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Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.
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7. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Catlett Historic District is located in the village of Catlett, situated nine miles southeast of Warrenton at the intersection of Catlett Road (Route 28), Elk Run Road, Old Dumfries Road, and the old Orange and Alexandria Railroad (now the Norfolk Southern). The village of Catlett grew up around the Orange and Alexandria Railroad that was laid through the region in 1852. Best described as a rural economic and social center, Catlett offered a post office, school, several stores and churches, as well as numerous dwellings.

After the arrival of the railroad, Catlett was a busy mail, telegraph, and transportation center that developed a commercial significance that extended well into the latter part of the 20th century. The land on which the community is located was originally in the vicinity of a 1715 land grant to John Catlett, and the village was eventually named for him. Initially, however, the post office was established as Colvin's Station in 1853 and named after the Colvin family; its name was later changed to Catlett Station and, eventually, to Catlett.

During the Civil War, the area was the site of Union troop camps during the first and second battles of Manassas, as well as the other significant Civil War activity in 1862 and 1863. Its strategic location along the railroad made its buildings particularly vulnerable to destruction. Although the train station is no longer standing, the Catlett Historic District is very much intact and contains a collection of buildings that represent the town during the late 19th and early-to-mid 20th centuries.

Although Catlett has no official limits, the boundaries of the district have been drawn to include the area around the intersection of Catlett Road, Old Catlett Road, Elk Run Road, and the railroad tracks, where the highest concentration of historic buildings are located. Also included are parts of Tenerife Road, Catlett School Road, and Prospect Avenue that contain historic dwellings and churches. More remote rural areas surrounding Catlett are not included in the district boundaries. This area, which contains approximately 118 acres, includes 76 properties and is primarily a linear village setting. The non-contributing resources are primarily outbuildings and a few commercial buildings in the core of the village.

None of the rail-related buildings that stood in Catlett during the Civil War survive, although several commercial buildings from the late 19th and early 20th centuries still stand near the intersection of the roads and the railroad, confirming Catlett's continued role as a commercial center well into the 20th century. The surviving buildings in the district reflect the community as it appeared during the early 20th century, with approximately half of the buildings constructed between 1900 and 1930. The majority are dwellings and their associated outbuildings. These are vernacular in nature and follow popular architectural forms of the period, such as the I-house. An exception is a small group of high-style Italianate houses constructed in the last decades of the 19th century that are located on Old Catlett Road and were constructed by one builder. The district also contains a large group of modest post-World War II dwellings located along Prospect Avenue. Lot sizes in the town are fairly irregular except for the area on and near Prospect Avenue that was subdivided in the second

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quarter of the 20th century. The village has no sidewalks, with the exception of a small area along Elk Run Road and Old Dumfries Road on either side of Catlett Road.

With modern Route 28 bypassing the town in recent years, Catlett has managed to retain its character as a clearly identifiable community with many of its buildings intact. This is particularly true of the area southeast of Route 28 near the railroad tracks, where several commercial buildings still stand.

ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS:

Catlett is a small rural village that lies in the southeastern part of Fauquier County, near the Prince William County line. It developed after the arrival of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad in 1852 at its intersection with several roads. The Catlett Historic District contains only one surviving building from this earliest period, the rest date to after the Civil War when the community had its greatest growth. The village, originally known as Colvin's Station and later, Catlett's Station, saw military activity during the Civil War that is commemorated in a state historical highway marker, "Mosby's Raid at Catlett's Station B 35," and a Civil War Trails marker, "Catlett's Station; Stuart's Revenge," located within the district.

The surviving historic resources in Catlett represent the development of a mid-19th-century rural community in the Virginia Piedmont that grew up as a consequence of the arrival of the railroad. The district, which takes in approximately 118 acres, contains 76 properties and can be characterized as a small village with a varied collection of late-19th- and early-to-mid-20th-century building types and styles, most of which are vernacular in nature. The primary building types in the district are dwellings and their associated outbuildings. Also included are ten commercial buildings, three churches, a cemetery, and an early-20th-century dairy complex. More remote rural areas surrounding Catlett are not included in the district boundaries. The non-contributing resources are generally outbuildings.

Most buildings in the district were built so as to be clearly visible from the roads they front. Lot sizes tend to vary with the exception of areas in the southeastern portion of the village that were laid out as subdivisions in the mid-20th century. The commercial buildings are clustered around the railroad, while the dwellings line the various roads that run through the village. Only a very few areas contain sidewalks, and most of the buildings in this flat region of Fauquier County are built at the same grade of the road on low stone, brick, or concrete foundations. The buildings are generally not set back very far from the roadbed, and most yards have concrete walks and low hedges along the road. The main intersection in the village is at the junction of Catlett Road (Route 28), Old Dumfries Road, and Elk Run Road, and contains a traffic light. A school that once sat at this corner has been demolished, and that area is now vacant land.

The surviving buildings in the district suggest that the greatest growth in Catlett occurred during the Reconstruction era. The village still retains most of the buildings that were standing when a 1914 map of the

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county was drawn. The majority of the buildings are vernacular dwellings with limited exterior architectural detailing. All of the of the buildings in the district are of frame construction with weatherboard siding or replacement synthetic siding, with the exception of one log dwelling, a concrete block commercial building, a terra-cotta block barn complex, and a brick-veneered church.

Only one building in the district survives from the pre-Civil War era. Prospect Acres [030-0267; 030-5162-0001] is located at the northern terminus of Prospect Avenue, just south of the railroad tracks. The original log section of this house, now the first floor of the rear ell, is considered the oldest dwelling in Catlett and was constructed circa 1855 by Richard Colvin. The original parcel of land was 163 acres and included both sides of the railroad, as well as the site of the original station at "Colvin's Station." Around 1900, a two-story, three-bay, hall-parlor-plan, vernacular frame portion was added, creating the current front of the building, while relegating the original portion as part of the rear ell. The house has undergone substantial architectural changes over its history and reflects more of its early-20th-century history than of its 19th-century appearance, yet still incorporates the oldest building in Catlett.

Catlett saw much activity during the Civil War. Historic maps, photographs, and drawings of the period indicate that the crossroads village had a fairly large station, depot, store, and several dwellings that were clustered at the intersection near Elk Run Road and the railroad. A modern warehouse building now sits on the parcel where the station was once located [030-5162-0050]. The oldest surviving commercial building within the district is directly north of the Norfolk Southern Railroad on the west side of Elk Run Road, south of its junction with Old Catlett Road. One of the most visually prominent buildings in Catlett, the two-story, four-bay southern section was constructed in 1866 for Edwin B. Trenis who ran it as the Trenis Department Store. Decorative detailing of this vernacular building is limited to the bracketed cornice on the front parapet and the full width, one-story porch. The two-story concrete block wing to the north was added in 1923. Although the store closed in 1965 and the building is not currently in use, it retains much of its exterior architectural integrity.

Located just around the corner from the store along Old Catlett Road, are three Italianate-style frame dwellings that appear to have been constructed by the same builder. Old Catlett Road was the main road until the mid-20th-century when it was bypassed by the new roadbed of Route 28 (Catlett Road) just to the north. In addition to these late-19th-century houses, several commercial buildings of the period also survive on this former main street. The earliest of these three Italianate-style houses is located at 3230 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0058] and is locally known as the Edmonds Place. Currently vacant, the two-story, three-bay, side-passage plan, gable-end frame building is in relatively unaltered condition and was constructed circa 1870. The building, which rests on a stone foundation, is clad in weatherboard siding and features a standing-seam metal roof with overhanging eaves and a paneled wooden frieze. The roof features three interior brick chimneys. A pointed-arched attic window is located in the front gable end. The windows still retain their original two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash, and the front door with its round-arched panels is original. Additions have been made to the rear of the house and part of the front porch has been altered. This is one of three dwellings on Old Catlett

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Road that appear to have been constructed by the same builder as they share similar characteristics of the Italianate style. A builder named Harlan P. Waite was identified in the census records as living and working in Catlett between 1870 and 1900, and it is believed that he constructed these three fine houses.³

The house at 3236 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0059] sits on a fairly large lot with mature trees and bushes including a magnolia. A tall hedge is located along the road, behind which are a paved drive and a concrete walk leading to the house. The well-preserved house was constructed circa 1876 as the home of the Trenis family, who ran the Trenis store across the street [030-51652-0056]. The two-story, four-bay, side-passageplan, frame dwelling has a stone foundation, weatherboard siding, with cornerboards, six-over-six, doublehung, wood sash windows, louvered wooden shutters, and a round-arched two-light transom over the door. The pyramidal roof, now clad in asphalt shingles, features a central brick chimney with a mousetooth cornice. The overhanging eaves of the roof are supported by paired brackets with pendants and the friezeboard is roundarched at the base, between the window bays. The house has a one-bay, hip-roofed front porch with wooden posts on brick piers and a bracketed cornice. The wall of the house beneath this porch is not clad in weatherboard but, instead, is covered in shiplap. Architecturally, the Italianate-style house is extremely sophisticated and is very similar in design to 3266 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0061], which was constructed in 1880. Like the two other houses, it also follows a side-passage plan and is very similar in its gable-end form and detailing to the Edmonds House [030-5162-0058]. The two-story, three-bay, frame dwelling rests on a brick foundation, and the walls are completely clad in flushboard siding, like that found under the porch on the Trenis House [030-5162-0059]. Other details include cornerboards, a round louvered attic vent in the front gable end, a front door with round-arched panels and a transom, and two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash windows with louvered shutters. The one-bay front porch with triple chamfered posts and a sawn balustrade and brackets is similar to the one at the Trenis House [030-5162-0059], and the three interior brick chimneys, overhanging eaves with brackets and paneled frieze are almost identical to the one on the Edmonds House [030-5162-0058]. The land tax records show that an "improvement added" in the remarks column caused the reassessment of the building from \$300 to \$800 in 1880 after Harlan P. Waite purchased the property that year. Architecturally sophisticated, this Italianate-style house was probably the home of the local builder Harlan P. Waite.⁵

Another sophisticated building from this time period in Catlett is Trinity Church [030-0256; 030-5162-0068], located at 9280 Old Dumfries Road. Although the builder is not known, it may have well been Harlan Waite, who was living and practicing in the area at the time. The three-bay, vernacular Gothic Revival-style church was constructed in 1872 according to a plaque in the bell tower. Resting on a raised stone foundation, the frame walls are now clad in asbestos shingles, while the roof maintains its original standing-seam metal material. The church is dominated by a central projecting tower that is part of a three-bay entrance that includes a recessed double-leaf door with Gothic-arched transom, a pent roof between the first floor and the attic story, a louvered Gothic-arched attic vent, a jerkinhead roof, and an open belfry with a plaque "Trinity MECS 1872" and a bell. The church was remodeled in 1898, and a side wing was added to the rear in 1952. This is the oldest of the three churches within the Catlett Historic District. The Catlett Methodist Cemetery [030-5162-0074] is located

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on the north side of Catlett Road east of the church. The four-acre parcel is fairly flat and open with a few mature cedars and boxwoods and contains several hundred burials, most with above-ground granite and marble markers. A gravel drive separates the cemetery into four sections. A chain link fence surrounds the property and entrances are along both Catlett Road and Catlett School Road. The oldest burial identified was that of Thomas R. Fowler who died March 15, 1871. Most of the burials are from the 1920s on and include many local families including Trenis, Orndorff, Heflin, and Williams, just to name a few. There are several hundred burials, most with above-ground granite and marble markers.

