



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Note: PIFs are prepared by applicants and evaluated by DHR staff and the State Review Board based on information known at the time of preparation. Recommendations concerning PIFs are subject to change if new information becomes available.

DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 002-0881

1. General Information

District name(s): Spring Hill Baptist Church

Main Streets and/or Routes: 3575 Thomas Jefferson Parkway

City or Town: Charlottesville (vicinity)

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Albemarle County

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 1

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban Suburban Town Village Hamlet Rural

Briefly describe the district's overall setting, including any notable landscape features:

Spring Hill Baptist Church sign at the roadside of route 53

3. Architectural/Physical Description

Architectural Style(s): Vernacular

If any individual properties within the district were designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here:

N/A

If any builders or developers are known, please list here:

Unknown

Date(s) of construction (can be approximate): 1859

Are there any known threats to this district? Aging of structure

Narrative Description:

In the space below, briefly describe the general characteristics of the entire historic district, such as building patterns, types, features, and the general architectural quality of the proposed district. Include prominent materials and noteworthy building details within the district, as well as typical updates, additions, remodeling, or other alterations that characterize the district..

Spring Hill Baptist church sign at the roadside of route 53. Built for a Black congregation, in the early 1800's. A storage building was added around 2003, along with a small storage unit for the bathroom facilities. Painting and a handicap ramp was also done.

Discuss the district's general setting and/or streetscapes, including current property uses (and historic uses if different), such as industrial, residential, commercial, religious, etc. For rural historic districts, please include a description of land uses.

This is a one-story gable sheet-metal roof resting on rubblestone piers infilled with cement blocks. Exterior detailing is minimal. The weatherboards are plain painted white, attached with cut nails and the roof is sheathed in sheet metal. The three-bay lateral facade contains a 2/2 pane sash with glass. The building is white with green trim.

4. District's History and Significance

In the space below, briefly describe the history of the district, such as when it was established, how it developed over time, and significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property. Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.) Normally, only information contained on this form is forwarded to the State Review Board.

If the district is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

There are 3 marked graves and one unmarked grave on this site. This church has a lot of family ties and history. You can feel a warm hug when enter this grand ole lady, there is something special about this church located off route 53. There could have been some descendants of Thomas Jefferson that may have attended church at some point and time.

The church was originally established in 1803 out of brush from the woods of Route 53.

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: X Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

6. Applicant/Sponsor (Individual and/or organization sponsoring preparation of the PIF, with contact information. For more than one sponsor, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: Deacon David Winston (deceased), Trustee Nathaniel David Winston, Treasury Shelly Winston-Bowers

organization: Spring Hill Baptist Church

street & number: 3575 Thomas Jefferson Parkway

city or town: Charlottesville state: VA zip code: 22901

e-mail: swin67@gmail.com telephone: (434) 960-1635

Applicant's Signature: See PDF for signature

Date: 06/11/2024

•• Signature required for processing all applications. ••

In the event of organization sponsorship, you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: Shelly Winston-Bowers

Daytime Telephone: (434) 960-1635

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than applicant/sponsor listed above)

name/title: Treasury Shelly Winston-Bowers

organization: On the behalf of Spring Hill Baptist Church

street & number: 3575 Thomas Jefferson Parkway

city or town: Charlottesville state: VA zip code: 22901

e-mail: swin67@gmail.com telephone: 434-960-1635

Date: 06/11/2024

7. Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator, City Manager, and/or Town Manager.

name/title: Patricia Bennett

locality: Albemarle County

street & number: _____

city or town: Charlottesville state: VA zip code: 22901

telephone: 434-296-5841

HISTORY

Thomas Garland who was the landowner of Buck Island Estates built Spring Hill Baptist Church in 1803 as a worship place for his slaves.

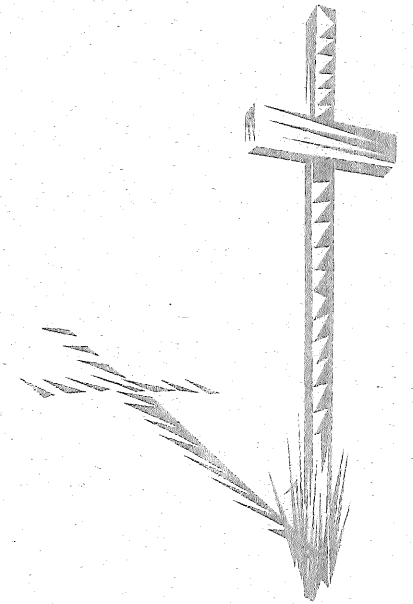
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On August 1st, 1808 Thomas Garland willed his entire estate to his housekeeper, Elizabeth Allen, to have and to hold her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided amongst her children; Ellen, Mary, George, Sally, Martha, Malvina, Margaret, James, Clara, Thomas, Alexander, Richard, Edward and her grandson William. All thirteen were biologically Thomas Garland's children.

