

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

## 1. Name of Property

historic name Cuevas Rural Historic District

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number Menge Avenue running NS between Red Creek Rd. and Fahrion Dr.☐ not for publicationcity or town Pass Christian☒

vicinity

state Mississippi code \_\_\_\_\_ county Harrison code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code 39571

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ statewide X local

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official

Date

Title

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## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

\_\_\_\_\_ entered in the National Register\_\_\_\_\_ determined eligible for the National Register\_\_\_\_\_ determined not eligible for the National Register\_\_\_\_\_ removed from the National Register\_\_\_\_\_ other (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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## 5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)		Category of Property (Check only <b>one</b> box.)		Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)		
				Contributing	Noncontributing	
X	private		building(s)	63	51	buildings
X	public - Local	X	district			district
	public - State		site	2	3	site
	public - Federal		structure	4	1	structure
			object			object
				69	55	<b>Total</b>

### Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

### Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

## 6. Function or Use

### Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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DOMESTIC/secondary structure

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

EDUCATION/schools

EDUCATION/schools

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/agricultural field

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/river portage

RELIGION/church

RELIGION/church-related residence

COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

COMMERCE/TRADE/river portage

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

LANDSCAPE/natural feature

### Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

WORK IN PROGRESS

COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant

DOMESTIC/hotel and COMMERCE/restaurant

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

LANDSCAPE/unoccupied land

EDUCATION/schools

SOCIAL/meeting hall

LANDSCAPE/nursery

RECREATION AND CULTURE/river portage

RELIGION/church

RELIGION/church-related residence

VACANT/NOT IN USE

RECREATION AND CULTURE/river portage

TRANSPORTATION/road-related

LANDSCAPE/natural feature



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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY  
REVIVALS/Neoclassical Revival  
LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN  
MOVEMENTS: Bungalow/Craftsman  
MODERN MOVEMENT: Ranch

### Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: BRICK, CONCRETE  
WOOD/weatherboard, BRICK, STUCCO,  
SYNTHETICS/Vinyl, OTHER/cement fiber  
walls: board  
roof: METAL/aluminum, tin, ASPHALT  
other:

## Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

### Summary Paragraph

The Cuevas Rural Historic District encompasses approximately 125 acres of land along Menge Avenue within the unincorporated community of Pineville in Harrison County, Mississippi. A north-south road, Menge Avenue connects Pass Christian on the Coast with areas to the north, including Pineville. The district begins at the intersection of Menge Avenue and Fahrion Drive approximately 1.75 miles north of the intersection of Menge Avenue and Interstate 90 in Pass Christian. It ends roughly 1.13 miles north of Fahrion Drive at the intersection of Menge Avenue and Red Creek Road. This Y-junction with Bayou Portage running east west is known as "Cuevas," and was a strategic location of trade and water traffic for both Native Americans and American settlers through the mid-nineteenth century. Menge Avenue in the Cuevas community is characterized by the spreading limbs of the many mature live oak trees lining the road and shading the front yards of residences. The historic architecture along Menge Avenue in the Cuevas community is characterized by vernacular and high style wood frame houses and outbuildings.

### Setting

The district is situated within the Coastal Pine Meadows area of southern Mississippi, which extends inland some fifteen to twenty miles from the shoreline of the Mississippi Sound. The land is generally flat with a very slight upslope toward the interior. Surface materials are composed largely of recently deposited fine sands and silts making the land generally unsuitable for cultivation, except for small individual plots. Several important bodies of water flow through or around the district. These bodies of water make up the estuarine marsh of the Bay of St. Louis to the near west and place the district within the wetlands area of the Wolf River. Bayou Portage has significantly affected the historical and cultural development of the district along with other natural resources, including Johnson's Bayou and Bayou Arcadian. Marshland associated with Indian Bayou runs southeast through the district as well. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources currently manages and protects all the surrounding waterways.

The district is also part of a rich forest known as the Southern Mixed Forest. Extending from the Gulf of Mexico north for approximately 100 miles, this forest consists of a mixture of pines and both deciduous and evergreen broadleaf trees. Nearly 55 percent of Pineville is forested with this mixture. Menge Avenue retains large, arching tree canopies over extensive portions of the roadway that can be seen from any vantage point within the district. A lush mixture of native trees and bushes including Florida maple, gallberry, wax myrtle, ironwood, red bay, cabbage palm, dogwood, titi, and holly fill out the understory along Menge. Within the district this mixture is heaviest around Bayou Portage and Menge Avenue, the two contributing sites.

### Built Environment

The district is composed of 114 buildings, five structures, and five sites. There are 71 contributing buildings, four contributing structures, and five sites. There are 50 non-contributing buildings, one non-contributing structure, and three non-contributing sites. Twenty-four of the non-contributing buildings are outbuildings. The non-contributing structure is the concrete bridge on Menge Avenue across Bayou Portage at the north end of the district. The three non-contributing sites



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are a horticultural nursery adjacent to 5016 Menge Avenue, and a double tennis court and baseball field associated with Pineville Elementary School. The non-contributing buildings were either constructed after the period of significance or do not retain adequate integrity due to hurricane damage, significant loss of setting, insensitive additions, or substantial alterations. A number of buildings constructed post-1960 lacked the structural integrity to endure Hurricane Camille, much less Hurricane Katrina. As a result, almost none have survived. However, the loss of these buildings has created swaths of open space that hearken the original rural character of the district.

Some resources have addresses associated with streets running perpendicular to Menge Avenue. However, only resources with a property line touching Menge Avenue are included in the district. Nearly all of the resources are on expansive lots with wide setbacks and abundant vegetation. Parcels extend as far as 1700 feet to the east of Menge Avenue and as far as 1500 feet to the west of Menge Avenue. There are no previously listed NRHP properties.

Buildings within the district represent a mix of one to two-story vernacular wood frame dwellings and structures built between c.1858 and 1958, a number of brick Ranch houses built c.1960, one high-style residence built in 1920, and a few buildings of contemporary design built between 1965 and c.2007. Building types include bungalow, L-front cottage, general store, and corner tower church. Stylistic influences added to these forms include Classical Revival, Folk Victorian, Craftsman, and Modern. Characteristic details include brick and cinder-block pier foundations as well as concrete slab foundations, wood frame construction, full and partial-width front porches, wood exterior cladding, simple gable and hip roofs, and minimal detailing. There is one school, one church, a bed-and-breakfast, and a general store converted to a successful restaurant within the district, in addition to a few small-business commercial buildings.

Overall, the buildings within the Cuevas Rural Historic District are in good condition and retain adequate integrity to portray their significance as components of a mid-nineteenth to mid-twentieth century rural residential district. Some wood windows and exteriors have been replaced with vinyl and other synthetic materials. However, contributing buildings retain their original form, and massing, and continue to represent their original use and design; in addition, the district retains its traditional large lots, originally used as small farming plots. The district as a whole retains integrity of design, location, workmanship, setting, feeling, association, and materials. Only one building constructed within the period of significance has been altered to such a degree that it no longer contributes to the district. There are few modern intrusions.

### Individual Building Descriptions

The following inventory consists of all contributing (C) and non-contributing (NC) resources. It is numbered in ascending order from south to north as indicated on the *Map of Historic Resources*.

**1a. (C) 4341 Menge Avenue c.1905 Vernacular house**

One and one half-story rectangular-shaped hip roof house. Brick pier foundation with wood trellis skirt. Entire exterior is wood clapboard. Cross hip roof of standing seam metal. Wide, overhanging eaves with simple exposed rafter tails. Interior brick chimney at north roof slope. Primary facade faces east and is symmetrical with original paired 4/4 double hung wood sash windows with open batten shutters, full width wood porch with square columns, original partial width wood stair, and hip roof. Large central hipped dormer with vents with exposed rafter tails at principal roof. Original paired windows at north and south elevations have been replaced with aluminum, but original open batten shutters remain intact. Original window pattern remains. Shed roof additions with exposed rafter tails at north and south facades have become historic in their own right. Full width addition at east (rear) facade with 2/2 aluminum sash windows has also become historic in its own right.

**1b. (C) 4341 Menge Avenue c.1950 Garage**

Small, detached garage near the southwest corner of the main house. Concrete slab foundation, wood plank siding. Gable ended roof with exposed rafter tails and asphalt shingles. East facade has a set of wood swing doors.

