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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

# 58-5004

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Cedar Grove  
other name/site number 44MC511

**2. Location**

street & number [redacted]  not for publication  
city, town [redacted]  vicinity  
state Virginia code VA county [redacted] zip code

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, this property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria.  see continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal Agency or Bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion the property  meets  does not meet the Register criteria.  see continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date 6/24/92  
State or Federal Agency or Bureau \_\_\_\_\_

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 determined eligible for NRHP  determined not eligible for the NRHP  
 removed from the NRHP  other

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Classification**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources	
		contrib.	non contrib.
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings		_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	1	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		_____ structures
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure		_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	1	_____ Total

Name of related multiple listing property \_\_\_\_\_ Number of contributing resources listed in National Register \_\_\_\_\_  
Historic Archaeological Sites-Kerr Reservoir

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**6. Function or Use (enter categories from instructions)**

Historic Functions	Current Functions
Residential/Agricultural Processing	archaeological site/not in use

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification	Materials
n/a	foundation n/a
	walls n/a
	roof n/a
	other n/a

**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

Site 44MC511 is situated on the tip of a ridge. This site represents a tobacco related historic farmstead property type and consists of the foundation remains of a large house, a well, a tobacco barn, ordering rooms, and outbuildings of unknown function. Large oaks, ornamental vegetation, large piles of fieldstone, and an old road are also present at the site. The 1940-41 preimpoundment map shows a substantial structure and road in the site area (attached Figure VII-18). This structure probably represents Structure #1. Much of the site is situated on light to moderate slopes. Areas near the lakeshore have been impacted by erosion.

Structure #1 is located in the central portion of the site (see attached Figure VII-17). This structure consisted of a large stone and brick foundation with a cellar and two chimney falls. The foundation measured approximately 35 feet by 35 feet with a central brick and stone load bearing wall dividing the cellar into two halves. This central wall extends from the eastern side of the foundation and cellar to two-thirds the length of the interior. Two brick mounds are present on the western side of the house foundation. These brick piles are approximately 3 feet high and probably represent chimneys; however, no articulated brick was visible.

A recently filled well is located approximately 40 feet to the east of Structure #1. It appears that debris from the main house or possibly from another structure were used to fill in the well.

At least four outbuildings were located. The remnants of a double flue tobacco barn (Structure #2) were present on the moderate slopes south of the main house. This foundation measured approximately 18 by 18 feet, consisting of granitic stone, with the two intact stone and slate flues situated on the southern wall.

Structure #3 was located northeast of Structure #1. A 15 by 15 foot fieldstone foundation line and brick scatter serves to delineate this structure. No associated features or artifacts were observed which could aid in determination of the function of this structure.

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Previous documentation of file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in NRHP
- previously determined eligible for NRHP
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

- see continuation sheet
- Location of additional data
  - SHPO Office
  - Other State Agency
  - Federal Agency
  - Local Government
  - University
  - Other
- Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of Property 3.5

UTM references

A	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>	B	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>
	zone	easting	northing		zone	easting	northing
C	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>	D	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>	<u>[redacted]</u>

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Verbal Boundary description

Due to the complex nature of this site, please refer to the site map for boundary location.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary of 44MC511 was based upon the extent of existing structural remains and concentrations of historic archaeological deposits.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name U. S. Army Engineer District, Wilmington  
Corps of Engineers  
Attention: Mr. Richard Kimmel

street & number Post Office Box 1890 phone 910 - 251 - 4994

city or town Wilmington state NC zip code 28402 - 1890

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Structure #4 was located approximately 250 feet from Structure #1, very near to the present lakeshore. Due to its exposed position near the beach, the structure has been partially eroded. A surface artifact scatter was observed and collected nearby. The western and southern portions of the structure maintain a partially intact stone foundation. The eastern portion the structure consists of a three foot high concentration of stone with no discernable articulation. Due to the lack of existing structural elements, the function of this foundation could not be determined.

