

SPRING HILL HISTORIC COMMISSION AGENDA APPLICATION

Date: 10/9/22

Name of Applicant: Tommy Caldwell Phone: _____

* Address: 2651 Duplex Rd. Spring Hill TN

Name of Property Owner: St Mark's United Primitive Baptist Church Trustees Phone: _____

* Address: 518 Maury Hill Spring Hill TN

Maury Co. Williamson Co. Tax Map: 028A Parcel # 001.00

SECTION 1 – Request for Designation of Historically Significant Site:

I, Tommy Caldwell, pursuant to Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 4, Section 2-406, request that the property and/or site located at 518 Maury Hill, be designated by the City of Spring Hill as a Historically Significant Site.

The aforementioned property and/or site is (check all that apply, provide additional detail as necessary):

- Are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history or is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past;
- A birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance;
- Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction;
- A building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event;
- A religious property with historic importance;
- A cemetery; or
- Other (Please specify); _____

This form, along with (7) copies of the description of the property or properties in question must be filed with any applicable fee, fourteen (14) days prior to the Historic Commission meeting in order to be placed on the agenda.

Tommy Caldwell
Applicant's Signature

Date Received by Historic Commission: 10/9/22
Placed on Historic Commission Agenda for meeting to be held on: April 13, 2023, at 6 p.m. ~~Nov 3, 2022~~ Approved 4/13/23

Recommended Not Recommended

Dana Jurcin
Secretary of Historic Commission

This instrument prepared by Speed and Walker, P.C., Attorneys at Law, Columbia, Tennessee.

QUITCLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) cash in hand paid and other considerations the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, WE, MATTIE BELL WINCHESTER and JEFFREY WILLIAMS, have this date bargained and sold and do transfer and forever quitclaim unto I. D. THOMPSON, WILLIAM SMITH, and HENRY BOOKER, Trustees (and Deacons) of the St. Marks United Primitive Baptist Church, their successors and assigns, our interest in and to the following described real estate located in the Third (3rd) Civil District of Maury County, Tennessee, to-wit:

This is a tract or parcel of land located in the Third Civil District of Maury County, Tennessee, located at the northeast intersection of Maury Hill Street and Spruce Street in the town of Spring Hill, Tennessee. Bounded on the North by Jeffrey Williams; East by Mattie Bell Winchester; South by Maury Hill Street; West by Spruce Street and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an existing iron pin in the East margin of Spruce Street at the northwest corner of the herein described tract and the Southwest corner of Jeffrey Williams; thence with Jeffrey Williams South 53° 49' East 264.33 feet to an existing iron pin; thence with Mattie Bell Winchester South 38° 30' West 91.00 feet to an iron pin set in the North margin of Maury Hill Street; thence with the North margin of Maury Hill Street North 54° 00' West 275.72 feet to an iron pin set at the intersection of the North margin of Maury Hill Street and the East margin of Spruce Street; thence with the East margin of Spruce Street North 45° 29' East 92.93 feet to the point of beginning, containing by survey 0.57 acres. Said survey being dated April 10, 1984 by Douglas Ray Stanfill (John J. Harris Surveying Co.) R.L.S. #1363.

Being the same property owned by St. Marks United Primitive Baptist Church as early as 1900. The above description being the first surveyed description of said property of record.

I hereby certify that I registered the above Instrument the 3 day of July 1984
Lorise W. Anderson
Katherine H. Scott
Register

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said real estate together with all rights, titles, interests, easements, claims and appurtenances thereunto belonging unto I. D. THOMPSON, WILLIAM SMITH, and HENRY BOOKER, Trustees (and Deacons) of the St. Marks United Primitive Baptist Church, their successors and assigns, forever.

WITNESS our signatures this 29th day of June, 1984.

STATE OF TENNESSEE MAURY COUNTY
Transfer Tax \$ _____ Mortgage Tax \$ _____
Probate Fee \$ _____ Total Paid \$ _____
Receipt No. _____ Received By _____
Day of July 1984

Mattie Bell Winchester
MATTIE BELL WINCHESTER

Jeffrey Williams
JEFFREY WILLIAMS

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF MAURY

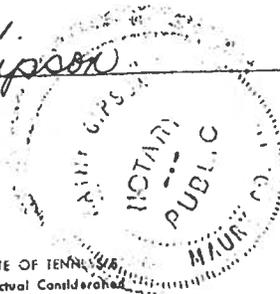
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for the said State and County, the within named Mattie Bell Winchester and Jeffrey Williams, the bargainors, with whom I am personally acquainted or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, and who acknowledged that they executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained and expressed.

Witness my hand and seal at Columbia, Tennessee, this 29th day of June, 1984.

Kathy Gipson
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

4-21-87

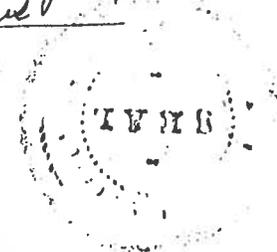


MAURY COUNTY REGISTER, STATE OF TENNESSEE
I or we hereby swear or affirm that the actual Consideration for this transfer or value of the property transferred whichever is greater is \$ none which amount is equal to or greater than the amount which the property transferred would command at a fair voluntary sale.

James H. Anderson
Registered

REGISTER OFFICE MAURY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
Received by James H. Anderson on July 2, 1984
for 100.00 of the total fee
Honor 6.00 of the total fee
Registered in 6

Louise W. Anderson
Katherine H. Scott, Jr.



PROPERTY CROSS INDL CARD

42-8 (32)

MAURY

COUNTY, TENNESSEE

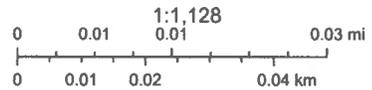
DISTRICT	MAP NO.	GROUP	PARCEL	WARD	PROPERTY ADDRESS		
3 in	25P	A 28A	1		Maury Hill St. 551		
OWNER				DATE	BOOK	PAGE	MAILING ADDRESS
Winchester, William A. — ?					UP DEED		Maury Hill St. — Spring Hill, Tenn. P.O. Box 115 37114 Spring Hill, TN. 37114 Rt 1 Box 11 A Spring Hill, TN. 37114 551 MAURY HILL ST.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION						DIMENSIONS	ACRES
A/C per trustee 91						185' X 180 M. Irregular	1.1
APPRAISAL					ASSESSMENT		
YEAR	LAND	IMPS.	PERSONAL	TOTAL	ASSESSOR	BOARD	
92	A/C	PER TRUSTEE	3-2-92				

Maury County - Parcel: 028A B 001.00



Date: October 8, 2022

County: Maury
Owner: ST MARKS UNITED PRIMITIV
Address: MAURY HILL ST 518
Parcel Number: 028A B 001.00
Deeded Acreage: 0
Calculated Acreage: 0
Date of TDOT Imagery: 2017
Date of Vexcel Imagery: 2021



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The property lines are compiled from information maintained by your local county Assessor's office but are not conclusive evidence of property ownership in any court of law.

State of Tennessee  Comptroller of the Treasury
Real Estate Assessment Data

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County Number: 060

County Name: MAURY

Tax Year: 2022

Property Owner and Mailing Address

Jan 1 Owner:
 ST MARKS UNITED PRIMITIV
 BAPTIST CHURCH TRUSTEES
 518 MAURY HILL ST
 SPRING HILL, TN 37174

Property Location

Address: MAURY HILL ST 518

Map: 028A Grp: B Ctrl Map: 028A Parcel: 001.00 PI: S/I: 000

Value Information

Reappraisal Year: 2022

Land Mkt Value: \$50,000
 Improvement Value: \$0
 Total Market Appraisal: \$50,000
 Assessment %: 0
 Assessment: \$0

General Information

Class:	05 - RELIGIOUS		
City #:	701	City:	SPRING HILL
SSD1:	000	SSD2:	000
District:	03	Mkt Area:	S70
# Bldgs:	0	# Mobile Homes:	0
Utilities - Water / Sewer:	03 - PUBLIC / INDIVIDUAL	Utilities - Electricity:	01 - PUBLIC
Utilities - Gas / Gas Type:	00 - NONE	Zoning:	

Subdivision Data

Subdivision:
 Plat Bk: Plat Pg: Block: Lot:

Additional Description

Building Information

Extra Features

Sale Information

Sale Date	Price	Book	Page	Vac/Imp	Type Instrument	Qualification
06/29/1984	\$0	715	537			

Land Information

Deed Acres: 0.00

Calc Acres: 0.00

Total Land Units: 1.00

Land Type: 70 - EXEMPT

Soil Class:

