

Wythe County Architectural Survey



DHR

Department of Historic Resources

Why?

Though sporadic studies have occurred, coverage has been geographically erratic and the level of documentation inconsistent. The ...survey is intended to remediate major deficiencies in county-wide survey coverage.

Why?

Data collected from the survey will be used for **recognition** and **protection** of important properties in short and **long range land use planning**, to encourage preservation **easements** and **land conservation**, and to help inform the public and serve as an **educational tool**. The project will support the county's **heritage tourism** and **economic development** programs, and will facilitate federally mandated **environmental review** projects.

Survey History

- 1938 with the WPA-sponsored Virginia Historical Inventory project, (small number of properties were documented at a cursory level)
- Historic American Building Survey and Inventory [HABS] in 1958 and 1967.
- Documentation of a few major properties was carried out by the Virginia Landmarks Commission in the late 1960s and early 1970s.



Zion Lutheran
Church surveyed
in 1979

Survey History

From the 1960s through the 1990s, only seven individual architectural properties in the county were listed on the National Register, although a large portion of the town of Wytheville was listed as a National Register Historic District in 1994.

Wytheville and the village of Foster Falls are the only *listed historic districts in the county*.



Survey History

With the exception of sporadic Section 106 CRM work in limited areas of the county, no other historic architectural surveys were conducted in Wythe County between 1994 and 2004.

From 2004 to 2011, 43 individual properties have been surveyed by the WRPO.

Previous Survey Status

DHR archives database holds 413 architectural records for Wythe County (outside of Wytheville). Of those, 327 represent primary resources built before 1941; 176 built before 1901, and only 134 built before 1891. It is not known how many of the documented resources are currently extant.

Scope of Work

The project will consist of completion of a countywide architectural survey, chiefly identifying properties dating from circa 1940 and earlier, and in some cases re-surveying significant, previously documented properties with augmentation of existing files held by DHR; but avoiding resources that have been documented with DHR since circa 1990.

Survey Extent

The number of properties surveyed in the course of this project will be no less than 375; 355 of which must be surveyed at the reconnaissance level and 20 at the intensive level.

Survey Priorities

- previously undocumented significant structures dating to the 18th and 19th centuries,
- buildings and sites of special significance from the first half of the 20th century,
- identification of any potentially eligible historic districts
- imperiled resources or those threatened by planned development.



