

Background Research and Literature Review

Haystone Brady  
Business Park Tract  
Stephens County, Georgia

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From October 7 through October 20, 2010, Brockington and Associates, Inc., conducted background research and a literature review for the proposed Hayestone-Brady Business Park in Stephens County, Georgia. This project was conducted as an act of due diligence to determine if any previously recorded cultural resources are located within or adjacent to the study area. Figure 1 is a map showing the location of the study area.

The study area consists of approximately 346 acres and is located approximately eight miles southeast of Toccoa, Georgia and approximately 0.23 miles northeast of the community of Avalon. The study area is bounded to the north and west by Hayes-Wilbanks Road, to the south by State Route (SR) 17, and to the east by an area of woods and agricultural land. The study area is primarily wooded; however, there are several areas that consist of grassy fields or pastures.

Background research focused on documenting previously recorded archaeological and architectural resources within and adjacent to study area. Research was conducted at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Historic Preservation Division (HPD) in Atlanta, the Georgia Archaeological Site File in Athens, and the Georgia Archives in Morrow. At the HPD, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) files and the Stephens County survey file were reviewed to determine if any NRHP eligible, nominated, or listed cultural resources are within or adjacent to the study area. At the Georgia Archaeological Site File, the Stephens County file was reviewed to determine if any previously recorded archaeological sites are located within the study area or within one mile of the study area. Previous archaeological reports on investigations in the general vicinity of the study area were also reviewed. This data set is available online through the Georgia Natural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources Geographic Information System (GNAHRGIS). In addition, at the Georgia Archives, county histories and cemetery records were consulted. Local histories and online sources compiled by individual researchers and genealogical societies were also consulted.

Background research revealed there is one previously recorded archaeological site located within the study area, 9ST84, a historic period artifact scatter. This site is located on the western boundary of the study area along Hayes-Wilbanks Road. The site was recorded in 2000 on property, or right-of-way, owned by Oglethorpe Power and was recommended not eligible for the NRHP. No other archaeological sites are located within one mile of the study area. In addition, there are no previously recorded NRHP ineligible, potentially eligible, eligible, nominated, or listed cemeteries, buildings, structures, or objects within the study area. Figure 2 is a map showing the locations of previously recorded cultural resources within the study area and within one mile of the study area. Table 1 provides a list of cultural resources located within the study area and within one mile of the study area.

While there are no cemeteries in the study area that have been identified in previous cultural resources surveys or in DNR county surveys, there are several cemeteries in and near the study area that have been identified by individual researchers or genealogical societies. However, the physical integrity of most of these cemeteries is unknown and their NRHP eligibility is unknown. These cemeteries are the Confidence

Church Cemetery, the Swilling Cemetery, the Holbrook Cemetery, the Camp/Brock Cemetery, the Sheriff Cemetery, and the Wilbanks Cemetery (see Figure 2 and Table 1).

The Holbrook Cemetery contains the grave of Jessie Holbrook, a Revolutionary War veteran. The Camp/Brock Cemetery contains the grave of Edmund Camp (1739-1834), also a Revolutionary War veteran (see Figure 2). However, these cemeteries are located outside the study area. The Confidence Church Cemetery and the Swilling Cemetery are also located outside the study area. The Wilbanks Cemetery is located along the northeast boundary of the study area near Hayes-Wilbanks Road and is near the side yard of a house located outside the study area. Available cemetery records indicate that there are six graves in the cemetery. The Sheriff Cemetery is located within the study area and contains the graves of Matilda Sheriff (1816-1860) and possibly six other members of the Tom Sheriff family. Available cemetery records indicate that only the grave of Matilda Sheriff is marked and the cemetery is surrounded by a fence.

There are 20 previously recorded architectural resources located within one mile of the study area. These resources were recorded during the 1989 Stephens County DNR Survey. Six of these resources appear to be located within the study area viewshed (Resources ST-A-8, ST-A-84, ST-389, ST-473, ST-476., ST-532). Of these six resources, one (ST-389) was recommended eligible for the NRHP and four have an unknown NRHP eligibility. However, according to the 2005 updated DNR survey record, Resource ST-84 is no longer extant. In addition, the historic Elberton Air-Line Railroad corridor (now Southern Railway) is located south of the study area and south of SR 17 and should be considered eligible for the NRHP (see Figure 2; Table.1). Of the 14 resources located outside the project viewshed, seven were recommend eligible for the NRHP, one was recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP, one was recommended ineligible for the NRHP, and five have an unknown NRHP eligibility (see Figure 2 and Table 1).