Units: 1.00

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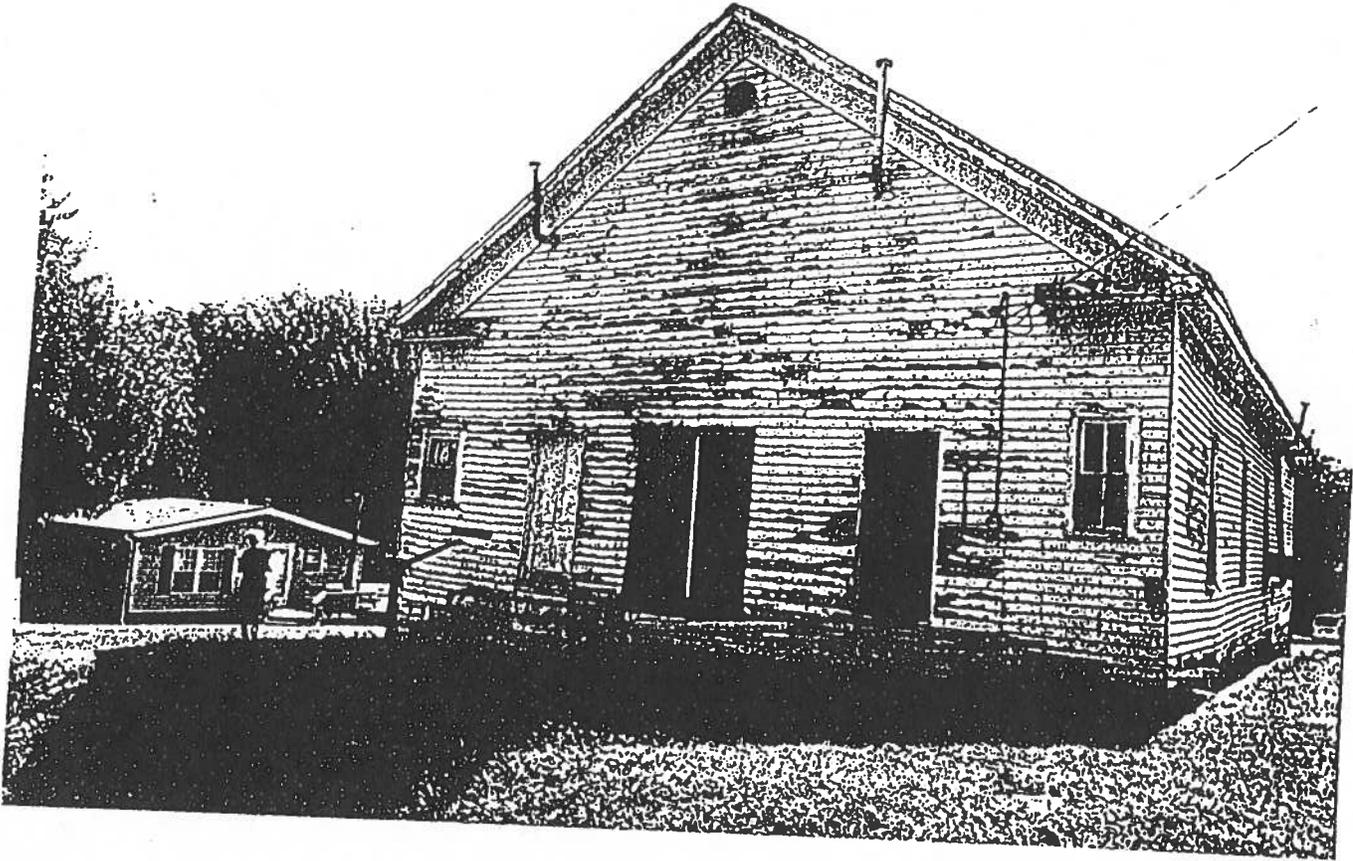
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ST. MARK UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH



HISTORICAL LANDMARK

ST. MARK UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
518 MAURY HILL STREET
SPRINGHILL, TENNESSEE 37172
ELDER ROBERT T. ARMSTRONG, PASTOR



The Tennessee Historical Commission

This is to certify that

St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church

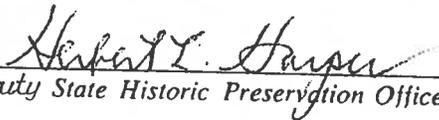
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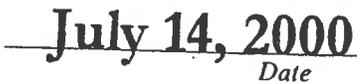
THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

by the

United States Department of the Interior
upon nomination by the State Historic Preservation Officer under
provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665).

The National Register is a list of properties "significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture — a comprehensive index of the significant physical evidences of our national patrimony." Properties listed thereon deserve to be preserved by their owners as a part of the cultural heritage of our nation.


Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer


Date

ST. MARK UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

HISTORICAL REPORT

ST. MARK UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH HAS A RICH HISTORY. ON FEBRUARY 15, 1795 THOMAS WILLIAMSON WAS BORN AS A SLAVE IN NORTH CAROLINA. AS HE GREW IN THE LORD HE JOINED THE WHITE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND IN 1832 HE WAS CALLED INTO THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD. HE RECEIVED HIS MINISTER LICENSE BY THEM.

AS A LICENSE MINISTER HE TRAVELED FROM PLANTATION TO PLANTATION IN MUARY, GILES, AND WILLIAMSON COUNTIES PREACHING ABOUT THE LORD.

IN 1860, SPRING HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, HELD THEIR SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION WITH FIVE CHURCHES, FORMING THIS UNION BY THE NAME OF THE COLORED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE. DURING THIS UNION ELDER THOMAS WILLIAMSON WAS ELECTED MODERATOR.

ON AUGUST 31, 1872 THE ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT THE SPRING HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH. DURING THIS SESSION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1872 ON MOTION, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED MAKING THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION READ, "THE BIG HARPETH UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION." THE BIG HARPETH UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DRAWS FROM CHIURCHES THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN UNITED STATES, AND IT IS THEREFORE SIGNIFICANT THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING BE HELD AT THIS SITE.

ST. MARK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH DATES BACK TO THE 1850'S AND IT WAS ORIGINALLY NAME SPRING HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH. DUE TO ITS AGE AND ITS SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC ASSOCIATION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST FAITH AMONG AFRICAN AMERICANS CHURCHES. THE SPRING HILL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH WAS A PART OF THE BIG HARPETH

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES ALSO KNOWN AS COLORED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCHES.

SINCE ITS EARLIEST DAYS IT HAS SERVED AS AN ACTIVE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE COMMUNITY AND AS A PLACE FOR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH WORSHIP. IT ALSO SERVED AS A LOCAL SCHOOL FOR AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHILDREN UNTIL THE OPENING OF THE SPRING HILL ROSENWALD SCHOOL IN 1920-21. THIS TREND OF DUAL PURPOSE FOR BLACK CHURCH BUILDINGS IN SMALL TOWNS OR RURAL AREAS IS SIGNIFICANT TREND FOR SOCIAL HISTORY NOTED FOR THE JIM CROW ERA IN HISTORIC AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES.

THE BUILDING HAS BEEN IN USED SINCE THE LATE NINETEENTH CENTURY, AND IS PROBABLY THE OLDEST EXTANT AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCH IN MAURY COUNTY. IT IS THE OLDEST EXTANT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN MAURY COUNTY, AND IS ONE OF THE OLDEST EXTANT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDINGS IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. A 1987 SURVEY OF SPRING HILL BY THE MTSU CENTER FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION DATED THE BUILDING AS CIRCA 1870, AND BELIEVED THAT THE BUILDING WAS PROBABLY CONSTRUCTED BEFORE THE MEETING OF 1872. LATER RESEARCH AND INTERVIEWS, HOWEVER, HAVE LED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE PRESENT BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED AFTER THE 1872 CONVENTION. PROBABLY AROUND 1900 IS A MORE RELIABLE DATE OF THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CHURCH.

ELDER ROBERT T. ARMSTRONG IS THE PRESENT PASTOR OF THIS ACTIVE CONGREGATION OF TWENTY-TWO; THE CONGREGATION MEETS EVERY SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP SERVICE. ON DECEMBER 10, 1998 THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION NOTIFIED ELDER ROBERT T. ARMSTRONG THAT THE ST. MARK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH WOULD BE CONSIDER BY THE STATE REVIEW BOARD FOR NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. A LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER PROVIDES RECOGNITION AND ASSISTS IN PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE.

ON JULY 26, 2000 ELDER ROBERT T. ARMSTRONG WAS NOTIFIED THAT ON JULY 14, 2000 THAT THE ST. MARK UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH, WHICH IS LOCATED ON MAURY HILL STREET, IN THE CITY OF SPRING HILL IN MAURY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE NATIONAL AND TENNESSEE REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

ENCLOSED IN THIS PACKET IS SEVERAL CORRESPONDENCE
DETAILING THE HISTORY OF THE ST. MARK UNITED PRIMITIVE
BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE
TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND ELDER ROBERT T.
ARMSTRONG. THIS IS A GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THE ST. MARK
UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
SOCIETY AT LARGE.

SPRING HILL, TENN., SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST, 1872.

Pursuant to adjournment the Sixth Annual Session of the Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association of Tennessee convened at the Spring Hill Baptist Church at Spring Hill, Tenn., August 31st, 1872. At 10½ o'clock the meeting was called to order by Rev. Thos. Williamson, presiding as Moderator. Divine services were introduced by singing and prayer by Rev. Burrel Taylor, after which Rev. Jackson McGee preached the Introductory Sermon, from Revelations, 10th chapter and 4th verse, "And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices I was about to write, and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered and write them not." The discourse was ably argued and frequently brought forth hearty amens from the congregation. At the conclusion of the sermon the Association proceeded to elect its permanent officers.

On motion, Rev. Thos. Williamson was nominated and elected Moderator, and Willis Bramlette and Wm. Gaston Secretaries. On motion, Willis Bramlette was elected Treasurer of the Association.

The following Committees were then appointed:

Committee on Special Business—Anderson Polk, Geo. Scales and Alexander Hammonds.

Devotional Exercises—Wm. Perkins, Richard Mitchell and Peter Nelson.

Finance—Chas. Cheers, David Peyton and Luke Mason.

Ordination—Jasper Clayton, Burrel Taylor and Berry Wilson.

Correspondence—Wm. Perkins, Peter Starnes and Wm. Brake.

