



## North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

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Mr. Tim Battle  
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February 2, 1996

Dear Mr. Battle:

Enclosed, please find copies of the site forms for the Battle Family Cemeteries in Edgecombe County. Sorry about the delay, but blizzards (I was stuck in Cincinnati for two days) and other obligations postponed the process.

Thank you for the coffee mug. If you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John W. Clauser, Jr."

John W. Clauser, Jr.  
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Office of State Archaeology  
State Historic Preservation Office

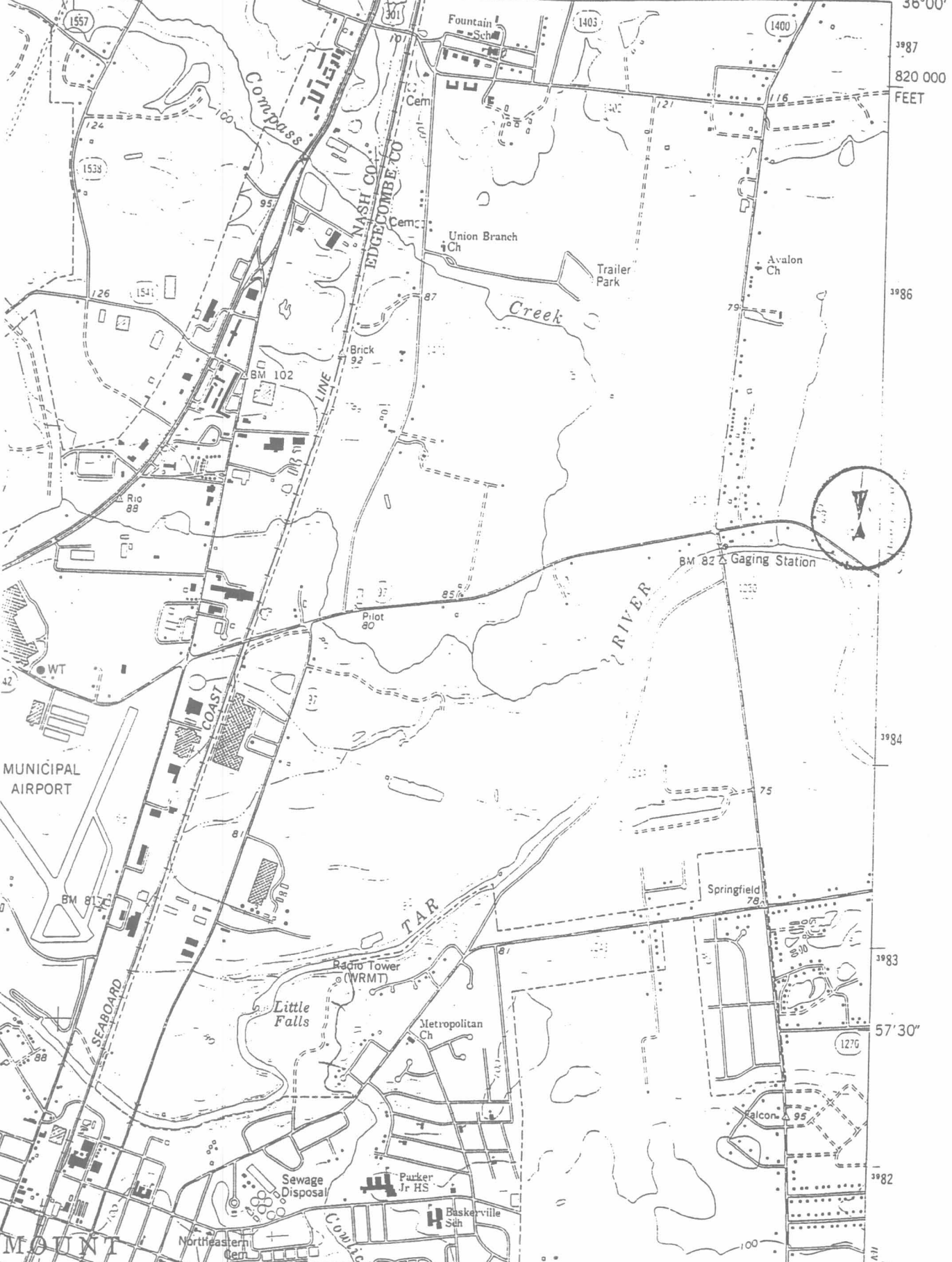


An Archaeological Investigation  
Unmarked Battle Cemeteries of the 18th and 19th centuries  
Edgecombe County, North Carolina  
Dec. 19-21, 1995  
by Stephen Battle