**2a. (C) 22342 Evangeline Drive 1958 Church  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

One and one half story gable ended brick church set back approximately 30 yards from Menge Avenue. Rectangular in shape. The primary west facade is symmetrical and divided vertically into three segments. Central entry has wood double doors and flanking fixed 1/1 windows of the same height as the entry doors. A cantilevered roof covers the entry way above which is an inset panel of faux stucco (EIFS) that is carried to the roof line. Centered in the panel is an elliptical stain glass window depicting Jesus Christ. At the southerly segment of this facade is an oval plaque depicting Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus. Brick at primary west facade is positioned in rows with an uncommon shiner bond (stacked). Brick at north and south facades is laid in a common bond. The north and south facades are divided evenly by semi-engaged brick columns into four segments. Each segment has three stained glass metal frame rectangular windows except at the



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westerly end of the south facade where two windows have been given up to make room for a metal service door. The rear east facade has a small shed addition with brick exterior and asphalt roof shingles. There is an off center metal door at the east facade of the addition and four tiny 1/1 windows. Above the addition within the gable end are eight trapezoidal windows that mimic the shape of the gable. With At each corner of the building is a semi-engaged brick tapered column rising from ground to roof line. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and the wide eaves are boxed in. There is a bell placed in front of the building, most likely a remnant from the original Our Lady of Lourdes Church that was located at the northwest corner of the Pineville Road-Menge Avenue intersection. The entire property has retained many live oak trees despite Hurricane Katrina.

**2b. (C) 22342 Evangeline Drive 1958**

**Shrine (CHAPBL)**

Directly south of the sanctuary is a small one story common bond brick pavilion. The building is square in shape with double metal doors at the west facade. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles and wide overhanging eaves supported by columns around the entire perimeter. A statue of Mary tops the building.

**2c. (NC) 22342 Evangeline Drive c.2006**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

**Outdoor deck / seating area**

Directly southwest of the pavilion is an irregularly shaped wood deck independent of all other buildings on the property. It is raised approximately one foot from the ground and rests upon simple square posts covered with wood trellis skirting. The wood plank floor has a full rail around the perimeter. There is a partial width stair at the north end, also with full rail.

**2d. (C) 22342 Evangeline Drive 1958**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

**Administrative offices**

Directly southeast of the sanctuary is a one story brick building that houses the church's administrative offices. Rectangular in shape. The exterior is brick with common bond. Primary south facade retains original window openings at the westerly end but sashes are replaced with vinyl. There is a wood entry door off center with a fixed glass window. Windows at the south and east facades have been replaced with full height vinyl 9/6 windows. Primary entry is at the east end of the building through wood double doors each with a full height divided light vinyl window. The double doors are flanked by full height vinyl side lights. Window openings at the west and north facades have retained their original shape but the sashes have been replaced with vinyl. The hip roof is covered in asphalt shingles.

**2e. (NC) 22342 Evangeline Drive 2000**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

**Jubilee Building**

Directly east of the sanctuary is a small gable ended one story garage/storage building. Other uses are unknown. The east facade has a metal garage door and a metal entry door. There is an octagonal vent at the gable apex. The exterior materials have been replaced with aluminum siding. The roof has wide eaves and is covered in asphalt shingles. Although a plaque at the east facade indicates that the building was erected in 2000, the surveyor believes the building was originally built in 1958 and renovations were done in 2000.

**2f. (C) 22342 Evangeline Drive 1958**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

**Youth Center**

Behind all of the church buildings is a long one story gable ended building with a brick common bond exterior. The primary west facade has a recessed double metal door entry at the southerly end of the facade and blonde bricks with a shiner bond in the shape of a cross. These bricks are flush with the surrounding common bond bricks. There is one single metal door at center, and another single metal door off center to the northerly end of the facade. There are five metal slider windows at this facade. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has wide boxed eaves.

**2g. (C) 22342 Evangeline Drive 1958**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

**Pump House**

Full height wood rectangular-shaped hip roof building, approximately seven feet in height.

**3a. (C) 22413 Glad Acres c.1947**

**Ranch**

One-story, side gable house with Minimal Traditional features and Craftsman details. Dropped gable wing at east end. Continuous brick foundation and wood drop siding. Asphalt shingle roof with wide eaves, plain rake, and exposed rafter tails. All windows are 3/1 wood sash. Primary north facade is asymmetrical with front-facing gable. Brick water table and wide brick chimney at exterior of front-facing gable. Triple window at east wing portion of north facade. One set of paired windows, a wide brick exterior chimney, and vinyl entry door at front-facing gable. Entry door has simple asphalt shingle gable roof with exposed rafter tails and square columns. There is one set of paired windows at the west end of the facade.



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The east and west facades each have two sets of paired windows. There is a full width shed roof addition to the rear south facade.

**3b. (C) 22413 Glad Acres c.1947 Garage apartment**

Two-story garage apartment to rear of main house. Attached by covered walkway. Wood plank siding, aluminum windows. Under construction at time of survey.

**4. (NC) 4358 Menge Avenue 1979 Ranch**

One-story rectangular shaped brick Ranch with concrete slab foundation, running bond brick exterior, and hip roof with large overhanging eaves. Primary west facade is asymmetrical with an integral garage at north end of house and an integral porch at NW corner. Another integral porch is located off center to the south end of the house. Main entry is located at the north end of this porch.

**5. (NC) 22410 Glad Acres 1974 Neocolonial**

Two-story side gable Neocolonial house. Concrete slab foundation, aluminum siding, and asphalt shingle roof. Vinyl 6/6 windows with shutters. Full width screened in porch across primary, southeast facade.

**6. (NC) 22378 Derrick Avenue 1978 Ranch**

One story hip roof brick ranch house. Concrete slab foundation, running bond brick exterior, asphalt shingle roof. Primary southwest facade is asymmetrical with recessed at-grade entry porch and integral garage. 6/6 vinyl windows with wide shutters.

**7. (C) 4388 Menge Avenue 1960 Ranch**

One-story rectangular-shaped brick ranch with concrete slab foundation. 3-tone running bond brick exterior and low-pitched hip roof with asphalt shingles and wide overhanging eaves. Windows are 1/1 aluminum. Primary facade is asymmetrical with recessed carport at the south end with decorative wood column. Central entry with one decorative wood column (other is missing).

**8a. (C) 4395 Menge Avenue c.1900 Vernacular house**

One and one half-story L-shaped house with cross hip roof. Brick pier foundation raised approximately one foot. Primary east facade is asymmetrical with recessed full width porch with square wood columns, wide architrave, and partial width brick stair. Formal entry is off center with transom and sidelights. Asphalt shingle roof with two brick chimneys, one on north ridge, and one at SE slope. Both have rounded caps.

**8b. (C) 4395 Menge Avenue c.1900 Garage**

One and one half-story rectangular-shaped 2-car detached garage with concrete slab foundation, wood weatherboard exterior, and gable-ended asphalt shingle roof.

**8c. (C) 4395 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**

Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**9. (C) 4410 Menge Avenue c.1935 Ranch**

One-story brick ranch with low-pitch cross hip roof with asphalt shingles and wide boxed eaves. Concrete slab foundation and running bond brick exterior. All windows are 2/2 aluminum with wood decorative shutters. Primary west facade is asymmetrical with three single windows to the south end, a protruding partial width hip mass that is off-center with a set of paired windows, and a partially recessed carport to the north end. Formal entry is located adjacent to and south of the central hip protrusion mass. The south facade has two single windows.

**10a. (C) 4415 Menge Avenue 1945 Ranch**

One-story side gable Ranch with dropped wings and vertical wood panel siding. Rectangular shape with continuous brick foundation with decorative vents. Primary east facade is asymmetrical with full width porch that has been closed in. Formal entry is located at this facade and is reached by partial width wood steps with wooden rail. The front door is vinyl with eighteen panes top to bottom. Two paired windows to the left of the main entry have been replaced with 6/6 vinyl. Entire roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Partially engaged brick chimney on ridge at north gable end. Tripartite metal window at east facade of north wing. Partially engaged brick chimney at north wing gable end. Front gable detached garage does not contribute to the significance of the resource.



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**10b. (C) 4415 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped shed roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**11a. (C) 4426 Menge Avenue 1935 Vernacular house**  
One-story L-shaped house with brick pier foundation, cement fiber siding, and cross hip roof with boxed eaves and standing seam metal. Partially engaged brick chimney at exterior of primary facade off center. All windows are 1/1 double hung wood. Primary west facade is asymmetrical with protruding symmetrical hip roof mass with integral full width wood porch with two wood panel doors and two windows. The L mass at the primary facade has two windows and a slightly protruding gable mass with two windows.

**11b. (C) 4426 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small, rectangular-shaped pump house with shed roof.