On the adoption of a motion to proceed to the reception of letters, petitions and statistics to be offered by messengers representing their Churches, the following came forward and presented their documents, which were read and referred to the Committee on Business and the messengers received and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNT PLEASANT—A letter by her messenger, David Peyton, was read and the messenger received.

WHITE SPRINGS—A letter by her messenger, Anderson Polk, was read and the messenger received.

PELASKI—A letter by her messenger, Richard Mitchell, was read and the messenger received.

FRANKLIN—A letter by her messenger, Wm. Perkins, was read and the messenger received.

~~SPRING HILL~~—A letter by her messenger, Chas. Cheers, was read and the messenger received.

STATE CREEK—A letter by her messenger, Wm. Greene, was read and the messenger received.

WEST HARPERH—A letter by her messenger, Adam Watson, was read and the messenger received.

MURFREES FORK—A letter by her messenger, Dennis Perkins, was read and the messenger received.

REDFORD CREEK—A letter by her messenger, Stephen Shepherd, was read and the messenger received.

LITTLE HARPERH—A letter by her messenger, Anderson Oglesby, was read and the messenger received.

STEWART CREEK—A letter by her messenger, Luke Mason, was read and the messenger received.

COOL SPRING—A letter by her messenger, Joseph Bond, was read and the messenger received.

FOUNTAIN CREEK—A letter by her messenger, Nelson Hanner, was read and the messenger received.

FLAT CREEK—A letter by her messenger, Nelson Johnson, was read and the messenger received.

FULTON CREEK—A letter by her messenger, James Vaughn, was read and the messenger received.

CYPRUS CREEK—A letter by her messenger, Benjamin Monroe, was read and the messenger received.

MEMPHIS—A letter by her messenger, George Scales, was read and the messenger received.

MENARY'S HILL—A letter by her messenger, Alfred Williams, was read and the messenger received.

NEW ZION—A letter by her messenger, Clayborn Evans, was read and the messenger received.

On motion, petitions from the following named Churches, asking admission into the Church Union, were read and the Churches admitted and their delegates received, to-wit:

MOUNT ZION—Represented by her delegate, Armstead Davenport, was admitted and her delegate received.

LOCUST RIDGE—Represented by her delegate, Abram Deimubre, was admitted and her delegate received.

BEECH GROVE—Represented by her delegates, Peter Starnes and Berry Wilson, was admitted and her delegates received.

BIG HARPETH—Represented by her delegate, Wallace Bradley, was admitted and her delegate received.

HURRICANE CREEK—Represented by her delegate, Cornelius Wortham, was admitted and her delegate received.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises being ready to report, made the following appointments for Spring Hill Church: Sunday, 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Richard Mitchell, assisted by Rev. Peter Starnes. Sunday, 2 o'clock, P. M., Rev. Wm. Gaston, assisted by Rev. Burrel Taylor. Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. Alfred Williams, assisted by Revs. Peter Stearns and Peter Buckner.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet again Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M., and was dismissed by singing and benediction.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1872.

The Association convened as per adjournment at 10 o'clock, A. M., with the Moderator in the Chair. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Thos. Williamson by reading the 1st chapter of Titus and singing and prayer, after which the following business was transacted:

On motion, the minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The Committee on correspondence reported a communication from the Memphis brethren to the Association, which was read and received.

The Committee on ordination then reported the names of Berry Wilson and Lewis Ewel as suitable persons for ordination. On motion, it was agreed that the above named candidates be ordained by the Association and a Presbyter appointed to do the same.

On motion, a resolution was adopted making the name of the Association read "The Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association."

On motion, it was agreed that a letter of congratulation to the Indian Creek Association be given to their representatives, Wm. Gaston and Burrel Taylor.

On motion, Revs. Eli Gant and Thos. Williamson were elected delegates from this Association to the Indian Creek Baptist Association, to convene at Beaver Dam, Madison county, Ala., on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September, 1872. On motion, it was agreed that the expenses of said delegates be paid out of the Treasury of this Association.

On motion, the Secretary of the Association was authorized to purchase a blank record for the purpose of recording the business of the Association, said book to be paid for out of the Treasury of the Association.

On motion, it was agreed that the next Association be held at Franklin, Williamson county, Tenn., to commence on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1873. Rev. Richard Mitchell was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case he fails, Rev. Eli Gant to perform the duty.

On motion, the following Union Meetings were appointed to meet at the following places: At Memphis, Shelby county, Tenn., to commence Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in May, 1873. Revs. Wm. Gaston, Eli Gant, Thos. Williamson and Wm. Perkins were appointed messengers to attend said meeting. At Columbia White Springs, Tenn., to commence on Saturday before



TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
2941 LEBANON ROAD
NASHVILLE, TN 37243-0442
(615) 532-1550

December 10, 1998

Mr. Robert T. Armstrong
St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
Maury Hill Street
Spring Hill, TN 37172

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

We are pleased to inform you that the property which you own:

**St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
Maury Hill Street
Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee**

will be considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National and Tennessee Registers of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is the Federal government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage. Properties considered for the National Register are simultaneously considered for the Tennessee Register. Properties listed in the National Register will be automatically included in the Tennessee Register.

Listing of the **St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church** provides recognition of the community's historic importance and assures protective review of Federal projects that might adversely affect the character of the historic property. If the property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal investment tax credits for rehabilitation and other provisions may apply.

Listing in the National Register does not mean that the limitations will be placed on the properties by the Federal government. Public visitation rights are not required of owners. The Federal government will not attach restrictive covenants to the properties nor seek to acquire them.

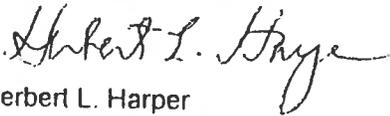
You are invited to attend the State Review Board meeting at which the nomination will be considered. The Board will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, in the Clover Bottom Mansion at 2941 Lebanon Road, in Nashville. We hope that you can attend.

Enclosed please find notices that explain in greater detail the results of listing in the National Register and that describe the rights and procedures by which an owner may comment on or object to listing in the National and Tennessee Registers.

Mr. Robert T. Armstrong
December 10, 1998
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Should you have any questions about this nomination before the State Review Board meeting, please contact our office at (615) 532-1550.

Sincerely yours,



Herbert L. Harper
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

HLH:bam
Enclosures

pc:

The Honorable Keith Jordan
Tennessee State Senator
320 War Memorial Building
Nashville, TN 37243-0023

The Honorable Bobby Sands
Tennessee State Representative
110 War Memorial Building
Nashville, TN 37243-0164

The Honorable Ronald Hankins
Mayor, Town of Spring Hill
P. O. Box 789
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Ms. June Quirk
City Recorder
P. O. Box 789
Spring Hill, TN 37174

Maury County Historical Society
Thornton Ryan
Post Office Box 147
Columbia, TN 38402-0147

Mr. Phil Maples, Regional Director
Economic & Community Dev.
Local Planning Assistance Office
446 Metroplex Dr., Suite 128
Nashville, TN 37211-3139

Mr. Joe Max Williams, Director
SCTDD
Post Office Box 1346
Columbia, TN 38402-1346

Mr. Bob Duncan
Maury County Historian
609 West 7th Street
Columbia, TN 38401

The Honorable Edward C. Harlan
Maury County Executive
Courthouse - Rm 101
41 Public Square
Columbia, TN 38401

Ms. Heather Fearnbach
Center for Historic Preservation
MTSU Box 80
Murfreesboro, TN 37132



TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
2941 LEBANON ROAD
NASHVILLE, TN 37243-0442
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January 22, 1999

Mr. Robert T. Armstrong
St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
Maury Hill Street
Pikeville, TN 37367

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

The State Review Board met on January 20, 1999, to evaluate your property, **St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church**, for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Your church was part of a Multiple Property Nomination that was covered under the Multiple Property Cover Form "Historic Rural African-American Churches in Tennessee." The State Review Board felt that this cover form needed some revising before it could review the individual church nominations. As a result your property, **St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church** has been deferred until the May 19, 1999, State Review Board Meeting. You will receive further notification of this meeting.

If you have any questions about the proceedings of the State Review Board, please do not hesitate to call me at 615 532-1560.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Straw
Reviewer
National Register of Historic Places Program

EAS/BM



TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
2941 LEBANON ROAD
NASHVILLE, TN 37243-0442
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January 25, 1999

Mr. Robert Armstrong
St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
Maury Hill Street
Spring Hill, TN 37172

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I would like to thank you and other members of the St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church for attending the State Review Board meeting last week. The State Review Board, members of my staff, and I appreciate your interest in recognizing the historic character of your church building. Although it does not happen very often, there are times when nominations must be deferred because additional work is needed on them. Our staff will continue to work with the Center for Historic Preservation to make the changes that the State Review Board recommended.

I regret any inconvenience that traveling to Nashville may have caused. The nominations of rural African American churches in Tennessee will be an interesting and insightful project once it is completed. My office will notify you when the nomination is complete and ready to be presented to the State Review Board members. If you would like to review a copy of the nomination before it is presented to the State Review Board members, please let me know.

I appreciate your patience in this matter. If you have any questions about this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Herbert L. Harper
Executive Director and
Deputy State Historic
Preservation Officer

HLH:bam

cc: Van West

rs Claudette Stager
532-1558

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Senate Chamber

State of Tennessee

Marsha Blackburn
State Senator
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April 15, 1999

Mr. Robert T. Armstrong
St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
Maury Hill St.
Spring Hill, TN 37172

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

Congratulations on the property you own on Maury Hill Street, Spring Hill which is to be considered for nomination to the National and Tennessee Registers of Historic Places. What a fine piece of history to preserve for Maury County.