ROCKY MOUNT QUADRANGLE  
NORTH CAROLINA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE 4 ROCKY MOUNT 15' QUADRANGLE

5455 II SW  
(WHITAKERS)

18 47°30' 249 2 360 000 FEET ENFIELD 1.3 MI. BATTLEBORO 3.8 MI. 251 77°45' 36°00'



ROCKY MOUNT

11 11 AM

NORTH CAROLINA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE FORM VI  
OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY / DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

SITE NUMBER 31ED324\*\*

1. STATE SITE NUMBER: | 31ED324\*\* |  
2. SITE NAME(S): | Elijah Battle Cemetery |  
3. OTHER SITE NUMBER: | \_\_\_\_\_ | 4. INSTITUTION ASSIGNING: | 02 |  
5. PROJECT SITE NUMBER: | \_\_\_\_\_ |  
6. SITE COMPONENT:  
1 PREHISTORIC 4 HISTORIC, ABOVE GROUND REMAINS  
2 PREHISTORIC AND HISTORIC, NO ABOVE-GROUND REMAINS 5 PREHISTORIC AND HISTORIC, ABOVE-GROUND REMAINS PRESENT  
3 HISTORIC, NO ABOVE-GROUND REMAINS 6 HISTORIC AMERINDIAN  
7. QUAD MAP: | Hartsease | CODE | H 53 |  
8. UTM ZONE: 16 17 18 NORTHING | 3984820 | EASTING | 254530 |  
9. COUNTY: | Edgecombe | 10. DATE RECORDED: | 12/20/95 |  
RECORDED BY: John Clauser - Stephen Battle  
PROJECT NAME: Technical Assistance, general public  
11. RESULT OF COMPLIANCE PROJECT: 1 YES 2 NO  
12. ER/CH/GRANT#: | \_\_\_\_\_ |  
13. CODING DATE: | 01/19/96 | CODED BY: John Clauser

14-18. OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY USE ONLY

14. REGISTER STATUS:  
1 DETERMINED ELIGIBLE  
2 PLACED ON STUDY LIST  
3 APPROVED FOR NOMINATION BY SPRC  
4 CURRENTLY LISTED IN NRHP  
5 REMOVED FROM NRHP  
6 NOT ELIGIBLE AFTER EVALUATION  
7 UNASSESSED  
8 NORTH CAROLINA ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD PROGRAM
- 14A. REGISTER CRITERION  
A SIGNIFICANT UNDER CRITERION A  
B SIGNIFICANT UNDER CRITERION B  
C SIGNIFICANT UNDER CRITERION C  
D SIGNIFICANT UNDER CRITERION D
15. TYPE OF FORM:  
11 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE FORM VI

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16. RECORDER STATUS:

- |                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| <u>1 NCAC MEMBER</u> | 4 OTHER   |
| 2 AMATEUR            | 5 STUDENT |
| 3 UNKNOWN            |           |

17. FORM RELIABILITY:

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 CODING COMPLETE   | 3 CODING UNRELIABLE |
| 2 CODING INCOMPLETE |                     |

18. LOCATIONAL RELIABILITY:

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 ACCURATE           | 4 UNKNOWN LOCATION   |
| 2 WITHIN 100M RADIUS | 5 WITHIN 500M RADIUS |
| 3 UNRELIABILITY      | 6 WITHIN 1KM RADIUS  |

DIRECTIONS TO SITE: Take NC 97 east 800 feet from its intersection with SR 1406. Cemetery is located about 175 feet north of highway in middle of plowed field. Cemetery is surrounded by a fence.

