National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name  Poole, Wayland E., House
other names/site number _____________________________________________

2. Location

street & number West side SR2555, 0.2 miles south of junction with SR1004 (4800 Auburn-Knightdale Road)
city or town Auburn not for publication N/A
county Wake code 183 zip code 27610

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide ___ locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
[State or Federal agency and bureau]

Date

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
[State or Federal agency and bureau]

Date

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:  

___ entered in the National Register  

___ determined eligible for the National Register  

___ removed from the National Register  

___ other (explain):

Signature of the Keeper  

Date of Action
Poole, Wayland E., House

Name of Property

Wake County, North Carolina
County and State

5. Classification

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Number of contributing resources previously listed
In the National Register

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic and Architectural Resources of Wake County, North Carolina (ca. 1770-1941)

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Narrative Description
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)
8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations
(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:
- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Primary Location of Additional Data

| State Historic Preservation Office | X |
| Local government | |
| University | |
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property  Approx. 2 acres

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1  17  721640  3952340
    Zone  Easting  Northing
2  3  Zone  Easting  Northing
    __  See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization  Wake County Planning Department  date  February 21, 2003
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Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items
(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name  L. Wayne Poole
street & number  PO Box 31508  telephone

city or town  Raleigh  state  NC  zip code  27622-1508

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.
7. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Summary:

The Wayland E. Poole House, in the heart of the crossroads community of Auburn, is on the west side of the Auburn-Knightdale Road (SR 2555) and the south side of the Southern Railroad tracks in Auburn, North Carolina. Auburn is a small rural railroad community in eastern Wake County. The one-story, frame house faces the road to the east, with an original frame shed to the rear. The house was built around 1911 across from Wayland Poole's sawmill. The Poole House is an excellent example of a regional house type that was popular in Wake County during this time. It is best characterized as a one-story, T-shaped house with multi-gable roof. Auburn is currently experiencing intense growth due to its proximity to Raleigh and its location along US 70, a four-lane divided highway connecting Raleigh, Garner, and Smithfield, North Carolina. The house is approximately two tenths of a mile north of the highway 70. It is nestled in a grove of mature oaks. The rear half of the fifteen-acre tract now contains a golf driving range. Only the approximately two-acre house tract is being nominated.

Exterior:

This rambling one-story, T-shaped, four-bay house is sheathed with weatherboard. Facing east, the house has a side-gabled main block, a front-gabled end wing, and a rear ell behind the main block. A decorative gable is centered in the main block façade, slightly smaller than the front gable of the wing. An attached, hip-roof porch with original turned posts and a simple original balustrade extends along the façade and wraps around the north side of the house. Standing-seam metal sheathes the porch roof. The front (east) elevation contains the main entrance, marked by the entrance bay on the porch, and a second entrance, both are half-glazed doors with one horizontal panel and two vertical panels below. The remaining fenestration includes two, two-over-two, double-hung windows. Diamond-shaped vents adorn all gables except the rear ell gable. The roof retains its original slate shingles.

The north elevation, facing the railroad tracks, is a secondary main façade because of its central decorative gable and the fact that the porch extends the entire length of the elevation. Two, half-glazed doors beneath the center gable are flanked by double-hung two-over-two sash windows. A set of steps leads to the porch and mark one of the entrance doors. A diamond-shaped vent is in the gable.

The rear ell, containing the kitchen and dining room extends behind the main block, with a shed porch with identical posts and railing extending its length on the south side. Two doors, one paneled and one half-glazed, open to the interior. A small shed porch that bisects the main block and rear ell has been infilled to accommodate a bathroom.
The interior of the Wayland E. Poole House is a simply finished Queen Anne farmhouse with a complex floorplan. The house consists of a main wing containing the hall and two rooms, a side-wing with two rooms, and a rear ell with two rooms. Each of the wings contains a central chimney providing fireplaces in every room except the hall. All of the fireplaces are adorned with painted neoclassical revival mantels and mirrored overmantels. Wood floors, beadboard ceilings, beadboard or vertical board wainscot, molded chair rails, molded baseboards, and plaster walls finish all of the rooms in a similar fashion. One of the most interesting features of the house is that each room has an exterior door allowing for ventilation and fire safety.