Good luck on your results.

My best,



Marsha Blackburn

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REGISTERS OF HISTORIC PLACES

Eligibility for Federal tax provisions: If a property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and the Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20 percent Investment Tax Credit (ITC) with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings. The former 15 percent and 20 percent Investment Tax Credit (ITCs) for rehabilitations of older commercial buildings are combined into a single 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to 36 CFR 67.

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Qualifications for Federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available: presently, funding is unavailable.

Listing in the Tennessee Register provides recognition of a property's historic significance but it does not result in incentives or consideration. It does not restrict property owners in any way.



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July 26, 2000

Mr. Robert T. Armstrong
St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
Maury Hill Street
Spring Hill, TN 37172

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I take great pleasure in sending you this official notification that

**St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church
Maury Hill Street
Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee**

has, upon the nomination of this office, been placed in the National and Tennessee Registers of Historic Places by the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior on July 14, 2000.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert L. Harper
Deputy State Historic
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Maury County, TN

7. DESCRIPTION

St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church is located on Highway 31, Spring Hill, Maury County, Tennessee. This sanctuary is a one-story frame, steeply pitched gable front building with its original weatherboard siding and cut limestone pier foundation. Although documentary evidence is unclear, and the congregation does not have a firm oral tradition about the date of the building, this nomination concludes that the church building dates to circa 1900. Further investigation may find an earlier date of construction. The limestone foundation was filled in with concrete blocks, circa 1940, and an asphalt shingle roof was installed in 1989. A wood door in the northeast corner of the foundation allows access to basement storage.

The west (front) facade has centrally located double front doors, added circa 1988 to facilitate access to the building for members. A four-paneled wood door is located to the northwest side of the front entrance, with a set of concrete steps, circa 1940. A three-over-three double-hung window is located in the northwest corner. A three-paneled wood door is located to the southwest side of the front entrance and has a set of concrete steps, circa 1940. A four-over-four double-hung window is located to the southwest corner. The original double door entrance to the church is characteristic of the architecture of Primitive Baptist churches. The steeply-pitched gable front also has cornice returns. Two metal pipes provide ventilation to the exterior. A circular opening at the apex of the roof indicates that a metal vent was also on this elevation. Wide sawn lumber trim runs along the eaves.

The south elevation contains four six-over-six double-hung windows. To give the appearance of stained glass an adhesive backed translucent design has been applied to the panes of the windows on the south elevation and north elevation. A window air-conditioner is located in the second window from the northeast corner. A metal stove pipe provides ventilation.

Concrete steps, circa 1940, with a wood handrail lead to the east elevation (rear) entrance. The entrance to the sanctuary is offset and has a three paneled wood door, circa 1970, topped by a double-paned transom. A six-over-six double hung window is offset balancing the entry. The steeply pitched gable front has cornice returns and a metal star-shaped vent near the apex of the roof. An exterior light, circa 1940, is centrally located. Wide sawn lumber trim runs along the eaves.

The north elevation contains four six-over-six double-hung windows. A window air-conditioner is located in the second window from the northwest corner. A metal stove pipe provides ventilation.

The interior of the church has been divided into two sections. The primary front entrance has a three feet, ten inches by twenty inches (3' 10" x 20") vestibule with a thirteen feet, four inches by

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six feet, 7 inches (13'4" x 6'7") Sunday School room to each side. Plumbing was added to each of the smaller rooms to create indoor restroom facilities in the late 1960s. The light fixtures and linoleum in the vestibule date circa 1920, while the dropped acoustic tile ceiling was added circa 1988.

At the rear of the sanctuary is an original raised platform for the choir and the pulpit. Pictures of former pastors are located on the wall behind the pulpit. The present primary entrance is located in the southeast corner of the sanctuary. The circa 1940 dark red painted wainscoting with chair rail covers the lower half of the south and north original exposed wood walls in the forty-four feet, nine inches by thirty-four feet (44'9" x 34') sanctuary. Paneling above the chair rail and the east and west walls is circa 1988. All windows, wooden floors, and interior trim in the sanctuary are original to the building. Gas heaters, window air conditioners, a public address system, red level loop carpeting in the aisle and altar area, a piano, twenty-two new pews and three ecclesiastical chairs were added to the sanctuary circa 1988.

The bathrooms, installed circa 1968, have red painted wainscoting with chair rail. The area above the chair rail is horizontal three-inch wood that is original to the building.

The vestibule walls are painted plywood with trim covering the seams. The baseboard is flat wood trim and the doors have simple wood trim. The ceiling is drywall. A gas heater supplies heat for the vestibule.

There are no associated outbuildings with this property.

St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church meets the integrity registration requirements set forth in the Historic Rural African-American Churches in Tennessee, 1850-1970 MPN Cover Sheet. Located on its historic lot on the southwest corner of Spring Hill, the property maintains a high degree of integrity in setting, location, association, and feeling, even with the massive industrial and suburban development in the city since the late 1980s. It also retains integrity in its exterior materials, workmanship, and vernacular design. The original entrance doors have been replaced in 1988, but the historic foundation, weatherboard siding, roof life, and alterations of circa 1940 in the concrete steps and exterior light remain. In addition, since parking for the congregation is now at the original rear of the building, most members use the rear door entrance to enter the church. The entrance facing Maury Hill Street is now the building's secondary entrance. More change is apparent on the interior, especially in the vestibule where restrooms were installed in 1968, and in the dropped ceiling tiles. Other interior features are historic, including the wood flooring, wood woods, windows, interior wood doors, and interior trim. The wainscoting was added circa 1940, but now that alteration is over fifty years old.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property stands at the corner of Maury Hill Street and Spruce Street in Spring Hill, a town lot that corresponds to Maury County Tax Map 28A, Group B, Parcel 1 as attached.

Boundary Justification

The nominated boundaries contain all of the extant historic property associated with the St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church.

The Tax Map for this nomination has the scale 1" = 400'. This scale tax map is prepared by the Tennessee State Board of Equalization for rural areas. In the past, the Tennessee Historical Commission has used this scale map for nominations and has found that the 1" = 400' scale adequately meets our office needs. The Tennessee Historical Commission does not have the facilities to prepare maps to the scale preferred by the National Park Service.



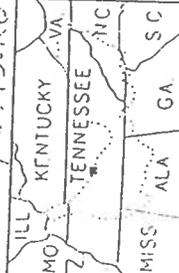
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- Light-duty
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- Wagon and jeep track
- Fool trail
- U. S. Route
- State Route