Town of Ivanhoe

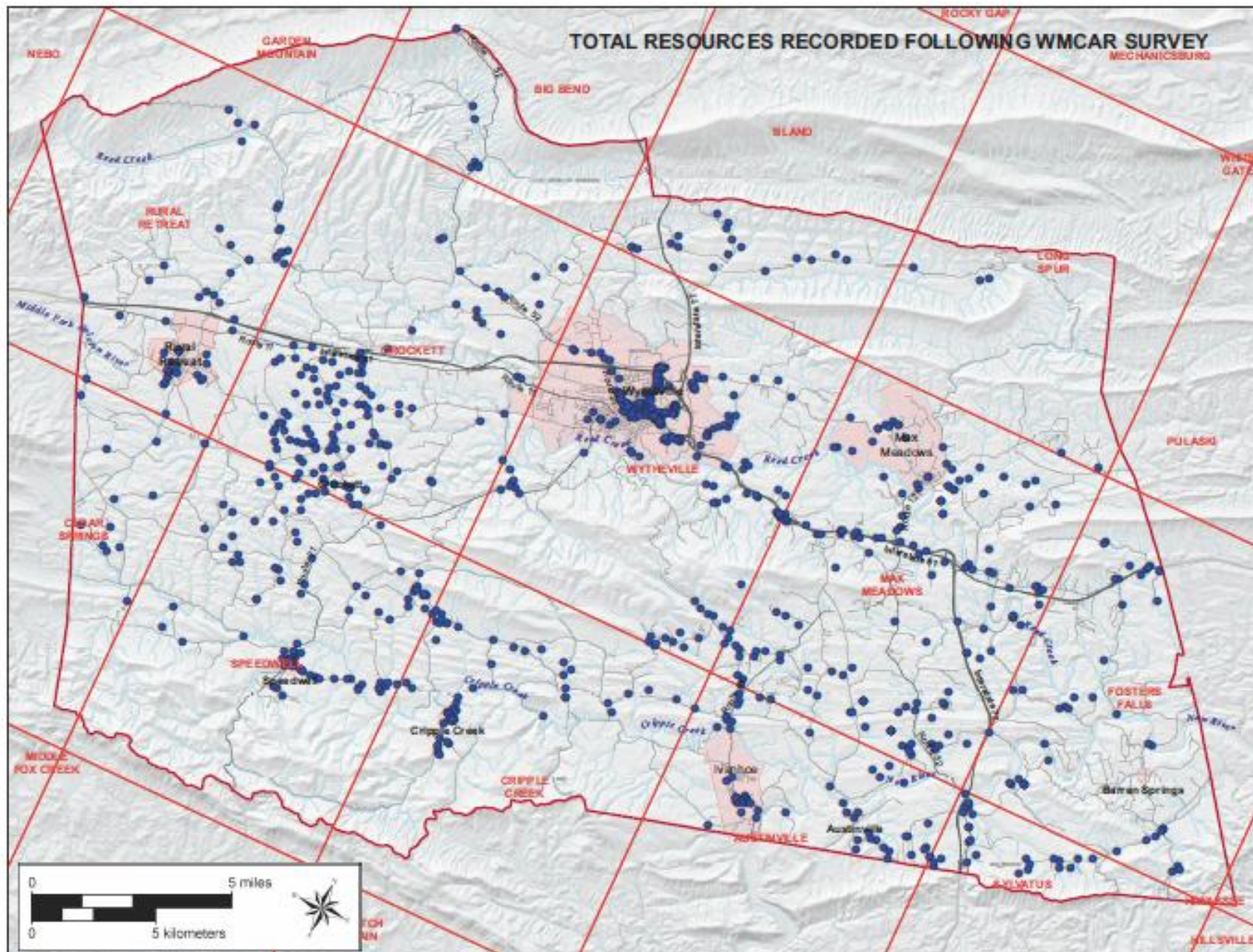
Reconnaissance Survey

- Exterior Photographs
- Mapping
- Sketch Site Plan
- Architectural Description (Exterior)
- Data Entry into database
- Statement of Significance

Intensive Survey

- Reconnaissance Level Survey
- Interior Photographs
- Sketch Floor Plan
- Expanded Statement of Significance

Findings and Results



Survey Themes

- Domestic
- Subsistence/Agriculture
- Government/Law/Political
- Health Care/Medicine
- Education
- Military/Defense
- Religion
- Social
- Recreation/Arts

Survey Themes

- Transportation/Communication
- Commerce/Trade
- Industry/Processing/Extraction
- Landscape
- Funerary
- Ethnicity/Immigration
- Settlement Patterns
- Architecture/Landscape
Architecture/Community Planning
- Technology/Engineering

Domestic

- 278 of the resources were classified as domestic
- 232 were domestic and 46 were domestic and subsistence/agriculture

Domestic

- All time periods in the survey represented
- Colonial Revival, Craftsman, Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Tudor Revival, Vernacular and Victorian
- Mostly single family
- Included log houses, I houses and tenant houses



Craftsman
House, 223 Parsonage Avenue



Colonial Revival
Farm, Cripple Creek Road



Federal 468 Ward Branch
Road



Greek Revival,
House Crocketts Cove Road



Italianate
6464 Peppers Ferry Road



Tudor Revival
108 Riverview Road



Vernacular
175 Crawfish Road



Folk Victorian
149 Hoke Street



Queen Anne
100 Delp Avenue



Tenant house
Peppers Ferry Rd



I-house
271 Peridot Lane



Log House
Felts Lane

Subsistence/Agriculture

- 58 resources total
- 44 cross referenced with domestic
- 2 with Industry/Process/Extraction (furnaces)



House, 189 Virginia Ave



House Peppers Ferry Road

Fracture Creek Farm





Barn Stony Fork Road



Silo Kiser Road



Dairy Barn, Red Hollow Rd

Commerce/Trade

- 25 were classified as commerce/trade
- Stores, commercial buildings, hotel, blacksmith shop



