

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

MULTIPLE RESOURCE

THEMATIC NOMINATION

1 NAME

HISTORIC Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER NW side SR 1755 0.3 mi. S. of jct. with 1741

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

High Point *vic*

VICINITY OF

STATE

North Carolina

CODE

037

COUNTY

Davidson

CODE

057

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED
N/A

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
 ACCESSIBLE
 YES, RESTRICTED
 YES, UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER Cemetery

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Spring Hill United Methodist Church

STREET & NUMBER

1626 W. Lexington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

High Point

VICINITY OF

STATE

North Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds Office, Davidson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE
North Carolina

6 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ruth Little, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Survey and Planning Branch

DATE

July 26, 1983

STREET & NUMBER

Division of Archives and History

TELEPHONE

919/733-6545

CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina 27611

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The cemetery contains about 300 markers, approximately 25 of which are locally made. The earliest inscribed marker is dated 1839. Spring Hill has no examples of the dominant schools of stonecutting in the county. The following seven most significant gravestones reflect echoes of the Pierced Tradition or belong to the humble decorative tradition followed by amateur stonecutters in the county:

Pierced Tradition

Martha Welborn	1837-1839
Strowd Welborn	1788-1840
Twin Sons of Peter & Mary Tise	1842-1842
Katharine Tise	1785-1846

Simple geometric shape

Caty Welborn	1794-1841
Stephen Jones	1810-1842
Wm. Kenneday	1802-1844

8 SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES various

STONECUTTERS: unknown

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

One of the oldest Methodist Protestant churches in the county, Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church was established in 1830.¹

Footnote

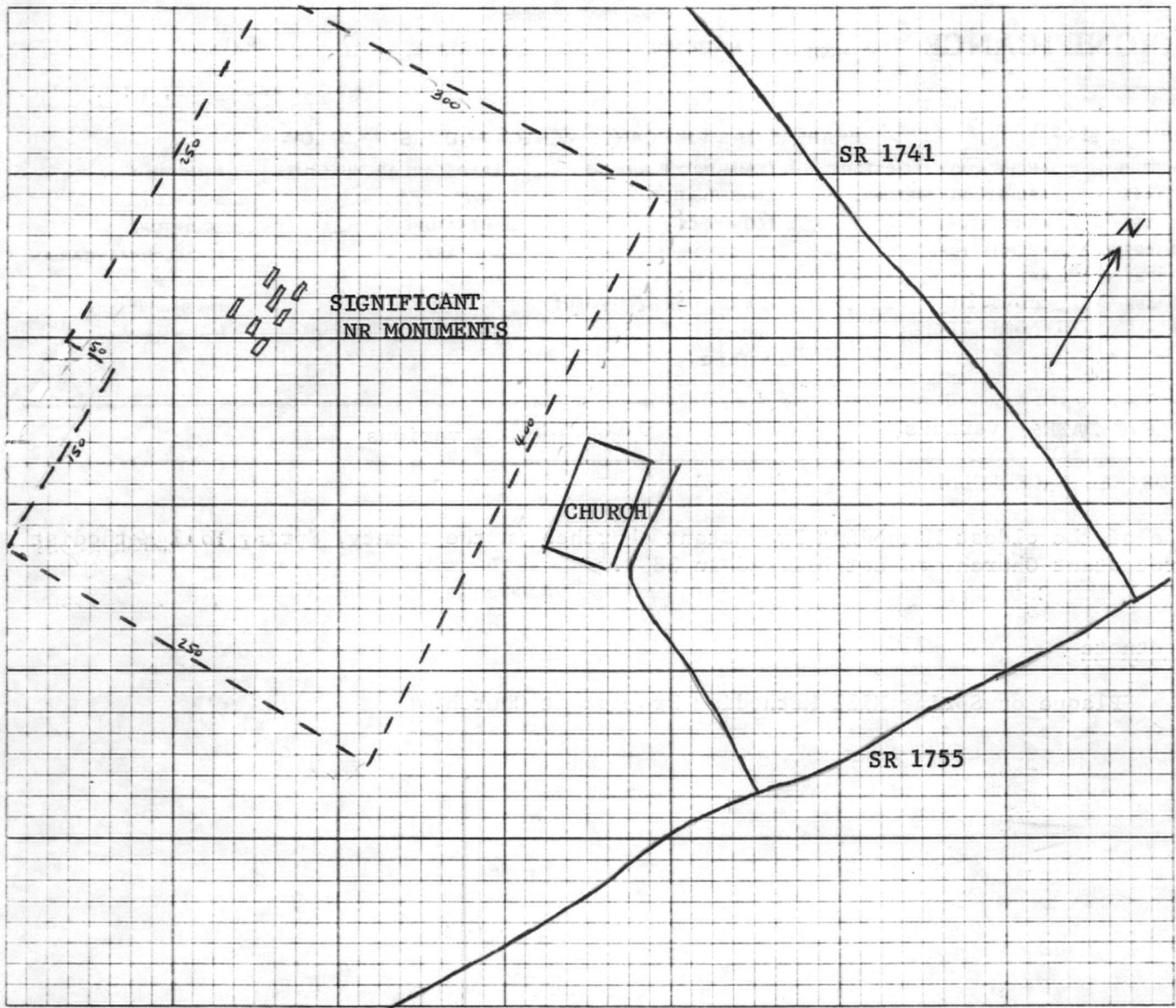
¹Plaque on Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church.

CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

A,C Derives primary significance from the unique collection of folk gravestones by local stonecutters erected here in the late eighteenth and first half of the nineteenth centuries. These highly decorative soapstone gravestones with folk symbols for resurrection and eternity represent the height of folk art accomplishment within the craft community of the Anglo-German farmers of north Davidson County.

Contains a small group of locally-manufactured gravestones dating from the 1840s which represent the debased echo of the "Pierced Style" which flourished in the previous two decades in the German Lutheran communities of north Davidson County.

SITE PLAN



not to scale

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

N/A

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 3 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 7	5, 8, 5, 1, 5, 0	3, 9, 8, 0, 9, 4, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The cemetery boundaries include an area of roughly 3 acres with the approximate dimensions of 300 feet by 400 feet by 250 feet by 150 feet by 50 feet by 250 feet in a polygonal configuration as shown on the U.S. Geological Survey map, High Point West, N.C. Quadrangle.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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received 6/27/84
date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Davidson County Multiple Resource Area
State NORTH CAROLINA

Nomination/Type of Review	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	Date/Signature
21. Abbott's Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
22. Beck's Reformed Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
23. Bethany Reformed and Lutheran Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
24. Emanuel United Church of Christ Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
25. Fair Grove Methodist Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
26. Jersey Baptist Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
27. Pilgrim Reformed Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
28. St. Luke's Lutheran Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
29. Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church Cemetery	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>
30. Waggoner Graveyard	Entered in the National Register	for	Keeper	<u>Delona Byers 7/10/84</u>

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church
Cemetery (Anglo-German Cemeteries TR)
(Davidson County MRA)
Davidson County
NORTH CAROLINA

Working No. JUN 5 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 7-5-84 / 7-30-84
Action: ACCEPT 7-10-84
 RETURN
Entered in the RETURN
National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use
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4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church
 Cemetery (African-German Cemeteries TR)
 Davidson County M.R.A.
 Davidson County
 NORTH CAROLINA

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



NEGATIVE NUMBER N.83-9-335

PHOTOGRAPHER Ruth Little

PHOTO DATE MAY-JUNE 1981

SUBJECT Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church Cemetery
Davidson County
Pierced Tradition - gravestone

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000444