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Thomas Garland and Elizabeth Allen; who was native American Indian, did marry before his death.

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On May 11th, 1883, one additional acre of land was transferred from Isaac & Sarah Mildred Thomas to the following Trustees: John Redd, Nelson Smith and David Magruder for \$8.00.

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On September 2nd, 1895 Elizabeth Allen and her remaining *Children*: Ellen Boyd, Margaret Cross, Mary Barbour, Clara James, James Garland, Richard Garland and Alexander Garland transferred the one acre of property where the church stands, to the Trustee Board: Milton White, Nelson Green and Jerry Barbour. A fee of \$1.75 was paid for this transfer.

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On June 10th, 1949 an additional acre was presented to Spring Hill Baptist Church Trustee board: Lindsay Jones Jr., Henry Green & David Winston II as a gift, by Betsy Lightfoot, a widow and Irving Whiting, unmarried. A fee of \$2.00 was paid for this Transfer.

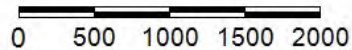


Legend

- Architecture Resources
- Topo Quad Grid



Feet



1:20,000 / 1"=1,667 Feet

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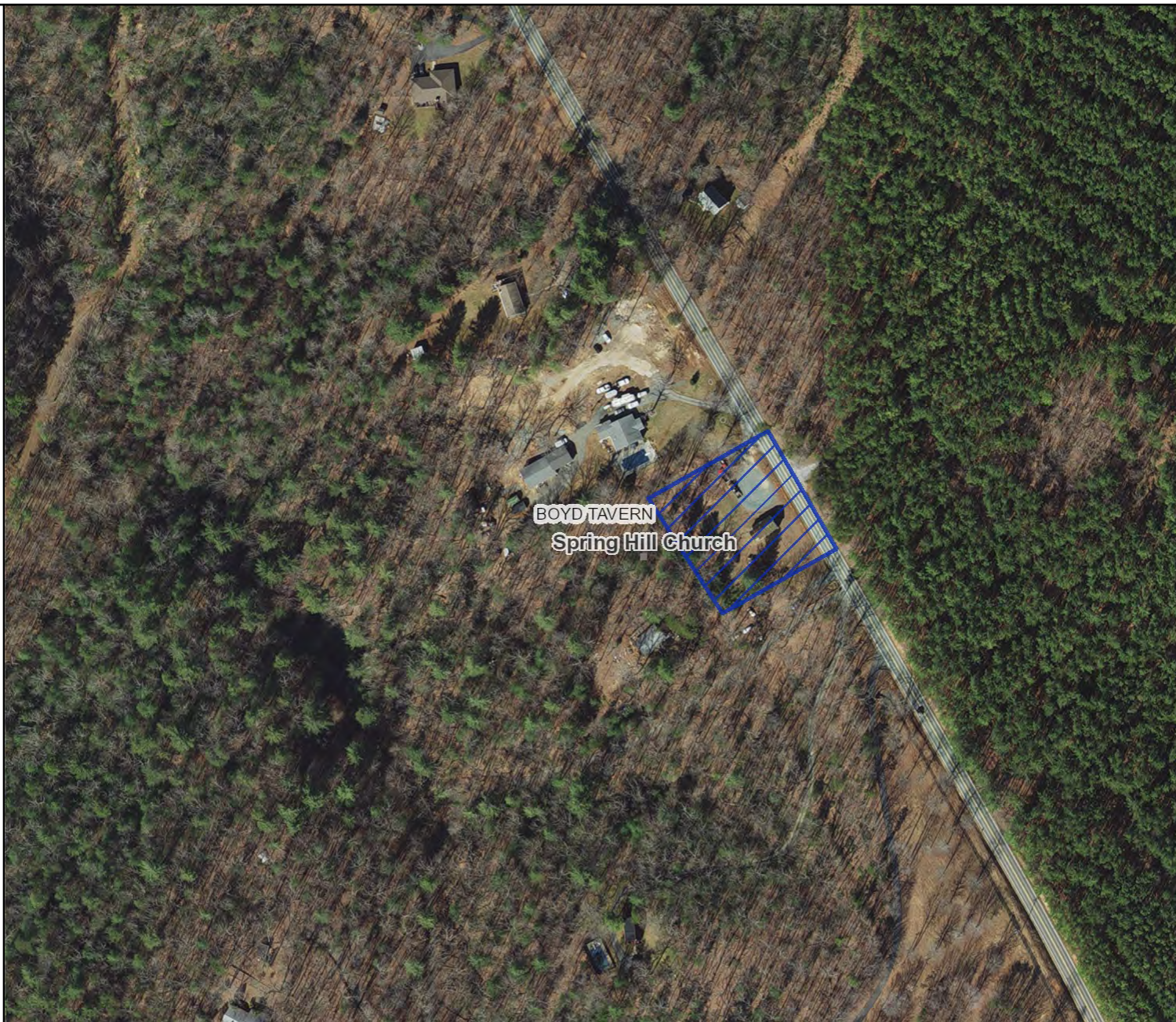
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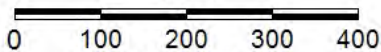


