



Figure 62. NCDOT Survey #15, Edwards House (GF-8177), 7210 Burlington Road, Guilford County, Guilford County, aerial photograph (2010) showing recommended NRHP boundary.

**NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209)  
5917 Burlington Road, Guilford County  
Guilford County PIN 8804989832**

**Location and Setting:** The Reece House is located on the northeast side of two-lane US 70 (Burlington Road) just west of its junction with Knox Road in Guilford County (Figures 63–69). The property is bounded by woods on both the west and north, US 70 on the southwest, and the modern City of Greensboro water tower on the east. The immediate setting consists of a grass lawn planted with two mature trees to the southeast of the main house. An unpaved driveway runs to the east of the main house and terminates at the garage to the northeast of the main house. At the time of the 2012 survey, the Reece House was vacant and inaccessible for interior photography or inspection.



*NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209),  
5917 Burlington Road, looking north.*

**Property Description:** Set on a brick foundation with a partial basement, the one-story, four-bay dwelling and garage were constructed sometime between 1926 and 1930. It is of wood-frame construction with common-bond yellow brick veneer. The house has a side-gable roof clad with red clay barrel tiles, with cross-gable eaves on the north and south. A partially exposed brick chimney is on the west gable end. There is a one-bay, one-story, flat-roofed entrance tower set within the southwest corner of the main block and the south eave. On the south face of the tower are two arched window openings with header brick trim and arched double-hung sash with stained glass diamond-shaped lights. The main entrance is on the west face and features a single-leaf wood door with full-height, narrow-width, multi-pane sidelights. A waist-high brick wall partially encloses the entrance patio. Secondary entrances with single-leaf wood doors consisting of a three-panel wood lower half and a 6-pane upper half are located on the east and north elevations. Each secondary entrance has a set of concrete-and-brick steps. Fenestration consists of single and paired 6/6 double-hung metal sash windows with header-bond brick sills. Two paired windows on the south façade are topped by blind arches formed by a single row of raised header bricks.

The two-story, two-bay, hipped-roof frame garage has yellow brick veneer, although this has been covered with vinyl siding on all but the south elevation. The two original garage door openings have been sealed in with vinyl siding, and a smaller window inserted at the top of each opening. The windows on the second story are not original. An exterior stairway on the east leads to a non-historic single-leaf door for the second-story apartment. The garage is currently unoccupied.

**Historical Background:** Although according to Guilford County tax assessments this house was constructed in 1953, based on field observations and deed research, the house was most likely constructed between 1926 and 1930. The land was owned in the 1920s by Henry Reece, whose wife Isabella died in 1926, and the house was built by Reece sometime thereafter. On October 23, 1930, H.B. and Ruby Reece purchased 12.59 acres on Burlington Road from Henry Reece for \$10 (GCDB 651:618) and presumably moved to the house from their residence in Greensboro. Like his father, Herman Buchannon Reece was a farmer, and his wife Ruby was a seamstress at a factory prior to 1930 (USFC 1920, 1930). According to the 1940 census, the Reese House was valued at \$800 (USFC 1940).

On June 12, 1959, H.B. and Ruby Reece transferred 1.7 acres including the house to Virginia Reece Cordial, their daughter (GCDB 2215:592). In 1989, Ms. Cordial conveyed the tract and home to Herman