**12a. (NC) 22423 Fox Run Road, Date of Construction: 1979**  
Two-story side gable house with concrete slab foundation, wood lap siding, and asphalt shingle roof. All windows are single 12/12 wood sash with architrave trim. Primary north facade is symmetrical with partial width 2 story entry porch with flat roof and square wood columns.

**12b. (C) 22423 Fox Run Road c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**13a. (NC) 4442 Menge Avenue 1978 Contemporary house**  
Two-story house set back approximately 570' from Menge Avenue. Access to this property was limited and the entire architectural resource not within view from the public right-of-way. Rows of large live oak trees remain over the entire western portion of the parcel, possibly remnants of a defunct tree farm. These trees and the surrounding understory contribute to the historic setting of the district.

**13b. (C) 4442 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**14. (C) 22426 Fox Run Road c.1870-1890 Vernacular house**  
**Lindsay Place**

Two-story cross gable house with Folk Victorian details. Cement over brick pier foundation, wood lap siding, and metal shingle roof with normal pitch and somewhat wide eaves. There is a brick interior chimney centered at the south roof slope. Primary east facade is symmetrical with full width recessed 2-story wood porch. Porch has partial width centered wood stair supported by wood spindle columns. Decorative wood rail at the second story of porch. The facade aligned vertically with two wood panel entry doors centered at first and second levels. The first level doors have decorative wood screen doors. There is a single 6/6 double hung wood window to either end of the facade at both the first and second level. Eave at primary facade has open rake under plain wood fascia. North and south facades aligned vertically with one single 6/6 double hung wood window at the first level and one at the second. Rectangular wood vent at the gable end apex of both facades. West rear portion of the house has been modified from its original form. It is one and one half stories with a full width wood porch with hip metal roof. North and south facades of the rear portion each have one single 6/6 double hung wood window and one set of small paired 6/6 double hung wood windows. According to its Katrina Grant application, house has 90% of original materials intact including wide plank heart pine floors, and cypress walls, support beams, doors and windows.

**15. (NC) 4476 Menge Avenue 1970 Ranch**  
One-story brick Ranch with concrete slab foundation and side gable roof with asphalt shingles. Partial width porch with brick columns extends from the primary west facade with vertical wood panel detail within its gable front. 6/6 windows with wide shutters. Vertical wood panel detail at upper half of each gable end.

**16. (C) 4476 Menge Avenue 1918, 1962 addition Corner tower church**  
**Pineville Presbyterian Church**

One-story wooden cross plan, cross-gable church with bell tower asymmetrically placed on the corner of the facade. Stucco over brick-pier foundation raised approximately one foot. Wood clapboard siding over entire structure. Original 1918 sanctuary is joined to a 1962 Sunday School wing placed to the rear and side of the sanctuary. All windows on the original church structure are 6/6 double hung with wood sashes and simple surrounds. Standing seam metal roof with



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simple knee braces and wide, open eaves. Exposed rafter tails decorate the central mass of the church. Primary gable front facade faces west and is asymmetrical. A partially engaged square bell tower with low-sloped pyramidal roof, exposed rafter tails, and decorative finial and bell is located at the NW (left) corner of this facade and rises approximately 10' above main structure. Formal entry is a double leaf wood door and is centrally located in the tower. The gable front features a set of paired casement windows with diamond-shaped glazing pattern. The north facade is asymmetrical with a protruding gable mass. One set of paired windows within the protruding gable, one set between the gable and the bell tower and a single window to the east end of the original structure. The original east (rear) facade is completely obscured by a c.1950 addition, one bay deep under a stepped gable. The south facade of the original structure was most likely the same as the north but was altered by the addition of a one-and-a-half-story Sunday School wing, with a gable lower than the original and set perpendicular to it. A set of paired windows remain at their original location toward the west (front) end of this facade. The protruding gable toward the center of the facade is where the addition begins. Built in 1962, this wing is sympathetic to the main sanctuary and is set back approximately 15' from the west facade of the original church structure. It is L-shaped, one and one half stories with a cement over brick pier foundation raised approximately one foot. Wood clapboard siding and cross gable roof with composition shingles. All windows are 6/6 double hung sash with simple surrounds. The westerly mass of the addition is side gabled. The west facade has a full width recessed porch with square wood columns: three wood doors with nine lights up top and two windows open onto this porch. The south gable end has a set of paired wood windows at the lower level and one window within the ½ story. There is a wood vent at the apex of the gable. The easterly mass is gable ended to the east. The south facade of this mass has three windows and one metal entry door. The east gable end has two windows. A gap is formed between the inset of the L-shaped addition and the addition to the east of the original church structure. The north facade of the L-shaped addition is the same as the south facade minus one window.

**17a. (NC) 22466 Fox Run Road 1986 Contemporary house**  
One and one half-story side gabled brick house.

**17b. (C) 22466 Fox Run Road c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**18. (NC) 22484 Fox Run Road House**  
Could not see resource and could not gain entry to property.

**19a. (C) 4525 Menge Avenue 1915 House**  
Could not see resource and could not gain entry to property.

**19b. (C) 4525 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**20a. (C) 4510 Menge Avenue c.1935 Bungalow**  
One-story rectangular shaped cross gable bungalow with continuous stucco over cinder block foundation, aluminum siding, and asphalt shingle roof with wide eaves. All windows are 6/6 double hung wood sash with wide surrounds, wood, louver-like shutters, and aluminum storm windows. Primary (west) facade is asymmetrical with full-width, dropped, screened-in porch with decorative rod iron supports. Porch foundation is continuous brick with decorative vents. It has not been stuccoed. The porch stair is centered with pedestal to either side. Original formal entry door remains intact with 15 lights top to bottom and wide wood surround. North and south facades are symmetrical with paired windows and protruding gables.

**20b. (C) 4510 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**21. (NC) 22451 Meadowlark Drive 1990 Contemporary house**  
One and one half story brick side gable house with concrete slab foundation, aluminum and brick exterior, asphalt shingle roof, vinyl windows, and brick gable front 2-car garage attached at southeast corner.

**22. (NC) 4543 Menge Avenue 2005 Contemporary house**  
Large, two-story house with concrete slab foundation and complex hip roof with asphalt shingles. Full width front porch at primary east facade and three large roof dormers at primary east facade roof slope.



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- 23. (NC) 22446 Meadowlark 1993 Contemporary house**  
One and one half-story side gable brick house with dropped gable wings. Concrete slab foundation, full width concrete porch, vinyl exterior, vinyl windows, and asphalt shingle roof with two gable roof dormers.
- 24. (C) 4569 Menge Avenue c.1930 Vernacular cottage**  
One-story front gable house with cinder block pier foundation, wood lap siding, and asphalt shingle roof with wide boxed in eaves. A cross gable addition to the rear gives the building an L-shape. All windows are 6/6 double hung sash with aluminum storm windows and simple wood surrounds that are wide, except those located at the addition and one set of paired windows at south end of the south facade, which are 2/2 aluminum. Primary gable front facade is asymmetrical and faces east. It has a partial width porch with a continuous cinder block foundation, wood posts with decorative brackets, and exposed brick pedestals to either side of the partial width stair. This facade has two sets of paired windows with aluminum shutters. The formal entry door has been replaced with a vinyl 9-light top to bottom door. The south facade has three sets of paired windows. The north facade has two sets of paired windows.
- 25a. (C) 5016 Menge Avenue c.1903 Vernacular house**  
One and one half-story side gable residence with Neoclassical influences. Continuous brick foundation, cement fiberboard siding and asphalt shingle roof. Some windows have been replaced with 6/6 vinyl, but some 6/6 double hung wood windows remain intact. All have wide wood surrounds. Brick pier foundation raised approximately 1 foot. Primary facade is symmetrical and faces west with full width recessed wood porch with simple wood square columns and wide frieze. Formal entry is centered with divided wood transom and sidelights, all original. There are four single windows. Two large hip roof dormers each with a set of paired windows sit prominently on the west (primary facade) roof slope. The north and south facades have one window centered at the half story and one window to the west end. Rear hip addition.
- 25b. (NC) 5016 Menge Avenue c.2007 Garage**  
One and one half-story front gable detached two-car garage with cement fiberboard siding and composition shingle roof. Primary facade faces west and is asymmetrical with two car doors. One set of paired 6/6 vinyl windows centered at half story.
- 25c. (C) 5016 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.
- 26. (NC) 5016 Menge Avenue N/A Site**  
Small horticultural nursery with large plant beds over the 11.6-acre parcel.
- 27. (NC) 5068 Menge Avenue 1979 Vernacular house**  
One-story L-shaped residence with hip asphalt shingle roof and full width recessed porch at primary (west) facade. Faux stucco exterior. Detached garage at rear.
- 28a. (C) 5074 Menge Avenue 1904 Vernacular house**  
One and one half-story residence with extensive addition to the rear. Brick pier foundation raised approximately 2' with integral lattice skirting on some portions. Wood lapboard siding. Standing seam metal roof over entire structure. Brick chimney at west roof slope off center. All windows are 6/6 double hung sash with simple wood casings and wood open batten shutters with rod iron strap hinges and storm windows. The primary west facade is symmetrical with a full width screened-in wood porch with square wood columns. Partial width, off center wood stair with balustrade leads to porch.
- 28b. (C) 5074 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped gable roof building, approximately four feet in height.
- 29. (C) 5082 Menge Avenue 1974 Bungalow**  
One and one half-story side gable bungalow. Brick pier foundation, vinyl siding, vinyl 6/6 windows, metal batten seam roof with two gabled dormers, wide eaves, and simple wood brackets. Central boxed chimney. Primary north facade is symmetrical with partially enclosed full width shed roof wood porch. East and west facades each have two single windows. Rear shed porch has been enclosed and extended.
- 30a. (C) 5085 Menge Avenue c.1930 Bungalow**  
One-story L-shaped cross gable bungalow. Cinder block pier foundation, asbestos siding, 1/1 double hung wood windows with wide casings, asphalt shingle roof with wood brackets, exposed rafter tails, and simple rake. Primary east facade is



