

EXHIBIT A

Designation Report on the E. L. Baxter Davidson Historic Markers and Monuments

Rural Hill Directional Marker Huntersville, N.C.



Rural Hill Directional Marker

1. Name and Location of the Property. The Rural Hill directional marker is located at 6645 Neck Road, within Huntersville's sphere of influence. The tax parcel number for the property on which the marker stands is 01301250, and its UTM Coordinates are 17S 504679E 5915584N.
2. Name and Address of Parties to be Notified.
 - a. North Carolina Department of Transportation
Division 10, District 2 Office
7605 District Drive
Charlotte, N.C. 28213
District Engineer: Wendy Taylor
Direct Phone and Email: (980) 523-0000; wataylor1@ncdot.gov
 - b. Herseng Yang
6645 Neck Road
Huntersville, N.C. 28078

3. Ad Valorem Tax Appraisal. As of January 2021, the total appraised value of the property on which the Rural Hill directional marker stands is \$255,700.
4. Recommendation for Designation. The Rural Hill directional marker in its entirety, as well as a thirty-eight (38) foot radius of the land immediately surrounding the monument, measured in each direction from the central point of the monument, is recommended for historic landmark designation.

The Rural Hill Directional Marker

The Rural Hill directional marker is one of only two extant solitary rock piers erected by Baxter Davidson, both of which are located in Huntersville. The second such standalone marker is the General Davidson Memorial, located in a small memorial park on the south side of North Carolina Highway 73, directly across from the McGuire Nuclear Station. Standing on private residential property, some fifty feet from a busy Beatties Ford Road/Neck Road intersection, the continued integrity of the Rural Hill directional marker is at risk, given the rapid growth of both development and vehicular traffic in the immediate area. Indeed, the marker has already been struck and damaged by an automobile at least once, necessitating its reconstruction slightly westward to its current location.



*Aerial Image of Rural Hill directional marker
(arrow indicates monument's location)*

The Rural Hill directional marker stands approximately 8 feet tall, and measures approximately 3 feet in both length and width. It is located to the northwest of the intersection of Beatties Ford and Neck Roads. It features a metal plaque, which reads: "MAJOR JOHN DAVIDSON'S / HOMESTEAD. / BUILT 1788 BURNED 1886." Atop the plaque is a stylized depiction of a hand

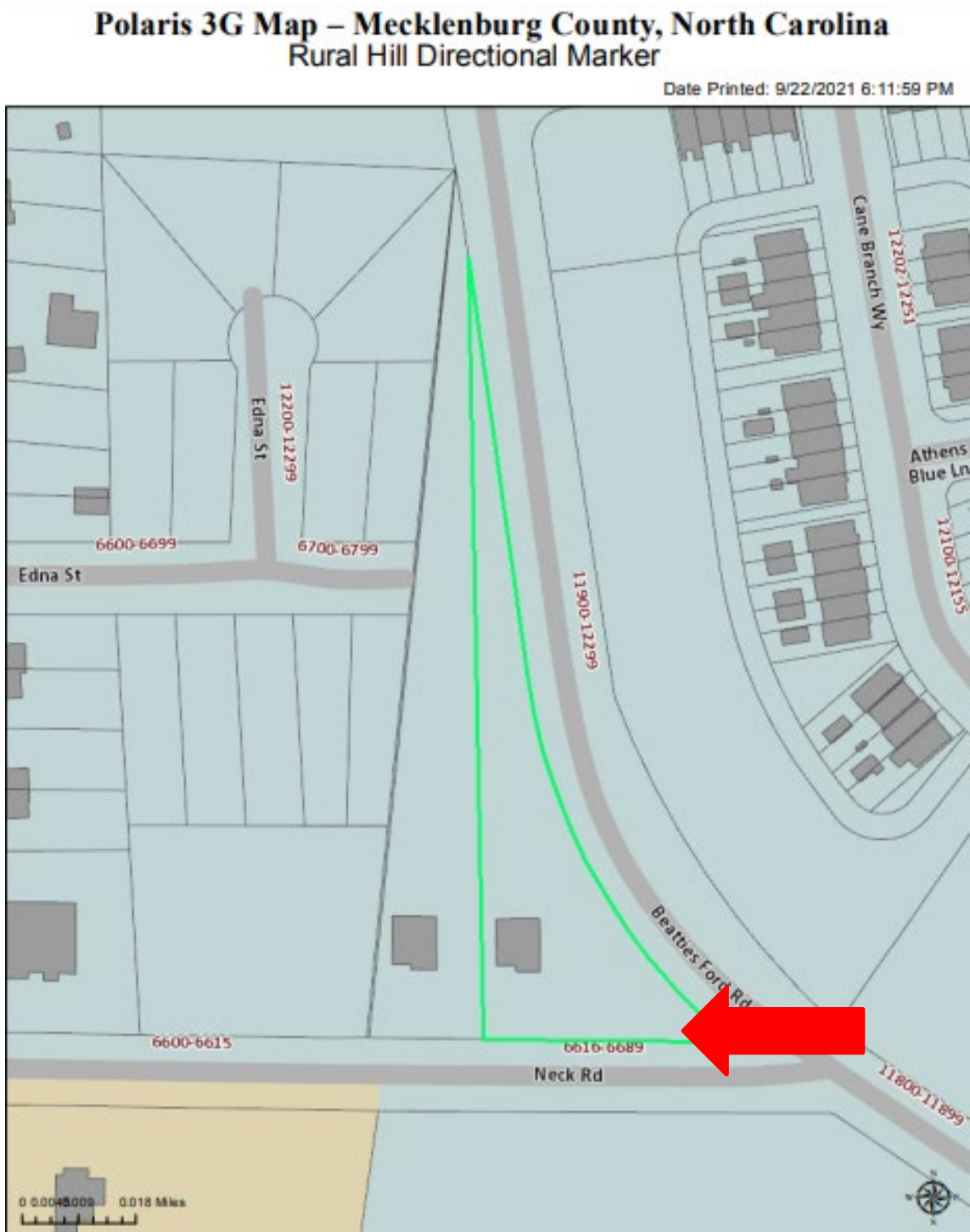
indicating the direction of the homestead, also known as Rural Hill.



Plaque on Rural Hill directional marker

Like the General Davidson Memorial and the Rural Hill cemetery wall, the stem or visible face of the Rural Hill directional marker is composed of alternating strings of rough-faced dark brown and white stones. The stones are embedded in mortar, and the stem of the marker rises perpendicularly from a toeless foundation to a pyramidal cap decorated with small, smooth, white stones. The cap is topped by a large flint rock finial that adds an additional 12 to 15 inches in height to the pier. The pier is surrounded by a small pentagon-shaped landscaped area bordered by large dark brown stones similar in appearance to those used to construct the pier.





Arrow indicates approximate location of Rural Hill directional marker