

Chavis Park National Register Nomination Process and Progress



National Register of Historic Places

The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect America's historic and archeological resources.

National Register

- Integrity
- Significance

Integrity

“The unimpaired authenticity of a property’s historic or prehistoric identity, evidenced by surviving physical characteristics”

Significance

Properties:

- A.** That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B.** That are associated with the lives of significant persons in or past; or
- C.** That embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D.** That have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Significance

- Local
- State
- National

Property Types

- Buildings
- Structures
- Objects
- Districts
- Sites

Building



Pope House

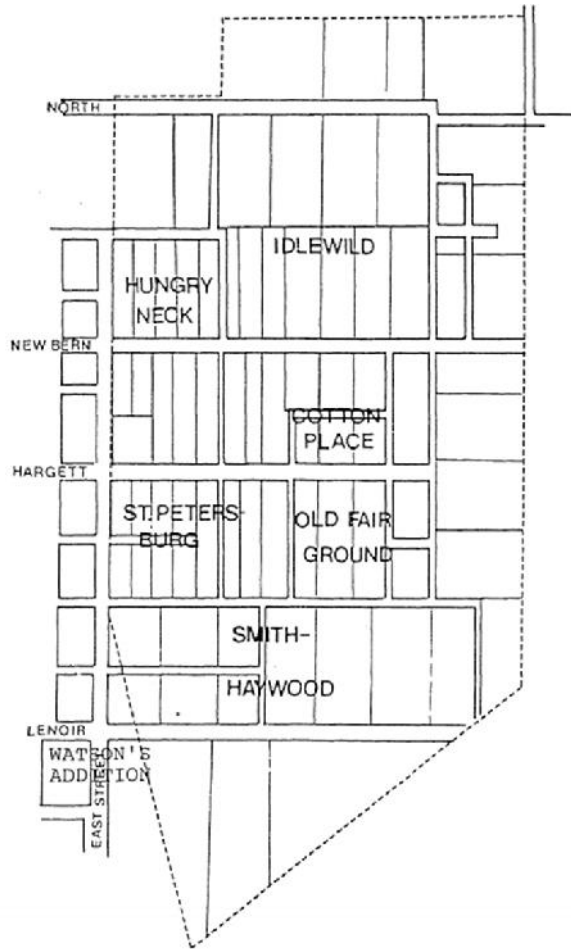
Structure



Object

District

East Raleigh-South Park



Site

Considerations

- **a.** A religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or
- **b.** A building or structure removed from its original location but which is primarily significant for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event; or
- **c.** A birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no appropriate site or building associated with his or her productive life; or
- **d.** A cemetery that derives its primary importance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or
- **e.** A reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or
- **f.** A property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own exceptional significance; or
- **g.** A property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

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St Paul AME Church

Architecture

The building is of major significance to the religious history of Raleigh because it was built by the first independent black congregation formed in Raleigh to house their expanded Membership....

One of the best known of St. Paul's ministers was the Rev. R. W. H. Leak, pastor during the 1880s and 1890s during the time that he became a prominent leader for black Republicans and edited the Outlook, the second Negro newspaper in Raleigh.

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City Cemetery meets Criterion A for its statewide significance in social history as one of the earliest municipal cemeteries in North Carolina. It is one of the few municipal cemeteries that provided space for African Americans.

City Cemetery holds statewide significance under Criterion C for one of the finest collections of nineteenth century funerary sculpture in North Carolina.

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Dorton Arena, 1953. Listed 1972. Photo NC HPO

Process

- Evaluation
- Nomination

Chavis Park

Evaluation

via North Carolina Study List Application

May 9 submittal

June 12 National Register Advisory Committee
(NRAC) Meeting

RFP for nomination

Nomination in Process

Chavis Park Nomination

- October 8, 2015 NRAC meeting
- First draft May 1, 2015
- Final Draft July 29, 2015

Nomination

- More photographs –188 digital and on proof sheets, labeled per HPO standards
- Boundary map reflecting “historic” boundaries
- Expanded description
- Expanded statement of significance