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19. RESEARCH POTENTIAL:

|\_Classic Southern Folk Cemetery. Site has been mapped, recorded and filed  
|with OSA and Abandoned Cemetery Survey. No further work. \_\_\_\_\_|  
|\_\_\_\_\_|  
|\_\_\_\_\_|  
|\_\_\_\_\_|

20. POTENTIAL IMPACTS ARTIFICIAL:

- |                        |                     |                            |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>1 NONE APPARENT</u> | 4 HIGH              | 7 INUNDATED                |
| 2 LOW                  | 5 WILL BE DESTROYED | 8 VANDALIZED BY POTHUNTERS |
| 3 MODERATE             | 6 STABLE AT PRESENT |                            |

21. POTENTIAL IMPACTS ENVIRONMENTAL:

- |                        |                     |                            |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>1 NONE APPARENT</u> | 4 HIGH              | 7 INUNDATED                |
| 2 LOW                  | 5 WILL BE DESTROYED | 8 VANDALIZED BY POTHUNTERS |
| 3 MODERATE             | 6 STABLE AT PRESENT |                            |

22. EXPLANATION OF IMPACTS:

Cemetery is fenced and maintained no danger of destruction as long as family continues to care for it.

Horizontal lines for additional explanation of impacts.

23. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 NO FURTHER WORK
- 2 INTENSIVE SURFACE COLLECTION
- 3 TEST EXCAVATIONS
- 4 EXCAVATION AND DATA RECOVERY
- 5 MONITORING DURING CONSTRUCTION
- 6 PRESERVATION BY AVOIDANCE
- 7 NOMINATE TO NATIONAL REGISTER
- 8 ELIGIBLE FOR NATIONAL REGISTER
- 9 FIELD INSPECTION
- 99 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

24. EXPLAIN RECOMMENDATIONS:

Site recorded, forms completed and filed.

25. DATE ON REGISTER: |\_\_/\_/\_\_\_| 26. EXCAVATION DATE: |\_\_/\_/\_\_\_|

27. INSTITUTION EXCAVATING: |\_\_\_\_\_| CODE |\_\_\_\_|

28. EXCAVATION RESULTS:

Horizontal lines for excavation results.

29. PERCENT DESTROYED:
- 1 0%
  - 2 1-25%
  - 3 26-50%
  - 4 51-75%
  - 5 76-100%
  - 6 UNKNOWN

30. DATE DESTROYED: |\_\_/\_/\_\_\_|

31. CAUSES OF DESTRUCTION:

- 0 UNKNOWN
- 1 MAJOR EARTH MOVING
- 2 MINOR EARTH MOVING
- 3 LAND CLEARING
- 4 FLOODING
- 5 EXCAVATION
- 6 EROSION
- 7 VANDALISM/POTHUNTING
- 8 CULTIVATION
- 9 OTHER Protected and maintained

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

32. TOPOGRAPHIC SITUATION:

- |                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 FLOODPLAIN                         | 16 HAMMOCK                |
| 2 TERRACE REMNANT ON FLOODPLAIN      | 17 SANDY BEACH            |
| 3 LOW RISE ON FLOODPLAIN             | 18 ROCK SHELTER           |
| 4 NATURAL LEVEE                      | 19 ISLAND                 |
| 5 LEVEE REMNANT                      | 20 COLLUVIAL FAN          |
| 6 1ST TERRACE                        | 21 TOE SLOPE OR RIDGE TOE |
| 7 2ND TERRACE                        | 22 CAVE                   |
| 8 3RD TERRACE                        | 23 BLUFF                  |
| 9 SAND DUNE                          | 24 COVE                   |
| 10 UPLAND OR TALUS SLOPE             | 25 RIVERSHORE             |
| <u>11 UPLAND FLATS</u>               | 26 STREAMBANK             |
| 12 HILL OR RIDGETOP                  | 27 BENCH                  |
| 13 SADDLE BETWEEN RIDGE OR HILL TOPS | 28 SOUND SHORE/BEACH      |
| 14 STREAM CONFLUENCE                 | 29 OCEAN SHORE/BEACH      |
| 15 TERRACE EDGE                      | 99 OTHER _____            |

33. ELEVATION: | 70 | FT.

34. SLOPE PERCENT: | 0 | %

35. SLOPE FACE DIRECTION:

- |             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 1 NORTH     | 6 SOUTHWEST       |
| 2 NORTHEAST | 7 WEST            |
| 3 EAST      | 8 NORTHWEST       |
| 4 SOUTHEAST | <u>9 NO SLOPE</u> |
| 5 SOUTH     |                   |