In developed areas, only through roads are classified



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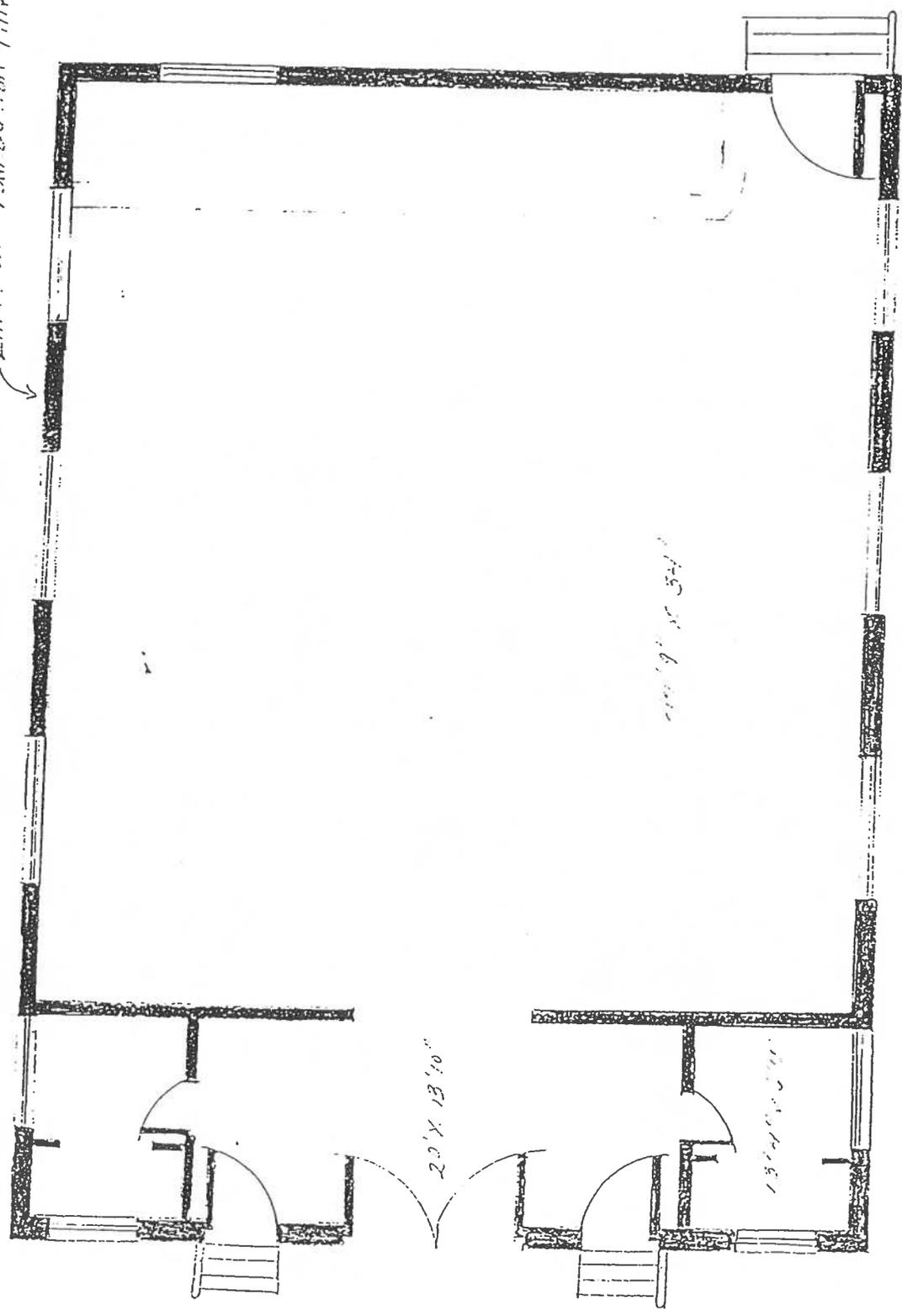
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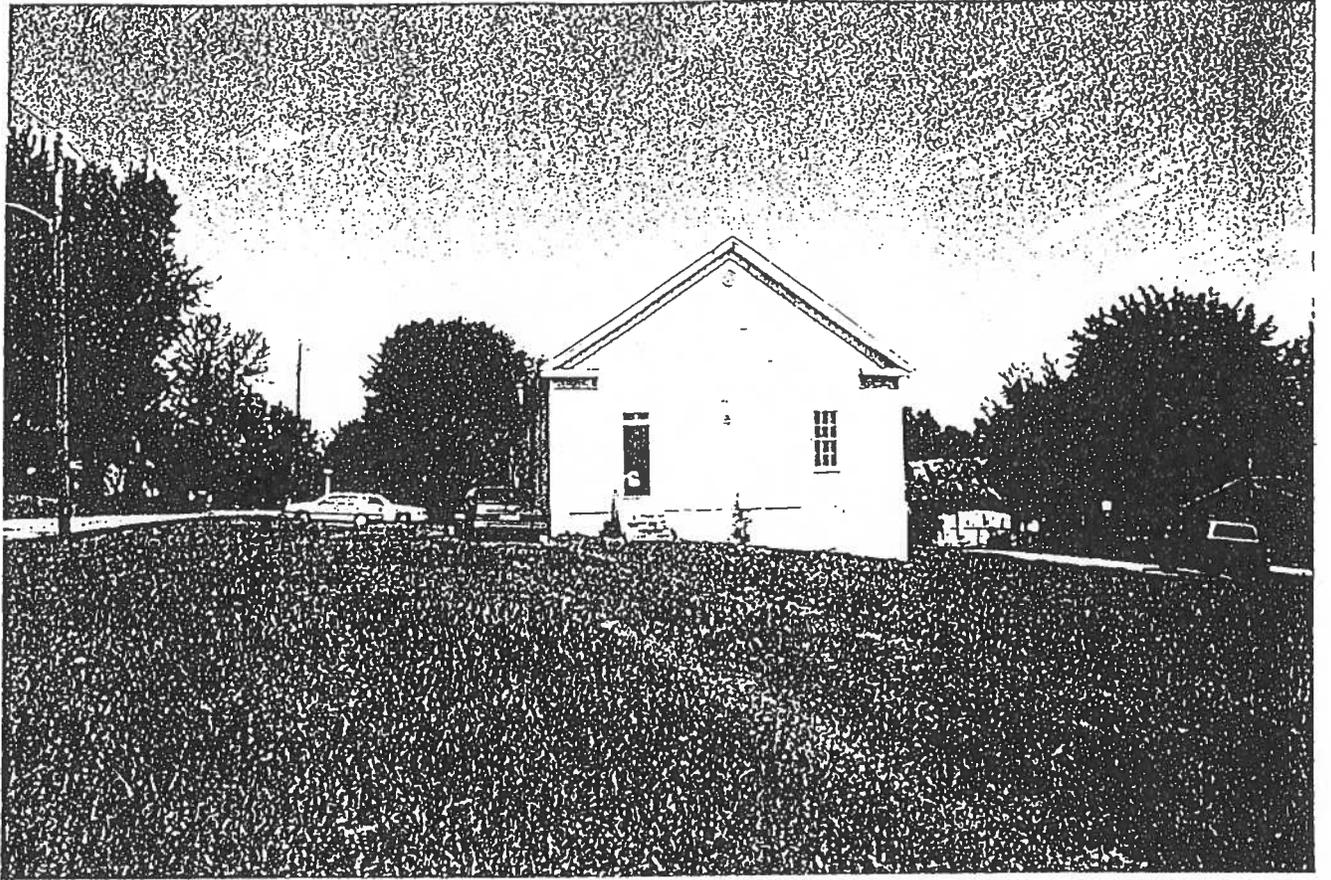


