



Wilkes County, Georgia



Findings

The Center for Community Design and Preservation (CCDP) located within the University of Georgia's College of Environment + Design (CED) conducted a Phase I historic resource survey of Wilkes County, Georgia in September and October 2010. The project area covered the approximately 460 square miles within the county of all unincorporated areas. The county is about 45 miles from both Athens and Augusta. It is bordered by Elbert to the north, Lincoln to the east, Warren to the south, and Oglethorpe to the west.

The resource survey was performed by graduate students in the Masters of Historic Preservation program (MHP) and the Masters of Landscape Architecture program (MLA) at the CED. The survey consisted of background research, windshield and pedestrian field work, data collection and analysis. All Ranch Houses constructed before 1970 that met the minimum standard for architectural integrity were also documented.



Summary

A total of 234 resources were documented that meet and maintain a minimum level of age, integrity, and significance. The construction date of all identified resources range from 1790-1984; the period with the most extant resources is from 1890-1899 with 50 (21.4%), followed by 1900-1909 with 49 (21%).

The vast majority of identified resources were buildings (96.2%) with the remaining being sites (3.4%) and one object. There are 36 cemeteries, 5 religious structures, 43 vacant structures, and 144 single family dwellings. The most common styles identified among the single dwellings were Folk Victorian (14), Craftsman (31), and Queen Anne Revival (33). The majority of buildings (126) did not exhibit any type of High Style architecture, and are consider to be of no academic style.

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