereby directed to rent out land, and hire out the negroes at public or private con-

tract, that is to say, that he is only to rent out one half of each field annually.

I further direct that the rents arising from said land that accrue to them together to what may accrue to them from the other funds given by this will to the four sons of L. S. Whitfield, viz:-

Hazard, Lewis, Cicero and Franklin Whitfield be held a common fund for their education and support, and as they arrive at the age of twenty-five years each one shall receive his proportionable part of said funds.

Twentyfirst.- I hereby authorize my executor to sell a certain piece of land at Cook's Hammock near the town of Beaufort now laid off in lots as per plans herewith annexed called Paradise, to be disposed of as will more specifically appear by the certificate on said plans of the said town of Paradise.

I also authorize my executor to sell at private or public sale, all my lands on the waters of North River in Carteret County including all my lands on Turner's Creek called Florida, the remaining part of my lands adjoining Paradise and two tracts of land containing four hundred acres in the county of New Hanover on Trumpeter's Swamp near Goes Branch, and all my lots in the town of Kinston, Lenoir County, all of which lands shall be sold on four yearly and equal installments by my executor at any time within five years.

I leave the negroe man Gansey to be sold at private sale, also negro woman Beck, to be sold after the death of her father Ned, and all my perishables not given or loaned in this will.

My just debts to be paid and to be applied also to the payment of all my notes due by my son Lewis S. Whitfield, deceased, wherein he was principal in said notes, and not to pay any security debts.

I also leave all my personal estate (not herein given away) to be sold, and the following negroes, Ben, Dick, Will, Enos and

Dismond to be hired by my executor at private or public sale, and the lands given to the four sons of Lewis S. Whitfield, deceased, and my lands in Sampson County on Coral Branch, except about forty acres of the Nature's Beauty Plantation, including the houses and grave-yard which shall be rented to such person as my executor and guardian to the children may choose to be rented at private or public contract, until the sales, hire or rents raise a fund sufficient to pay all my just debts, and when all my just debts are paid according to this provision Allen W. Wooten as guardian is to take in trust my Sampson County lands.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint, constitute and ordain Snoad B. Carraway, executor to this my last will and testament contained on six pages of two sheets of paper, and clothe him with all powers necessary to execute and carry them into effect, and no legatees or legacy shall alter or change my purpose in making any grants or loans in this my last will until the same shall expire, and I do hereby declare that no mistake in writing this will, no want of form not want of grammatical writing or law phrase or diction shall in any way alter my purpose as is expressed in this will in a plain and simple manner.

November 6th, 1848.