Store Austinville Rd



Mom's Old Curiosity Shop



Commercial Building
Baumgardner Ave



Commercial Building, Painters Hill Rd



Blacksmith Shop Francis Mill Rd

Religion

- 28 resources
- All Christian churches
- Most between 1850 and 1950
- Styles include Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Victorian, Colonial Revival and Romanesque



Max Meadows United Methodist Church



Grace Lutheran Church



Galena Presbyterian Church



Union Church

Education

- 14 were classified as education
- All from first half of the twentieth century
- Some still active
- Some re-purposed
- Some are vacant



Speedwell Elementary School



Jackson Memorial Elementary School



School,
Flemming Road



Matthews School



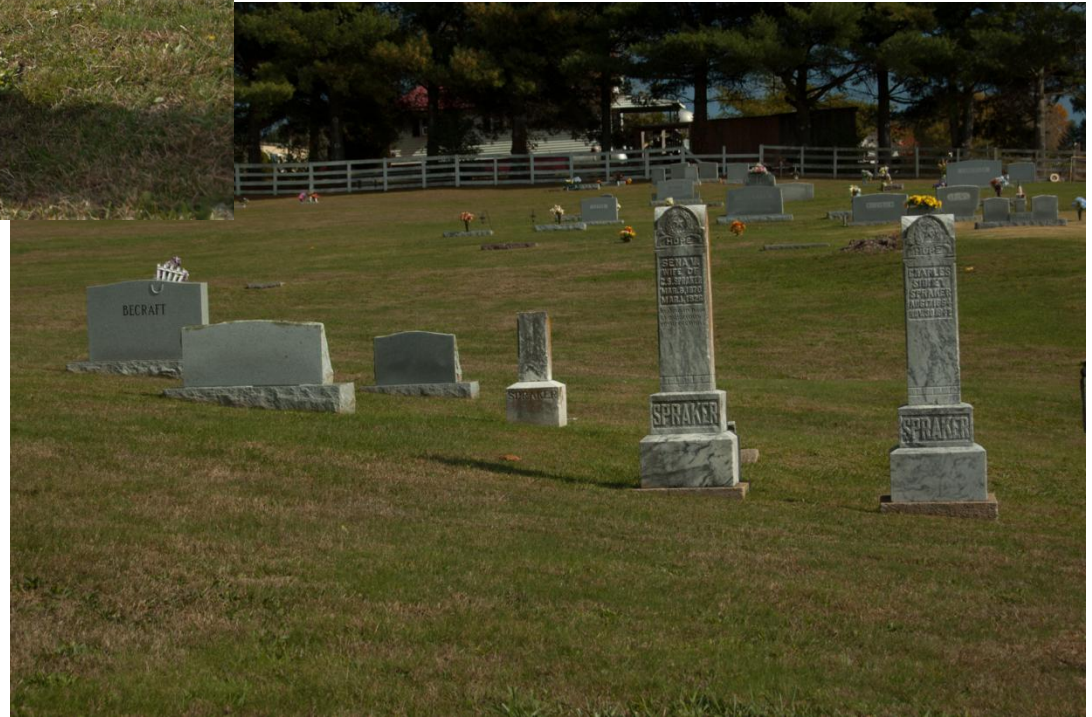
Ivanhoe School

Funerary

- 9 were classified as funerary
- 2 were funerary
- 7 were funerary and religion



Davis Cemetery



Bethany Hill Cemetery

Government/Law/Politics

- 6 were government law or politics
- 2 post offices and 4 rescue squads



Foster Falls Post Office



Speedwell Post Office



Ivanhoe Fire Department

Industry Processing Extraction

- Eight recorded
- Three previously recorded Furnaces
- One mill
- One coal yard
- Two company stores
- Lumber yard



Walton Furnace



Brown Hill Furnace



Noble Furnace



Beverly Mill
Cripple Creek Mill



Thompson Coal Yard

Social



Lodge, Painters Hill Rd



Mount Airy Masonic Lodge



Lead Mines Ruritan Club



Patterson Community Center

Recreation / Arts



Mill Creek Studio, Weaving Studio



Big Walker Lookout Tower

Healthcare/ Medicine

Dr Grubb's Office



Technology

New River Gaging Station at Ivanhoe



Transportation/Communication



E. T. Lures



Stoots Corner Convenience Store

Intensive Surveys

- Twenty chosen
- Diversity of type, age, use, style, area
- Key significant resources
- Access