Most of these early resources in Catlett are located north of the railroad tracks. However, the home and office of Dr. Stephen Harnsberger [030-5162-0034], constructed in 1897, is located on 3189 Tenerife Road at the southeast edge of the district. The two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling features an off-center front gable and only two bays on the second floor. Resting on a brick foundation, the house has a standing-seam metal roof with overhanging eaves, two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash windows, and a three-bay front porch. Dr. Harnsberger lived in the house and the east parlor was his office--a fact that is reflected in the floor plan of the house which includes an additional entrance to that room from the main hall. One of the oldest dwellings in the immediate area and one of the few from the 19th century, the property also features the original bell tower from the demolished Catlett School, constructed in 1913 and closed in 1966, in the rear yard.

The Catlett Historic District does not contain any schools since the main school was demolished in the mid-to-late-20th century, and the African-American school for the community is located too far out on Old Dumfries Road to be included within the district boundaries. The house at 3452 Catlett Road [030-51562-0075] may, in fact, have once served as a school. A school appears on a 1914 map of the community in the general location of this two-story, three-bay, hip-roofed frame building. The circa 1900 structure has a standing-seam metal roof, two interior brick chimneys, and triple windows. The windows on the second floor have replacement sash, but the ones under the porch are two-over two, double-hung, wood sash and appear to be original. The grouping of windows together, as well the fact the building has a double-leaf door, is interesting and somewhat unusual for a dwelling of this period and strongly suggests that perhaps it was originally a school.

The Catlett Historic District contains eight commercial buildings that date to the early 20th century, all of which are located around the intersection of the railroad tracks, Old Catlett Road, and Elk Run Road. North of the railroad along Elk Run Road is Edmonds Millinery Shop, a rectangular two-story building constructed circa 1910 and now used as a residence [030-5162-0054]. It features a shed roof with a parapet that contains overhanging eaves with brackets. Located next door is a one-story, gable-end frame building with a flat parapet that was a former barber shop and was also constructed circa 1910 [030-5162-0055]. At 3231 Old Catlett Road is the former Ensor's Store, an early-20th-century, two-story, three-bay, gable-end building that was originally a store on the first floor and probably provided a dwelling on the second floor. Clad in pressed tin that looks like brick, the frame building has a standing-seam metal roof, corner boards, a plain frieze, overhanging eaves, six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash windows, an exterior-side brick chimney, and a three-bay front porch with

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turned posts. According to historian Eugene Scheel, this store operated as a hardware store from the early 20th century to the Depression and, at one time, the post office was located here.⁷ Although no longer used commercially, the building retains much of its architectural character.

Just west is another commercial building located at 3235 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0065] that was constructed as a feed store. The two-story, four-bay, frame warehouse was constructed in the early 20th century and has a gabled standing-seam metal roof, plyboard siding with battens, four-over-four- and six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash windows, overhanging eaves, and multiple freight doors. Still used commercially, the former feed store retains much of its architectural character. Features that serviced customers from the road include openings allowing for loading directly onto railroad cars. Further west along Catlett Road is a small, gable-end, former commercial building with a tall flat parapet [030-5162-0063]. Constructed circa 1920, the building has sides that are clad in pressed tin metal simulating stone. Wilson's Store, a one-story, three-bay, commercial building of terra-cotta tile, with a parapet topped by a heavily bracketed wooden cornice, was constructed in the mid-1920s [030-5162-0057]. It is built of oversized smooth and striated terra-cotta bricks, some of which are imprinted with "Natco." The building has new storefront windows, a four-light transom over the door, and a bracketed wooden cornice on the parapet. A side two-bay, brick, shed-roofed wing has a flat parapet and weatherboard siding on the front. The three-bay front porch on the original section has square posts constructed of the "Natco" blocks, and it ties into the two-bay porch that fronts the wing on the west side. According to historian Eugene Scheel, this was Leidy Wilson's Store and also the site of the post office from 1926 until 1975. The store operated until 1940 and replaced an earlier store that had burned. It is the only commercial building in the district to be constructed of terra-cotta block. This type of block was most often used to carry telephone, telegraph, and electric wires underground. In the early 1910s they were used to build tile silos, and the structural tile was used for buildings of all sizes, particularly garages, stores, elevators, manufacturing industries, and theaters.⁸ The district's largest historic commercial building is located off the north side of the tracks east of Elk Run Road and was built as a slaughter house and meat market in the early 1930s [030-5162-0052]. Supporting the local agricultural community surrounding Catlett, this expansive, cinder-block building still houses the Wilson Farms Meat Company.

Two former commercial buildings are also located just south of the railroad tracks off Elk Run Road. The small, one-story, gable-end frame building with a large front parapet was a former creamery, where local dairy farmers left cream that was then loaded onto the train [030-5162-0044]. The frame building, which is sited below the grade of the street, is now used as a garage. The property also includes a later cinder block two-story building that may have once been a boarding house, as well as a small frame dwelling. Across Elk Run Road, directly adjacent to the railroad tracks, is a large two-story warehouse building that rests on a concrete foundation [030-5162-0042]. Constructed in the early 20th century, the four-bay building is clad in pressed metal simulating stone. The gabled roof is covered in corrugated metal and contains overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends. Currently vacant, the building maintains its original six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash windows, three-light basement windows, and wooden freight doors.

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Not only was Catlett a busy commercial center for this rural area of Fauquier County during the early 20th century, but it was also a burgeoning residential center, a fact reflected in the architectural resources of the period. By 1920, most of the houses were built within the district lining either side of Elk Run Road and Old Dumfries Road. The most popular architectural forms for dwellings in the district that date to circa 1900 through 1920 is the single-pile, center-passage-plan, vernacular I-house, often with a side gabled roof with a central-front gable. The side-passage plan, which was used on the three late-19th-century houses on Old Catlett Road built by Harlan Waite, was less commonly used. A few examples of hall-parlor-plan houses are also included in the district. Although many of the houses from the late 19th and early 20th centuries are fairly large and reflect the relative prosperity of Catlett's citizenry, there are also examples of more modest dwellings. One of the best preserved examples is located at 3176 Gaskins Lane [030-1014; 030-5162-0076]. The 1 ½-story, two-bay, side-gabled, frame dwelling rests on a stone and brick pier foundation and is clad in weatherboard with a six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash window, an interior-end brick flue, and lacks exterior decoration. The house at 3232 Catlett School Road [030-5162-0073] is a two-story, four-bay, frame dwelling with two front doors, suggesting that perhaps at one time more than one family lived in the building. The building has a crossgabled roof with an interior-end brick chimney, exposed rafter ends, and overhanging eaves with a sawtooth vergeboard around the front and side roof lines.

Fourteen houses in the district were constructed around 1910, more than half of which follow the I-house form. Examples include the houses at 9296, 9284, 9262, and 9244 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0037, 0039, 0041, and 0043], located near each other on the west side of the road south of the railroad tracks. All are two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed, frame buildings with central-front gables. The house at 9274 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0040] also features a central-front gable but follows a hall-parlor plan. The house at 9273 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0049] is also from this period but is a two-story, two-bay, vernacular, gable-end frame dwelling with an enclosed front porch with a mansard roof, overhanging eaves, and paired attic windows in the front gable end.

The largest I-house from this period is located at 9299 Old Dumfries Road [030-5162-0069], at its junction with Catlett Road. The property sits on a large lot and has a gravel drive with parking area, mature oak trees, and a concrete walk to the street. The outbuildings, which include a chicken coop, meathouse, well house, and two sheds, are located east of the house. The two-story, three-bay, frame house, which rests on a concrete foundation, and was probably built circa 1915, features a central-front gable with a square attic vent, a decorative vergeboard, a standing-seam metal roof, overhanging eaves, two interior brick chimneys, sidelights flanking the front door, and two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash windows. The eight-bay wraparound porch has turned posts, turned balusters, and sawn brackets. The two-story rear ell has an interior-end brick flue, a side entry, and rear and side shed-roofed, one-story wings. Three additional I-houses, located at 9199, 9273 and 9283 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0007; 0032, 0031], appear to date to circa 1920 and are similar in form and detailing. The one at 9273 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0032] is the best preserved of the group.

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Two houses were identified in the district that closely resemble Sears kit houses from the late 1910s and 1920s and may, in fact, have been ordered and brought in on the railroad. The 1½-story, stuccoed house at 9259 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0047] was constructed circa 1915 and features Craftsman detailing in its front dormer that opens onto a balcony with concrete sides, overhanging eaves with triangular brackets, and an enclosed integral front porch. It clearly resembles the Westly model that appeared in Sears catalogs from 1911 to 1929. The house next door at 9263 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0048] is somewhat smaller but similar in design and resembles the Carlin model that appeared in Sears catalogs from the 1910s through the 1920s. Another example of a Craftsman bungalow is the house at 9243 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0016]. Constructed in 1924, this one-story, three-bay, vernacular bungalow has a central-front gable that projects through the gabled roof covering the integral five-bay front porch. The well-preserved dwelling is an example of a typical vernacular interpretation of the Craftsman style of the period. It was constructed by Charles and Mary Mercer, according to their daughter who currently owns the property. She recalls a small African-American cemetery that once existed in the side yard.

The district contains three examples of variations on the American Foursquare, a popular architectural style of the 1920s and 30s. These include 9261 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0023], 9292 Old Dumfries Road [030-5083; 030-5162-0067], and 9263 Old Dumfries Road [030-5162-0071]. They are all cube-shaped, hip-roofed frame buildings, and all but the one on Prospect Avenue contain dormers. The house at 3207 Tenerife Road [030-5162-0033] exhibits some elements of the Colonial Revival style in its multi-light and bay windows, brick end chimneys, multi-light sidelights and a round-arched wooden transom around the central front door, and a three-bay, two-story, full height pedimented portico.