36. SOIL COMPOSITION:

- |                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 CLAY              | 9 SANDY CLAY       |
| 2 CLAY LOAM         | 10 SILTY CLAY LOAM |
| 3 SILTY CLAY        | 11 LOAM            |
| 4 SANDY CLAY LOAM   | 12 LOAMY SAND      |
| <u>5 SANDY LOAM</u> | 13 GRAVEL          |
| 6 SAND              | 14 INORGANIC       |
| 7 SILT              | 15 STONEY LOAM     |
| 8 SILTY LOAM        | 99 OTHER _____     |

37. SCS SOIL TYPE CODE: | Wkb \_\_\_\_\_ | SERIES NAME | Wickham Sandy Loam |  
 ASSOCIATION | Tarboro - Altavista - Wickham \_\_\_\_\_ |

38. MODERN VEGETATION: 1 CULTIVATED 7 MARSH GRASS  
 2 CLEARED (IN FIELD) 8 SECONDARY GROWTH  
 3 PASTURE 9 DISTURBED OR UPTURNED  
 4 FORESTED 10 NO VEGETATION/CLEARED  
 5 SCRUB PINE CLEARING 99 OTHER  
 6 LAWN

39. DISTANCE TO WATER: | \_\_\_\_\_ | (METERS) 40. | 150 | (YARDS)

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41. TYPE OF NEAREST PERMANENT WATER:

- |                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 SPRING                         | 6 SALTWATER    |
| <u>2 RIVER, CREEK, OR STREAM</u> | 7 CAROLINA BAY |
| 3 LAKE                           | 8 POND         |
| 4 SWAMP OR SWAMP MARGIN          | 9 OTHER _____  |
| 5 SLOUGH                         |                |

42. STREAM RANK: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6

43. DRAINAGE BASIN:

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 BROAD            | 9 NEUSE               |
| 2 CAPE FEAR        | 10 NEW                |
| 3 CATAWBA          | 11 PASQUOTANK         |
| 4 CHOWAN           | 12 ROANOKE            |
| 5 FRENCH BROAD     | <u>13 TAR-PAMLICO</u> |
| 6 HIWASSEE         | 14 WATAUGA            |
| 7 LITTLE TENNESSEE | 15 WHITE OAK          |
| 7A SAVANNAH        | 16 YADKIN-PEE DEE     |
| 8 LUMBER           |                       |

SITE EVALUATION AND CONDITION

44. SITE CONDITION NATURAL:

- |                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>1 PRESERVED, NO DISTURBANCE</u> | 6 UNDER WATER                  |
| 2 LIGHT EROSION                    | 7 DEPOSITION                   |
| 3 HEAVY EROSION                    | 8 STREAMBANK/SHORELINE EROSION |
| 4 WOODED                           | 9 OTHER _____                  |
| 5 SHIFTING SAND DUNES              |                                |

45. SITE CONDITION ARTIFICIAL:

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 UNMODIFIED                                | 11 TOTALLY DESTROYED           |
| <u>2 CULTIVATED</u>                         | 12 TRANSMISSION LINE CLEARANCE |
| 3 PASTURE                                   | 13 HEAVY CONSTRUCTION          |
| 4 RESIDENTIAL                               | 14 BOAT WAKE EROSION           |
| 5 INDUSTRIAL                                | 15 COVERED WITH FILL           |
| 6 ROADS OR TRAILS                           | <u>16 MODERN CEMETERY</u>      |
| 7 DITCHES, DIKES, LEVEES, OR<br>BORROW PITS | 17 RECREATIONAL AREA           |
| 8 MINOR POT HOLES                           | 18 LIGHT CONSTRUCTION          |
| 9 MAJOR POT HOLES                           | 19 FALLOW                      |
| 10 MODERN TRASH DUMPING                     | 20 CLEAR CUTTING               |
|   | 99 OTHER _____                 |

46. GROUND VISIBILITY: | 100 | %

47. COLLECTION MADE: 1 YES 2 NO

48. COLLECTION STRATEGY:

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 1 CONTROLLED | 5 GENERAL         |
| 2 SELECTIVE  | 6 RANDOM WALKOVER |
| 3 BOTH       | 9 OTHER _____     |
| 4 TOTAL      |                   |