Legend

- Architecture Resources
- USGS GIS Place names
- Topo Quad Grid



Feet



1:3,500 / 1"=292 Feet

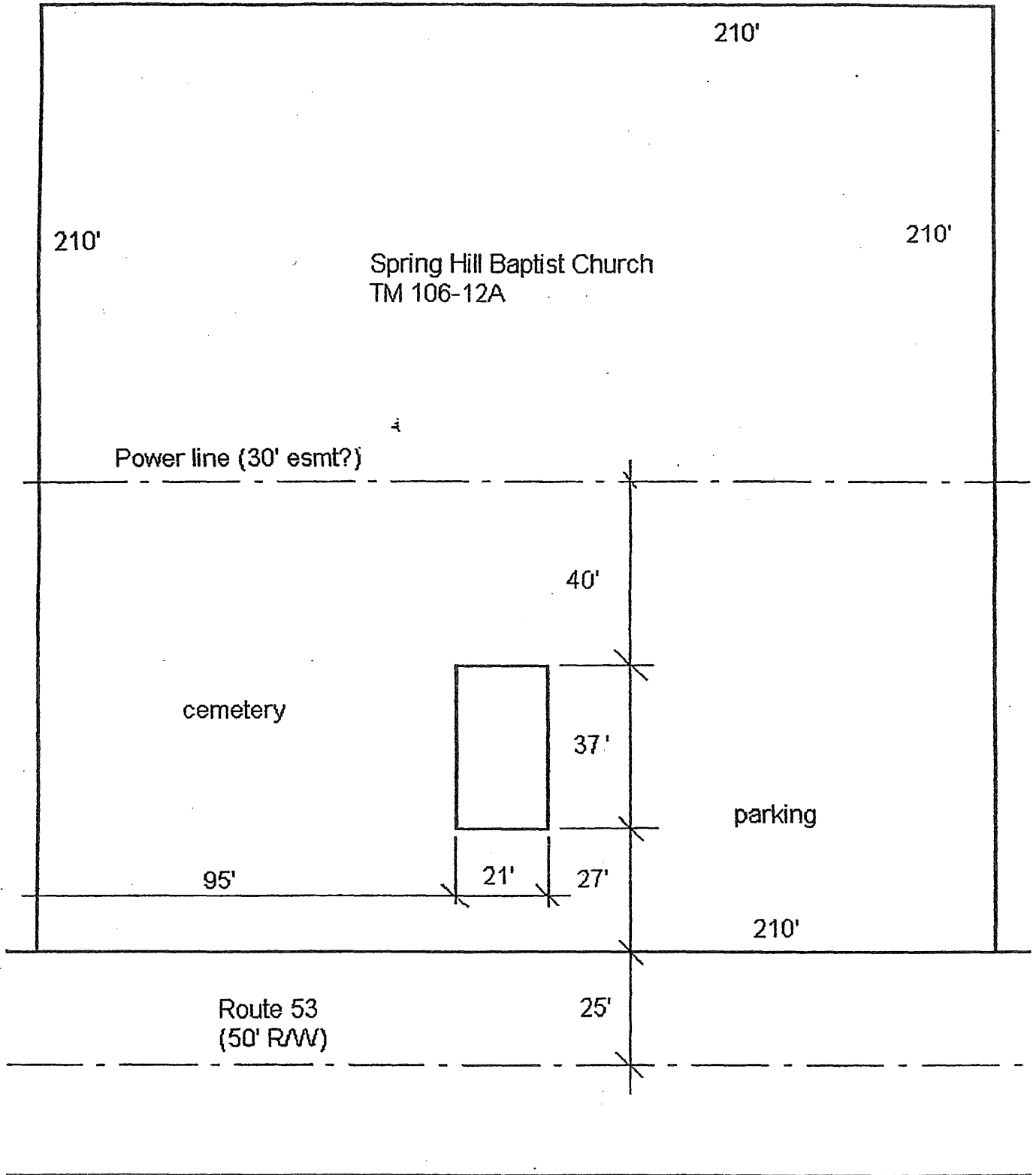
