

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

County: **Forsyth**

SSN: **FY00623**

Blockface#:

<b>Quad:</b> Rural Hall <b>PIN:</b> <b>X:</b> 80.37066 <b>Y:</b> 36.1649 <b>DOT Project #:</b> R-2247 <b>OSA#:</b>
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**Update** Mo: **12** Yr: **2006**

- No Alt  Alt  Det  Rehab
- Removed**  Outbldg Loss
- No Acc.  Not Fnd  FileMsg
- Newly ID'd  Needs Resch.

Property Name: <b>Kearney Houses</b> Street or 911 Address: <b>5025 Balsom Rd North side</b> Location Description: <b>N side SR 1455, 0.35 mi NW of SR 3210</b> Town/vicinity: <b>Pfafftown vicinity</b> District: <b>None ()</b> District Dates: NRdate: SLdate: DOEdat:
Local District:

<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended for SL <input type="checkbox"/> StudyList SLDate: <input type="checkbox"/> NR NRDate: NR #
<input type="checkbox"/> DOE DOEDate:
DOE Type: Local Status Local#: Ownership: <b>Private</b>

**Principal Resource** Material Integrity: **High** Condition: **Fair** Location Integrity: **Original**

<b>Architectural Data:</b> Date: <b>1894,1914,1924; ca.</b> Major Style Group: <b>19th-20th c. trad/vern</b> Construction: <b>Log, Frame; Log</b> Ext. Material: <b>Weatherboard:Plain</b> Later Covering: <b>None</b> Height: <b>2 story</b> Roof: <b>Side Gable</b> Plan: <b>Center passage</b> Core Form (Domestic): <b>Single Pile</b> 1st Design Source and attribution: <b>Unknown</b>
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Major Theme:	2nd Theme:
Group Association:	Religious Affiliation:
Historic Function: <b>Domestic - single dwelling</b>	

**Written Summary**

This complex encompasses two log houses and frame outbuildings. Wesley and Mary Margaret Kearney built the one-story log house. Their son John H. Kearney constructed the larger dwelling after in his marriage in April 1894. John's house was originally a one-and-one-half-story log building that faced east. After Mary Margaret's death in 1914, John moved the kitchen and dining room ell from his parent's house to the west side of his house. In 1924, he constructed a two-story frame addition on the east side of his house, a full second-story on the original log section, and a new front porch on the south elevation (Langdon Oppermann, Winston-Salem Northern Beltway report, 1991, p. 155).

The kitchen/dining room ell on the west end of John Kearney's house has been demolished since 2003, but the original log section is intact as well as the later frame addition on east side, which created a center hall-plan, side-gable-roofed dwelling. The John Kearney House has a wraparound porch with tapered posts on brick piers and concrete floor on the east section and turned posts and a wood floor on the west section, two-over-two sash windows, brick interior chimneys, exposed rafter ends, and a metal roof. The Wesley and Mary Margaret Kearney House has an engaged front porch with replacement posts and floor, four-over-four and six-over-six sash windows, a five-raised-panel front door, a brick end chimney, a metal roof, and a partially-collapsed rear timber-frame shed addition with brick nogging (HF).

This property was determined ineligible for the National Register following NCDOT evaluation for the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway.

**Outbuildings/Features**

FeatureType	Material	CircaDate	Condition	Contrib
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<b>Corn Crib/Equipment Shed</b>	Frame	1900	Good
side-gable, metal roof; corn crib on west side; open bay on east side; weatherboards; open equipment sheds with vertical board siding on east and west elevations; stone foundation			
<b>Barn (general)</b>	Frame	1900	Good
side-gable, metal roof; entrances on south and east elevations; weatherboards; shed additions with vertical board siding on west elevation			
<b>Wood Shed</b>	Frame	1900	Good
shed roof; open bay on south elevation; board-and-batten siding			
<b>Tobacco Barn</b>	Frame	1900	Good
side-gable, metal roof; vertical board siding			
<b>Smokehouse</b>	Frame	1900	Good
front-gable, metal roof; overhang shelters entrance on south elevation; board-and-batten siding; stone foundation			
<b>Equipment Shed</b>	Frame	1920	Good
side-gable, metal roof; four open bays on south elevation			
<b>Chicken House/Equip. Shed</b>	Frame	1920	Good
shed roof; windows and doors on south elevation (original single-leaf door and later double-leaf door); board-and-batten siding; two-bay open equipment shed on east end			

**Actions**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>Action/Report</b>
1979	09	Taylor, Gwynne	Original County/Municipal Survey
2006	12	Fearnbach, Heather, EPE	Survey Update