49. AREA COVERED SQUARE METERS: | \_\_\_\_\_ |



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50. SUBSURFACE TESTING: 1 YES 2 NO 3 KNOWN FROM PRIOR INVESTIGATIONS

51. SUBSURFACE TESTING METHODS: 1 PROBE 4 TEST PIT  
2 AUGER 5 TEST TRENCH  
3 SHOVEL TEST 9 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

52. SUBSURFACE TEST RESULTS:  
| Fourteen unmarked graves located, one marked grave.

53. SITE SIZE: 1 1-10 SQ. M. 6 5001-10,000 SQ. M.  
2 11-25 SQ. M. 7 10,001-25,000 SQ. M.  
3 26-100 SQ. M. 8 25,001-50,000 SQ. M.  
4 101-600 SQ. M. 9 > 50,0000 SQ. M.  
5 601-5000 SQ. M.

HISTORIC SITE INFORMATION

67. PERIOD OF OCCUPATION BEGIN: 0 UNKNOWN  
1 16TH CENTURY  
2 17TH CENTURY  
3 18TH CENTURY  
4 19TH CENTURY  
5 20TH CENTURY  
6 SITE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED  
0 UNKNOWN

68. PERIOD OF OCCUPATION END:  
1 16TH CENTURY  
2 17TH CENTURY  
3 18TH CENTURY  
4 19TH CENTURY  
5 20TH CENTURY  
6 SITE PRESENTLY OCCUPIED

69. REFINED DATE FROM: | \_\_\_\_\_ | 70. REFINED DATE TO: | \_\_\_\_\_ |

71. HISTORIC CULTURAL AFFILIATIONS:  
0 UNKNOWN 8 ORIENTAL  
1 BLACK 9 IRISH  
2 CENTRAL EUROPEAN 10 SCOTS HIGHLANDER  
3 IBERIAN 11 NONE IN PARTICULAR  
4 ENGLISH 12 GERMAN OTHER  
5 FRENCH 13 COLONIAL  
6 DUTCH 99 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_  
7 NATIVE AMERICAN

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72. HISTORIC SITE DEFINITION:

- 1 DOMESTIC
- 2 AGRICULTURAL
- 3 COMMERCIAL
- 4 TRANSPORTATIONAL
- 5 MILITARY
- 6 RELIGIOUS
- 7 GOVERNMENTAL

- 8 CEMETERY
- 9 DUMPS (WASTE DISPOSAL)
- 10 ENTERTAINMENT
- 11 INDUSTRIAL
- 12 UNMARKED CEMETERY
- 99 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

73. HISTORIC REMAINS DESCRIPTION:

| Fourteen unmarked graves and one marked grave surrounded by a concrete post and pipe fence. A number of large cedar trees are present within the enclosure.

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74. MAIN STRUCTURE FUNCTION:

- 0 UNKNOWN
- 1 RACEWAY
- 2 SLUICE
- 3 DAM
- 4 IRRIGATION CANAL
- 5 LOCKS
- 6 DOCK
- 7 FISH WEIR
- 8 TRANS. & LOADING FACILITIES
- 9 CLAY PIT
- 10 QUARRY
- 11 SAND/GRAVEL PIT
- 12 WASTE DISPOSAL AREA
- 13 KILN
- 14 ANIMAL HOLDING PENS
- 15 MATERIAL HANDLING FACILITIES
- 16 STORAGE FACILITIES
- 17 MACHINERY MOUNTS
- 18 PRIVY
- 19 ROOT CELLAR
- 20 SPRINGHOUSE
- 21 KITCHEN
- 22 BAKE OVEN
- 23 SHED
- 24 BARN
- 25 CHICKEN COOP
- 26 SMOKE HOUSE
- 27 CRIB
- 28 SILO