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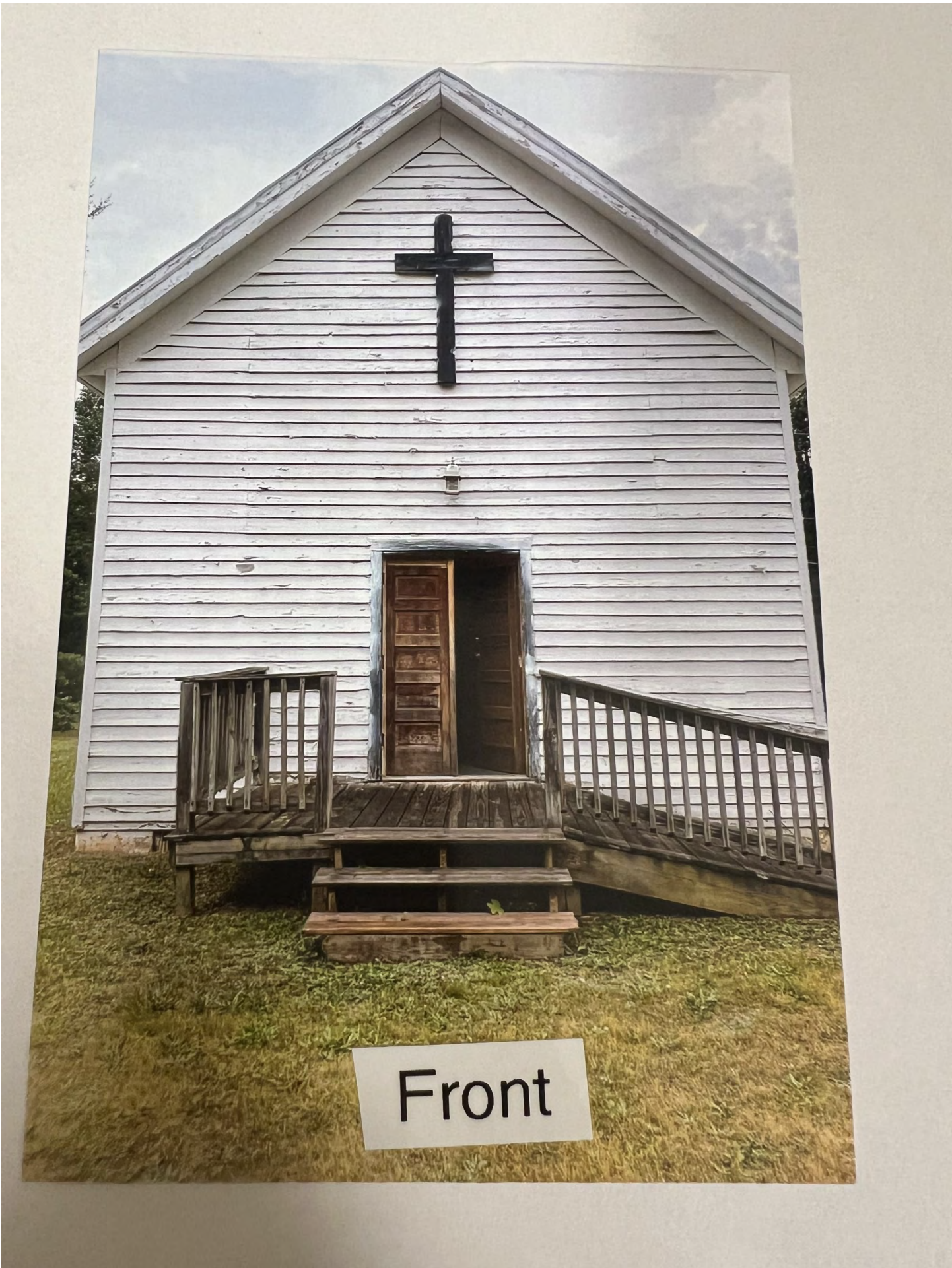
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Front