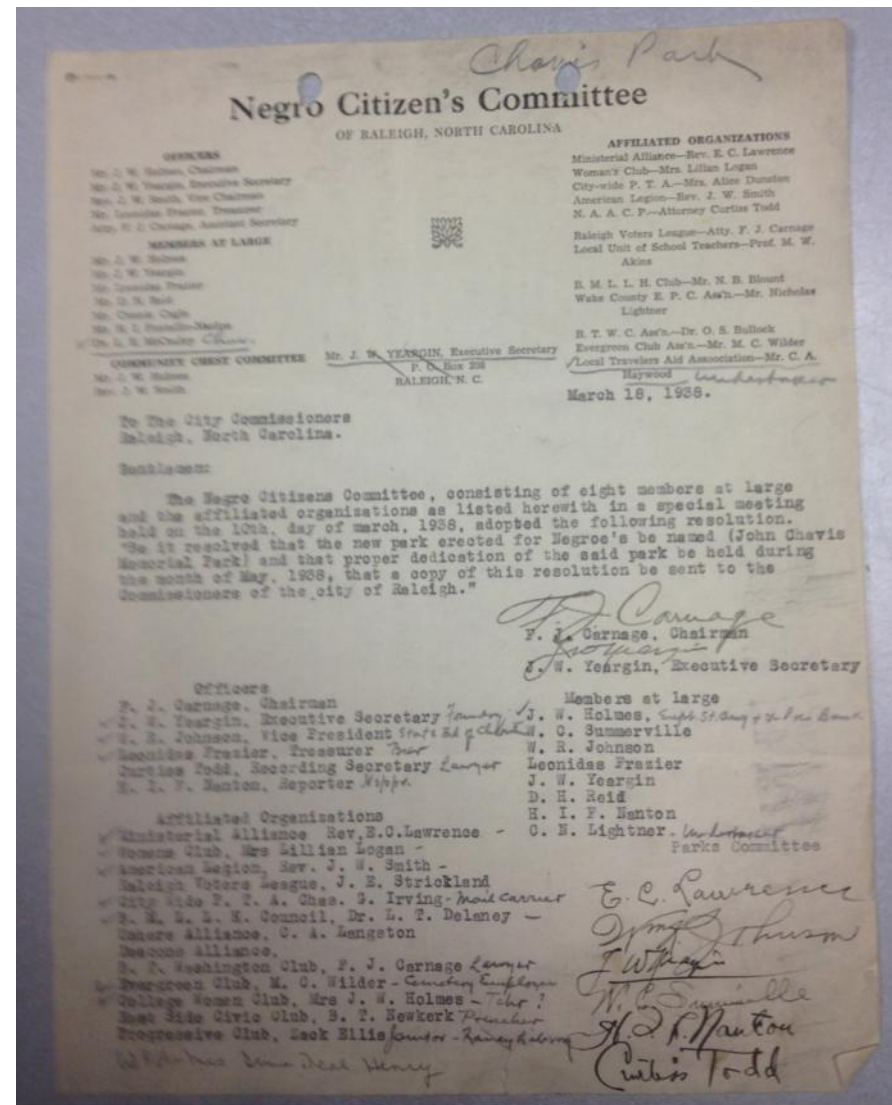
National Register

- District
- Local Significance, perhaps State and/or National
- Integrity
- Significance A and C, history and design
- No Considerations



Significance

- More research using primary sources



TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1935.

Commissioners met in regular session, Mayor pro tem Ferguson presiding.
Present: Commissioners Fountain and Ferguson. Mayor Iseley was
absent and excused.
The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Commissioner Fountain announced the appointment, effective
June 1, of Mr. Robert M. Bynum, Jr., as Assistant to the Commission-
er of Public Safety, to succeed Mr. C. C. Rich, such appointment to
be at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Public Safety, which
appointment was approved by the Board.

Commissioner Ferguson was authorized and directed to appoint
Mr. G. Robert Derick as Landscape Artist to prepare plans for the
Negro Park.

Upon motion the Board adjourned.

J. E. Sawyer
Clerk.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1935.

Commissioners met in regular session, Mayor Iseley presiding.
Present: Commissioners Iseley, Fountain and Ferguson.
The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Commissioner Ferguson reported that he had been able to
locate the Negro Park project in the Comptroller General's Office
in Washington, and that it has been placed in line for approval with-
in the next day or so by the Comptroller-General.

Upon motion the Board adjourned.