The remains of a shed-like structure (Structure #5) were present north of Structure #1, near Structure #3. This foundation was composed of rough cut field stone piers. Situated on a slight slope, articulated stone piers (as high as three tiers) on the northern side were used to compensate for the change in elevation. The piers on the southern portion of the structure are comprised of flat fieldstone, nearly level with the ground.

The remains of three tobacco ordering rooms (Depression #1, #2, and #3) were also present on the slopes near the Structure #1 area. Except for a loose scattering of stone (probably used for piers) no structural elements were present. These depressions are typical of others found in the region.

Two large field stone piles of unknown function were located near the shoreline. The function of these piles is unknown. A concentration of late nineteenth to twentieth century ceramics and glass was found eroding at the northeast shoreline. A surface collection was made of artifacts along the shoreline areas.

The apparent residential house at Cedar Grove was possibly occupied for at least 100 years, from the 1840s to the 1940s, as indicated by land ownership records (see Table VII-3). Study of Cedar Grove to date has involved detailed mapping of structural debris. No test units have been excavated. Because of the integrity of surface features, it is very likely that subsurface features are present. Artifact data from surface collections include pearlware, indicating early 1800s occupation at the site; other ceramics (whiteware, yellowware) noted have a long date range in the 1800s and early 1900s.

The farm complex was used for tobacco agriculture into the twentieth century, and probably served as a tobacco farm from its inception. It may be one of the few archaeologically represented, antebellum farmsteads known in the project area. The site has intact architectural features from the house and numerous outbuildings/dependencies. Artifact density is moderate to high (based on surface collections).

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Table VII-3. Land Tenure at Cedar Grove.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>Citation</u>
<u>Tract east of Old Feild's Ferry Road</u>		
?	Jonathan Booker	Mecklenburg County Deed Book [MCDB] 29:256
1838-1840	Samuel Booker	MCDB 29:256,262,264
1870	Mary J. Booker	MCDB 40:28
1893	J. W. & S. V. Morton	MCDB 52:184
1917	S. G. & Jennie Boarts	MCDB 81:427
1919	A. R. Tarry & W. B. Tarry	MCDB 84:122,344
1919	William Small	MCDB 89:436
<u>Tract west of Old Feild's Ferry Road</u>		
?	John Shaw Feild	Will Book 3:246
1795	Alexander S. Feild	Will Book 3:246
1834	Charles G. Feild	Will Book Cr-1:4
1833	John S. Feild	MCDB 26:195
1863	W. T. Carrington	MCDB 36:618
1869	Franklin Vansant (the elder)	MCDB 43:380
1905	Clara, Laura, & Franklin Vansant	MCDB 66:189
1919	C. M. St. Clair	MCDB 83:549
<u>Both tracts</u>		
1926	Robert E. Scott (from Small)	MCDB 94:390
1926	Robert E. Scott (from St. Clair)	MCDB 93:526
1930	Roanoke River Power Co.	MCDB 99:444
1948	United States of America	MCDB 130:40

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The research potential of 44MC511 is high due to its intact condition and the presence of intact architectural remains. The preservation of much of the various structure foundations indicates that there is high potential for preservation of subsurface trash pits, posts, or other features that are likely to have been part of the site's occupation. The presence of above-ground wall, foundation, and chimney ruins is a common indicator of high-integrity subsurface archaeological deposits. An example of such ruins indicating archaeological deposits with high integrity is found in the detailed archaeological field investigation of Brunswick Town (Brunswick, North Carolina) by Stanley South (1977:47ff). Above-ground foundation remnants noted there allowed identification and study of well preserved archaeological deposits from several Colonial-era houses, particularly the Hepburn-Reonalds House (see South 1977:155). Journey et al. (1983) showed the potential for farmstead/homestead ruins as indicators of subsurface archaeological deposits related to early twentieth century tenant farm sites in Texas. Journey et al. (1983) demonstrated patterns of yard use and outbuilding structure location through study of sheet middens associated with house ruins; the presence of house ruins was the major indicator used by Juney et al. (1983) to begin archaeological study.

Site 44MC511 has the archaeological attributes which equate with eligibility under Criterion (d) as an individual property; however, the research potential of 44MC511 will be increased by its inclusion within the Kerr Reservoir multiple property nomination.