The Catlett Historic District also contains one very large and intact dairy barn and associated outbuildings. They are part of the property addressed as 3452 Catlett Road [030-5162-0075] but are sited off Catlett School Road. The fine, 1 ½-story, gambrel-roofed dairy barn was constructed in the early to mid-20th century. The first floor is constructed of terra-cotta block with weatherboard in the ½-story gambrel ends. The gambrel roof, clad in standing-seam metal, has a peaked overhang to shelter the entrance to the hay mow, and a well-preserved metal ventilator on the ridge that is imprinted with "Melcor." The six-light windows on the first floor are steel, and the doors, most of which are sliding, are wooden. A large concrete silo is attached to the northwest side of the barn. In addition, the farm complex includes: a frame barn with weatherboard siding; one-story, three-bay, gable-roofed milk house of terra-cotta blocks that match those on the dairy barn; a small, shed-roofed, concrete privy; and a gable-roofed concrete block shed.

Catlett continued to grow during the decades of the mid-20th century as is reflected in the surviving architecture of the period, which are mainly dwellings. As was the trend nationally, the houses of this era were generally smaller and more efficient than their earlier Victorian counterparts. Many of the houses from this period in the district are very similar in size and form. The popular Colonial Revival style is not prevalent in Catlett, and only one example of a Cape Cod form dwelling was noted at 3242 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0060]. The house at

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9271 Old Dumfries Road [030-5162-0070] is the only example in the district of a vernacular Tudor Revival style. Constructed circa 1940, the one-story, gable-roofed, frame cottage has a steeply-pitched, projecting central-front gabled entrance bay, single and paired six-over-six, double-hung, wood sash windows, an exterior-end brick chimney, and a two-bay side porch with battered posts on brick piers.

In the middle years of the 20th century, areas in the southeast portion of the district were subdivided into lots occupied by modest houses. These subdivisions had limited success, and many of the lots were combined or never built upon. At the center of these subdivisions are two churches. The Family Worship Center, originally the Church of Nazarene, is located at the corner of Tenerife Road and Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0029] and was constructed circa 1950 on land that was part of the Burgess subdivision. The Catlett Assembly of God Church [030-5162-0018], located at 9250 Prospect Avenue, was constructed between 1951 and 1953 on land donated by Oscar Corbin.¹⁰

About fifteen houses that are located on the west side of Prospect Avenue were built on lots from the Trenis and Burgess subdivisions. Many of the houses follow the same form but vary in their detailing, as well as later additions that have been made to them. Most are one story in height, although a very few are 1½ stories, and either follow a side or gable-end form. The houses at 9144 and 9200 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0003; 0005] are one-story, side gabled forms with an interior brick chimney. The houses at 9198, 9204, 9208, and 9216 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0004, 0006, 0008 and 0010] are examples of one-story, three-bay, gable-end forms. The earliest buildings on Prospect Avenue that were part of this development date to the early 1940s, but the vast majority are from the late 1940s and early-to-mid 1950s.

The Catlett Historic District has a fine collection of surviving historic commercial and residential buildings that illustrate its growth and development from a mid-19th-century railroad community to a prospering early-to-mid-20th-century commercial and residential center serving the outlying rural area. Although Catlett's role in the local economy has changed in modern years, the village still maintains its late-19th- to early-to-mid-20th-cenutry appearance and character. In the following inventory, resources are considered contributing or non-contributing based upon their integrity within the period of significance under the areas of significance for architecture, military, and commerce.

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ENDNOTES

¹ "Map of Fauquier County, Virginia." [Fauquier County Board of Trade. Warrenton, Virginia] 1914.

² Eugene Scheel, <u>The Guide to Fauquier – A Survey of the Architecture and History of a Virginia County [Warrenton: Fauquier County Board of Supervisors Bicentennial Commission, 1976], 40.</u>

³ According to Eugene Scheel (p.40), this house was constructed by William Waite, a leading builder of his time, in 1862 and was known as the Edmonds Place and was a popular boarding house in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Architecturally, the house appears to date to several years later. The census records do not show a William Waite living in the area during the second half of the 19th century, but instead reveal a Harlan P. Waite living in the Cedar Run Township and being employed as a carpenter. It is believed that Harlan Waite was the builder to which Scheel referred.

⁴ Scheel, 40.

⁵ According to Eugene Scheel (p.40), this was constructed by William Waite, a leading builder of his time in ca. 1870 and was known as the Powers Place. Historical research shows that it was in fact constructed in 1880 by H.P. Waite after he purchased the property.

⁶ Virginia Mitchell Copeland. "A History of Jehoash Presbyterian Church," November 7, 2004; conversation with Mrs. Copeland on March 26, 2007.

⁷ Scheel, 40.

⁸ http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohathens/hocking valley brick industry.htm

⁹ Conversation with Katherine Mercer on March 26, 2007. She recalls there once was a cemetery in the side yard. Part of it was on her land and the rest was on a lot now owned by the Catlett Assembly of God Church. Mature cedar trees are all that remain. She recalls that it was a cemetery for African Americans but all the stones are now gone and she is uncertain what happened to them.

¹⁰ www.catlettassembly.org

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CATLETT HISTORIC DISTRICT INVENTORY

NOTES ON FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION OF INVENTORY:

The properties are listed numerically by street address. All resources are noted as to whether they are contributing or non-contributing and are keyed to the map in regular order.

Catlett Road

Catlett Road 030-5162-0074 Primary Resource Information: Cemetery, ca. 1871

The cemetery is made up of two parcels, now combined into one. The oldest burials seem to be along Catlett Road. Most of the burials are from the 1920s on. Only one burial was found from the 19th century--that of Thomas R. Fowler who died March 15, 1871. Many local families are buried here, mainly in family plots. These include Trenis, Orndorff, Heflin, and Williams just to name a few. There are several hundred burials, most with above-ground granite and marble markers.

Individual Resource Status: Cemetery Contributing Total: 1

3452 Catlett Road 030-5162-0075

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1900

This 2-story, 3-bay, vernacular frame dwelling appears to date to the late 19th or early 20th century. It features a hipped roof clad in standing-seam metal, two interior brick chimneys, vinyl siding, triple replacement 1/1 windows on the second floor, original triple 2/2 windows under the screened-in front porch, overhanging eaves, a double-leaf front door with transom, and a rear shed-roofed wing. The arrangement of triple windows as well as a double-leaf door is interesting and somewhat unusual for a dwelling of this period and suggests that perhaps it originally had another use- perhaps a school.

Individual Resource Status:	Single Dwelling	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Dairy barn/Hay barn	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Barn	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Privy	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Garage	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Milk House	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Shed	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Silo	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Granary	Contributing	Total:	1

Catlett School Road

3232 Catlett School Road 030-5162-0073

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

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This 2-story, 4-bay, vernacular frame dwelling has two front doors and Victorian detailing. Constructed in the early 20th century, the house is covered in asbestos siding and has a cross-gabled roof of standing-seam metal with exposed rafter ends, overhanging eaves, and a sawtooth vergeboard around the front and side roof lines. The 6/6 windows are original, as is the interior-end brick chimney, and the 4-bay front porch that has turned posts and plain pickets. The house has a 2-story shed-roofed wing with exterior-end brick chimney. A 1-story shed-roofed wing acts as an enclosed breezeway to a small, gable-roofed, 1-story concrete block wing that may house the kitchen.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

3248 Catlett School Road 030-5162-0072

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This 2-story, 4-bay, vernacular, frame dwelling is asymmetrical and may have been constructed in two sections. Dating to the early 20th century, it features a central-front gable with a diamond attic vent and a pent roof. The roof is clad in standing-seam metal and the walls are covered in vinyl siding with replacement 1/1 and bay windows. The 3-bay hip-roofed front porch has decorative aluminum supports. The house has a rear 1-story shed–roofed wing and a modern concrete block flue in the rear. Despite later changes, this residence still maintains its overall character and form as a contributing resource in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1

Elk Run Road

Elk Run Road 030-5162-0054

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1912

This 2-story, 3-bay, vernacular frame structure was constructed as a commercial building but is now used as a residence. Constructed ca. 1910, it has an original shed roof with a parapet and overhanging eaves with brackets. It also has a new front door, replacement 1/1 windows, and vinyl siding. It rests on a stone foundation and the roof is of standing-seam metal. The overall form and character remain, keeping this a contributing resource in the district

Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Contributing Total: 1

Elk Run Road 030-5162-0055

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1912

This 1-story, 3-bay, vernacular frame structure was constructed as a commercial building but appears to now be used as a residence. Constructed ca. 1910, it has a gable-end roof with a flat parapet, vinyl siding, a standing-seam metal roof, a concrete block foundation, an interior brick chimney, a rectangular attic vent in the parapet and replacement windows, front door, and handicap ramp. The overall form and character remain, keeping this a contributing resource in the district

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Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Contributing

3224 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0057

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1926

This commercial building is made up of a large 3-bay, gable-end section with a tall flat parapet that was constructed in the mid-1920s. It is built of oversized terra-cotta bricks, some of which are printed with "Natco." Some of the blocks are smooth while others are striated. The building has a 4-light transom over the door, a standing-seam metal roof, a concrete foundation, a bracketed wooden cornice on the parapet, and a new storefront window. A side 2-bay, brick, shed-roofed wing has a flat parapet and weatherboard siding on the front. The 3-bay front porch on the original section has square posts constructed of the "Natco" blocks and it ties into the 2-bay porch that fronts the wing on the west side. The square wooden porch posts on this section are clad in wood siding. The building appears to currently be in use.

Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Contributing Total: 1

9217 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0052

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1930

This expansive one-story building, which now houses several commercial ventures, was built as a slaughter house and meat market ca. 1930. The oldest section is the center portion with has a gable-end orientation with a gambrel parapet and cross- gabled rear wing. The building is of cinder block construction and features standing-seam metal and corrugated-metal roofing, and multiple rear and side wings.

Individual Resource Status:Commercial BuildingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1

9220 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0053

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1890

This vernacular center-passage-plan house appears to have been constructed during the late 19th century and is a 2-story, 3-bay, double-pile, gable-roofed frame structure. It is clad in asbestos shingles and has a v-crimp metal roof, overhanging eaves, missing end chimneys, 2/2-sash windows, vinyl shutters, pedimented surrounds on the side windows, and a 3-bay front porch with chamfered posts and a decorative frieze. A rear, 1-story, gable-roofed wing extends to the west and has a side lean-to wing to the south and an enclosed porch to the north.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

9227 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0051

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1970

This large 2-story, gable-end, commercial building is clad with T-111 on the first floor and vinyl on the second floor and appears to have been constructed in the mid-20th century but greatly remodeled. It contains storefront windows on the first floor and 1/1-sash windows on the second floor. The roof is clad in asphalt shingle, and

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there is a rear 1-story wing, and a large concrete block wing to the south.

Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Non-Contributing Total: 1

9233 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0050

Primary Resource Information: Warehouse, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca. 1990

This large 1-story, gable-roofed metal warehouse building has four open bays for storage, one bay with a large garage door, and a shorter gabled section that houses an office. Constructed ca. 1990 the building is clad in corrugated metal siding and roofing.