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asymmetrical with partial width wood screened-in porch with tapered wood columns on brick pedestals, hip roof with exposed rafter tails. Porch foundation is continuous painted cinder block. Primary facade has two formal entry doors with simple casements. There are two single windows to either end of this facade. The north facade has one set of paired windows and the 'L' extends north with one set of paired windows at its east facade. South facade has two sets of paired windows and one smaller window. The rear west facade has a full width dropped shed roof addition with sliding metal windows.

**30b. (C) 5085 Menge Avenue c.1930 Front gable storage building**

Small one-story storage building with one 6/6 double hung wood window on the south facade and one on the north facade. Asbestos siding and corrugated metal roof.

**31. (NC) 5097 Menge Avenue 1960 Ranch**

One-story Ranch with continuous brick foundation, vinyl siding, and asphalt shingle hip roof. There is an interior chimney at the northwest roof slope. It has been boxed in with vinyl siding. All windows are 9/9 vinyl replacements with vinyl shutters. The primary east facade is asymmetrical with partial width, recessed porch. Porch columns, along with all other exterior elements of the resource, are clad with synthetic material. The porch is partially enclosed at the north end of the primary facade and a vinyl window has been added.

**32a. (NC) 5111 Menge Avenue 1979 Contemporary house**

One-story side gable residence. Concrete slab foundation, wood board-and-batten siding, standing seam metal roof. Primary east facade has full width wood porch with square columns. Dropped gable wings.

**32b. (C) 5111 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**

Small wood rectangular-shaped shed roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**33. (C) 5112 Menge Avenue 1900 Queen Anne cottage  
Dubuisson House**

One-story L-shaped Vernacular Queen Anne cottage with cross hip standing seam metal roof. Heart pine framing, pine lapboard siding, pine, and cypress exterior details. Cinder block pier foundation at approx. 4 feet; not historic height of elevation. Windows are wood awning and 6/6 vinyl impact resistant, all with original surrounds. Primary (west) facade is asymmetrical with five vertical divisions; one set of paired windows, a front gable protruding bay, and a recessed hip roof wood morning porch. Formal entry at primary facade is at north end of porch. South facade has eight vertical divisions with an inset hip roof porch with square posts. Two separate heart pine doors lead to the interior. East facade has two small 6/6 windows and a rear entry. North facade has five vertical divisions consisting of three 6/6 windows and two 6/6 windows that are paired. NE corner of building has been altered. North roof slope has three over-scaled hip dormers each with one 9-paned window.

**34. (NC) 5118 Menge Avenue 2001 Contemporary house**

Two-story side gable brick house with concrete slab foundation, vinyl exterior, vinyl windows, and asphalt shingle roof.

**35. (NC) 5122 Menge Avenue 1999 Contemporary house**

One-story side gable house with dropped wings, concrete slab foundation, vinyl exterior, vinyl windows, and asphalt shingle roof. Primary west facade is symmetrical with partial width porch.

**36. (C) 5125 Menge Avenue c.1905 Bungalow**

One-story front gable bungalow with brick pier foundation, faux log siding, and standing seam metal roof with brick central chimney. Windows are 1/1 vinyl and the original window pattern has been altered. The primary facade faces east and is symmetrical with a dropped, full width wood porch with round wood columns and brick pedestals that continue to the ground. There is an octagonal vent near the apex of the front gable end. The porch roof is hip standing seam with centered partial gable over a wide brick stair. The partial gable has a sunburst pattern. The north south facade has two sets of paired windows and two single windows. The north facade has one set of paired windows and four single windows. The rear west facade has been altered. The back porch has been enclosed and there is a gabled protrusion at the NW corner.

**37. (NC) 5125 Menge Avenue 2002 Warehouse**



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**Menge Avenue Mini Warehouses**

One-story metal mini storage warehouse at south side of parcel. Very low-sloping gabled ends. Metal chain-link fence encompasses entire parcel.

**38. (C) 5165 Menge Avenue c.1940 Bungalow**

One-story front gable bungalow. Concrete slab foundation, artificial stucco exterior, asphalt shingle roof. Primary east facade has partially enclosed integral porch and three single 6/6 vinyl windows. North and south facades each have three 6/6 windows.

**39. (C) 5165 Menge Avenue 1939 Retail store**

One-story front gable single retail store. At grade foundation, simple drop wood siding, and corrugated metal roof with boxed eaves. Primary east facade is symmetrical with central replacement entry door and fixed 4-paned replacement windows to either side. Windows have been enlarged and have no sills. Integral porch with columns missing. North facade has swing-out garage doors placed at the west end. South facade is obscured by tall fence. Rear of building looks to be an addition and it is possible that a nearby building was attached to form this addition. It is the surveyor's opinion that this building has been shifted from its original foundation that lies just a few feet north.

**40. (NC) 5181 Menge Avenue 2002 Contemporary commercial**  
**Menge Avenue Lawn and Garden**

Two-story rectangular metal building with large shed roof. Plate glass windows and double metal doors at pedestrian level. Multi-paned full height window at south end. Cinderblock exterior at north end with metal door.

**41. (NC) 5185 Menge Avenue c.2007 Mobile home**

According to Harrison County, a resource built in 1933 stood on this parcel at one time. Today there is a prefabricated mobile home situated perpendicular to Menge Avenue.

**42a. (C) 5201 Menge Avenue 1935 Vernacular cottage**

One-story T-shaped cross gable cottage with Folk Victorian form. Cinder block pier foundation, weatherboard siding, 1/1 aluminum windows. Asphalt shingle roof with wide eaves, simple rake, and wood brackets. Primary east facade is asymmetrical with partial width inset porch with square columns and shed roof. Formal entry is to the north end of the porch. Protruding gable front has one set of paired windows. North facade is asymmetrical with two single windows and one set of paired windows. South facade has two sets of paired windows. Shed roof addition at rear west facade.

**42b. (C) 5201 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**

Small wood rectangular-shaped shed roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**43a. (C) 5209 Menge Avenue 1940 Bungalow**

One-story front gable bungalow with brick pier foundation, wood lap siding, and asphalt shingle roof with wide eaves and exposed rafter tails. All windows are 4/1 double hung wood with wide plain surround. The primary east facade is asymmetrical with a partial width porch with square wood columns on brick pedestals that support a front gable roof with exposed rafter tails. There are two sets of paired windows and one 15-light vinyl door. The north facade has two sets of paired windows and one single window. The south facade has one set of paired windows and one single window. There is a shed roof addition at the rear west facade.

**43b. (C) 5209 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**

Small wood rectangular-shaped shed roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**44. (C) 22447 Woodland Way c.1935 Ranch**

One-story, rectangular shaped side gable wood Ranch with Craftsman details. Concrete slab foundation. Wood lap siding below window line and vertical board and batten above. Gable and gable on hip roof with asphalt shingles and wide eaves with exposed rafter tails. All windows have been replaced with 6/6 vinyl except one fixed metal window at primary facade. Primary east facade is asymmetrical with metal entry door off center. There is a tripartite window with original fixed center and a large fixed 5/5 vinyl window. The north facade has two sets of 6/6 paired windows. The north facade is gable on hip ended with two sets of 6/6 paired windows. The west rear facade has one metal entry door and three sets of 6/6 paired windows.