Left facing front

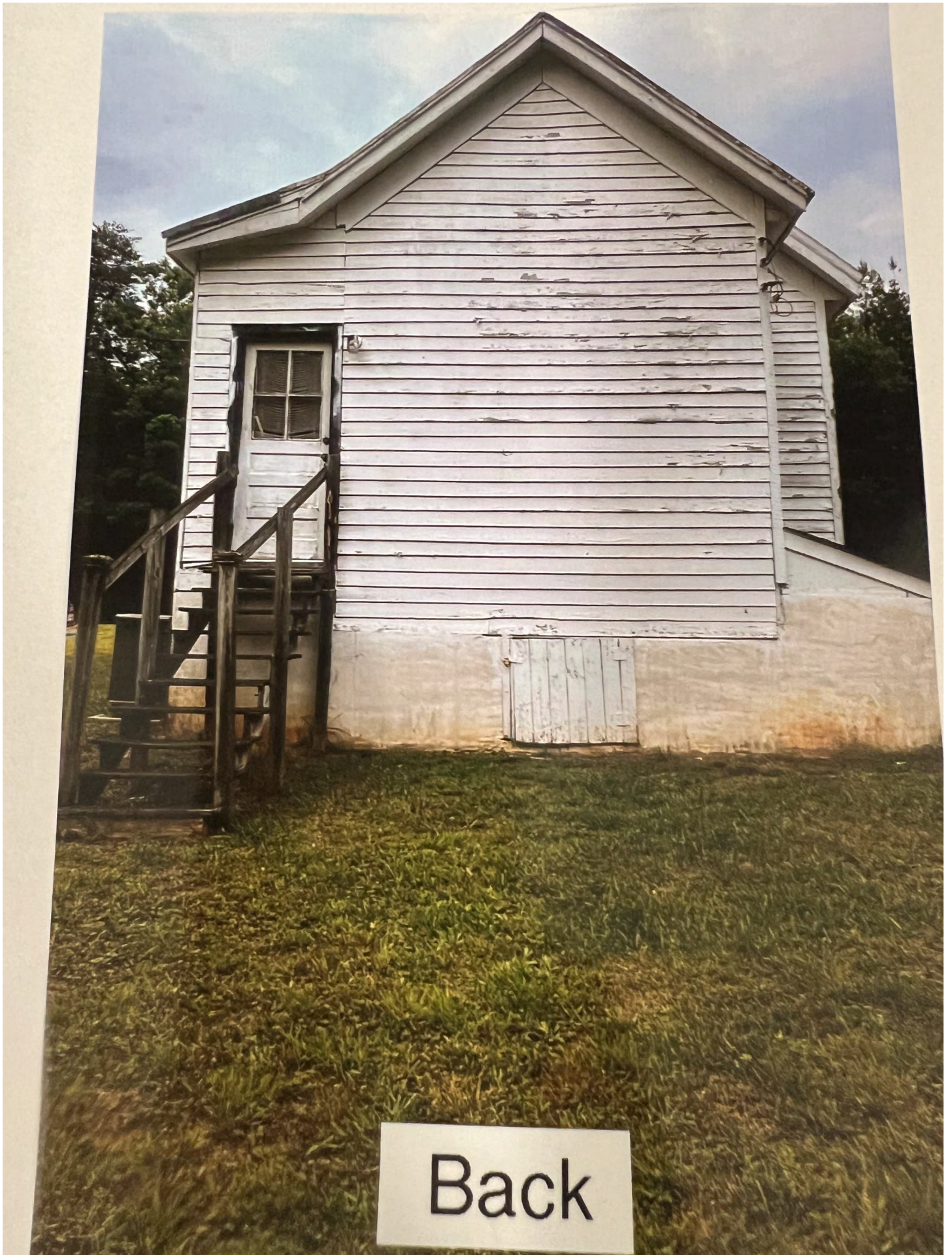


Right facing front

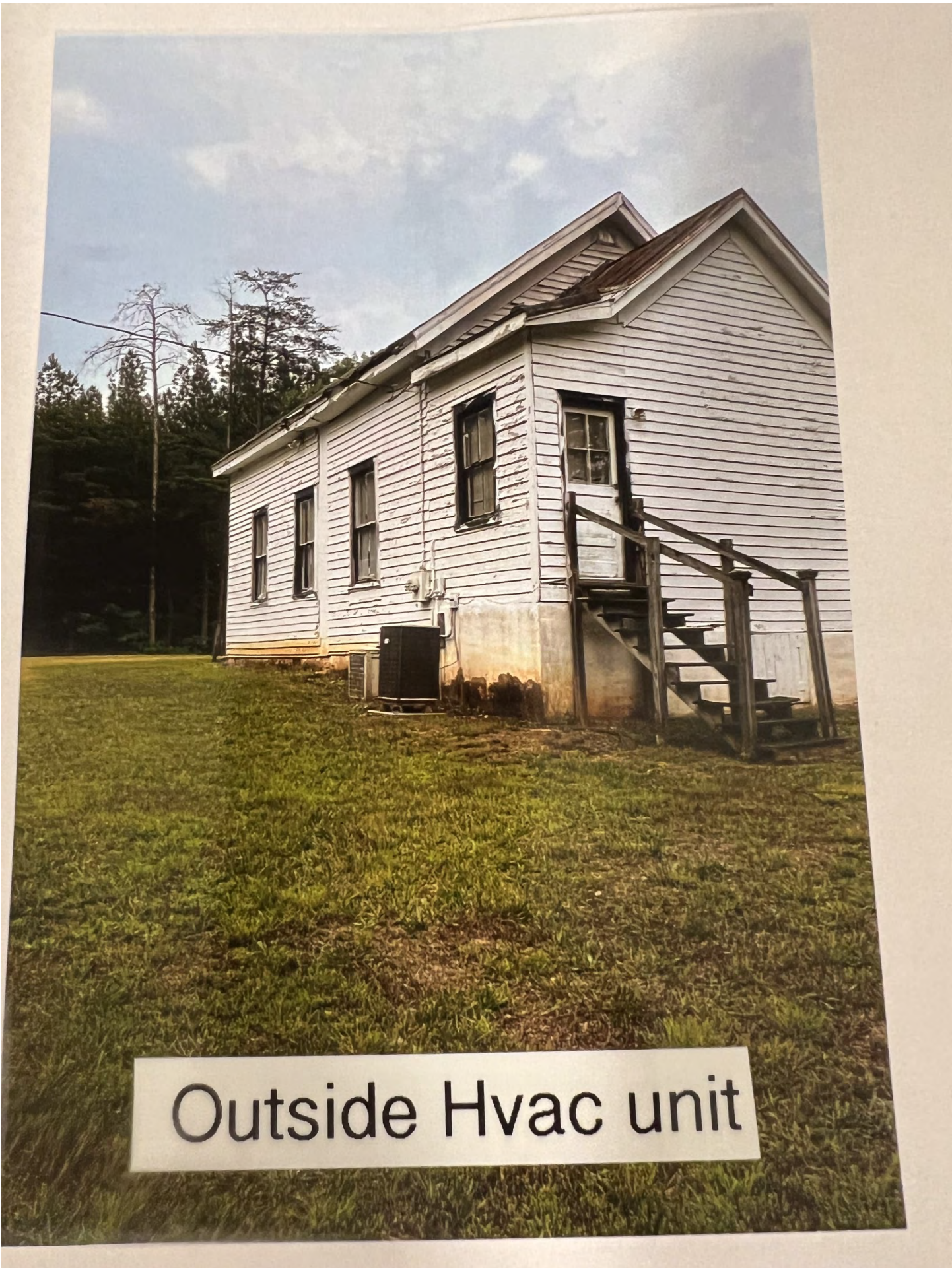


Handicap ramp

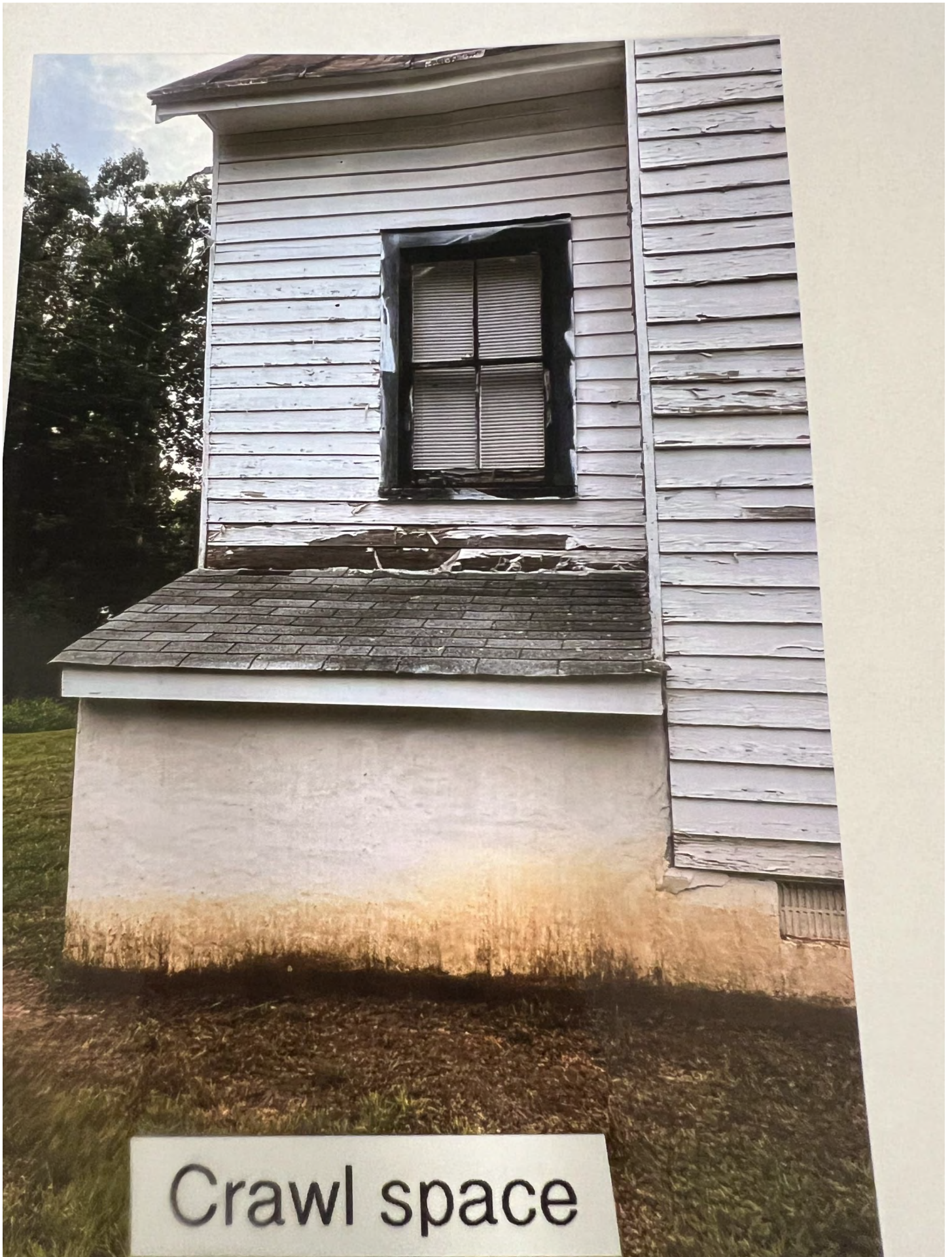