It should also be noted that the proposed new location roadway for a portion of SR 17 crosses through the study area and was surveyed for culture resources in 1999 (GDOT Project EDS-545 [20] [37], Franklin/Stephens Counties; PI 122080 & 122260; HP-980217-001) (see Figure 2). However, no archeological sites were encountered and no NRHP eligible, potentially eligible, nominated, or listed buildings, structures, or objects were identified. No other previously recorded cultural resources are located within or adjacent to the study area.

### **Summary and Recommendations**

Background research revealed that are no known previously recorded NRHP eligible, potentially eligible, nominated, or listed archeological sites, cemeteries buildings, structures, or objects within the study area. The only known previously recorded site in the study area, 9ST84, was recommended not eligible for the NRHP. While there are no cemeteries in the study area that have been identified in previous cultural resources surveys or in DNR county surveys, there are several cemeteries in and near the study area that have been identified by individual researchers or genealogical societies. Although additional research would be necessary to make definitive NRHP

recommendations on the Holbrook and Camp/Brock cemeteries, due to the presence of Revolutionary War veterans graves, these cemeteries are potentially eligible for the NRHP. However, they are outside the study area

The Wilbanks Cemetery is located along the northeast boundary of the study area near Wilbanks Road. The Sheriff Cemetery is located within the study area and consists of one marked grave and possibly six unmarked graves. According to available records the Sheriff Cemetery is fenced. Both cemeteries have an unknown NRHP eligibility. While local researchers have provided coordinates for some of these cemeteries, including the Sheriff and Wilbanks cemeteries, a field reconnaissance is recommended to confirm the locations of the cemeteries. In addition, an intensive cultural resources survey would be necessary to determine if any unrecorded cultural resources are located in and near the study area.