Individual Resource Status: Warehouse Non-Contributing Total: 1

9240 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0056

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1866

The earliest portion of this large 2-story commercial building is the stuccoed, 4-bay, section to the south, directly adjacent to the railroad tracks. Constructed in 1866 for Edwin B. Trenis, it features a bracketed cornice, a shed roof with parapet, replacement windows on the first floor, closed louvered shutters on the second floor, and a 3-bay hip-roofed front porch. The 2-story, 4-bay, concrete block section to its north was constructed in the mid-1920s. Although not currently in use, the building retains much of it architectural integrity.

Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Contributing Total: 1

9244 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0043

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This 2-story, 3-bay, early-20th-century, vernacular frame I-house burned around 30 years ago and is still standing and retains many of its character-defining features. These include a central-front gable, standing-seam metal roofing, German-lap siding, wooden shingles in the gable ends, 2/2-sash windows, a plain frieze, capped corner boards, an interior brick chimney, and a 3-bay front porch with square posts and sawn brackets. A rear 2-story ell extends to the rear and contains a central brick chimney and a side 1-story wing.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1

9249 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0044

Primary Resource Information: Multiple dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca. 1936

Although not the oldest building on the property, this 2-story, 5-bay, concrete block building was constructed in the mid-1930s as a multiple dwelling. It is now used commercially, but still maintains its overall character and form as a contributing resource in the district. It features a split-level foundation with a full basement story on the rear, replacement 1/1 windows, asphalt shingled roof, a central brick flue, and concrete patio in rear. A second-story door on the façade suggests there was once a 2-story porch on the front of the building.

Individual Resource Status:Multiple dwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Commercial BuildingContributingTotal:1

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9252 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0042

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1940

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling

This mid-20th-century, 1-story, 4-bay, cross-gabled, vernacular frame dwelling features vinyl siding, asphalt shingle roofing, a raised stone foundation, an interior brick chimney, 1/1 windows, and shed-roofed entrance stoop. To the rear is a 1 ½-story addition with an enclosed porch, interior brick chimney, and brick bay.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:2Individual Resource Status:WarehouseContributingTotal:1

9253 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0045

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1940

Constructed ca. 1940, this gable-end, 1-story, 3-bay, frame vernacular dwelling sits on a concrete block foundation and features aluminum siding, replacement 1/1 windows, a central brick flue, overhanging eaves, a standing-seam metal roof, a gable hood with brackets, and two rear, shed-roofed wings.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

9255 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0046

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1940

Constructed ca. 1940, this gable-end, 1-story, 2-bay, frame vernacular dwelling sits on a concrete block foundation and features vinyl siding, replacement 1/1 windows, a central brick flue, overhanging eaves, a standing-seam metal roof, and a 1-bay shed-roofed front porch with square posts.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

9259 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0047

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.50, Style: Bungalow/Craftsman, ca 1915 Constructed ca. 1915, this 1 ½-story, 3-bay, frame Craftsman Bungalow features a standing-seam metal gabled roof with a cross- gabled dormer that opens onto a balcony with concrete sides. The house is clad in stucco and has overhanging eaves with triangular brackets, 4/1 windows, two interior-end brick chimneys, and an enclosed 3-bay integral front porch. A 1-story gabled wing extends to the north and the rear porch is enclosed.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1

9262 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0041

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This early-20th-century, 2-story, 3-bay, frame I-house features a central- front gable with a round attic vent, overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends, a standing-seam metal roof, and decorative vergeboards. The 3-

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bay front porch has turned spindles on brick piers, sawn brackets, and a modern brick floor. The house has been covered in vinyl siding and the 6/9 windows are replacements. A 2-story ell extends to the rear and has enclosed 2-story side porches, 1-story lean-to rear wing, and a 1-story cross-gabled side and rear wing to the north.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:WorkshopNon-ContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GreenhouseNon-ContributingTotal:1

9263 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0048

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.50, Style: Bungalow/Craftsman, ca 1915 Constructed ca. 1915, this 1½-story, 3-bay, frame Craftsman Bungalow features an asphalt-shingled gabled roof with a cross- gabled dormer that opens onto a balcony with concrete sides. The house is clad in aluminum siding and has overhanging eaves with triangular brackets, a rear gable dormer, replacement 6/6 windows, two exterior-end concrete block flues (one with a brick cap), and an enclosed 3-bay integral front porch with a modern wooden deck in front. A 1-story gabled wing extends to the rear and attaches the house to a gable-roofed garage addition. Despite the additions, this residence still reads as a Craftsman Bungalow through form and overall character, and thus remains a contributing resource in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9273 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0049

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This 2-story, 2-bay, vernacular, gable-end, frame dwelling was constructed ca. 1910. It features an enclosed 1-story front porch with a mansard roof. The house is clad in aluminum siding and replacement 1/1 windows. The standing-seam metal roof is original as is the interior brick flue, overhanging eaves, and paired attic windows in the front gable end. A 1-bay, 1-story, gable-roofed wing extends to the south and the house has a 2-story and a 1-story shed-roofed rear additions.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Total: 1 Contributing Individual Resource Status: Garage Contributing Total: 1 Individual Resource Status: Shed Contributing Total: 1 Individual Resource Status: Workshop Contributing *Total:* 1

9274 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0040

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This early-20th-century, 2-story, 3-bay, frame hall-parlor-plan house features a steeply-pitched central front gable giving it a vernacular Gothic Revival-style appearance. It features two interior brick chimneys, overhanging eaves, a plain frieze, an enclosed front porch, asbestos shingle siding, a standing-seam metal roof, a new front door, 1/1 windows, and a rear lean-to wing.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

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9284 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0039

Individual Resource Status: Shed

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

Constructed ca. 1910, this 2-story, 3-bay, frame, vernacular I-house has a central-front gable, overhanging eaves, a standing-seam metal roof, and a parged foundation. Modifications include replacement 3/3-windows, vinyl siding, fiberglass Tuscan column porch supports, a new front door, bay window, and exterior-end brick chimney. The house has a rear 2-story ell with a side lean-to to the south and enclosed side 2-story rear porches. The second dwelling is an early 20th-century, 1-story gable-roofed cottage that may have an earlier log portion underneath.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:2Individual Resource Status:WorkshopContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9290 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0038

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1990

Constructed ca.1990, this 1-story, 3-bay, frame house has a gable roof, vinyl siding, and a 3-bay front porch.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingNon-ContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageNon-ContributingTotal:1

9296 Elk Run Road 030-5162-0037

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This early-20th-century, 2-story, 3-bay, frame I-house features a central front gable, a standing-seam metal roof, a formed concrete foundation, an interior brick flue, overhanging eaves, vinyl siding and replacement 1/1-sash windows with vinyl shutters. The 3-bay, hip-roofed, Victorian front porch has turned posts and balusters and sawn brackets. 1-story wings project off a rear 2-story ell.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Chicken coopContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

Fernridge Road

3162 Fernridge Road 030-5162-0015

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, 2006

Constructed in 2006, this 1-story, 5-bay, frame vernacular dwelling has a gabled roof and vinyl siding.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Non-Contributing Total:

Gaskins Lane

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3176 Gaskins Lane 030-1014

Other DHR Id #: 030-5162-0076

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.50, Style: Other, ca 1900

This turn-of-the-century, 1½-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, vernacular, frame dwelling, which rests on a stone and brick pier foundation, is clad in weatherboard. The roof, with overhanging eaves and an interior-end brick flue, is covered in standing-seam metal. A gabled hood supported by brackets shelters the batten front door. The windows are 6/6 sash with two 6-light attic windows in the east gable end. A 1-story gable-roofed frame wing extends to the rear and it has an interior-end brick flue and side lean-to wing.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Chicken coopContributingTotal:1

Old Catlett Road

3230 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0058

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Italianate, ca 1870

This fine, 2-story, 3-bay, gable-end, Italianate-style frame building has a side-passage plan and was constructed in ca. 1870. In original condition with Italianate-style detailing, the building rests on a stone foundation and has weatherboard siding, a standing-seam metal roof with overhanging eaves, three interior brick chimneys, round-arched panels on the front door, a transom, 2/2-sash windows, Gothic-arched attic window in the front gable end, and a paneled wooden frieze. The house was originally two bays deep, then an additional two bays were added with similar detailing. The rear lean to was added last, probably in the early 20th century. The front porch is comprised of six bays with a shed roof and square posts, which don't appear to be original. The four-bay side porch has turned spindles and a spindle frieze.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

3231 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0066

Primary Resource Information: Mixed:Commerce/Domestic, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1900

This early-20th-century, 2-story, 3-bay, gable-end, frame building was originally a store on the first floor and probably provided a dwelling on the second floor. It is now used exclusively as a dwelling. It is clad in pressed tin that looks like brick and has a standing-seam metal roof, corner boards, a plain frieze, overhanging eaves, 6/6-sash windows, an exterior-side brick chimney, closed shutters on the first-floor front windows, and a 3-bay front porch with turned posts. To the side is a lean-to frame garage and to the rear is a shed-roofed, 1-story wing.

Individual Resource Status: Mixed:Commerce/Domestic Contributing Total: 1

3235 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0065

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1920

This 2-story, 4-bay, frame warehouse was constructed in the early 20th century and was originally a feed store. It has a gabled standing-seam metal roof, plyboard siding with battens, 4/4- and 6/6-sash windows, overhanging

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eaves, multiple freight doors, a shed-roofed hood over the main entry, and a large, side, 1-story lean-to.

Individual Resource Status: Commercial Building Contributing Total:

3236 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0059

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Italianate, ca 1876
This extremely well-preserved, 2-story, 4-bay, Italianate-style, pyramidal-roofed, frame dwelling has a side-passage plan and was constructed ca. 1876. In very original condition, the building rests on a stone foundation and has weatherboard siding, corner boards, an asphalt shingled roof with overhanging eaves, a central brick chimney with a mousetooth cornice, an exterior-end brick chimney on the rear, 6/6-sash windows, louvered wooden shutters, a round-arched 2-light transom, and paired brackets with pendants in the eaves. The 1-bay hip-roofed front porch has wooden posts on brick piers and a bracketed cornice. An unusual feature is the shiplap siding under the porch. A screened in porch is located on the east side and a shed-roofed wing along the rear.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1

3242 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0060

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.50, Style: Colonial Revival, ca 1943
This 1 ½-story, 3-bay, vernacular Cape cod-style fame dwelling was constructed in the early 1940s. It is clad in vinyl siding and the gable roof with two gabled dormers is covered in asphalt shingles. The house has an exterior side brick chimney on the rear, replacement 6/6 windows that are paired on the front, and a 1-abay pedimented portico with square supports. A side gabled wing is a screened porch and wraps around to a carport in the rear.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Chicken coopContributingTotal:1

3243 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0064

Primary Resource Information: Fire Station, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1962

This 1-story, 6-bay, common-bond brick-veneered (on the front), gable-roofed, concrete block, vernacular fire station was constructed in 1962 and features four bays for fire trucks. A trailer is located to the west and is attached by a breezeway porch.