- 29 SHOP
- 30 STABLE
- 31 GAZEBO/SUMMERHOUSE
- 32 SLAVE QUARTERS
- 33 TOBACCO BARN
- 34 WASH HOUSE
- 35 DAIRY
- 36 ICE HOUSE
- 37 STOREHOUSE
- 38 COMBINATION
- 39 MUNITIONS DUMP
- 40 GUARD TOWER
- 41 PALISADE
- 42 EARTHWORKS
- 43 BOMBPROOF
- 44 GUN PLATFORM
- 45 BARRACKS
- 46 LAUNDRY
- 47 BREWERY/WINERY
- 48 INDUSTRIAL -- MANUFACTURING
- 49 INDUSTRIAL -- MINING
- 50 WELL(S)
- 51 HOME/RESIDENCE
- 52 FARMSTEAD
- 53 ROAD
- 54 SCHOOL
- 55 CHURCH
- 56 MEETING HALL
- 57 LANDING
- 99 OTHER CEMETERY

87. HISTORIC MISC:

- 1 BONE FRAGMENT
- 2 FURNITURE HARDWARE
- 3 BUTTON MANUFACTURING BLANKS
- 4 SILVERSMITHING DEBRIS
- 9 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

88. DATEABLE CERAMICS: 0 UNKNOWN 1 YES 2 NO

ADDITIONAL SITE INFORMATION

89. ARTIFACT INVENTORY: 1 YES 2 NO

90. CURATION FACILITY: | \_\_\_\_\_ | CODE | \_\_\_\_\_ |

91. ACCESSION NUMBER(S): | \_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_ |

92. ACCESSION DATE(S): | \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ |

93. OTHER CURATION FACILITY: | \_\_\_\_\_ | CODE | \_\_\_\_\_ |

94. OTHER ACCESSION NUMBER(S): | \_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_ |

95. OWNER/TENANT INFORMATION:  
| \_\_\_\_\_ |  
| \_\_\_\_\_ |

96. BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE #'S | \_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_ | | \_\_\_\_\_ |

97. COMMENTS/NOTES:  
| Family contact - Tim Battle Ft. Worth, TX (817) 244 7704 \_\_\_\_\_ |  
| \_\_\_\_\_ |  
| \_\_\_\_\_ |  
| \_\_\_\_\_ |  
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NORTH CAROLINA CEMETERY SURVEY

1. Location

- a) Name or names of cemetery: Elijah Battle Cemetery\_\_\_\_
- b) County: Edgecombe \_\_\_\_\_
- c) City, Town, or Township Rocky Mount \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Specific location Take NC 97 east 800 feet from its intersection with SR 1406. Cemetery is located about 175 feet north of highway in middle of plowed field. Cemetery is surrounded by a fence.
- e) Property owned by .
- f) U.S.G.S. Topo Map Quadrangle Rocky Mount
- 1) Cemetery Coordinates: Latitude: See Attached Map  
Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Cemetery Number on Map \_\_\_\_\_

2. Classification

- a) Public: \_\_\_ Municipal \_\_\_ County \_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Federal
- b) Private X Family \_\_\_ Church (Denomination) \_\_\_ Fraternal  
\_\_\_ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Status: Abandoned \_\_\_ X Maintained, not used  
\_\_\_ currently used
- d) Size: Number of graves 15 Cemetery Size 70X90 ft.
- e) Type: \_\_\_ Amerind \_\_\_ Black \_\_\_ Slave \_\_\_ X White  
Other, explain

3. Accessibility to Public

- a) \_\_\_ Unrestricted b) X Restricted, explain, Private Property

4. Condition

- a)  Well maintained                      b)  Poorly maintained  
c)  Overgrown, easily ID      d)  Overgrown, no easy ID  
e)        Not identifiable as burial site, but known to  
          exist through tradition or other means. Explain
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5. Cemetery Enclosure

- a) Enclosed by wall, fence, , etc. YES If yes, specify  
    how it is enclosed Concrete post and pipe fence  
b) Condition of enclosure Good \_\_\_\_\_

6. Tombstones or Markers

- a) Are markers present YES b) If yes, inscribed: One flat stone  
c) Number readable \_ 1      d) Date, last known burial 1799  
e) Date, earliest burial 1799      f) unusual stones \_\_\_\_\_  
    Describe More ornate than usual, with long epitaphs  
g) Have markers been damaged NO If yes, farm animals \_\_\_\_\_  
    Vandalism \_\_\_\_\_ Farming ops \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial ops \_\_\_\_\_  
    Custodial Care \_\_\_\_\_ Other, explain \_\_\_\_\_
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7. Note any hazards imperiling cemetery's existence  
None at present \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has cemetery been listed in any existing published or  
unpublished cemetery survey NO If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