The main wing contains the entry hall, bathroom, and two rooms to the south. A door at the end of the hall leads to a bathroom that originally served as a porch but was enclosed in the early twentieth century. A central parlor is located south of the hall. This room located between the entry hall and the rear ell probably served as a public room. The south front bedroom is also accessed by the central parlor. It is possible that this room originally served as a guest room and the interior door was cut-through later. In North Carolina Architecture a room similar to this without access to the rest of the house is described as reserved for visitors (Bishir, p. 420).

The side wing, north of the entry hall, contains two rooms. A chimney separates the two rooms that are connected by a doorway. Only the rear room contains a closet indicating that the front room may have been used originally as a parlor. The rooms are finished similarly to the main wing with plaster walls, beadboard wainscot, wood floors, molded chair rail and baseboards.

The rear ell contains two rooms and is accessed by the central parlor room. The dining room is next to the central parlor and the kitchen is to the rear. Wood floors, vertical board wainscoting, a horizontal board wall field, and wood ceilings finish the interior. The dining room fireplace separating the two rooms has a wood mantel and over-mantel with a rectangular-shaped mirror. A recessed door leads to the kitchen. The kitchen is also simply finished. Both the dining room and kitchen access the rear porch.

The only alteration at the Wayland E. Poole House appears to be the addition of a bathroom. The rear porch was originally accessible from the entry hall and it was enclosed for use as a bathroom in the early twentieth century. It has since been updated and is finished with ceramic tile. The bathroom addition on the rear is easy to distinguish and does not detract from the integrity of the house.
Inventory:

The inventory is keyed to the attached site map.

1. **Shed/Office.** Ca. 1911. Contributing building. A one-story, two-bay, gable-front, frame building sheathed with weatherboard. A standing seam metal roof protects the structure. The façade contains a five-horizontal-panel door and a double-hung four-over-four window.


8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Summary:

The Wayland E. Poole House meets Criterion C for architecture due to its local architectural significance as one of the most intact of the sprawling early twentieth century Queen Anne-style farmhouses with cross-gabled wings and wraparound porches in Wake County. The house was built around 1911 for Wayland E. Poole, a farmer and operator of a sawmill in the bustling railroad community of Auburn in eastern Wake County. The Wayland E. Poole House maintains a high degree of integrity with respect to location, design, materials, workmanship, and association. Historic and architectural context for the house is found in the multiple property documentation form entitled “Historic and Architectural Resources of Wake County, North Carolina, (ca. 1770-1941) in Context 3: Populism to Progressivism (1885-1918), pages E51-55. The Poole House has the physical characteristics of Property Type 3B: Houses built between the Civil War and World War II, described on page F134. The house meets the Registration Requirements for this house type as described on pages F141-142.

Historical Background:

The small community of Auburn is located in the eastern part of Wake County near the state capital, Raleigh. The community was originally known as Busbee’s Store. It began in the early nineteenth century when the Busbee family erected a store on their plantation. In the 1840s the Busbee land was divided and Thomas Loring purchased the store tract. Loring re-established a post office in the community and renamed the area Auburn. The North Carolina Railroad was completed in Auburn in 1854 adding to the prosperity of the small community (Lally, p. 415).

Wayland E. Poole (1869-1953) operated a sawmill and farmed in the community of Auburn in the early twentieth century (Lally, p. 417). The 1900 Wake County census lists a thirty-one-year-old Wayland living with his widowed mother, Nettie (Bettie), three brothers, and one sister. In 1902, Wayland married Roxie Terry also of Auburn. By the 1910 census, Wayland, forty-two and Roxie, thirty-two, have three sons, Herbert, age seventeen, Lonnie, age fifteen, Marcus, age ten and one daughter, twelve-year-old Louise. Also living in the Poole residence is Roxie’s mother and brother. The 1920 census records for this area indicate that the family had grown still larger with three more daughters, seven-year-old Addie, Roxie, Jr., four-and-one-half, and Eva, six months old. This information is confirmed in Wayland Poole’s obituary that states that he had a total of four daughters and three sons (News and Observer, April 1, 1953, p. 5).