Individual Resource Status: Fire Station Non-Contributing Total: 1

3251 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0063

Primary Resource Information: Commercial Building, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1920

This 1-story, 1-bay, frame commercial building, now used for storage appears to have been constructed ca. 1920. It features a gabled standing-seam metal roof with a flat parapet covered in asbestos shingle. The sides of

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the building are covered in pressed tin metal simulating stone and the windows have been plyboarded. The front of the building, beneath the 3-bay porch, is covered in vinyl siding and contains a modern garage door.

Individual Resource Status:Commercial BuildingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

3259 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0062

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This 2-story, 3-bay, frame, vernacular, hall-parlor-plan dwelling was constructed in the early 1900s. It rests on a parged foundation. The walls are clad in vinyl siding and a gabled roof with overhanging eaves is covered in standing-seam metal. The 1/1-sash windows are new as is the front door, vinyl shutters, and the gabled 1-story front porch with thin turned posts. A 1-story rear wing wraps around to the side of the house as a multi-bay porch. This building maintains its overall character and remains a contributing resource in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1

3266 Old Catlett Road 030-5162-0061

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Italianate, ca 1880

This extremely well-preserved, 2-story, 3-bay, Italianate-style, gable-end frame dwelling has a side-passage plan and was constructed in 1880. In very original condition, the building rests on a brick foundation and has beaded flushboard siding, corner boards, a standing-seam metal roof with overhanging eaves, three interior brick chimneys, round-arched panels on the front door, a transom, 2/2-sash windows, a round louvered attic vent in the front gable end, and a paneled bracketed wooden frieze. The fine, Italianate-style, 1-bay, hip-roofed front porch has triple chamfered wooden posts, sawn brackets and a sawn balustrade. The house has a rear 1-story, gable-roofed wing that is clad in German-lap siding and has a rear lean-to wing.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Well HouseContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:TrailerNon-ContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

Old Dumfries Road

9263 Old Dumfries Road 030-5162-0071

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.50, Style: Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movement, ca 1921

This 2 ½-story, 2-bay, frame American Foursquare was constructed ca. 1921 and features aluminum siding, a parged foundation, a hipped standing-seam metal roof with gabled dormers, two interior brick chimneys, overhanging eaves, and a wraparound 8-bay porch with Tuscan columns. The house also has a rear, 1-story,

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shed-roofed wing.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Chicken coopContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageNon-ContributingTotal:1

9271 Old Dumfries Road 030-5162-0070

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Tudor Revival, ca 1940

Constructed ca. 1940, this 1-story, 4-bay, gable-roofed, frame vernacular Tudor Revival-style cottage has a steeply-pitched projecting central-front gabled entrance bay, asbestos shingle siding, a concrete foundation, asphalt shingle roofing, single and paired 6/6 windows, a rear dormer, an exterior-end brick chimney, and a 2-bay side porch with battered posts on brick piers.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Garage/DwellingContributingTotal:1

9280 Old Dumfries Road 030-0256

Other DHR Id #: 030-5162-0068

Primary Resource Information: Church, Stories 1.00, Style: Gothic Revival, ca 1872

This 1-story, 3-bay, frame, vernacular Gothic Revival-style church was constructed in 1872 according to a plaque in the bell tower. The church rests on a raised stone foundation, the walls are clad in asbestos shingles, and the roof covered in standing-seam metal. Other details include a plain frieze, gable-end returns, Gothic-arched multi-paned stained glass windows, louvered wooden shutters, a rear cross-gabled wing that is clad in asbestos shingle, and a 1-story, 1952 brick wing to the south that houses a social hall and kitchen. The central projecting tower is part of a 3-bay entrance that includes a recessed double-leaf door with Gothic transom, a pent roof between the first floor and the attic story, a louvered Gothic-arched attic vent, a jerkinhead roof, and an open belfry with a plaque "Trinity MECS 1872" and a bell.

Individual Resource Status: Church Contributing Total: 1

9292 Old Dumfries Road 030-5083 Other DHR Id #: 030-5162-0067

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.50, Style: Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movement, ca. 1920

This 2-bay, 2-story, cube-shaped Foursquare appears to have been constructed ca. 1920 and features vinyl siding, replacement single and paired 1/1 windows, a hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles, overhanging eaves, a rear 2-story wing, a side 1-story wing, and a 3-bay, front porch with Tuscan column supports.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

9299 Old Dumfries Road 030-5162-0069

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This early-20th-century, 2-story, 3-bay, frame, vernacular I-house features a central-front gable with square

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attic vent, decorative vergeboard, asbestos siding, a standing-seam metal roof, overhanging eaves, concrete foundation, two interior brick chimneys, sidelights flanking the front door, 2/2-sash windows, and some replacement 1/1 windows. The 8-bay wraparound porch has turned posts, turned balusters, and sawn brackets. The house has a rear 2-story ell with interior-end brick flue, side entry, and rear and side shed-roofed 1-story wings.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dy	welling	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status: Chicken	coop	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status: Meathou	se	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status: Shed		Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status: Well Hou	ıse	Contributing	Total:	1

Prospect Avenue

Prospect Avenue 030-5162-00013

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.50, Style: Other, ca 1950

Constructed in the early 1950s, this small, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story, vernacular frame cottage is clad in Bricktex. It has a gable roof clad in corrugated metal with exposed rafter ends, a 6-light window, an exterior-end concrete block flue, and a 1-story lean-to wing with a front porch. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:BarnContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:CorncribContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

9144 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0003

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1952

This 1-story, 5-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling was constructed in 1952. The house has an entrance to either side of the center bay, a bay window, vinyl shutters, replacement 6/6-sash windows, and a 1-bay pedimented portico with two decorative metal supports. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

Individual Resource Status: Garage Contributing Total: 1

9181 Prospect Avenue 030-0267

Other DHR Id #: 030-5162-0001

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1855

The rear section of this house is the oldest, dating to ca. 1855, and appears to be of log construction. The architectural evidence suggests that it was a 1 ½-story building with an exterior-end stone chimney with brick stack. The front 2-story, 3-bay, hall-parlor-plan frame portion was added ca. 1900. In 1915, a rear 2-story ell

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was added that incorporated the original log cabin. The house currently reflects an early-20th-century architectural character. Architectural details include a standing-seam metal gabled roof, 6/6-sash windows (some paired), aluminum siding, plain frieze, stone and concrete foundation, and 3-bay front porch with square posts.

Individual Resource Status: Smoke/Meat House Contributing Total: 1 Individual Resource Status: Garage **Non-Contributing** *Total:* 1 Individual Resource Status: Barn Total: Contributing 1 Individual Resource Status: Corncrib Contributing Total: 1 Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

9188 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0002

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1958

According to county tax records, this house was constructed in 1958. The 1-story, 4-bay, gable-roofed frame section to the south is the original and has an interior flue, vinyl siding, asphalt shingle roofing, replacement 6/6-sash windows, and a 1-bay pedimented front porch. The 3-bay 2-story side addition to the north has a pedimented portico and a side 2-bay gable porch. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageNon-ContributingTotal:1

9198 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0004

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1953

This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-end, frame dwelling was constructed in 1953 and features aluminum siding, an asphalt-shingled roof, replacement 1/1 windows, an interior brick flue, and a 3-bay front porch with decorative metal supports. The house was originally three bays deep, but two additional bays have been added. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9199 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0007

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

Constructed in the early 20th century, this 2-story, 3-bay, frame vernacular I-house still retains it original central front gable, standing-seam metal roofing, and two central chimneys. The vinyl siding, 1/1-sash wings, enclosed front porch, large side wing and rear 1-story wing are all later modifications.

Individual Resource Status:	Single Dwelling	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Shed	Contributing	Total:	1
Individual Resource Status:	Shed	Non-Contributing	Total:	2

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9200 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0005

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1952

This 1-story, 6-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling was constructed in 1952. The house, which was originally 4 bays wide, had a wing added with an additional front entrance on the south end and another wing on the north end. The building has replacement T-111 siding, replacement 1/1-sash windows, asphalt shingle roofing, a parged foundation, and a central interior brick chimney. The 1-bay pedimented portico has "wrought iron" metal supports and railing. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1
Individual Resource Status: Shed Contributing Total: 1

9204 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0006

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1953

This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-end, frame dwelling was constructed in 1953 and features aluminum siding, an asphalt-shingled roof, replacement 1/1 windows, an interior brick flue, and an enclosed 3-bay front porch. The house was originally three bays deep, but a rear and side wing have been added. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

9208 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0008

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1953

This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-end, frame dwelling was constructed in 1953 and features vinyl siding, an asphalt-shingled roof, replacement 6/6 windows, and an enclosed 3-bay front porch. The house is missing its chimney. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageNon-ContributingTotal:1

9212 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0009

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.50, Style: Other, ca 1948

This 1 ½-story, 3-bay, frame dwelling, constructed in 1948, has a gabled roof with two front gabled dormers, a rear shed-roofed dormer, a concrete foundation, vinyl siding, replacement 1/1 windows, a central brick flue, a rear 1-story wing, and deck. The front 3-bay porch has a shed roof and battered posts on square piers.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

9216 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0010

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1948

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This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-end, frame dwelling was constructed in 1948 and features vinyl siding, an asphalt-shingled roof, an interior brick flue, original wooden 6/6 windows, and an enclosed 3-bay front porch. To the rear is a diminutive kitchen wing with a side porch.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

9220 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0011

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1947

This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-end, frame dwelling was constructed in 1947 and features vinyl siding, an asphalt-shingled roof, an interior brick flue, original wooden 6/6 windows, a louvered attic window in the front gable end with a shed roof and batten shutters, and an enclosed 3-bay front porch. To the rear is a side 1-story wing with interior flue.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9223 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0012

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1963

Constructed in 1963, this 1-story, 5-bay, frame vernacular dwelling has a gabled roof, Masonite siding, an interior brick flue, and side 2-bay wing.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingNon-ContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

9234 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0014

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1953

According to land tax records, this 1-story, 4-bay, gable-roofed, vernacular frame dwelling was constructed in 1953 and features vinyl siding, replacement 1/1 and bay windows, an asphalt-shingled roof, an exterior-end brick chimney, and a cross-gabled entry bay. A cross-gabled addition extends to the north. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageNon-ContributingTotal:1

9243 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0016

Primary Resource Information: **Single Dwelling**, **Stories 1.00**, **Style: Bungalow/Craftsman**, **ca 1924** Constructed in 1924, this 1-story, 3-bay, vernacular frame house has a central-front gable that projects through the gabled roof that covers the integral 5-bay front porch. The central-front gable has a diamond-shaped attic vent and the roof contains an interior brick chimney with corbelled cap. The walls are clad in vinyl but the roof

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is clad in its original standing-seam metal and the wooden windows are the original 2/2-sash. A side and rear wing were added in the early 1990s as well as the rear deck with shed. There is also an unmarked African-American cemetery on the property.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:2Individual Resource Status:CemeteryContributingTotal:1

9246 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0017

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1951

This 1-story, 3-bay, frame, gable-end vernacular dwelling was constructed in 1951 and has two interior-end brick flues, replacement 1/1 windows, vinyl siding, and an asphalt shingle roof. A shed-roofed hood supported by brackets covers the front entrance and the rear porch is enclosed. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:Pump HouseContributingTotal:1

9250 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0018

Primary Resource Information: Catlett Assembly of God Church, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1951 This 1-story, 1-bay, 3-bay-deep, gable-end, vernacular brick church was constructed between 1951 and 1953. It features an asphalt shingle roof, a raised foundation with basement windows, stretcher-bond brick walls, brick corner quoins, a wooden belfry with louvers, and 1/1-sash windows with diamond tracery and colored glass. The large gabled front entry and the rear one-story annex were added in the early 1960s and feature similar detailing as well as an exterior side brick chimney.