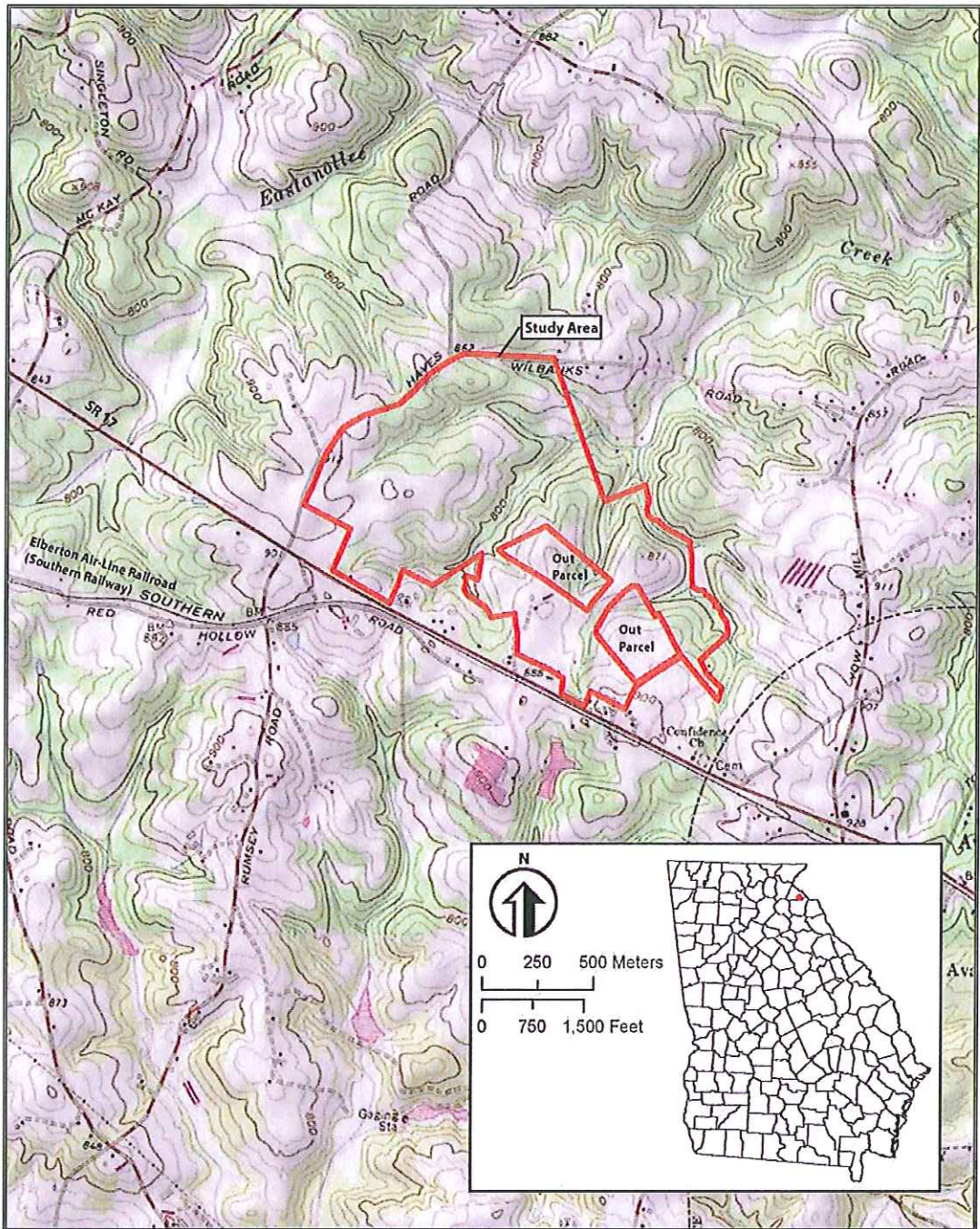


Figure 1. Location of the Haystone Brady Business Park, Stephens County, Georgia.