There are several references to Wayland E. Poole in the Wake County deed records. A mortgage deed to secure payment for lumber is listed in the Wake County deed records for Wayland Poole in 1905 indicating his involvement in the lumber business. In 1906, Wayland E. Poole purchased one hundred and seventy-six acres south of the North Carolina Railroad from Joseph and Edie Poole. This appears to
be the land where Poole built his home. One year later Poole purchased another seventy-five acres in the same area. “According to Addy Poole, daughter of Wayland E. Poole, her father hand-picked all of the lumber for his home from the sawmill he operated at Auburn” (Lally, p. 417). Wayland E. Pool died on March 31, 1953. His obituary listed him as a retired farmer, a widower for twenty-five years, and a member of the Auburn Christian Church (Raleigh News and Observer, April 1, 1953). After his death the property passed to his heirs where it remains. Wayland E. Poole’s grandchildren are the current owners of the property. The grandchildren hope to preserve the house for future generations. Wayland E. Poole’s great granddaughter was married at the house in 2002.

Architecture Context:

Rural Wake County has many examples of the sprawling one-story vernacular Queen Anne style houses. They range from simple unornamented examples to elaborate examples with stylistic influences in the exterior decorative work and interior finishes. The Wayland E. Poole House is one of the most intact expressions of the house type in the county. It maintains all of its original materials including its slate roof. In addition, the interior remains largely intact with wood and plaster finished walls and decorative mantels. In the Multiple Property Documentation Form, “Historic and Architectural Resources of Wake County, North Carolina (ca. 1770-1941), the Poole House is included in the traditional side-gable houses with a center gable known in North Carolina as the Triple-A. This type of house was among the most popular in Wake County during the turn of the twentieth century (Lally, MPDF, F-134). The Wayland E. Poole House is an elongated T-shape version of the Triple-A.

Although the exterior design of the Wayland E. Poole House is not an unusual house type in Wake County, it is a distinctive example because of its elongated shape and multiple-gable roof. The complex floor plan composed of three wings, are all connected together to form a functional living space. In addition, the high integrity found in both the interior and exterior of the Wayland E. Poole House is unusual and sets it apart from the other vernacular Queen Anne-style houses in the county.

The Wayland E. Poole House is similar to several houses in Wake County and they display the range of floor plans and decorative detailing found on these late nineteenth and early twentieth century, one-story vernacular Queen Anne houses. An L-shaped example is the Rand Farmhouse near Garner. It has a 1870s side gable main block expanded with a front-gabled wing in the early twentieth century, and a porch that wraps completely across the L-shaped façade. A more elaborate example of the L-shape type is the Marshall Partin House, circa 1905, near Willow Springs. It is embellished with cornice brackets and pendants and turned porch posts and balustrades. In addition the Partin House porch does not wrap around the house but rather follows the L-shape facade.

The multi-gable design of the Wayland E. Poole House is comparable to the Wood-Maynard House near Apex which is a one-story, multi-gable, frame, house. Built early in the twentieth century the house is simply ornamented with decorative gable vents, a bay window, and a wraparound porch (Lally, p. 344).
Finally, an interesting comparison property is the Oliver House in Robeson County, near the South Carolina line. This symmetrical example consists of a center wing flanked by hallways separating the side wings. The house contains two rooms without access to the rest of the house. "Doors from the front porch also open into two projecting front bedrooms that originally had no other access to the house: family accounts repeat a familiar story of reserving these rooms for preachers and doctors visiting the village (Bishir, p. 420).

9. BIBLIOGRAPHY


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“Obituary of W. E. Poole”. Raleigh News and Observer. Raleigh, NC: April 1, 1953, p. 3

Survey File for the Wayland E. Poole House, North Carolina Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh, NC.


Wake County Deed Books. Wake County Register of Deeds, Raleigh, NC.
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National Park Service

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10. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated acreage of the Wayland E. Poole House property consists of approximately two acres of
PIN number 1730361126, Auburn, Wake County, North Carolina as shown on the attached Wake County
tax map, at a scale of one inch equals two hundred feet. It is located on the west side of Auburn-Knightdale Road and consists of the house and the land immediately surrounding the house.

Boundary Justification:

The two-acre tract represents the home tract of the Wayland E. Poole House that retains its original integrity.

Photographs

The following information pertains to all photographs
Wayland E. Poole House
Auburn, Wake County, NC
Photographer: Michelle A. Michael
Date: March 2002
Location of Negatives: North Carolina Historic Preservation Office, Raleigh, NC

A. View of front (east side) of Wayland E. Poole House

B. View of north (side) and west (rear) elevations.

C. View of south (side) elevation.

D. Interior view of mantel in south front room.

E. Interior view dining room mantel and closet.

F. View of outbuildings.
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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