**45a. (NC) 5192 Menge Avenue c.2000 Contemporary school building**



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**Pineville Elementary School**

One-story school building with running bond and stacked brick veneer exterior located at the west-northwest portion of the parcel. Primary north facade faces onto Pineville Road with hipped roof central entry with square aluminum columns. Circa 1960 flat roofed brick additions remain intact at the south facade. There is a double tennis court at the southwest corner of the parcel and a baseball field near the southwest corner. The Cuevas Fire Department utilizes a two-story gable ended metal building at the southeast corner of the parcel.

**45b. (C) 5192 Menge Avenue c.1960 Ranch**

One-story side gable brick ranch house on concrete slab with running bond brick exterior and asphalt shingle roof. Windows are all single 1/1 aluminum. The primary north facade faces onto Pineville Road.

**45c. (C) 5192 Menge Avenue c.1945 Concessions building**

One-story cinder block sporting event building on concrete slab. The gable-ended roof has wide eaves, asphalt shingles, and board-and-batten within the gables.

**46. (C) 5231 Menge Avenue 1950  
Pic-Quik Convenience Store**

One-story rectangular-shaped concrete block building with concrete slab foundation and gable-on-hip roof with asphalt shingles. The gable ends are clad with plywood sheathing. Primary east facade is asymmetrical with brick veneer. There are three steel windows and one metal and glass door. The north facade has a stucco veneer over cinder block finish. There is one door that has been filled in and no windows. The south facade has no windows or doors. There is a partial width shed addition at the rear west facade.

**47a. (C) 5236 Menge Avenue 1924  
Lizana House Bungalow**

One-story front gable bungalow with concrete block pier foundation, wood clapboard siding, and asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter tails and wood brackets. Brick corbelled chimney with rounded cap at north roof slope to the east end of the house and one at the south roof slope to the west end of the house. No cap. All windows are wood 6/6 double hung with simple casings. Primary west facade is asymmetrical with one set of paired windows and one single window. Partial width gabled wood porch with exposed rafter tails, wood brackets, and partial width concrete stair. Porch roof supported by tapered square wood columns with brick pedestals that continue to the ground. Formal wood entry door is off center with three horizontal panels within the lower half and two vertical lights within the upper half. The north and south facades have one set of paired windows and two single windows each. Rear shed porch has been enclosed. Unpaved horseshoe driveway.

**47b. (C) 5236 Menge Avenue 1924 Garage**

One-story gable ended detached one-car garage. Concrete slab foundation, vertical board and batten siding, and standing seam metal roof with exposed rafter tails and wide eaves.

**47c. (C) 5236 Menge Avenue 1924 Barn**

Double crib with vertical board exterior and steeply pitched metal standing seam gable roof. Primary facade faces west and there is a shed portion at the south facade.

**48a. (C) 5246 Menge Avenue 1930 Bungalow**

One-story front gable bungalow with concrete block pier foundation with integral lattice skirting. Aluminum lap siding, and asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter tails and wood brackets. All windows are vinyl 6/6 with wide casings. Primary west facade is asymmetrical with one set of paired windows and one single window. Formal wood entry door is off center with wide sidelights. Partial width gabled wood porch with exposed rafter tails, wood brackets, and partial width concrete stair. Porch roof supported by tapered square wood columns on brick pedestals that continue to the ground. The center column is missing and 2 decorative rod iron supports have been added. The porch foundation is continuous brick. The north and south facades have one set of paired windows and two single windows each. Rear shed porch has been enclosed.

**48b. (C) 5246 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**

Small wood rectangular-shaped shed roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**49a. (C) 5260 Menge Avenue c.1940 Bungalow**



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Front gable bungalow with rough stucco exterior and asphalt shingle roof with wood brackets, wide fascia, and simple rake. All windows are vinyl 3/1 with wide casings. They all have decorative metal security bars. Foundation is covered with decorative vinyl skirting. Primary west facade is asymmetrical with one set of paired windows and one single window. Formal entry is off center and has been replaced with a metal security door. Partial width gabled wood porch with wood brackets and concrete stair at south end of porch. Porch roof supported by doubled 2x4s and screened in. All original porch columns have been removed. The porch foundation is covered with decorative vinyl skirting. The north and south facades have one set of paired windows and two single windows each. Integral and continuous porch addition at rear east facade with vinyl siding.

**49b. (C) 5260 Menge Avenue c.1950 Pump house**  
Small wood rectangular-shaped shed roof building, approximately four feet in height.

**50a. (C) 5270 Menge Avenue 1940 Bungalow**  
One story front gable bungalow with brick pier foundation, stucco exterior, and asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter tails, simple brackets, and wide overhanging eaves. The primary west facade is symmetrical with a full width integral porch with square columns on brick pedestals. The porch foundation is continuous brick and a brick wall has been constructed between each brick pedestal. The porch has been enclosed with aluminum siding windows. There is a set of paired 3/1 double hung wood windows to either side of the central wood entry door. Most of the windows on the house have aluminum awnings. There is a two-car front gable garage on slab at the rear of the house. It has a low-pitched roof with asphalt shingles and exposed rafter tails. The original wood panel garage doors have been retained.

**50b. (C) 5270 Menge Avenue 1940 Garage**  
One story two-car garage with concrete slab foundation, stucco exterior, and low-pitched roof with asphalt shingles.

**51a. (C) 5278 Menge Avenue 1940 Bungalow**  
One story side gable bungalow with brick pier foundation and standing seam metal roof. Primary west facade has a full width shed roof porch that is screened in. A gabled roof garage is located to the rear of the house.

**51b. (C) 5278 Menge Avenue 1940 Garage**  
One story two-car garage with concrete slab foundation, stucco exterior, and low-pitched roof with asphalt shingles.

**52a. (C) 5267 Menge Avenue 1920 Neoclassical/Italian Renaissance**  
**Oak Crest**

Two story Neoclassical house in the Italian Renaissance mode. Curved full-height entry porch with round columns and flat roof. Unknown foundation (most likely a brick foundation wall condition with crawl space). Rough stucco exterior, deck roof (flat-topped, hipped) with Roman ceramic tiles. Primary east facade is symmetrical. Upper story has two sets of wood double hung triple windows and a centered balcony with balustrade. Balcony has two sets of tall, narrow two-leafed windows with elliptical fan light above. Two single, narrow windows with fanlights flank balcony. Formal entry is a two-leafed wood doorway with elliptical fanlight and sidelights. Two single, narrow windows with fanlights flank the formal entry. Windows similar to those at the balcony flank the entry porch and are placed directly below triple windows at upper level. North facade has two sets of paired windows at upper level and one cantilevered window. There is one set of paired windows, two single windows, and two sets of smaller paired windows at the lower level. Upper level of south facade has two sets of paired windows and one smaller fixed window with decorative glass. Lower level has one set of paired windows, one smaller fixed window, and one bay window with triple fixed windows and flanking narrow two-leafed windows. The rear west facade has been altered by the addition of three insensitively designed massive volumes. Upper level retains one set of paired windows and a tripartite window placed on axis with the triple window at the east facade balcony. Flanking windows have replacement fixed sashes. The fanlight remains. North end of this facade as well as the entire lower level is obscured by the additions.

**52b. (C) 5267 Menge Avenue c.1920 Chapel**  
**Oak Crest**

The chapel is located directly NNW of the main house. It is one and one half story rectangular-shaped building with cinder block pier foundation with trellis skirting, wood drop siding, and asphalt shingle roof with boxed eaves. The primary south facade has a central entry tower with wood double doors. The east and west facades each have three tall narrow windows with semi-circular arches with fixed painted glass. A large wood cross sits atop the entry tower.

**52c. (C) 5267 Menge Avenue c.1920 Pool and pool shelter**



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The pool and pool shelter are located directly NW of the main house. The pool is rectangular with a cement reservoir. The shelter is rectangular with a low-pitched corrugated metal gable roof supported by square wood posts with large decorative triple 2x4 brackets spaced approximately four inches apart, and square beams. Rafter tails extend to the edge of the roof. A wood rail with square balusters encloses the entire shelter and the pool.