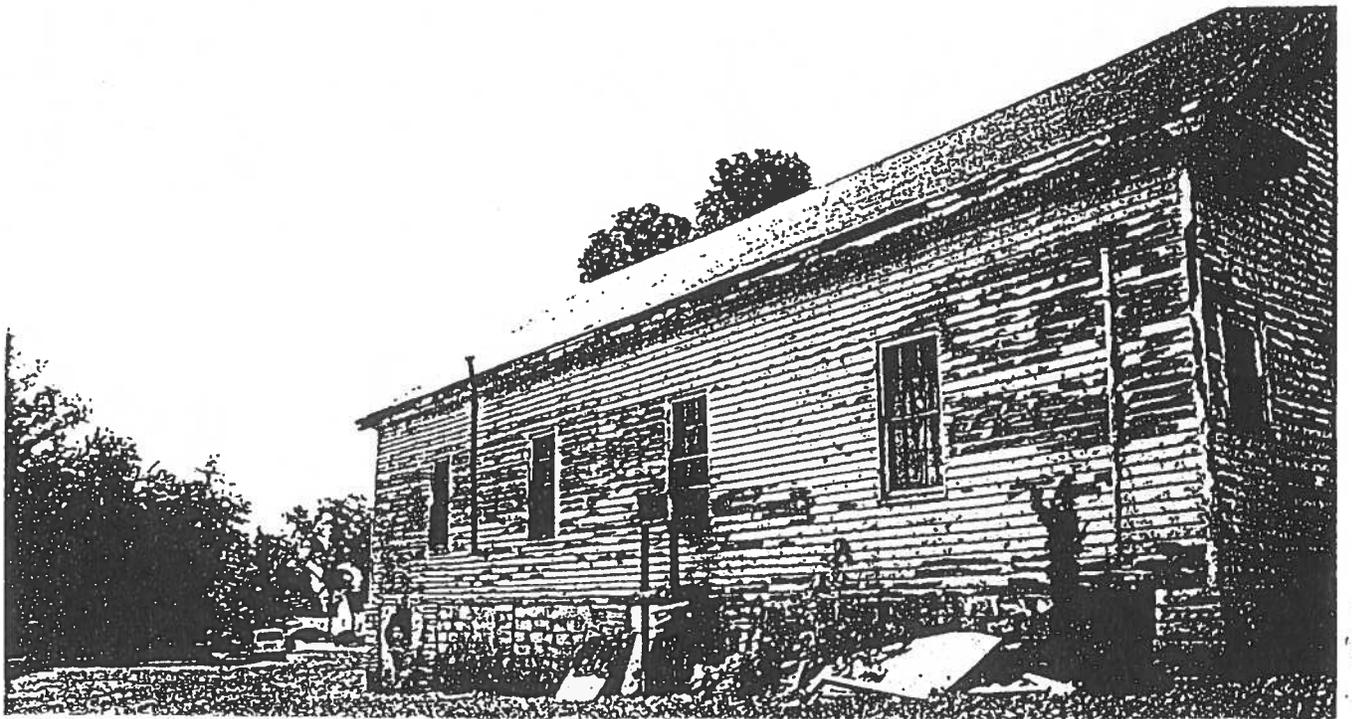
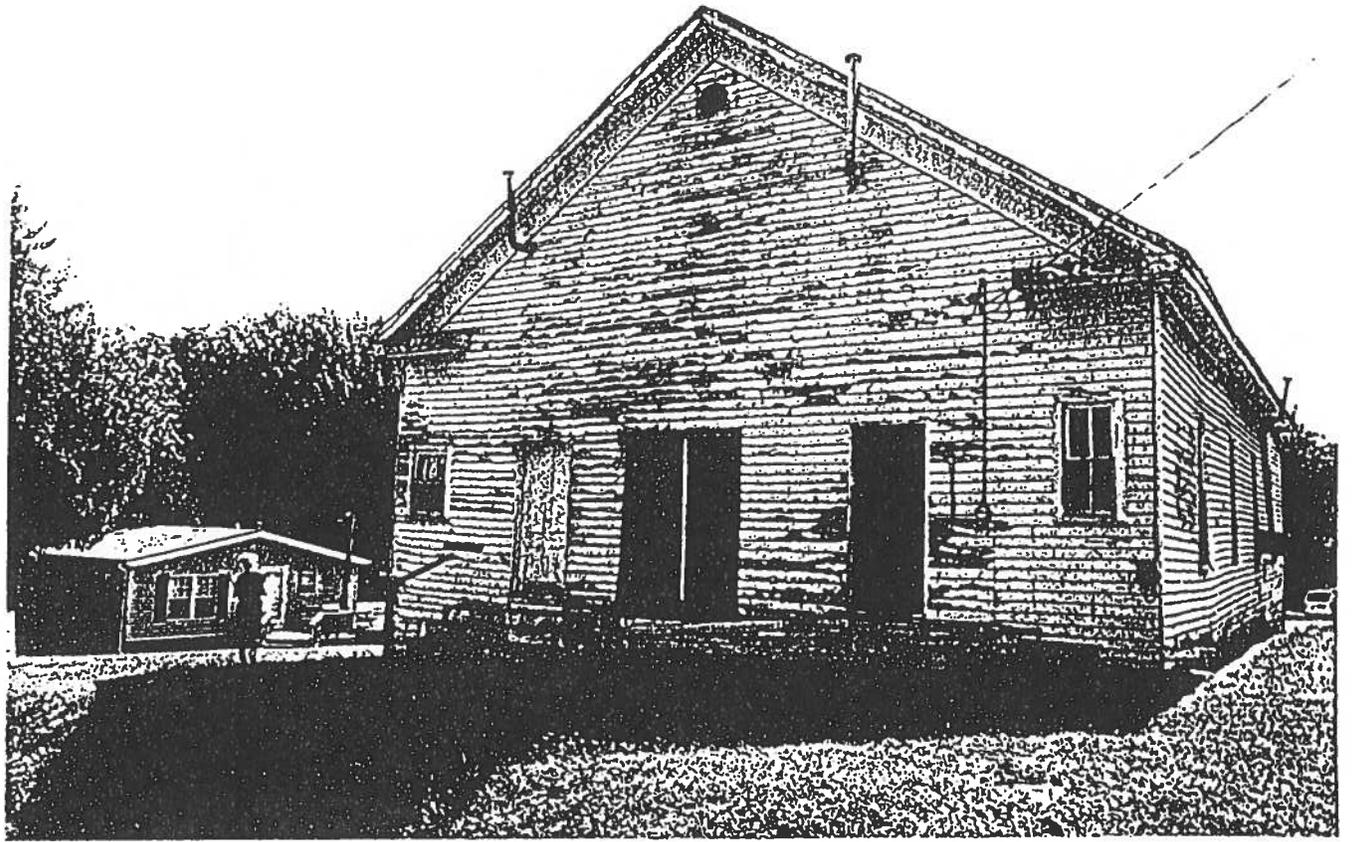
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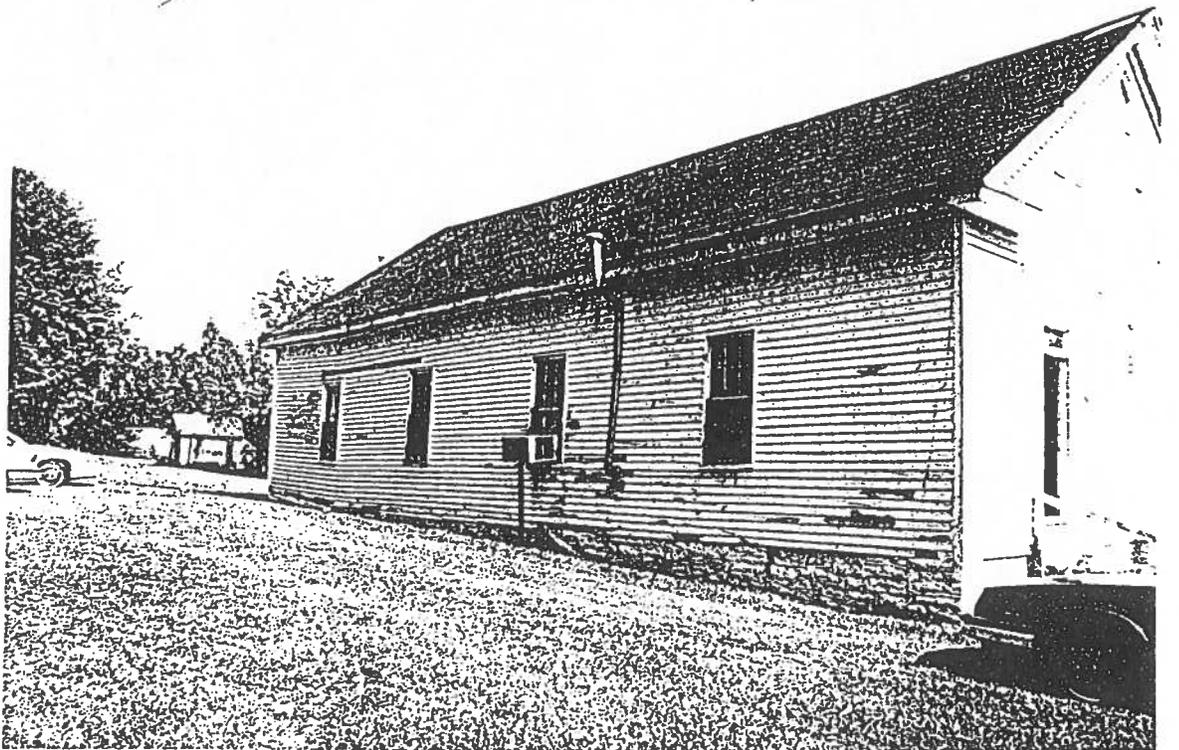
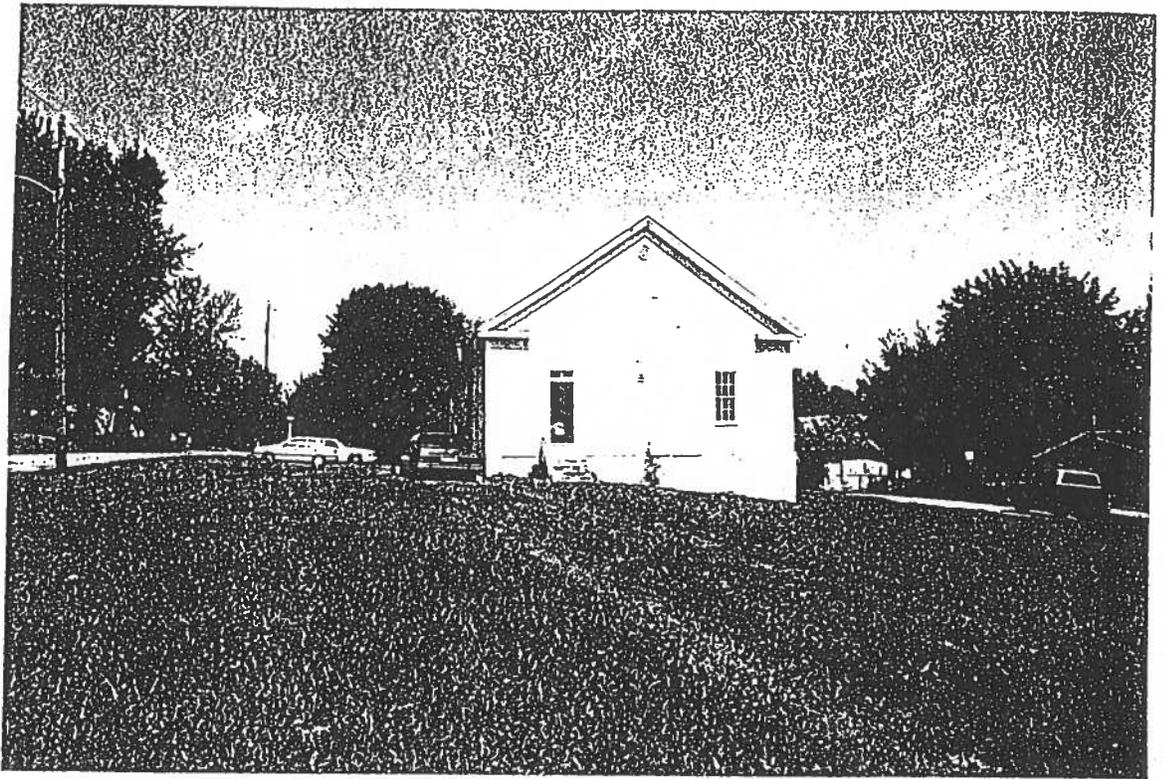
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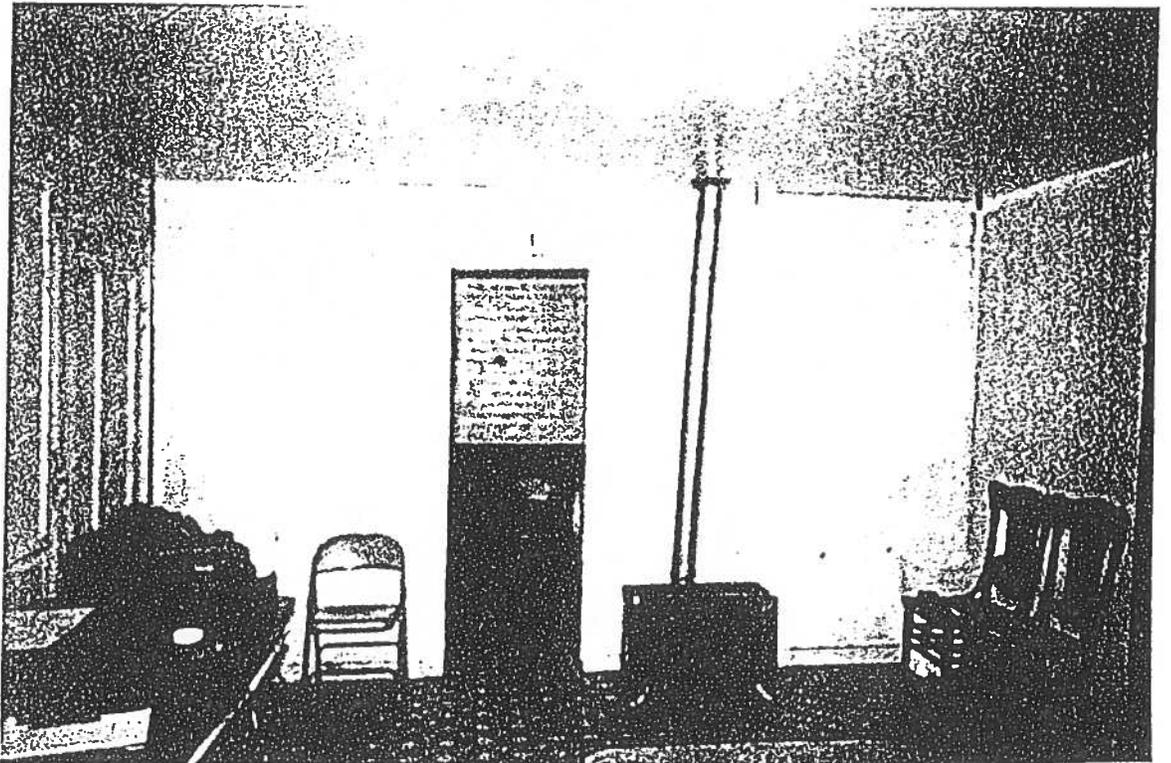