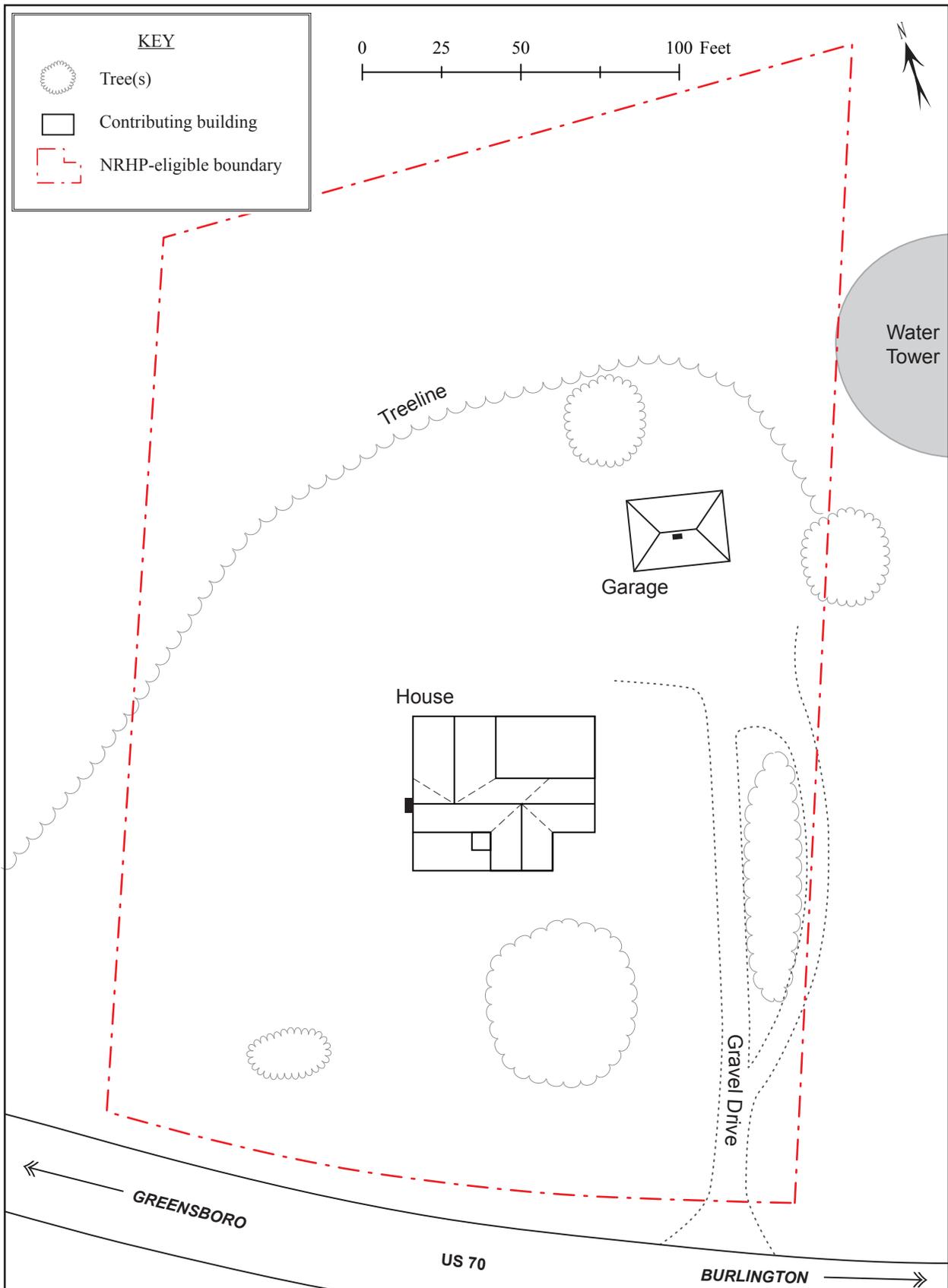


Figure 63. NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209), 5917 Burlington Road, Guilford County, site plan and recommended NRHP boundary.



Figure 64 NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209), 5917 Burlington Road, Guilford County, view looking northeast with house in foreground and City of Greensboro water tower in the background.



Figure 65. NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209), 5917 Burlington Road, Guilford County, view of façade and west elevation, looking northeast.



Figure 66. NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209), 5917 Burlington Road, Guilford County view of north elevation (left) and west elevation (right), looking southeast.



Figure 67. NCDOT Survey #51, Reece House (GF-8209), 5917 Burlington Road, Guilford County, view of north gable ell (left), looking northwest.