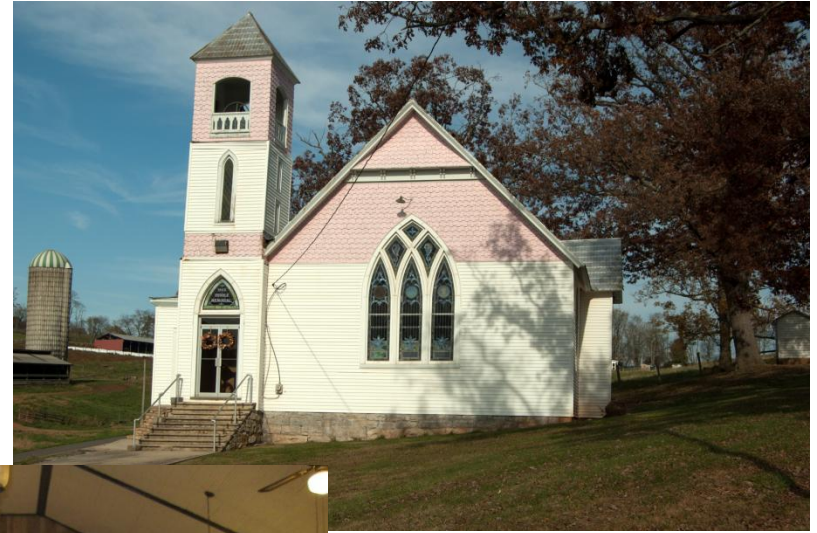
Quaker Meeting House



Saint Patrick Catholic Church



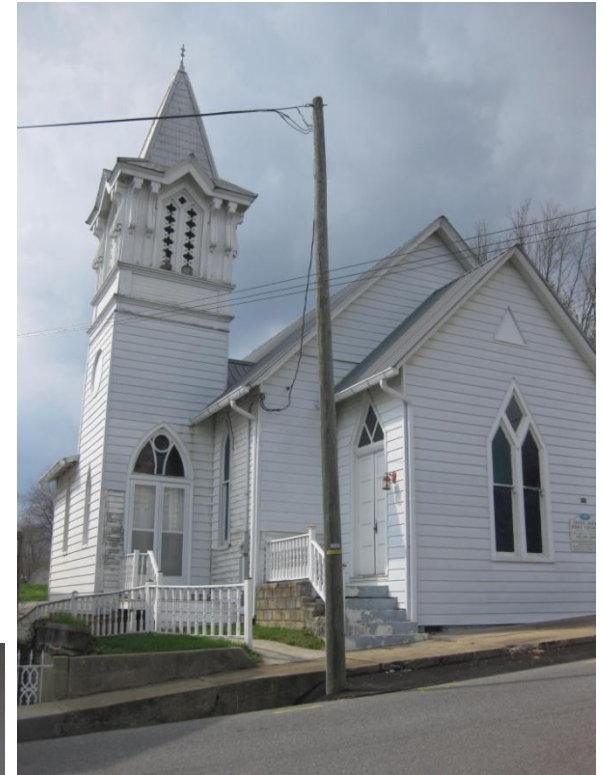
Huddle Memorial United Methodist Church



Charity Primitive Baptist Church



Living Hope Bible Church



Rural Retreat United Methodist Church



Corinth School



Barn, Saint Peters Road



Carpenter's Grocery



Stoots Corner Convenience Store



Huddle Farm



Mill Creek Studio



House 152 Poplar Drive



House, 106 Brown Town Rd



House, 1078 Ramsey Mountain Rd



House, 3096 Major Grahams Rd



House, 6464 Peppers Ferry Rd



House, 301 West Baumgardner Ave



468 Ward Branch Road



John Repass Rock House



Recommendations

- Further Comprehensive Survey
- Pursue individual National Register designations

Pursue Historic District designations

- Rural Retreat
- Newtown
- Ivanhoe
- Max Meadows



Recommendations

- Multiple Property Documentation
 - Iron Furnaces
 - Schools
- Tax Incentives for Rehab
- Easements
- Heritage Tourism