INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY FORM FOR

State of North Carolina
Division of Archives and History

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Davidson COUNTY
High Point West, N.C. QUAD

1 NAME
HISTORIC Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER NW side SR 1755 0.2 mi. S. of jct. with 1741
CITY, TOWN High Point
STATE North Carolina
LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION COURTHOUSE Register of Deeds Office, Davidson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER 1626 W. Lexington Avenue
CITY, TOWN High Point
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3 CLASSIFICATION

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CATEGORY DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT
PRIVATE BOTH IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED N/A

OWNERSHIP PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

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

PRESENT USE AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION MILITARY OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME Spring Hill United Methodist Church
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STATE North Carolina

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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
### Historical Background

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

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### Specific Dates

Various

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### Stonecutters

Unknown

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### 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.

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¹Plaque on Spring Hill Methodist Protestant Church.
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Approx. 3 acres

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

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
B [1 1 1 1 1] [1 1 1 1 1] 1 1 1 1 1
D [1 1 1 1 1] [1 1 1 1 1] 1 1 1 1 1

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
The cemetery boundaries include an area of roughly 3 acres with the approximate dimensions of 300 feet by 400 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.