**52d. (C) 5267 Menge Avenue c.1920 Gazebo**  
**Oak Crest**

The gazebo is a large wood octagonal-shaped structure located directly NNE of the main house. It has wood steps at its outer circumference and a simple wood rail with square balusters at its perimeter. Each section of the octagonal shape at the perimeter has two wood post supports with simple braces tied into the beams of the roof structure. Each ridge is supported by triple columns, spindled at the upper half and square at the lower half. These columns have decorative wood brackets. The structure is further supported at the inner perimeter by four sets of paired, spindled columns with decorative wood brackets. The high-pitched roof is of corrugated metal with metal ridge covers. The gazebo overlooks Bayou Portage as the land descends into the river valley.

**52e. (C) 5267 Menge Avenue c.1920 Outdoor deck / seating area**  
**Oak Crest**

The outdoor wood deck is a simple, rectangular-shaped structure independent of all other buildings. It is located directly ESE of the main house. It is approximately 30 inches in height and rests upon simple square posts covered with wood trellis skirting. The wood plank floor has a full rail around the perimeter. There is a partial width stair at the east end, also with full rail.

**52f. (NC) 5267 Menge Avenue c.1920 Guest house**

Two-story gambrel roof house located directly SSW of the main house. Concrete slab foundation, wood drop siding, vinyl windows, and asphalt shingle roof. The primary north facade has a full width deck at the upper level with wide straight run staircases to either side. There are full height open wings with square columns at the east and west facades.

**52g. (NC) 5267 Menge Avenue c.1920 Guest house**

Two-story house located directly west of the main house. Concrete block pier foundation with trellis skirting, wood drop siding, and side gable corrugated metal roof. All windows are 6/6 vinyl. They are paired at the second story and single at the first. The primary east facade is symmetrical with a full width shed porch with square wood columns, large wood brackets and full rail with square balusters. The north and south facades have a single protruding bay at the lower level and two single windows at the upper level. The rear west facade is similar to the primary east facade.

**52h. (NC) 5267 Menge Avenue c.1920 Guest cottage**

One-story cottage located directly SW of the main house. Cinder block pier foundation with vinyl trellis skirting. Wood drop siding, vinyl windows, and corrugated metal gable-on-hip roof. The primary north facade is symmetrical with a partial width wood porch with wood rail, spindled balusters, and spindled columns. Formal entry door is metal with nine lights up top and two vertical panels below. The east and west facades have protruding bays. The rear facade has two single windows.

**53. (C) Bayou Portage Historic period Bayou (MDMR Preserve ID: 19)**

The Bayou Portage Coastal Preserve encompasses 1,028 acres of wetlands. It was designated in May of 1992 in order to preserve the coastal wetlands of Bayou Portage in their natural state. It is a Gulf Ecological Management Site under the protection of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR). The mouth of Bayou Portage is located at the far eastern portion of the Bay of St. Louis and extends eastward to a point just east of the Cuevas Trading Post near the intersection of Menge Avenue and Red Creek Road. The portage was in use by the Choctaw as a trading post in 1700 when the first European explorers came to the area. It was also used by Europeans and Indians alike to carry boats and canoes overland from one stream to another toward other bayous leading to Biloxi Bay to trade with the neighboring Biloxi nation. Today the Bayou Portage is used mainly for recreational activities.

**54. (NC) Concrete bridge c.2007 Bridge**  
Located at intersection of Menge Avenue and Bayou Portage

**55. (C) 5346 Menge Avenue c.1950 Barn**



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One story wood structure with concrete slab foundation. Approximately 60 feet long and gabled at both ends. Standing seam metal roof with exposed rafter tails. Exposed stovepipe near center at southwest facade. Horizontal wood lap and board-on-board vertical siding. Board and batten siding at gables. Southwest gable end faces onto the juncture of Menge Avenue and Red Creek Road. This gable end has wood swing barn doors with simple wood stick work. Metal hinges are to the inside of the door frame. Metal entry door off center and two sets of horizontal aluminum frame louver windows near the southwest corner of the building that continue at southwest facade with three additional sets. Southwest facade has one window and one door near the end of the building and there is a shed roof addition at the rear east-northeast facade.

**56a. (C) 5331 Menge Avenue c.1858 General store**  
**Cuevas Trading Post, a.k.a. Cuevas Bistro**

One story rectangular shaped gable front general store with concrete block pier foundation, cement fiberboard siding, and asphalt shingle roof. Primary southeast facade is symmetrical with full width shed roof wood porch with square posts. Central entry door is one of the few remaining elements of the building that remains intact. It is a wood two leaf door and two flanking 6/6 double hung wood windows.

**56b. (C) 5331 Menge Avenue c.1900 Vernacular house**  
**Cuevas House**

One story L-shaped cross gable house with high roofline. Brick pier foundation with integral brick lattice skirting at the protruding gable. Vinyl lattice skirting hides the brick piers around the remainder of the house. Weatherboard siding, hipped roof with asphalt shingles, lower cross gable, and central brick chimney. The roofline is high with a simple wood cornice and cross gable dormers at all four roof slopes of the original mass. All windows have been replaced with 1/1 aluminum except as explained. All have plain surrounds. Primary southeast facade is asymmetrical with wood porch recessed into the main volume and protruding gable. Two original formal entry doors, one at the back wall of the porch, and one at the protruding gable wall that faces southeast. Each has two panels below the lock rail and two vertical panes up top divided by a false mullion making 4 lights total. Each also has a cornice pediment with delicate dentiling. Porch has round, very slightly tapered columns with simple square bases and capitals supporting a plain architrave and frieze. Protruding gable at the primary facade has a plain pediment with a centered lunette and one set of paired windows. Northeast facade has one set of paired windows centered within the protruding gable mass, 3 single windows within the hipped mass, one 6/6 double hung wood sash window and one 1/1 aluminum window placed symmetrically within the rear historic mass, and one 6/6 vinyl window within the non-historic addition. The rear southwest facade has as full width hip roof addition that becomes a shed roof addition as it turns the south corner of the building. The addition then extends along the southeast facade and abuts the southwest facade of the original mass of the building. Along the rear southwest facade the addition includes seven 6/6 vinyl windows placed side by side continuously. Along the southeast facade of the addition is a shed roof wood porch with full rail. Windows are 4/4 vinyl with simple wood surrounds. The southeast facade of the original building has a small, protruding hip gable with original casement openings with paneled wood shutters at each of its three sides.

**57. (C) Landscape, including Menge Avenue**

Menge Avenue, along which the Cuevas/Pineville district stretches, runs axially through the district in a roughly north-south line. A two-lane asphalt road that approximately follows the roadbed of a pre-historic Native American trail and a later oyster-shell roadway, Menge is characterized by the spreading limbs of the many mature live oak trees lining the road and shading the front yards of adjoining residences. In addition to these live oak trees, typical plantings include crape myrtle trees, pecan trees, magnolia trees, and occasional long-leaf pines and palm trees. In places along the road, fences (usually wooden) separate the residential yards from the Menge right-of-way. As it runs through the district, Menge sits approximately at the same level as the surrounding landscape, making the road blend with its surroundings rather than form a barrier. Very shallow ditches run along the road to each side but are barely recognizable as such. Reason being, the sandy nature of the soil allows water to quickly and naturally drain away. The right-of-way and most yards are planted with grass or imbued with a variety of weeds that are mowed regularly.



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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

### Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

TRANSPORTATION

ARCHITECTURE

### Period of Significance

c.1858-c.1960

### Significant Dates

### Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

### Cultural Affiliation

### Architect/Builder



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### Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance for the Cuevas Rural Historic District begins about 1858 when Bertrand Labardens, one of the region's earliest settlers, moved into the area and opened a post office and general store at the Y-junction of Menge Avenue and Red Creek Road along Bayou Portage. The period of significance continues through the 1890s as the center of the community shifted south from the Y-junction to the area where Pineville Road and Menge Avenue cross. A new church was built at the northwest corner of the intersection in 1906 and a new school building was erected on the southeast corner in 1915. Pass Christian experienced a tourism boom after the decline of trade in the region, while Pineville remained a rural and tranquil area. The period ends around 1960, prior to Hurricane Camille, when some of the last contributing buildings were constructed.

### Criteria Considerations

N/A

### Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Cuevas Rural Historic District is an intact, mid-nineteenth to mid-twentieth-century rural district north of Pass Christian near the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The district, although irregular in shape, is connected by the north-south axis of Menge Avenue, lying between the bayous and streams that make up the estuarine marsh of the Bay of St. Louis. This land is generally flat with a slow slope from north to south as it descends into the Mississippi Sound. Composed mostly of widely spaced houses on large lots, the community still centers on its original institutions—the old Cuevas Store and Post Office, the Pineville School, and two churches—all spread out along the early roadway now known as Menge Avenue. The district is significant at the local level under National Register Criterion A in the areas of Exploration/Settlement and Transportation, and under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. The district maintains its rural character despite the many challenges imposed upon the land and its people by numerous hurricanes, insensitive design, and modern planning practices.