Individual Resource Status:ChurchContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

9254 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0019

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1945

This 1-story, 3-bay, frame, gable-roofed vernacular dwelling was constructed in the mid-1940s and has asbestos siding, 6/6-sash windows, a gabled hood supported by brackets, a screened-in side porch, and a rear wing with enclosed porch.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

9256 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0020

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1946

This 1-story, 4-bay, frame, gable-roofed dwelling was constructed in the mid-1940s and has vinyl siding, single and paired 6/6-sash windows, vinyl louvered shutters, an asphalt shingled roof, a 1-bay screened-in gabled porch, a rear 1-story wing with exterior-end brick chimney, and shed-roofed hood over the side entry door.

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Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:2

9260 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0021

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1943

This 1-story, 3-bay, frame, gable-end vernacular dwelling was constructed in 1943, according to county land records. The asymmetrical building has an interior end brick flues, replacement 1/1 windows, aluminum siding, and an asphalt shingle roof. A 1-bay gable-roofed portico supported by decorative metal supports fronts the entrance. A 1-story wing with a gabled roof and one with a shed roof extends to the rear.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9261 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0023

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movement, ca 1920

Constructed in the early to mid-1920s, this 2-story, 3-bay, vernacular frame house has a hipped roof with lower cross gables, a form often seen on Queen Anne-style houses. The house rests on a parged foundation and is clad in vinyl siding with an asphalt shingled roof with overhanging eaves. The 1/1-sash windows are wooden and the three-bay front porch has square posts and plain pickets. The exterior brick chimney on the south side is a later addition as is the rear one-story shed-roofed wing.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageNon-ContributingTotal:1

9262 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0022

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1953

This 1-story, 3-bay, frame, gable-roofed vernacular dwelling was constructed ca. 1953 and has aluminum siding, original 6/6-sash windows, a gabled hood supported by brackets, an exterior-end concrete block flue, a rear lean-to with interior flue, and a side/rear shed-roofed wing. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9266 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0024

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1942

This 1-story, 3-bay, frame, gable-roofed vernacular dwelling was constructed in the 1940s and has aluminum siding, 6/6-sash and 9/9-sash windows, vinyl shutters, a gabled entry bay, a side 2-bay screened porch, and asphalt shingle roofing.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

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Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:BarnContributingTotal:1

9270 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0025

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1955

This 1-story, 4-bay, frame, gable-roofed vernacular dwelling was constructed in the 1950s and has a central brick flue, a side 1-story wing with an entrance, a 1-bay entrance portico with decorative aluminum posts, and replacement 1/1 and paired 1/1 windows, siding, and front door. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1

9273 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0032

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1916

This 2-story, 3-bay, frame, vernacular I-house has a central-front gable and appears to have been constructed ca. 1910. It is in relatively unaltered condition and retains a standing-seam metal roof, an interior brick chimney, wooden 2/2-sash windows, overhanging eaves, a formed concrete foundation, asbestos shingle siding, and a rear 2-story ell with enclosed side porch.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9274 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0026

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1953

This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-end, frame dwelling was constructed in 1953 and features vinyl siding, an asphalt-shingled roof, replacement 1/1 windows, an interior brick flue, a side shed-roofed wing, and a 3-bay enclosed front porch with decorative metal supports. This building is in keeping with the character of the early-to-mid-20th century dwellings in the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

9278 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0027

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1948

This 1-story, 5-bay, gable-roofed, vernacular frame dwelling was constructed in the late 1940s and features vinyl siding, an asphalt-shingled roof, replacement 1/1 windows, vinyl shutters, a rear wing, and a 1-bay gable porch with turned spindles.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

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Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1973

This 1-story, 4-bay brick Rancher, built in 1973, has an exterior-end brick chimney, a bay window on the front, paired 6/6 sash, overhanging eaves, a 3-bay front porch, an asphalt shingled gable roof, and a raised basement.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingNon-ContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageNon-ContributingTotal:1

9283 Prospect Avenue 030-5162-0031

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1910

This 2-story, 3-bay, frame, vernacular I-house appears to have been constructed ca. 1910. It has been somewhat modified and features vinyl siding, a v-crimp metal roof, an enclosed 3-bay front porch, and replacement 1/1 windows. A large 2-story addition extends to the rear with a front gabled roof intersecting the side gable main roof. It features a central concrete block flue and side deck. Despite the modifications, the original house form is easily read and the building remains contributing to the district.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1

Tenerife Road

Tenerife Road 030-5162-0036

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1940

This abandoned, modest, 1-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed, frame and concrete block vernacular dwelling appears to date to ca. 1940 and features a v-crimp metal roof, weatherboard siding, 6/6-sash windows, exposed rafter ends, and an interior end brick flue.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GarageContributingTotal:1

3189 Tenerife Road 030-5162-0034

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1897

Constructed in 1897 by Dr. Stephen Harnsberger as his house and office, this is a 2-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed vernacular frame dwelling with an off-center front gable. The house is only two bays on the second floor with the window in the front gable centered on the porch below it. The house rests on a brick foundation and features vinyl siding, overhanging eaves, 2/2-sash windows, a projecting 1-story rectangular bay on the west side, a 3-bay front porch with turned spindles and Tuscan columns, and a rear 2-story ell with a large screened in porch. A rear addition was constructed in 1979.

Individual Resource Status:Single DwellingContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:ShedNon-ContributingTotal:1Individual Resource Status:GazeboNon-ContributingTotal:1

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Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1940

This 1-story, mid-20th-century vernacular dwelling features a gabled roof, concrete foundation, vinyl siding, 1/1 replacement windows, asphalt shingle roofing, projecting cross gables on the south and west sides, and a central brick flue.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

3207 Tenerife Road 030-5162-0033

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 2.00, Style: Other, ca 1920

This 2-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling exhibits elements of the Colonial Revival style in some of its detailing. The walls are clad in asbestos shingles while the roof is covered in asphalt shingles. Details include overhanging eaves; 1/1, 6/6, and bay windows; multi-light sidelights and a round-arched wooden transom around the central front door; a 3-bay, full height pedimented portico with square posts and an oval window in the gable end; exterior-end brick chimneys; a 1-bay, 1-story gabled wing to the south; a 1-story, gabled screened porch to the north; and a rear 2-story frame ell with an interior-end brick chimney, 6/6-sash windows, and a wraparound porch.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

3208 Tenerife Road 030-5162-0029

Primary Resource Information: Church, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1950

This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-end church appears to have been constructed ca. 1950. The frame, 3-bay-deep building, is clad in stucco with an asphalt shingle roof, an exterior-end flue, 6/6-sash windows, a split-level foundation with basement windows, a 1-bay gabled front entry, and a large rear/side lean-to wing with a full basement level.

Individual Resource Status: Church Contributing Total: 1

33216 Tenerife Road 030-5162-0035

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1.00, Style: Other, ca 1930

This modest, 1-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling appears to date to ca. 1930 and features a standing-seam metal roof, aluminum siding, 1/1-sash windows, a central brick flue, a concrete block pier foundation, overhanging eaves, a rear shed-roofed wing, and a deck.

Individual Resource Status: Single Dwelling Contributing Total: 1

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8. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Catlett Historic District, located in the eastern portion of Fauquier County in Virginia's Piedmont, is significant as a well preserved railroad village dating from the mid-19th century. As railroads began to crisscross Virginia in the 1850s, small towns were often established along their corridors at convenient rail stops at, or near, crossroads and accessible to nearby farmsteads. In the case of Catlett, it appears that no village existed at this location before the railroad was completed through here in 1852. The town became the first stop coming from the north for the Orange and Alexandria Railroad in Fauquier County after leaving adjacent Prince William County. As a rail stop with a station and freight depot and its associated buildings sited at a crossroads, the location also attracted commercial activity including stores, shops, and warehouses. Catlett is also strategically located on Cedar Run, and the bridge that spanned the creek, located outside of the district, along with the depot and other buildings associated with the operation of the railroad became targets during the Civil War in a well-known raid by J.E.B. Stuart in 1862.

Following the Civil War, Catlett, which was named for an early station master and landowner in the area, thrived as a small but important commercial center for the eastern half of the agriculturally-rich Fauquier County. A church, commercial buildings, and a number of dwellings were built in the town in the period between the Civil War and the early decades of the 20th century, most notably Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church (1872) at 9280 Old Dumfries Road [030-0256; 030-5162-0068]; Trenis Department Store (1866) at 9240 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0056]; the F. Smoot Ensor (Hardware) Store (1900) at 3231 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0066]; and the Wilson Farms Meat Company building (1930) at 9217 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0052]. A large cemetery [030-5162-0074] associated with the Cedar Run Methodist Church survives in the district as the final resting place of many of Catlett's most prominent families. Reflecting the growing population of the area, school buildings for both white and colored students were built in and near the town. A creamery dating to circa 1920 at 9249 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0044] that still survives as a garage, exemplifies the rich dairy farming in that part of the county, as creameries were the places dairy farmers delivered milk to be shipped on the railroad.

Activity in the village appears to have reached its peak in the 1920s when the census records show a large number of non-Virginians in the immediate area of Catlett, including a sizable number of Irish. This likely resulted from being on the railroad, making it far easier to get to the area from other parts of the country, particularly the northeast, and to obtain jobs. Catlett also stood on roads that led to Warrenton, the county seat, Calverton, another rail stop, and Nokesville in neighboring Prince William. The railroad accounted for a number of jobs, from telegraph operators to "track men." Lumbering was important in the area as demonstrated by the number of people employed in the local lumber yards. Again, the proximity of rail transportation made Catlett a convenient place for shipping lumber products to other markets. Retail operations appear to have thrived in this period, offering services to the new residents and accounting for many of the jobs. An unusually large number of teachers appear in the 1920 census, most of who likely taught at one of Catlett's two schools

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that appear on a 1914 county map. As late as the middle years of the 20th century, larger land holdings of the Lemuel Trenis family were subdivided with moderate success into lots occupied by modest houses, a measure of the attraction of Catlett to residents in the 1940s and 50s.