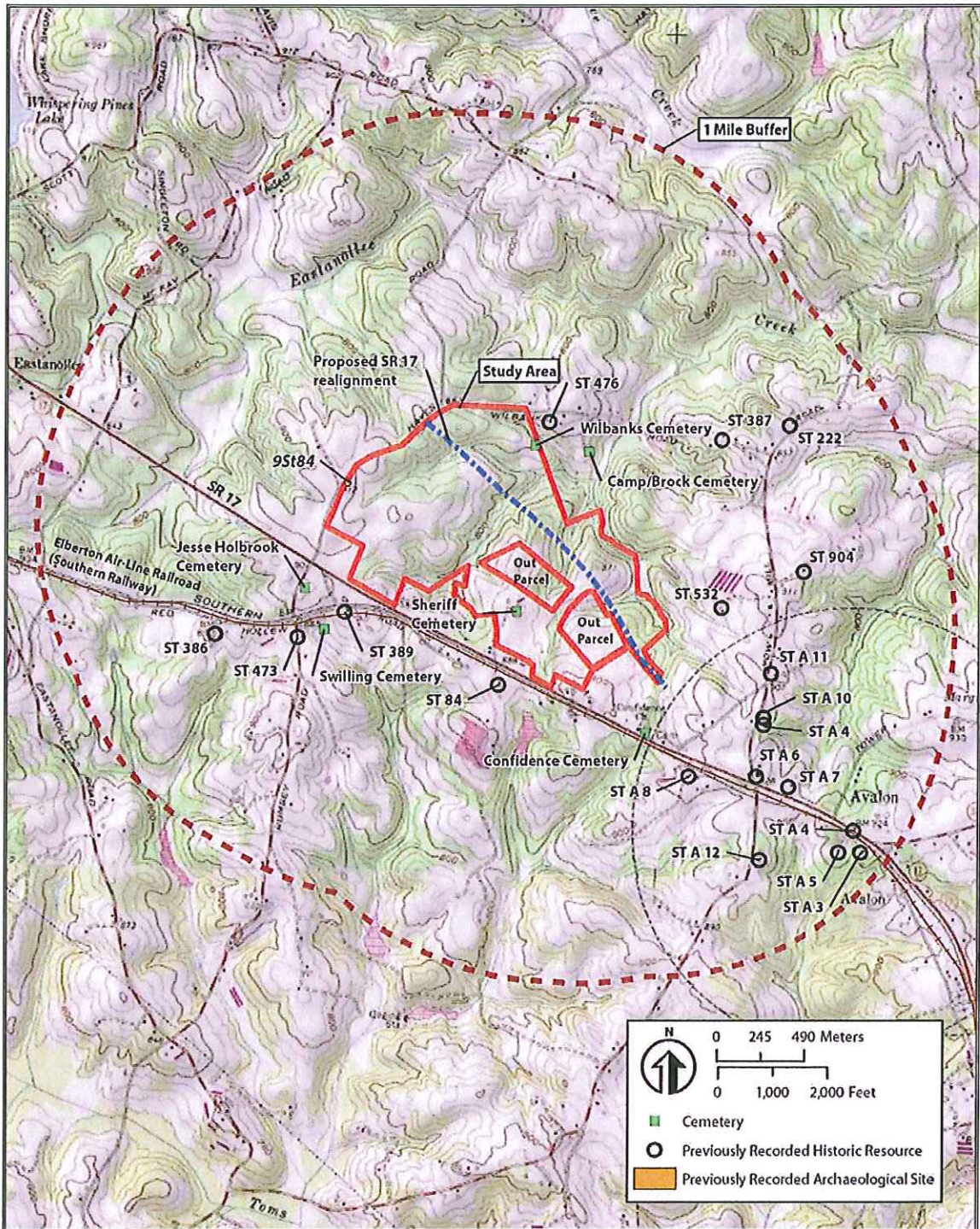


Figure 2. Locations of previously recorded cultural resources located within the study area and within one mile of the study area.

**Table 1. Cultural resources located within the study area and within one mile of the study area.**

| Resource Name/number       | Resource Type                            | Resource Age                                 | NRHP Eligibility            |
|----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| 9ST84                      | Historic Archaeological Artifact Scatter | Late nineteenth and twentieth century        | Ineligible                  |
| ST-A-8                     | Central Hall                             | c. 1870                                      | Unknown                     |
| ST-A-84                    | Hall- Parlor                             | c. 1895                                      | Non-extant                  |
| ST-389                     | Front Gable Bungalow                     | c. 1925                                      | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-473                     | Cross Gable Bungalow                     | c. 1930                                      | Unknown                     |
| ST-476                     | Side Gable Bungalow                      | c. 1935                                      | Unknown                     |
| ST-532                     | Central Hallway                          | c.1900-1919                                  | Unknown                     |
| Elberton Air-Line Railroad | Railroad Corridor                        | Late nineteenth century                      | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-A-4                     | Commercial Building                      | 1880   | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-A-12                    | New South Cottage                        | c.1905-1910                                  | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-A-13                    | Double Shotgun                           | c.1930                                       | Unknown                     |
| ST-A-3                     | Folk Victorian Cottage                   | c. 1890                                      | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-A-5                     | Hall-Parlor                              | c. 1890                                      | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-A-6                     | Colonial Revival School Building         | c. 1920-1929                                 | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-A-7                     | Side Gable Bungalow                      | c. 1935                                      | Ineligible                  |
| ST-A-9                     | Cross Gable Bungalow                     | c. 1935                                      | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-A-10                    | Side Gable Bungalow                      | c. 1940                                      | <b>Potentially Eligible</b> |
| ST-A-11                    | Front Gable Bungalow                     | c 1930                                       | <b>Eligible</b>             |
| ST-222                     | Pyramidal Cottage                        | c. 1910-1919                                 | Unknown                     |
| ST-386                     | Front Gable Bungalow                     | c. 1920-1929                                 | Unknown                     |
| ST-387                     | Front Gable Bungalow                     | c. 1930-1939                                 | Unknown                     |
| ST-57904                   | Pyramidal Cottage                        | c. 1910-1919                                 | Unknown                     |
| Sheriff Cemetery           | Family Cemetery                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Century                     | Unknown                     |
| Wilbanks Cemetery          | Cemetery Family                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Century                     | Unknown                     |
| Holbrook Cemetery          | Family Cemetery                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Century                     | <b>Potentially Eligible</b> |
| Camp/Brock Cemetery        | Family Cemetery                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Century                     | <b>Potentially Eligible</b> |
| Swilling Cemetery          | Family Cemetery                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> Century                     | Unknown                     |
| Confidence Church Cemetery | Cemetery Family                          | 19 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> Century | Unknown                     |