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### Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

In the area of Exploration/Settlement, the Cuevas Rural Historic District represents one of few remaining rural residential communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast that developed as a direct result of trade along the rivers and bayous that criss-cross the region. Although the Cuevas community lies only a few miles inland from the larger town of Pass Christian, the two places are quite distinct: Pass Christian, with its breezy seaside location developed primarily as a summer beach community for wealthy New Orleanians, while Cuevas maintained its rural, more settled character, with full-time residents focused on making a living from the bayous and rivers, tending small farms and orchards, or commuting to Pass Christian for work. The WPA notes in the 1930s estimated the population of the unincorporated community at 125 people, noted that 100% of the residents were white, and called the community "a sort of resting place for those who want to live quietly—away from the crowd."

In the area of Transportation, the Cuevas settlement, sitting at the intersection of Bayou Portage and Menge Avenue, has taken advantage of both water and land-based routes to transport goods from prehistoric times through the present day. The waterways became a crucial means of transportation for a whole variety of industries, including farmers, fishermen, and the logging industry, which flourished over many decades in and around the district. Freshly cut timber was floated down the rivers and bayous to nearby sawmills where the wood was cut to size and shipped to New Orleans and Mobile. With abundant timber, the shipbuilding industry also grew, connecting these riverine communities to the maritime trades of the Coast. With the rise of railroads and the decline of water transport, Menge Avenue achieved new significance, connecting the Cuevas community to the railroad and the tourist town of Pass Christian to the south and to the small truck farms to the north and east.

In the area of Architecture the district is locally significant for its collection of vernacular building types built between the mid-nineteenth and mid-twentieth century within the rural landscape of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Because the area never experienced a "boom time," no single architectural style or form dominates the district; instead, 19<sup>th</sup>-century houses, early 20<sup>th</sup>-century bungalows, and mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century Ranch houses are casually spread throughout, most with large front yards and back yards running down to a creek or bayou. The most significant commercial building, the Cuevas Trading Post [photo 8], is located at the intersection of Menge Avenue and Red Creek Road on the north bank of Bayou Portage.



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Architecturally, the most prominent residence in the district is "Oak Crest", [photo 6] a large 1920s estate comprising an imposing Italian Renaissance villa, chapel, pool, gazebo, stage, and several guest houses. Folk Victorian and vernacular houses of note include the Dubuissou House (1900) [photo 4], a simple bayed cottage; the Lindsay House (beginning 1870s with later additions and modifications), a two-story I-house with undercut two-story galleries [photo 2]; and the Cuevas House (c.1900), an L-front house with columns, simple cornice, and lunette, a nod to the Classical Revival [photo 9].

### Early History

The Mississippi Gulf Coast was inhabited by Native American tribes well before Europeans began to settle the area. At the time of European contact the Biloxi and Pascagoula lived in the region. The larger Choctaw nation hunted and fished in the coastal regions and farmed corn and other crops as well.

Before roads and rail lines began to criss-cross the region, the natural rivers, bayous, and streams carried indigenous peoples through the area to trade with others. Bayou Portage was used as a trade route between the different groups of indigenous people who ran their canoes from the Bay of St. Louis up Bayou Portage until the water became too shallow. The canoes then were hoisted out of the water and carried a short distance overland to other streams accessing Biloxi Bay.

Pierre LeMoyne Sieur d'Iberville, a French-Canadian Naval Officer, led several expeditions to the Gulf of Mexico to claim the region for France and establish a French colony in the area. Based on accounts from d'Iberville's expeditions, French royal cartographer Comte Guillaume de Lisle, created the some of earliest European maps of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. De Lisle's publication *Carte de la Louisiane et du cours du Mississippi* in 1718 included one of the first detailed maps of the interior of what is now the United States. De Lisle named some of the region's interior waterways, including Bayou Portage, probably relying on stories about travel up the stream. The word 'Portage' in French means to carry a canoe or small boat overland a short distance. Mounds and relics have been found at the point where Indian Bayou enters Bayou Portage.

### Nineteenth Century

In the early nineteenth century, Europeans of various nationalities began to settle in Pineville. By 1820, Ramon Lizana owned 164 acres around the Wolf River in Pineville. John Dale was another large landowner before the Civil War. Bertrand Labardens came to the area from France in 1851 and homesteaded 165 acres. In 1858, he opened a post office and general store at the location of the current Cuevas Bistro on the corner of Menge Avenue and Red Creek Road. His son-in-law, U.A. Cuevas, a descendent of the Cat Island Cuevas family, took over the store in 1882. Although the Cuevas family was Spanish, they began to intermarry into the larger French population and eventually adopted French customs and language. When Cuevas applied to the government to become an official post office in 1893, he could not use the name Pineville because there was another town by that name in northern Mississippi. He therefore chose the name Cuevas, which is why that name is sometimes interchangeable with Pineville. U.A. Cuevas also owned a sawmill north of the store on Bayou Portage, which was later sold to the Dubuissou brothers who operated it for several decades afterward.

Railroads began to replace small freight schooners shipping products to markets such as New Orleans around 1870 when the New Orleans, Mobile, and Chattanooga (later Louisville & Nashville) railroad was completed. The L&N Railroad hugs the coastline from New Orleans to Jacksonville, Florida, and passes to the south of the Cuevas community. Trade and transportation along the inland waterways came to a complete end with the arrival of the Gulf and Ship Island Railroad in the 1890s. Deforestation also took its toll on the previously important lumber industry, and by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, sawmills and other commercial entities began to close along the Wolf River and its surrounding bayous. Small industries still operated well into the 20<sup>th</sup>-century, however a WPA sketch of Cuevas in the 1930s noted that a turpentine still operated on the edge of the community, a common by-product industry from the yellow pine forests. The same report stated that the area had been at the forefront of the truck farming movement in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and claimed that it was the home of the first canning clubs in the state.

Menge Avenue was originally known as White Rock Road, named for the oyster shells that made up the roadbed. White Rock was re-named for Captain J.H. Menge, a New Orleans ship chandler. The northern end of this road was first known as the Pineville Road, but later in the twentieth century assumed the name "Menge Avenue" for its entire length. At its



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northern end, it merged with Red Creek Road and became one of the major roads for farmers from the northern part of the county to bring their produce to the coast.

Two churches have anchored the Cuevas/Pineville community since the mid-nineteenth century: Pineville Presbyterian Church [#15], established in 1877, and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, dedicated in 1906. A mission of the First Presbyterian Church in Pass Christian, Pineville Presbyterian now occupies its second building, constructed in 1918 after a fire destroyed the first sanctuary. This 1918 building incorporates elements from the First Presbyterian Church of Pass Christian, which had been destroyed in a hurricane in 1915. The Catholic community in the area, after worshipping with parish churches in nearby Delisle and Pass Christian for several decades, built its own church building in 1906. U.A. Cuevas donated land at the corner of Menge and Woodland Way/Pineville Road, and the Dubuissou brothers donated lumber from their sawmill to build Our Lady of Lourdes Church. In 1958, the church moved south on Menge (outside of the district's boundaries). A small store, the Pic Qwik [#45], is located at the church's former location.

A public school for white children (WPA records note the presence of "a few Negro houses" near the turpentine distillery, but otherwise, it appears the population of Cuevas was overwhelmingly white) was located at Pineville as early as 1900 (as noted on a 1961 map hand drawn by resident Frank Simmons—attached), and a larger consolidated school, built in 1922 established the community as a local center of education. The community had already attained importance in educational circles when one of its early settlers, Dr. Caleb Lindsey became the first superintendent of education in Harrison County (1870-1872) and instituted a uniform system of public education as authorized by the Mississippi Legislature in 1870. Today, the school is still in operation, although a modern building [#44a] has taken the place of the smaller 1922 brick structure.

### Twentieth Century and Forward

Menge Avenue's place as an important local trading route still continued after the railroads began to make river and bayou traffic obsolete, since the railroad line crosses Menge on the northern edge of Pass Christian. Thus, the Pineville community survived through the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a small rural neighborhood with a general store, and widely spaced houses on large lots used as small vegetable farms and pecan orchards. The map drawn by resident Frank Simmons in 1961 (attached) recalls the layout of the community around 1900, stretching along Menge Avenue from the railroad on the south end to Bayou Portage on the north end. The Cuevas store remained open through the 1970's, acting as a general store for the Pineville area. The old store has been renovated as a restaurant with much of its original structure intact [#55a].