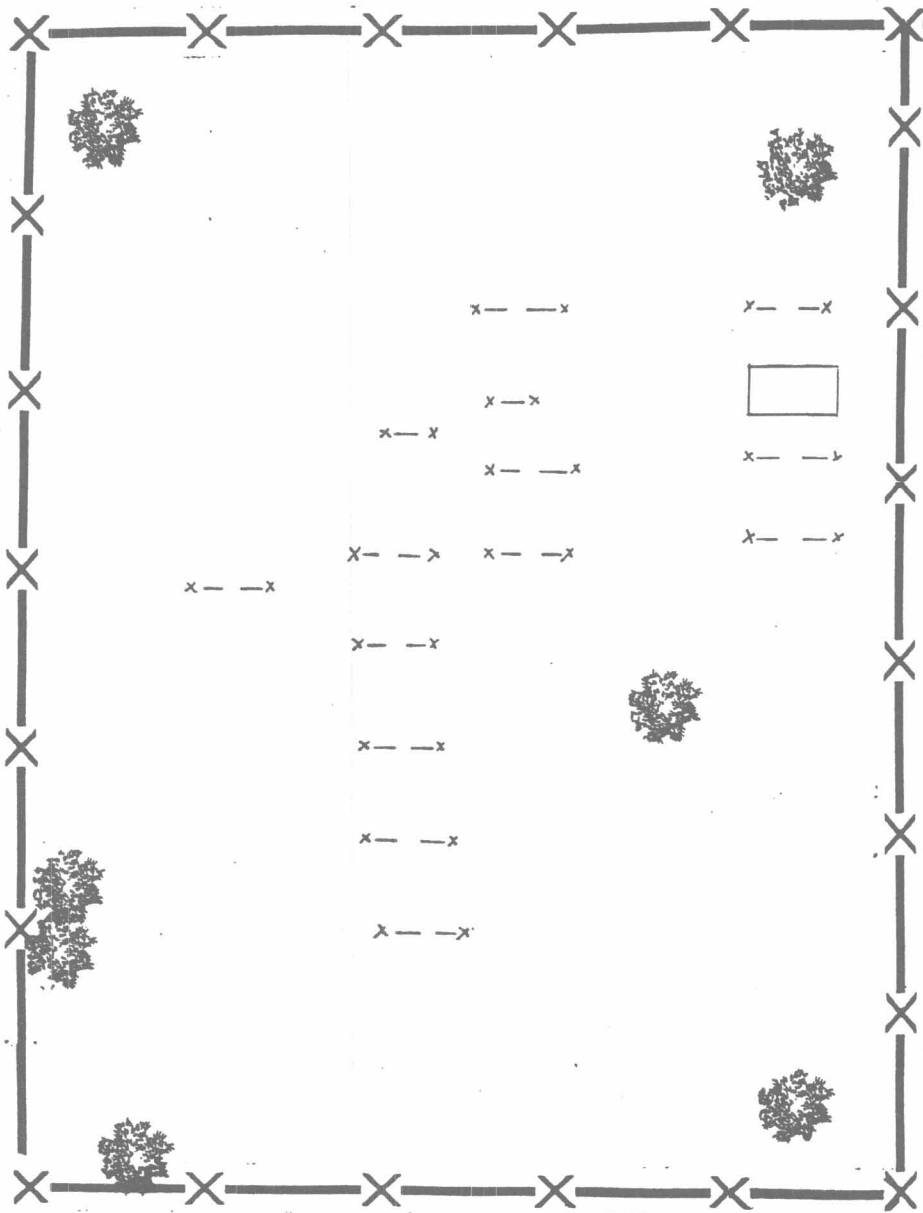
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9. Historical or other special significance of cemetery, if  
any \_\_\_\_\_

10. Any other information Family contract Tim Battle Ft. Worth  
TX (817) 244 7704 \_\_\_\_\_

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Canvasser: John Clauser                      Date 01/ 19/96  
Organization: Office of State Archaeology  
                  109 East Jones Street  
                  Raleigh, NC 27601 - 2807



SCALE  
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ELIJAH BATTLE CEMETERY  
EDGECOMBE COUNTY

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

458 III SE  
(DRAKE)