The Catlett Historic District is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A for military history, and commerce; and under Criterion C for the broad range of architectural styles represented in the residential, institutional, and commercial buildings in the district. The village retains a high level of integrity with the streetscapes and plan remaining in tact and with few modern intrusions, recalling its century-long prosperity as a thriving railroad community and commercial center for the eastern portion of the county.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The town of Catlett was almost entirely the product of the extraordinary growth of rail transportation in Virginia's northern piedmont in the middle years of the 19th century. In a county as agriculturally rich as Fauquier, being able to ship farm products to distant markets by rail rather than by wagon was critical to the economic prosperity of the region. One of the first rail lines to be constructed in the county was the Orange and Alexandria, completed in 1852 and later known as the Virginia Midland Railroad (1870) and then the Southern Railway (1898), that reached from the nation's capital southward to Orange and later to Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Danville.² It was along this corridor that Catlett found its place at the point where the Old Dumfries Road crossed the tracks. By the mid-1850s, land holdings in the area were described as near or adjacent to "the Orange and Alexandria R.R."³

Sometime between 1854 and 1855, Richard Colvin built the core of what is likely the oldest house in Catlett that stands at 9181 Prospect Avenue [030-0267; 030-5162-0001] immediately adjacent to the railroad tracks. Colvin was the first station master, and it was his name that was initially associated with the new station, then known as "Colvin's Station," which no longer survives. Shortly afterward in 1855, he sold his land that straddled the rail line and contained over 160 acres to Samuel G. Catlett, whose family had owned land in the area since his ancestor John Catlett received a grant in 1715.⁴ Catlett family members were associated with the railroad, and the family's name became the name of both the station and ultimately the town. The 1860 census calls the post office "Catlett's," confirming the new name for the station.⁵ The property passed to his son, James M. Catlett, who also served as the station master and who owned the property when both Union and Confederate troops laid waste to much of the land during the Civil War.⁶ His small dwelling or station master's house was valued at \$600 in 1866. The Catlett family, who continued to lived in the vicinity and owned other farmland nearby, sold the property to William Lawler in 1868. Lawler, a native of Ireland who came to Virginia via New York, was recorded in the 1870 census as working on the railroad and later was listed as a "farmer." The Lawler family, who enlarged the house, continued to occupy the property until 1915. This dwelling appears to be the only one that survives in the district from before the Civil War. James Catlett is listed in the census of 1870 as a "merchant" with real estate valued at \$5,000.

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Civil War maps illustrate the strategic importance of Catlett Station, confirming that railroad facilities, tracks, and bridges often were the target of military activity. Catlett's appears on no less than a half dozen Civil War maps in the official Civil War Atlas. One map plate shows "Ms. Peters' Store," confirming the presence observed in the tax books of the late 1850s of a Mrs. Hester Peters as a landowner in the area. A Mrs. Jane Peters appears in the 1860 census, charged with real estate valued at \$7,000, a substantial sum for a female land holder at that time. Another map plate shows the railroad with four buildings at its intersection with the road that crossed at Catlett's. It is possible that James Catlett's station master house was one of these structures, along with a depot and possibly a store that no longer survives. A sketch drawing and a photograph from 1862 depict the depot which appears to have been a fairly elaborate two-story frame structure that may well have incorporated the store as well. The 1863 Gilmer map, however, shows only one building at Catlett's.

Aside from the strategic military importance of any railroad depot or other rail facility, almost as critical was the bridge that carried the tracks over nearby Cedar Run. The location of the original bridge is outside of the district. It was this bridge that became the target for J.E.B. Stuart in August of 1862. Probably the most colorful description of the military action at Catlett's Station is recorded in the memoirs of Lieutenant Colonel William Willis Blackford, Adjutant to Stuart, and later a chief engineer in the Union Army. Writing in 2003, Civil War historian Clint Johnson provides the most succinct description of Stuart's raid on Catlett's Station.

On August 17, 1862, Stuart's aide, Norman Fitzhugh, was captured at Verdiersville with a copy of the cavalry's orders to sweep behind Union general John Pope to trap his army between the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers. The Confederates had to cancel that plan...Lee was now anxious to find some other way to attack Pope's force before the army of George McClellan could link with it

Stuart proposed that he lead a raid in the same general directions that he would have taken if the orders hadn't been captured. He specifically targeted Catlett's Station, where he would burn the bridge of the Orange & Alexandria Railroad, which spanned Cedar Run... Stuart hoped he could at least slow down any attempt to reinforce his (Pope's) army. Lee...readily agreed.

On August 22, Stuart started with 1500 men from Orange Court House... As night came, so did a violent thunderstorm that hampered Stuart's men's ability to see where they were going. By lucky chance, they stumbled across a black laborer who...offered to lead the force into Catlett's Station...

...Stuart's men swept into Catlett's Station and captured the entire camp. Much to their surprise, it turned out to be the headquarters camp of Pope

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himself...Among the loot captured was Pope's dress uniform and \$500,000 for Pope's September payroll.

But the objective of the raid –destroying the railroad bridge over Cedar Run—was not accomplished. ¹²

In retrospect, there were several explanations for why the bridge was not destroyed; one was that the timbers were too wet and Stuart's men did not have the equipment to break them up. Lt. Colonel Blackford explained that the Federal infantry guarding the bridge was too strong for the Confederates to attack. Neither explanation addresses why the Confederates didn't use their artillery to blast away the bridge timbers. However, in addition to capturing the depot and destroying Union supplies, Stuart's men did retrieve some of Pope's papers that were helpful to Lee, specifically because there was mention of the number of troops that Pope had – 45,000 – something that Lee had not known before. It also confirmed for Lee that Pope did not intend to attack until McClellan arrived, intelligence that allowed Lee to make the first move. According to one historian, the capture of Pope's papers "proved to be the turning point of Lee's campaign, for it alerted him as to the strength of Pope's army as well as of the progress of McClellan's transfer to the Rappahannock." A Civil War Trails marker erected on the west side of Elk Run Road south of the railroad tracks explains these events.

Further activity around Catlett's Station took place in the summer of 1863, as John S. Mosby's Partisan Rangers attacked rail lines throughout the area. One of his most successful attacks occurred at Catlett's when "a loosened rail derailed a southbound (Federal) supply train of ten cars." Mosby burned the train and its freight. Unfortunately, no other buildings beyond the Catlett house survive from that period, and the exact location of the depot has not been determined; however, it can be assumed that since both the depot and Catlett's house stood immediately adjacent to the tracks, they were probably not too far apart. The Library of Congress photograph shows a small building across the tracks from the depot, but it does not appear to be the station master's house, as it was located farther away from the intersection of the tracks and the road. Although the hip-roofed house shown in Forbes's sketch was identified as a military headquarters, it has not been identified with any surviving structure. The house at 3230 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0058] may have been built by local builder Harlan Waite as early as 1870, making it among the oldest surviving structures in the district. It, too, stands very near the railroad tracks to the west.

Despite the deprivations to property in the area during hostilities, Catlett appears to have made a quick recovery. The third oldest extant building in the village, the Trenis Store at 9240 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0056], dates from circa 1866, and it likely replaced a mercantile building, possibly the store operated by the Misses Peters at Catlett that succumbed to the war. Edwin B. Trenis appears in the 1870 census as a "merchant" with real estate valued at \$1,000. James M. Catlett, the depot master, is also described as a "merchant," with real estate valued at \$5,000, giving rise to the questions of whether this building belonged to Edwin Trenis or to Catlett. In any case, since there are at least two merchants at the time, it would seem that

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commercial activity prospered in the period immediately following the war. The 1870 census reveals that at least one man was described as a "wood cutter," several as "clerks in store," substantiating that lumbering was a local activity as well as mercantile operations. Two wheelwrights, several blacksmiths, and a coach maker are identified, indicating that Catlett was a small but significant transportation center where such services would be required. Not surprisingly, several families are recorded as "working on the railroad," and most of them were from Ireland, substantiating the influx of immigrants from abroad. Even before the Civil War, there were two blacksmiths in Catlett, both of whom were listed as from "Yorkshire, England." At least two carpenters were listed, both from New York, one of whom, Harlan Waite, was associated with several of the houses in Catlett, including the Edmonds Place, (1870) mentioned above, at 3230 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0058]; the Trenis Place (circa 1876) at 3236 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0059]; and 3266 Old Catlett Road (1880) [030-5162-0061]. The House at 3266 Old Catlett Road was built by Harlan Waite after he purchased the property presumably for himself in 1880. The Edmonds Place served as a boarding house in the late decade of the 19th century, and the Trenis Place stood across the street from the family run store. The three houses share many architectural similarities, and it can be assumed that Waite, who appears in the census records as a carpenter in Catlett between 1870 and 1900, was responsible for other buildings in the area as well.

The primary institutional building in the Catlett Historic District built in the period following the Civil War was Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church at 9280 Old Dumfries Road [030-0256; 030-5162-0068]. The original church was constructed in 1872, according to a plaque on the present building. According to church records, the church was heavily remodeled in 1898. As the oldest church building in the district, Trinity, which is now known as Cedar Run United Methodist Church, was the religious home to many long-time Catlett area residents. Trinity's predecessor for the community stood on Walnut Branch and was destroyed during the Civil War. Legendary Catlett families – the Colvins, the Trenises, the Catletts, and the Laws – continued to be active in the leadership of the congregation as recently as the 1970s. Also associated with the church is the Catlett Methodist Cemetery [030-5162-0074] located on a large parcel on Catlett School Road at the north end of the district that was established in 1871. Many of Catlett's prominent residents are buried in the cemetery, notably a large number of the Colvin family members whose progenitor was the first depot master for the railroad town. Other churches in the village include the Catlett Assembly of God at 9250 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0018], dating from 1951, and the Church of the Nazarene, now known as the Family Worship Center, at 3208 Tenerife Road [030-5162-0029], built in the mid-20th century. Both congregations attest to the central role of religion in the community extending to the mid-20th century.