As the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century comes to an end, the Cuevas community maintains its physical identity, stretched out along Menge Avenue and backing up to the bayous and rivers that feed into the Bay of St. Louis. Hurricanes, fires, and other disasters, including demolition, have taken their toll on individual buildings, but property lines and development patterns have remained fairly consistent to the present day. The primary threat to the larger community consists of increasing development pressure pushing up from Pass Christian, especially the possibility of widening Menge Avenue to assist in coastal evacuations during hurricane season. Community anchors persist, however, including the many mature live oak trees, two churches, Pineville School [#44a], and the Cuevas Store [#55a], leaving hope that this rural district will carry on into the next century.

### Context: Comparison and Contrast

The Mississippi Coast features numerous historic districts, many of which are composed of grand beachfront houses, and some of which comprise working or middle-class neighborhoods within larger urban settings. The beachfront districts were especially affected by the catastrophic damage wrought by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, while the inland neighborhoods often escaped with only minor flood damage from the storm surge. All of these districts, listed on the National Register in the 1980s and 1990s, are distinct from the Cuevas rural district in that they are located in town or urban settings and often have significance for their association with tourism (Scenic Drive Historic District) and large-scale commercial development (Harbor Square Historic District in downtown Gulfport). One recently listed National Register historic district is the Turkey Creek Historic District, placed on the National Register in 2007. Turkey Creek has some similarities with the Cuevas district in that it too is concentrated along a single road and historically used nearby waterways as a means of transportation. While Turkey Creek is an African American community, Cuevas developed primarily as a white European settlement. In addition, Turkey Creek's development was significantly affected by large industrial concerns that located on the edge of the community, specifically the Gulf Coast Creosote Company where many of the men of the community



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worked. Cuevas, meanwhile, relied on small-scale industrial concerns such as ship-building and turpentine stills, truck farming and fishing to sustain itself, lending a more agrarian character to the district. The location of Cuevas near the tourism-based economy of Pass Christian and on a locally significant north-south route also seems to have opened the community up to new landowners: while many families in Turkey Creek can trace their lineage in the district back several generations and one land parcel may contain more than one house to accommodate the generational growth in population, Cuevas has experienced more change in ownership and in community leaders over time.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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### UTM References

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### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The district encompasses those properties that lie alongside the east and west sides of Menge Avenue between Fahrion Road to the south and Red Creek Road to the north.

### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The district boundaries include the core area traditionally known as Cuevas or Pineville, with all properties either facing Menge Avenue or adjacent to it.

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## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** Pass Christian quad; **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. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)



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**Photographs:**

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**City or Vicinity:** Pineville and Cuevas Rural Communities directly north of Pass Christian  
**County:** Harrison **State:** Mississippi  
**Photographer:** Gwen Jones  
**Date Photographed:** 2010  
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**Contributing Resources:**

- 01 of 20: 4341 Menge Avenue; facing west.
- 02 of 20: 22426 Fox Run Road; B.F. Lindsay House; facing west.
- 03 of 20: 4476 Menge Avenue; Pineville Presbyterian Church; facing southeast.
- 04 of 20: 5112 Menge Avenue; Dubuisson House; facing northeast.
- 05 of 20: 5236 Menge Avenue; Lizana House; facing northeast.
- 06 of 20: 5267 Menge Avenue; Oak Crest; facing southwest.
- 07 of 20: Bayou Portage; facing west.
- 08 of 20: 5331 Menge Avenue; Cuevas Trading Post; facing east.
- 09 of 20: 5331 Menge Avenue; Cuevas House; facing west.

**Non-Contributing Resources:**

- 10 of 20: 22446 Meadowlark Drive; contemporary house; facing northeast.
- 11 of 20: 5181 Menge Avenue; Menge Avenue Lawn and Garden; facing northwest.
- 12 of 20: 5068 Menge Avenue; house; facing east.
- 13 of 20: 5192 Menge Avenue; Pineville Elementary School main building; facing south.
- 14 of 20: 5267 Menge Avenue; Oak Crest guest cottage; facing northwest.

**Streetscapes:**

- 15 of 20: Menge Avenue near Dubuisson House (5112 Menge Avenue); facing northeast.
- 16 of 20: Menge Avenue near Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (22342 Evangeline Drive); facing southwest.
- 17 of 20: Glad Acres Road; facing east.
- 18 of 20: Menge Avenue near Pineville Presbyterian Church (4476 Menge Avenue); facing northeast.
- 19 of 20: Menge Avenue near Oak Crest (5267 Menge Avenue); facing south.
- 20 of 20: Menge Avenue at Pineville Presbyterian Church (4476 Menge Avenue); live oak tree; facing northeast.



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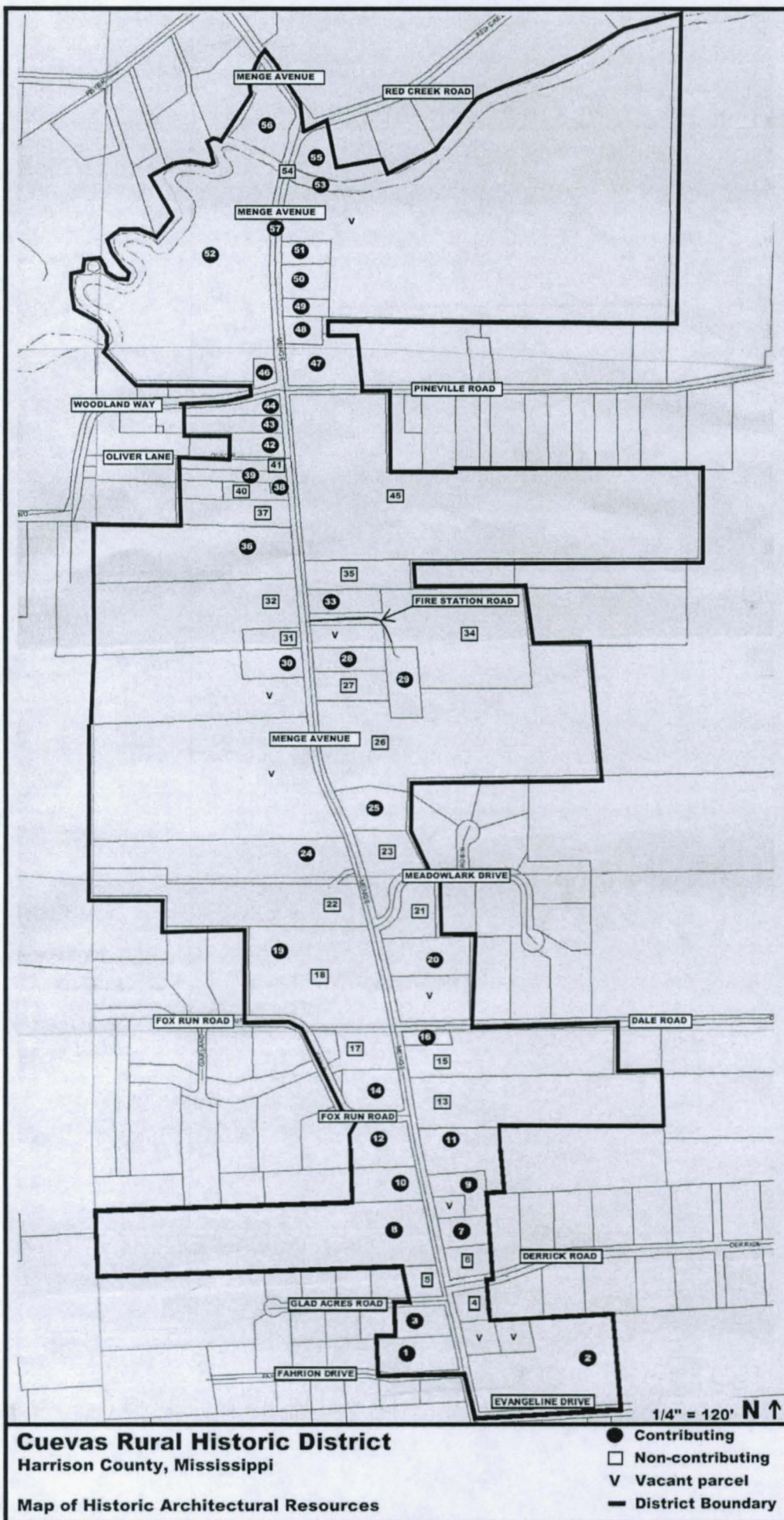
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