State of North Carolina  
Division of Archives and History

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

Crutchfield Cross-Quad

X MULTIPLE RESOURCE OR THEMATIC NOMINATION

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Whitehead-Fogleman Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side SR 1352, .3 of a mile southeast of its junction with S.R. 1351.

CITY, TOWN Crutchfield Crossroads

STATE North Carolina

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Wade W. Johnson, Agricultural Extension Service

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 1666

CITY, TOWN Lexington

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE Chatham County Courthouse

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

CITY TOWN Pittsboro

6 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Ray Manieri

ORGANIZATION Urban Research Associates

DATE July 1, 1983

STREET & NUMBER 1301 Cornwallis Drive

CITY OR TOWN Greensboro

STATE N. C.
DESCRIPTION

EXCELLENT
GOOD
FAIR

EXCELLENT
GOOD
FAIR

DETERIORATED
RUINS
UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
ALTERED
MOVED

UNEXPERT
ALTERED
MOVED
DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Whitehead-Fogleman Farm consists of a two-story frame main house surrounded by several log, frame, and weatherboard outbuildings all situated on gently sloping pasture land in northwestern Chatham County.

The main house, built by local farmer, builder, and miller Arthur Whitehead during the late 1830s, combines traditional Federal elements such as a gable-end roof, an exterior end chimney, wide double hung windows with six-over-six sash and plain surrounds, with more individualistic elements, such as louvered shutters and unusual tapered porch posts. The symmetrical three-bay facade, sheathed in wide flush boards on the first floor, is defined by a full facade one-story porch with shed roof, supported by oddly tapered posts with simply molded caps, which illustrate the vernacular craftsmanship of Arthur Whitehead, its original builder/owner. Originally, a complementary one-story shed-roof porch also highlighted the rear facade, but it was probably enclosed to its present form in two stages as indicated by the varied window size and weatherboard pattern. However, here Whitehead's additions do maintain similar Greek Revival window surrounds, louvered shutters, and doors.

The interior of the main house illustrates an unusually fine combination of Federal and Greek Revival characteristics. Laid out in a hall-and-parlor plan, quite popular in rural Chatham County during the first four decades of the nineteenth century, the interior is entered through typical Greek Revival doors with two narrow, vertical panels and plain surrounds. Wide, flush, hand-planed boards sheath the walls in both rooms of the original section, and the larger room features a robust Federal mantel with delicate reeding and a rare example of a massive over mantel distinguished by two corresponding rows of flat panels. A feature often found in Chatham county, an enclosed stair, with an introductory two step stringer, rises along the partition wall and provides access to the second floor. There, two small bedrooms open from a narrow landing defined by simple railing composed of square-in-section newel posts and balusters. Probably built in the 1840s or 1850s as the Whitehead family grew, the rear shed addition features a narrow board sheathing on its walls, which contrasts the wide wall boards in the original section. Its symmetrical recessed door surrounds with simple, square corner blocks are also typical of vernacular Greek Revival interior trim found elsewhere in Chatham County.

Several outbuildings of various types of uses and construction are located south of the main house. These include a saddle-notch log crib, a square-notch log and board-and-batten well house, a large decaying V-notch log barn with weatherboard sheathing, and small frame structures. A one-room board-and-batten kitchen adjoining the southern end of the house's front porch has a wide stone and brick chimney and

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a projecting gable end which creates a sheltered entry. Although the age of this structure is unknown, its interior finish of flush-mounted boards and the more modern hinges and bracing of its doors, indicate that it may have replaced an original detached kitchen during the late nineteenth or early twentieth century.
Local builder Arthur Whitehead constructed the main house of his farm complex during the late 1830s and expanded it during the 1840s or 1850s as his family began to grow. The house maintains an interesting combination of transitional Federal and Greek Revival characteristics. Several surrounding outbuildings were constructed by Whitehead and later by his daughter and son-in-law, who occupied the complex after his death.

CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

A. Associated with the establishment of a self-sustaining antebellum farming society in rural Chatham County familiar throughout the nineteenth century.

C. Embodies the vernacular form and characteristics of transitional Federal and Greek Revival domestic architecture as those styles developed in rural Chatham County during the first half of the nineteenth century.
Census records as well as local deeds support local tradition that the Whitehead-Fogleman Farm was established by local farmer, builder and mill owner Arthur Whitehead about 1839. Whitehead, born in 1812, married Elizabeth Crutchfield in 1833 and fathered his first child in 1834. A few years later, in 1836, Whitehead made his first recorded land purchase in Chatham County. This purchase gave him title to 261 acres of land along Mud Lick Creek and Rocky River, in the same area where the Whitehead-Fogleman Farm is now located. Although the exact date at which Whitehead built his home is not known, it was probably constructed between 1836 and 1840, or between his initial purchase of land and when he first appears in local census records.

Having established himself in northwestern Chatham County, Whitehead developed his career as a farmer, builder, and miller during the two decades before the Civil War. Census records show that in 1840 Whitehead was engaged in farming and building trades and owned five slaves; and that by 1850 he owned 300 acres of land—slightly less than the size of the average farm in North Carolina. Perhaps in an effort to diversify his business interests, Whitehead purchased Lamb’s Mill on the nearby Rocky River for $2,052 in 1856. These successful business activities made Whitehead a prosperous man who on the eve of the Civil War possessed a personal estate valued at $6,000.

Whitehead's family also grew in size as his business activities expanded in scope. Between 1834 and 1860 when he was 48 years old, he fathered seven children. Whitehead's will reveals that by the time of his death in 1877 at 65 years of age, he had fathered an additional four children, including an unnamed infant. It was probably during this period, between the late 1830s and the late 1870s, as Whitehead's farm increased in size and his family increased in number, that the rear addition to the main house and many of the outbuildings were constructed. As often happened in rural Chatham County, these later additions combined elements of the currently popular Greek Revival Style with those of earlier Federal design.

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**


Chatham County Records (subgroups: Deeds, Wills; Estate Records, Tax Lists, Marriage Records). Chatham County Courthouse, Pittsboro, N. C. and North Carolina Archives, Raleigh, N. C.

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: App. 36 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property consists of approximately thirty-six acres in Albright Township bounded as shown on Chatham County Tax Map #8765-58-2839.
Between the end of the Civil War and his death in 1877, Whitehead continued to operate his mill and add to his farm. Ramsey's 1870 map of Chatham County shows that Whitehead's mill still operated in that year. He also purchased 338 acres of land from the estate of a deceased neighbor in 1872. At his death, Whitehead's estate was divided among his children. Two of his surviving sons received his mill while another son received one-half of Whitehead's "...old plantation, where he now lives." A daughter, Elizabeth B. Fogleman, inherited the remaining half of the farm where Whitehead's house stands.

Mrs. Fogleman and her husband occupied the farm until their deaths about 1930 when it was transferred to the Workman family who cared for the Fogleman's retarded daughter. The current owner, Mr. Wade Johnson, purchased the property in 1968.
NOTES

1. Wade W. Johnson, interviewed April 4, 1983. Mr. Johnson is the current owner of the Whitehead-Fogleman Farm.


3. Chatham County Marriage Bonds, North Carolina State Archives.


11. Ibid.


13. Ramsey's 1870 Map of Chatham County.


15. Ibid.


Ramsey, N. A. 1870 Map of Chatham County.