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Additional research

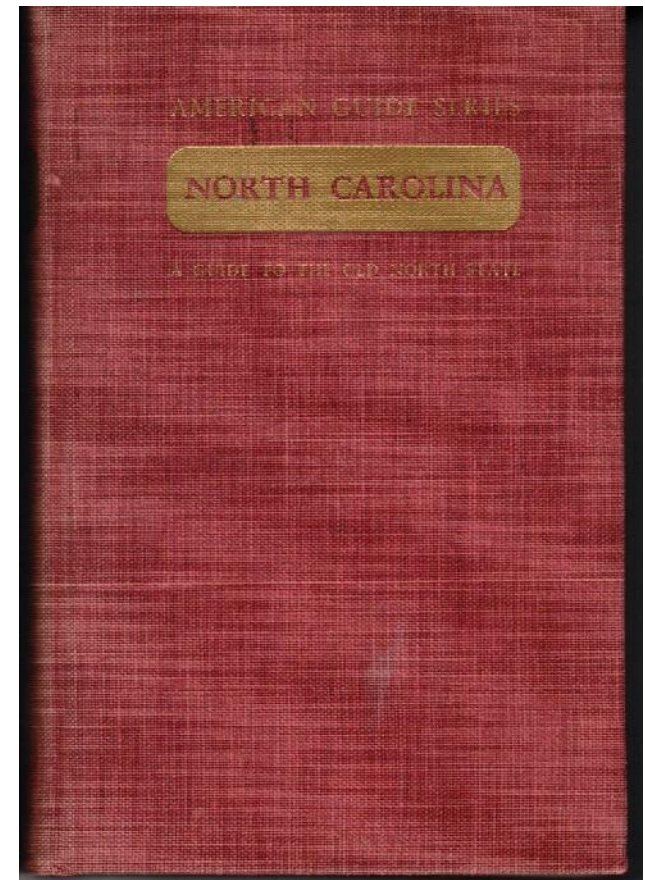
- State Archives
- National Archives

Research

- To expand and support history and significance for Design and role in African-American history and as physical example of Jim Crow policies

Research

- Context of other Jim Crow, WPA-funded resources in North Carolina



R A L E I G H

Railroad Station: Union Station, Dawson and W. Martin Sts., for Southern Ry., and Norfolk Southern R.R.

Bus Station: McDowell and W. Martin Sts. for Atlantic Grey Southerland Bros., and Norfolk Southern.

Airport: Municipal, 3.5 m. S. on US 15A for Eastern Air Lines

Taxis: 25¢, 1-4 passengers, anywhere in city.

City Buses: 5¢.

Traffic Regulations: Turns on red lights and parking indicated b

Accommodations: 10 hotels (2 for Negroes); tourist homes, tour

Information Service: Chamber of Commerce, 17 W. Davie St
15 W. Davie St.; State Highway Dept., 112 E. Morgan St.

Radio Station: WPTF (680 kc.).

Theaters and Motion Picture Houses: Memorial Auditorium, Fa
Ambassador Theater, Fayetteville St., and State Theater, S.
local productions, occasional road shows; 6 motion picture ho

Swimming: Pullen Park, approached from Hillsboro St. or US 1
Park (Negro), Lenoir St. at city limits.

Golf: Raleigh Golf Assn., 4 m. S. on county road S. of airport, 1
Carolina Pines, 3.5 m. S. on US 15A, 18 holes, greens fee, 1

NE. on US 1, 9 holes, greens fee, 25¢.

Tennis: Raleigh Tennis Club, Dover Rd. off Oberlin Rd.; Caro
US 15A.

Riding: Batchelor Riding Academy, 2 m. E. on US 64; Carol
US 15A.

Boating: Pullen Park, approached from Hillsboro St. or US 1.
Baseball, Football: Riddick Stadium, State College.

Annual Events: Governor's Inaugural Ball, 1st wk. Jan. in years

by 4; Southern Conference Basketball Tournament, 3 days, ear

State College, spring; Flower Show, Raleigh Garden Club, May, Oct; Farmers Con-
vention, July; 4-H Club meeting, July; Debutante Ball, Sept.; State Fair, 3rd wk.

Oct.; State Literary and Historical Assn., State Folklore Society, State Art Society, 1st
wk. Dec.

RALEIGH (363 alt., 37,379 pop.), the capital of North Carolina, was made to order in a wooded wilderness on a Piedmont hill near the geographical center of the State. In the center of the city is oak-shaded Capitol Square, covering 6 acres and dominated by the stately old Capitol Building. Surrounded by State departmental buildings, the square forms a hub from which the principal streets radiate.

Of the four squares set aside for parks in the quarters of the original town plan two survive: Nash on the southwest, still a park, and Moore on the southeast, used as a produce market. Caswell Square, on the northwest, is occupied by the State Board of Health buildings. Burke Square, on the northeast, contains the Governor's mansion.

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