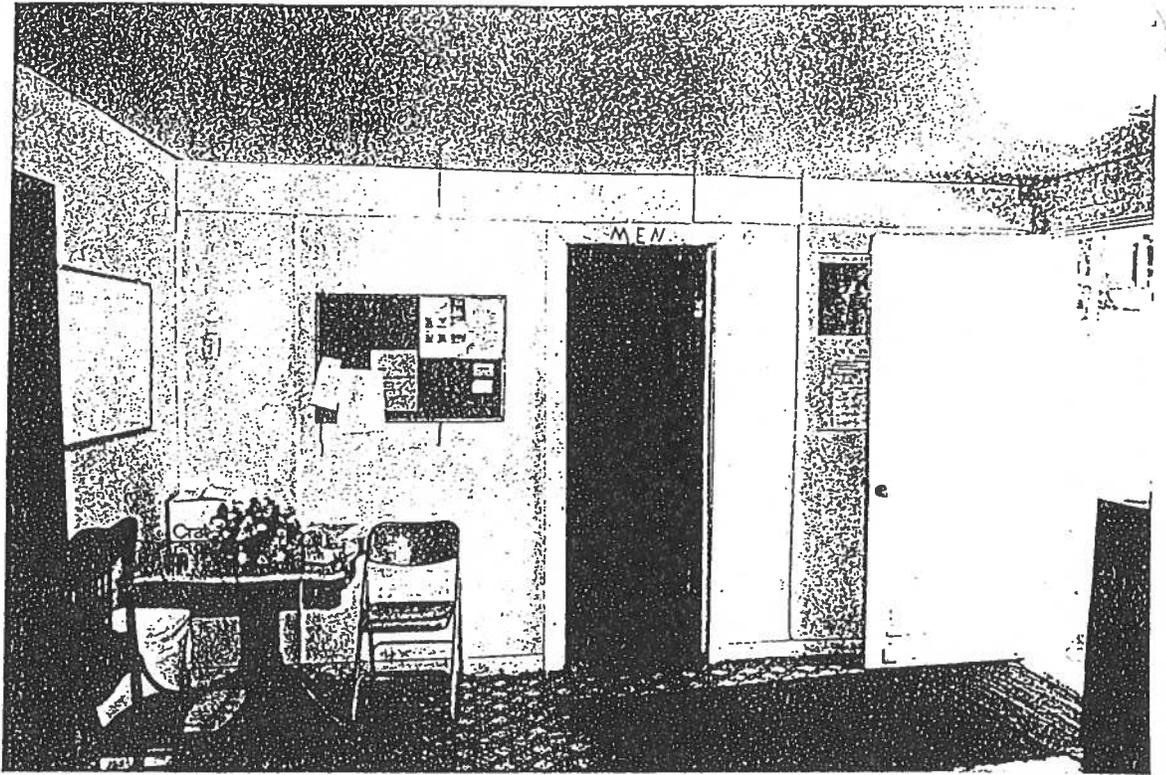
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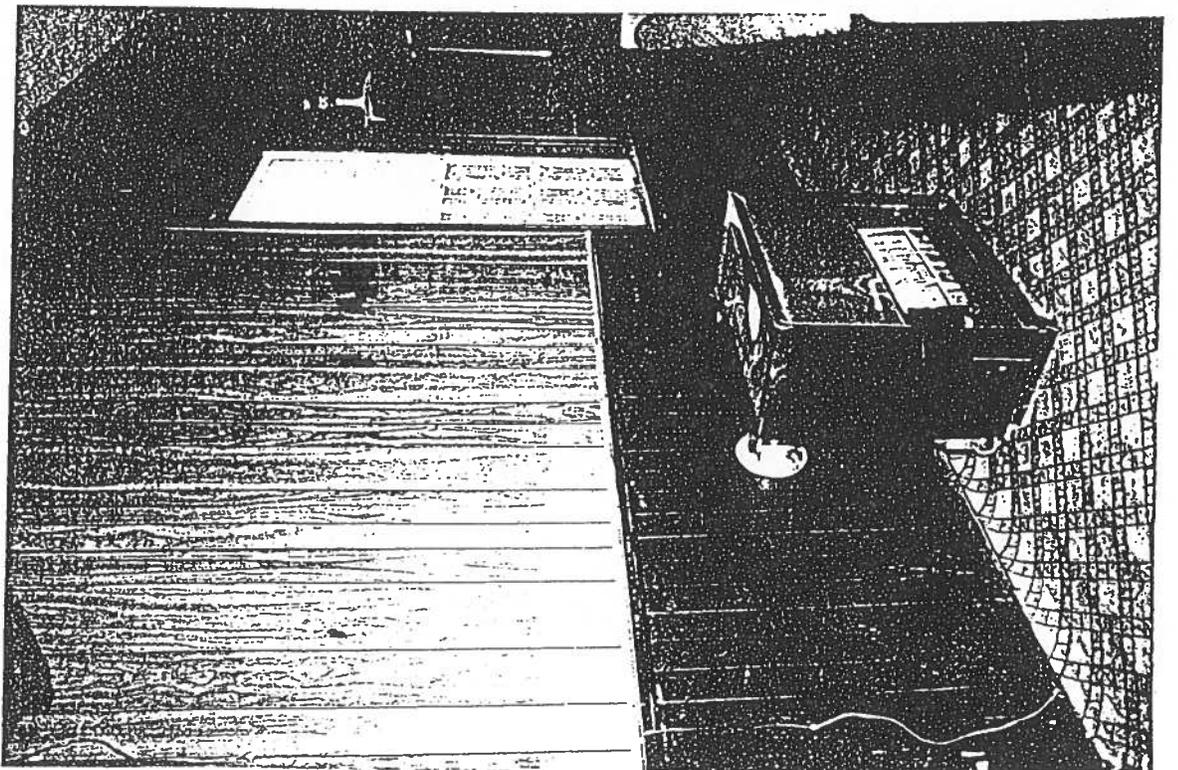
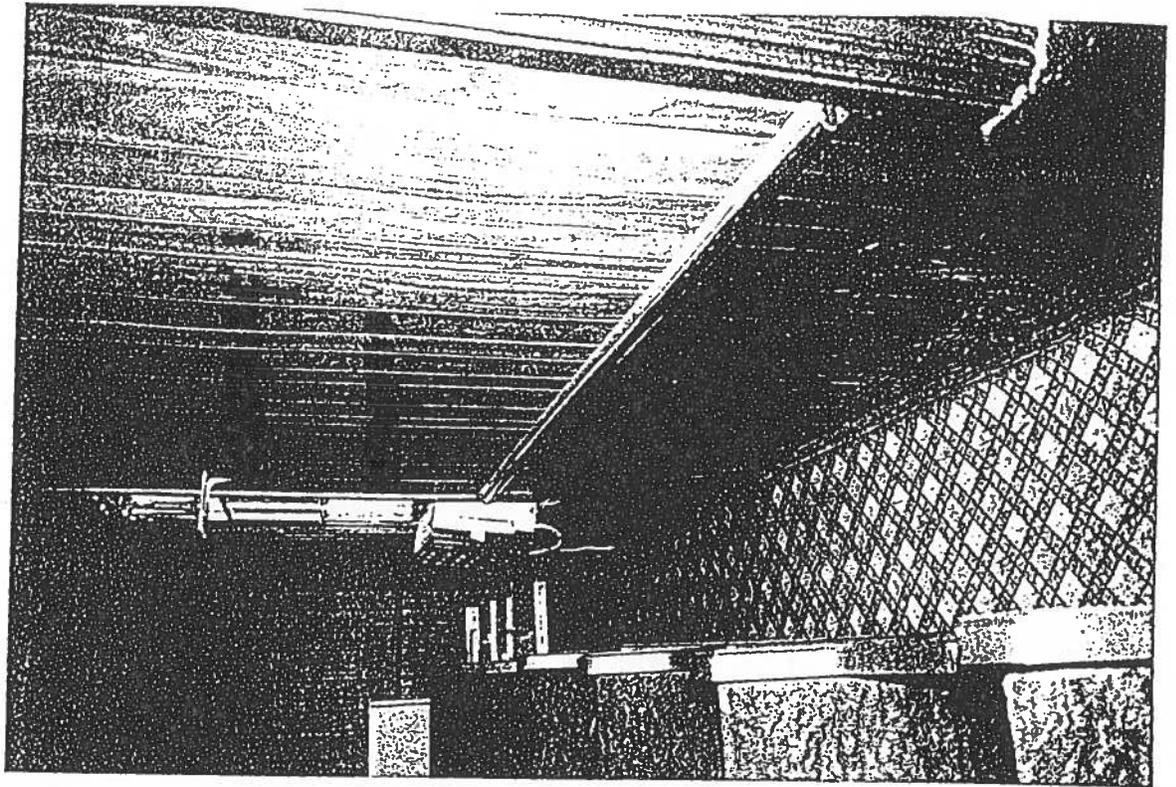
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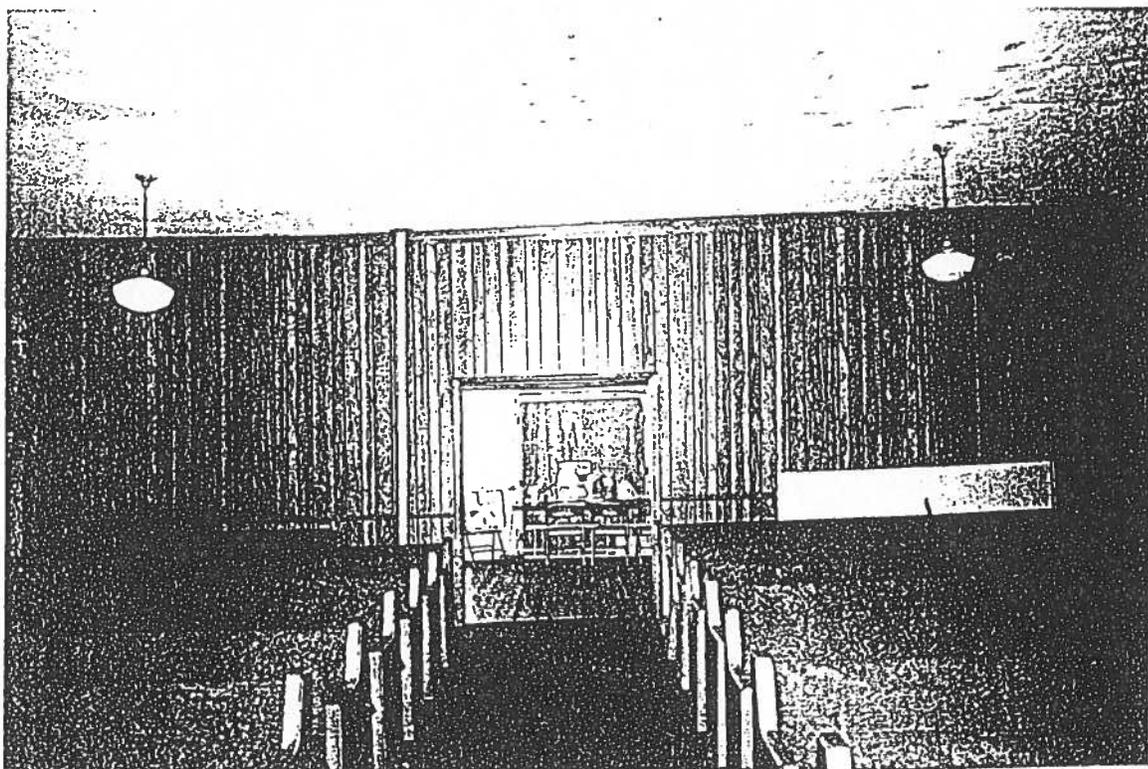
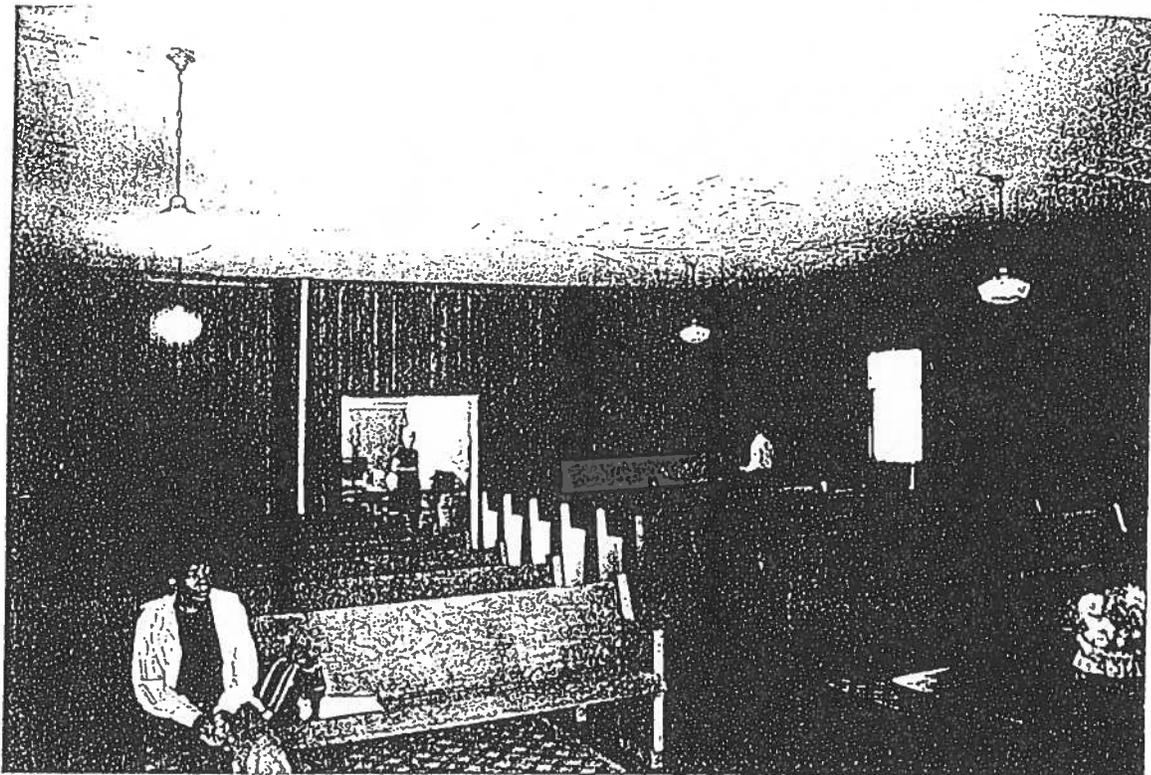


