State of North Carolina
Division of Archives and History

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

NAME

HISTORIC Waggoner Graveyard

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER S side of SR 1814, on a dirt lane 1 mile from road, on top of hill

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

037

057

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNER'SHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

X

PRIVATE

X

BUILDING(S)

X

PRIVATE

X

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

X

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

X

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES, RESTRICTED

X

N/A

BEING CONSIDERED

YES, UNRESTRICTED

X

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

X

IMPORTANT COMMENT

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

COMMERCIAL

PARK

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

X

MILITARY

OTHER

X

Cemetery

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

C. L. Wagner, Jr. Estate

STREET & NUMBER

Route 12, Box 327

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

North Carolina

27293

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds Office, Davidson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

North Carolina

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Survey and Planning Branch

DATE

August 5, 1983

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Raleigh

STATE

North Carolina
The Waggoner Graveyard is a private family graveyard located on the old Daniel Waggoner farm on the C. L. Wagner Road (SR 1814) near Midway Church. The graveyard is on the top of a hill overlooking a tributary of Brushy Creek, and is enclosed by a fence, approximately 40 feet square, of granite posts which originally supported a railing. This was erected by William L. Wagner about 1900. The graveyard is very overgrown and apparently contains about fifteen gravestones, although others may be hidden. Most of the pre-1850 gravestones are locally-made by the Swisegood School or by imitators. The graveyard is significant because of one gravestone, the Lucinda Waggnor stone, 1840-1842, which contains the only anthropomorphic decoration in the entire county: the center finial is carved with a small face.

Waggoner Graveyard: Significant Gravemarkers

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The earliest gravestone in the Waggoner Family Graveyard is dated 1820, and burials continued here until the early twentieth century. This is the only remaining pre-Civil War family graveyard found in north Davidson County during the thematic inventory.

CRITERIA ASSESSMENT

A. 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.

D. The Waggoner Family Graveyard is the only known early family graveyard left in north Davidson County, and contains a unique anthropomorphic "Pierced Style" gravestone, dated 1842, with a small human face carved on the center finial.
The cemetery boundaries include an area of less than 1 acre with the approximate dimensions of 40 feet by 40 feet in a square configuration and bounded by a fence with granite posts.
Rosina Delap

Was born in
The year 1773
Dec’d in the
Year of Sept.
1782