ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY REPORT

WALLACE NEEL ROAD RELOCATION CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY

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Properties Either Included in the North Carolina Study List or Recommended as Eligible for the National Register

(Keyed to the Area of Potential Effects Map)

No. 1 Rogers House

North side of Walkers Ferry Road, approximately one mile west of Old Dowd Road, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County

Physical Description (Plates 1-5)

Originally built in the late nineteenth century and probably enlarged to its present size in the 1920s, this frame, one and one-half story dwelling features bungalow-inspired elements. Surviving evidence of the original house remains on the first floor where six-over-six windows with slender, molded surrounds and a rear ell with gable returns remain intact. The later bungalow traits include bracketed caves, a prominent dormer, and an engaged front porch supported by battered piers resting on brick pedestals. The upper story has two-over-two windows with simple surrounds. German siding covers the main elevation which is sheltered by the front porch. Modern alterations include replacement, one-over-one windows on the east elevations of the main block and rear ell, porch screening, and a modern front door. The small rear porch has been enclosed, and there is a replacement window and some replacement vinyl siding on the rear of the house. The interior was inaccessible.

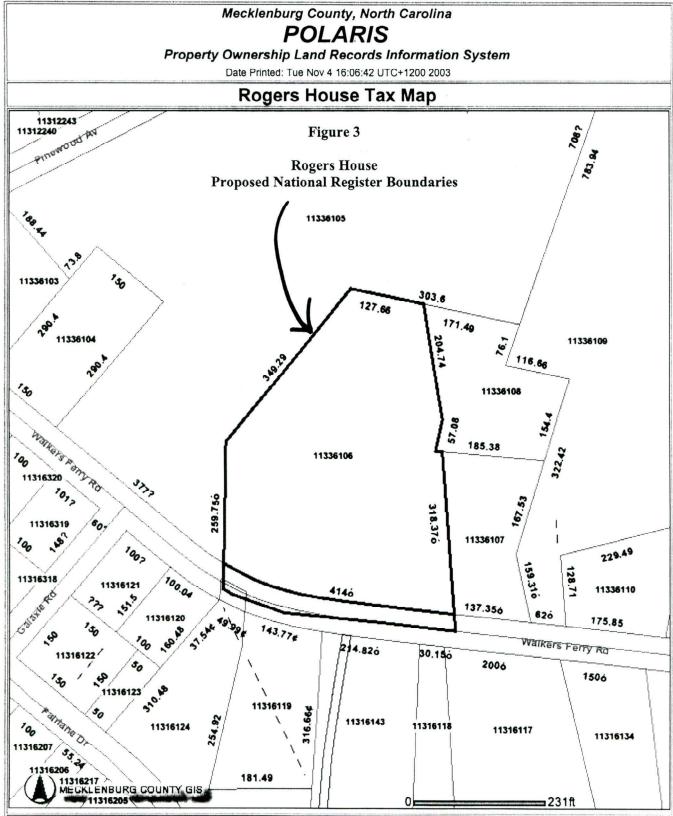
The house is sited on a large (four acre), tree shaded, rural lot with a deteriorated, but stable, equipment shelter at the rear of the parcel. Reflecting the subdivision of farmland since the 1950s, modest, late twentieth century dwellings line the roadway and occupy several small lots behind the house.

Evaluation of Eligibility (Figure 3)

Now owned by the Rogers family, the house was built in the late nineteenth century as the centerpiece of a farm in the historic Steele Creek community. The house is recommended as eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for architecture as a rare surviving example of nineteenth century domestic architecture in Mecklenburg County. Because of the explosive growth of Charlotte in the past twenty years, vast areas of rural Mecklenburg County have been redeveloped with residential subdivisions, and little remains of the county's agrarian past. The house survives largely intact, and its 1920s alterations reflect the rural prosperity of the pre-Depression era.

National Register Boundary Justification

The proposed National Register boundaries are defined the current tax parcel. This tract includes the house, a single, frame outbuilding, and the spacious, tree shaded tract that defines the setting.



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Plate 1. Rogers House, Facade, Looking North.



Plate 2. Rogers House, House and Setting, Looking Northeast.



Plate 3. Rogers House, Side (West) and Rear (North) Elevations, Looking Southeast.



Plate 4. Rogers House, Rear (North) Elevation, Looking South.



Plate 5. Rogers House, Facade and Side (East) Elevation, Looking Northwest.