

EXHIBIT A

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

General William Lee Davidson Memorial Huntersville, N.C.



North and east faces of General William Lee Davidson Memorial

1. Name and Location of the Property. The General William Lee Davidson Memorial is located at 5455 Cashion Road, within Huntersville's sphere of influence. The tax parcel number for the property on which the marker stands is 01315102, and its UTM Coordinates are 17S 50592E 3920425N.
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
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 - b. Duke Energy
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526 S. Church Street – EC12Q

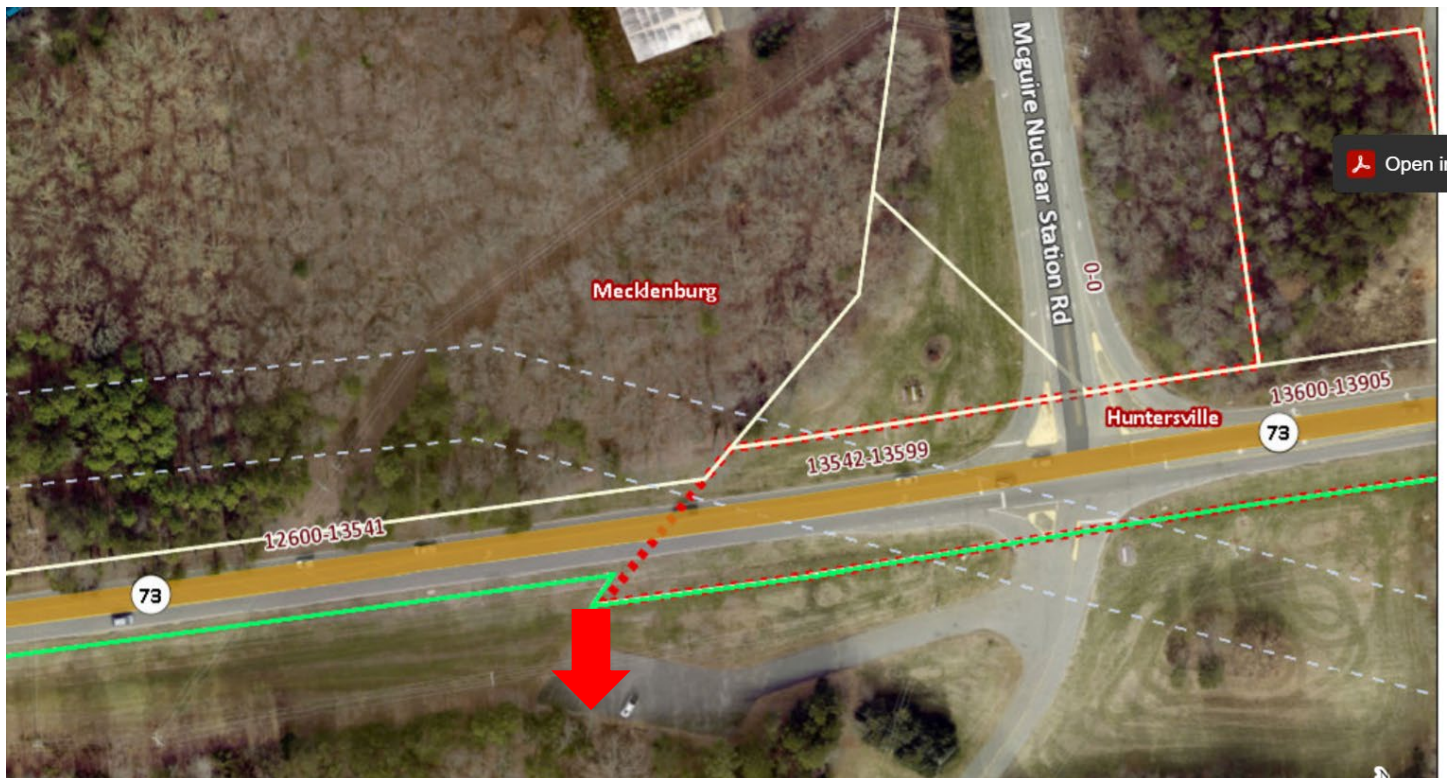
Charlotte, N.C. 28202

Direct Phone and Email: (980) 373-4183; Christy.Churchill@duke-energy.com

3. Ad Valorem Tax Appraisal. As of January 2021, the total appraised value of the property on which the General Davidson Memorial stands is \$15,450,200.
4. Recommendation for Designation. The General Davidson Memorial in its entirety, as well as a forty (40) 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 General William Lee Davidson Memorial

The General William Lee Davidson Memorial 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 Rural Hill directional marker, located northwest of the intersection of Beatties Ford and Neck Roads. The General Davidson Memorial is in a small memorial park lying on the south side of North Carolina Highway 73, just west of the intersection of McGuire Nuclear Station Road and an unnamed service road with Highway 73. The park is situated directly across from the McGuire Nuclear Station and east of the Catawba River.



Aerial Image of General Davidson Memorial (arrow indicates monument's approximate location) (source: Polaris 3G)

The General Davidson Memorial, which stands approximately 6 feet tall, originally marked the location where General William Lee Davidson was believed to have been killed during the Battle of Cowan's Ford, a February 1, 1781, Revolutionary War battle. Construction of the Cowan's Ford Dam in the 1960s forced relocation of the memorial to its present location, as its original location is now submerged beneath Lake Norman. The pier bears a metal plaque which reads: "COWAN'S FORD, / WHERE FELL / THE REVOLUTIONARY HERO, / GENL WM LEE DAVIDSON, / 1781. / ERECTED BY / E. L. BAXTER DAVIDSON."



Plaque on General Davidson Memorial

Like the Rural Hill directional marker, the stem or visible face of the General Davidson Memorial is composed of alternating strings of rough-faced dark brown and white stones. The stones are embedded in mortar, and the stem of the pier rises perpendicularly from a toeless foundation to a pyramidal cap (comprising approximately 12 inches of the entire memorial's height) that is partially decorated with small, smooth, white stones. Given its physical similarity to the Rural Hill directional marker, one would expect the cap of the General Davidson Memorial to be fully decorated with more small stones and topped with a large rock finial, like its Rural Hill counterpart. Over time, however, many of the decorative stones comprising the memorial's cap appear to have been dislodged, leaving the cap's surface bare and dimpled in several places. The slightly flattened top of the memorial's cap suggests that it may also have originally featured a stone finial. The memorial is approximately 2.5 feet in both length and width.



North face of General William Lee Davidson Memorial

Polaris 3G Map – Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

General Davidson Memorial

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Arrow indicates approximate location of General Davidson Memorial