Back



Outside Hvac unit



Crawl space



**SPRING HILL BAPTIST
CHURCH**

3575 Thomas Jefferson Parkway

**Services at 11:00 am
2nd & 4th Sundays**

Est. 1803



Front doors inside



Sanctuary



Inside sanctuary



Pastor study desk



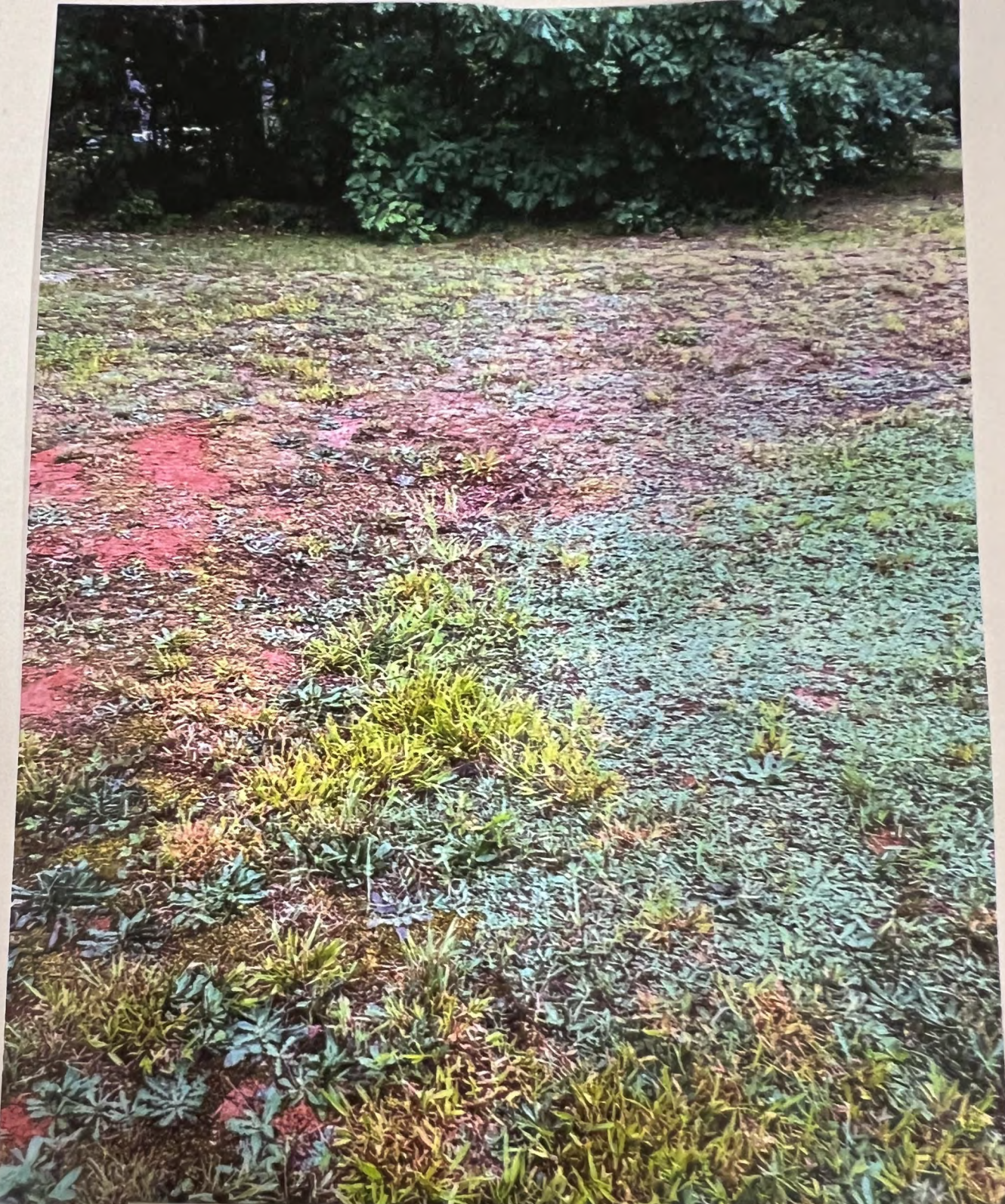
Electric panel box