Education was not overlooked in the Catlett community. Examination of the census records showed a number of families whose children were recorded as "students," many of whom were under the age of 12 and, presumably, attending school in the area. Moreover, an unusually large number of young women are described as "teachers" in the census records for the Catlett area from 1870-1920. No records survive about specific schools, but the 1914 map prepared by the Fauquier County Board of Trade showed two schools—one for white students, that lies within the district boundaries and one for "colored students," located on Old Dumfries Road

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north of the district's boundaries. The large property at 3452 Catlett Road [030-5162-0075] contains a number of resources that date from circa 1900-1930s. In comparing the 1914 map and the current maps of the area, it appears that the single dwelling on the property may possibly have been the "white school." Other buildings on the property are structures associated with dairy farming, including a silo, a dairy barn, and a milk house that date from circa 1910. Since dairy farming grew to be one of the largest economic generators in this portion of Fauquier County, the presence of a large dairy operation in Catlett, which was conveniently sited on the railroad, is not unexpected. Another building in the district that attests to the close relationship with dairying is the "creamery" that stands at 9249 Elk Run Road, a small frame structure with a parapet dating to circa 1920 [030-5162-0044]. Dairy farmers delivered many of their products to a creamery in preparation for shipping them to other communities such as Culpeper.

Catlett was not without medical services during most of its history. As early as the 1870 census, a Dr. William Edmonds is listed at Catlett, although his alternate livelihood is given as "farmer." Possibly the best known physician, Dr. Stephen Harnsberger, lived at 3189 Tenerife Road [030-5162-0034], where he also had his office. He built this house for his wife and three children in 1897, and an examination of the census records for 1900 shows that the great majority of his neighbors were farmers or farm laborers, so this portion of Catlett was likely still very rural at the time. ²⁰

The first two decades of the 20th century saw the largest growth in the town of Catlett. Thirty-three of the extant buildings in the district date from 1900-1930. The census for both 1910 and 1920 provides a profile of some of the residents. Particularly between 1910 and 1920, many of the new residents are listed as natives of Ireland, and many of those Irishmen were employed by the railroad. A sizable number also claim states other than Virginia as their home states, underscoring the opportune location of Catlett on one of the primary north-south rail lines through Virginia, making travel from other parts of the country convenient for those seeking new livelihoods.²¹ One such livelihood was work in wood products, as many are recorded as employed at local lumberyards. Again, the proximity of rail transportation made getting lumber products to market far easier.

The influx of residents in this period led to increased construction. Many of the newcomers found work as carpenters and blacksmiths – sometimes called "mechanics." The 1914 map prepared by the County Board of Trade vividly illustrates the building growth, with a large number of buildings clustered along the rail line and on either side of the main north-south road through the town. Commercial activities such as hardware stores, grocery stores, barber shops, and even a "silver smith," are recorded in the census records. It appears that the large number of men employed by the railroad provided a good market for commercial activities, and the demand for housing for them kept many carpenters employed. Postal workers and telegraph operators, whose work was closely associated with the rail line, would have been good customers for the many services offered. According to local historian Eugene Scheel, the commercial building on Elk Run Road (the main street) [030-5162-0054] housed Lillie Edmonds Millinery Shop in 1912, 22 while Grant Fitzwater's Barber Shop, also built circa 1912, stands on Elk Run Road as well [030-5162-0055]. There is an interesting reference in the deed to

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Mary Edmonds to the "macadam road," supporting the relative economic prosperity of the community as the presence of paved roads were highly prized in commercial areas. The Powers family had been active in Catlett for some years, having acquired, in 1889, a "dwelling, a store house, a blacksmith shop and a granary," for the substantial sum of \$2,050 from S. C. Milburn, who had acquired the property earlier from B. F. Colvin, the first identified property owner in Catlett.²³ The building at 3224 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0057] housed Leidy Wilson's mercantile operations, having received the property from Eleanor and John Powers with the description "a lot with a storehouse and improvements for conduct of a mercantile business." Two other commercial buildings, Bert Wilson's Feed Store at 3235 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0065] and F. Smoot Ensor's Hardware Store at 3231 Old Catlett Road [030-5162-0066] date from circa 1900 and circa 1920, respectively, and illustrate the bustling commercial activity that must have characterized Catlett in the early 20th century.²⁵ Ensor served as postmaster for Catlett and was a county school board member.²⁶ The department store owned and operated by the Trenis family at 9240 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0056], although built in 1866, was expanded in 1923 to accommodate the growing community.

But Catlett was not limited to railroad, dairy, and commercial activity. The Wilson Farms Meat Company building, circa 1930, that stands at 9217 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0052], undoubtedly provided work for a number of residents and well represents the type of farm-related industry that thrived during the 1920s and 30s. Again, rail freight service would have been important to its operations. All records indicate that the Wilson family was heavily involved in both mercantile and processing endeavors in Catlett.

The influx of newcomers resulted in the construction of a number of fine houses that survive to the present day. As many as fourteen houses were constructed circa 1910, with largest number of them located on Elk Run Road and Old Catlett Road. The census shows that many residents had fairly large families that would have called for substantial dwellings and would have filled the schoolhouse. Although the majority of the families were white, there was a scattering of African-American families as well, although it is likely most blacks lived on small farms outside the district.²⁷

One of the earliest subdivisions was likely part of the Catlett family holdings in the area south of the railroad that had belonged to that family since at least during the mid-19th century. A deed recorded in 1915 refers to a "subdivision of the Catlett Farm." This transfer from Laura C. Burgess (presumably Laura Catlett Burgess) to L.L. and Naomi Wilson was for two lots in a subdivision that appears to be 9273 Elk Run Road [030-5162-0049]. The selling price was \$900, indicating that there was a house on the property at the time of the deed transaction, which was substantiated by architectural evidence of a 1910 construction date. At the same time, Mrs. Burgess also deeded the Wilsons two other unimproved lots that stood behind the house lot. The actual subdivision plan continues to be rendered on the county assessors maps, although most of the parcels have been consolidated. It appears likely that the "Wilson" in the deed is the same family associated with the Wilson Meat Packing business, which was operating by the early 1930s. The Burgesses deeded another parcel in the following year to E. G. Daniel that was comprised of four lots in a subdivision just east of the one in which the

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Wilsons received lots. This transaction was for four lots, #18, 19, 38 and 39, all adjacent and standing just to the west of present-day Prospect Avenue. The selling price of \$132 for all four lots indicates that no improvements stood on the parcel at that time. Today, that is 3216 Tenerife Road [030-5162-0035], a house built circa 1920, presumably by Mr. Daniels. The most interesting element in the deed transaction to Mr. Daniel is a specific directive, saying "Said lots are not to be conveyed to, leased to, or occupied by any member of the African Race," a caveat that did not appear in the Burgesses' deed the previous year. Residential segregation was clearly alive and well in a rural village in the Virginia in the teens. ²⁹

Catlett continued to thrive after the Depression, with several houses constructed circa 1940, and a larger number built during the decade of the 1940s. Most of these houses stand on Prospect Avenue, a development that had its roots with the Trenis family. The Trenis family owned a parcel of land in the southern portion of the district that likely was associated with their large agricultural holdings that date to the 19th century. The best illustration of this subdivision, which lay east of the Burgess subdivision, appears in a deed dated January, 1948. The subdivision lies directly south of the historic Catlett-Lawler-Orr house dating to circa 1855 [030-0267; 030-5162-0001], also known as the Trenis property. The subdivision is rendered in the Deed from Hattie M. and L. W. Trenis to C. Elmer Tapp. It shows the lots that during the 1940s and 50s would contain a number of modest dwellings that offered housing to Catlett's new residents following World War II. Even with the decline of passenger rail travel, the Southern Railroad continued service through Catlett, and freight travel thrived during the 1940s and 50s. Twenty-four houses were built on these parcels along the west side of Prospect Avenue between 1940 and 1958. The parcels on the east side of Prospect are much larger and most are irregular in shape. Two of the houses that stand on these lots are much older, dating from 1916 at 9273 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0032] and 1924 at 9243 Prospect Avenue [030-5162-0016], indicating that they were sold off from the Catlett/Trenis property and built on earlier in the century.

The Catlett Historic District, with its resources from 1855 to 1958, exemplifies a remarkably varied microcosm of a rural small town American community, with dwellings and commercial buildings from all decades and portraying all styles, reflective of the varied economic status of its residents. An influx of residents from other parts of the country, as well as a sizable number from Ireland, make this particular district somewhat distinctive from its neighbors, and its continued vitality as a residential community in the center of a rich agricultural setting attract many. The railroad played and continued to play a significant role in the life of Catlett through the 1950s, offering an important commercial link to both the north and south. Having sustained considerable damage during the Civil War and been the locus of several significant military actions, it still contains a few reminders of that era and well illustrates the timeline of societal development from the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries.

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³ See Fauquier County Land Tax Books, 1855-1860.

⁴ Fauguier County 1759-1959, 21.

⁵ United States Census (1860) North East Revenue District, Fauquier County, p. 111.

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⁷ Fauquier County Land Tax Books, 1857, 1866.

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¹⁰ "Catlett Station on the O & A RR," Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division drawing by Edwin Forbes [DRWG/US no. 10], April 29, 1862; digital file of photograph from original negative, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, [LC-DIG-cwbp-01125].

¹¹ William W. Blackford. War Years with Jeb Stuart. [New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1946], 99-105.

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¹⁹ Bertha Colvin. "Catlett's Trinity Methodist Church Built in 1872 After Civil War," Fauquier Democrat, 50th Anniversary Issue, E-5.

²⁰ United States Census for Fauguier County, Cedar Run District, 2-6.

²¹ See United States Census records for 1910 and 1920, Fauquier County, Cedar Run District.

²² See Fauquier County Deed Book 106/454 (1912) from John and Eleanor Powers to Mary E. Edmonds a dwelling and all out houses, and store house..."

²³ Fauquier County Deed Book 80/310 (1889); Deed Book 1877/78, p. 132. (1877).

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²⁴ Fauquier County Deed Book 111/413 (1915).

²⁵ Eugene Scheel. <u>The Guide to Fauquier ...</u>, 40-41; also see U. S. Census, 1910, 1920.

²⁶ Personal papers of Mrs. Carolyn Hartman.

²⁷ General evaluation of the U.,S. Census, 1920.

²⁸ Fauquier County Deed Book 113/76-77 (1915). Plat of subdivision is rendered on page 77.

²⁹ Fauquier County Deed Book 114/223 (1916).

³⁰ Fauquier County Deed Book 838/950 (1999) Plat of the Property of E. M. Trenis showing a dwelling, a well house and several outbuildings.

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5	18 270318E 4281354N	13	18 269922E 4281379N
6	18 270577E 4281400N	14	18 269989E 4281745N
7	18 270653E 4281740N	15	18 269984E 4281958N
8	18 270827E 4281877N	16	18 270045E 4282049N

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundaries of the nominated Catlett Historic District are shown on the accompanying scaled map entitled "Catlett Historic District."

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The Catlett Historic District boundaries were drawn to include the largest concentration of historic buildings in the unincorporated village of Catlett. Concentrated areas of noncontributing buildings and more rural properties were excluded. The district boundaries coincide with property lines and natural landscape features whenever possible.