Inside hvac system



Back door



1 Unmarked grave



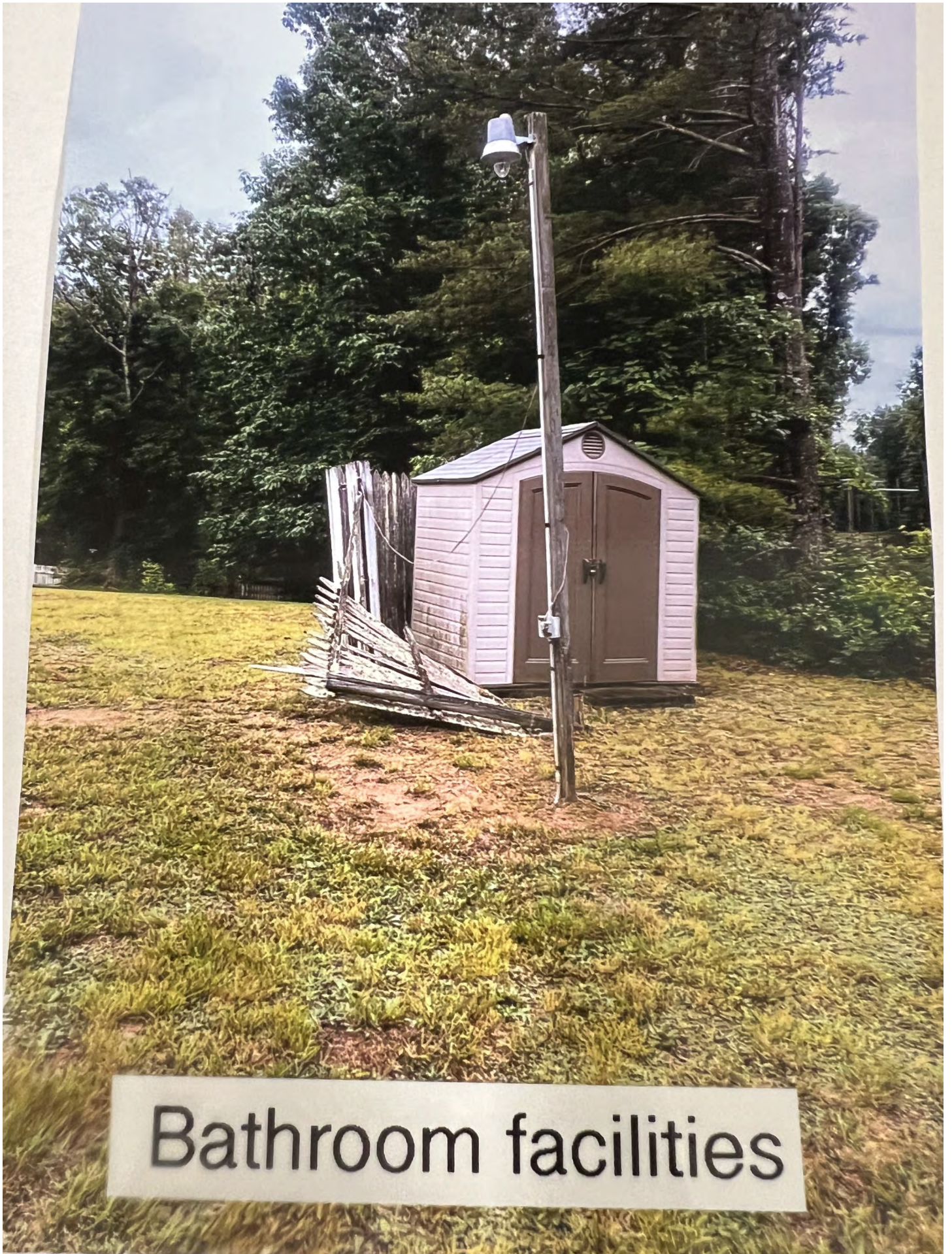
3 Marked graves



Picnic area



Storage unit



Bathroom facilities