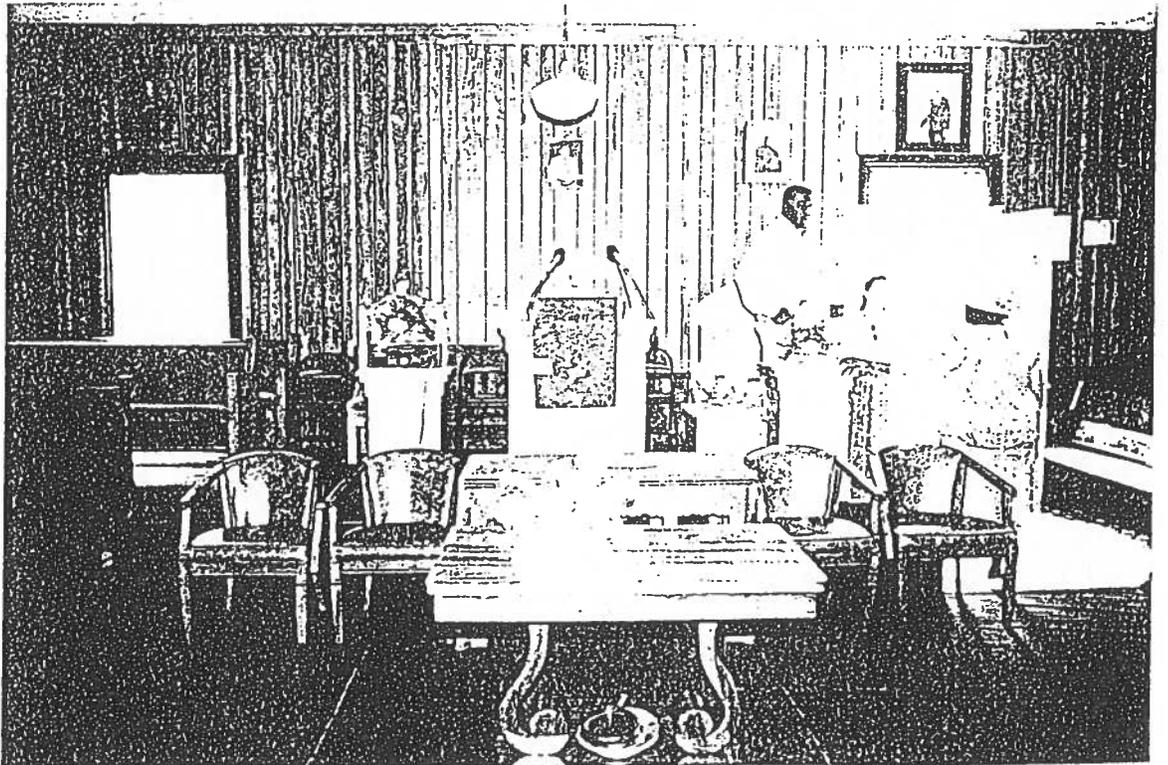
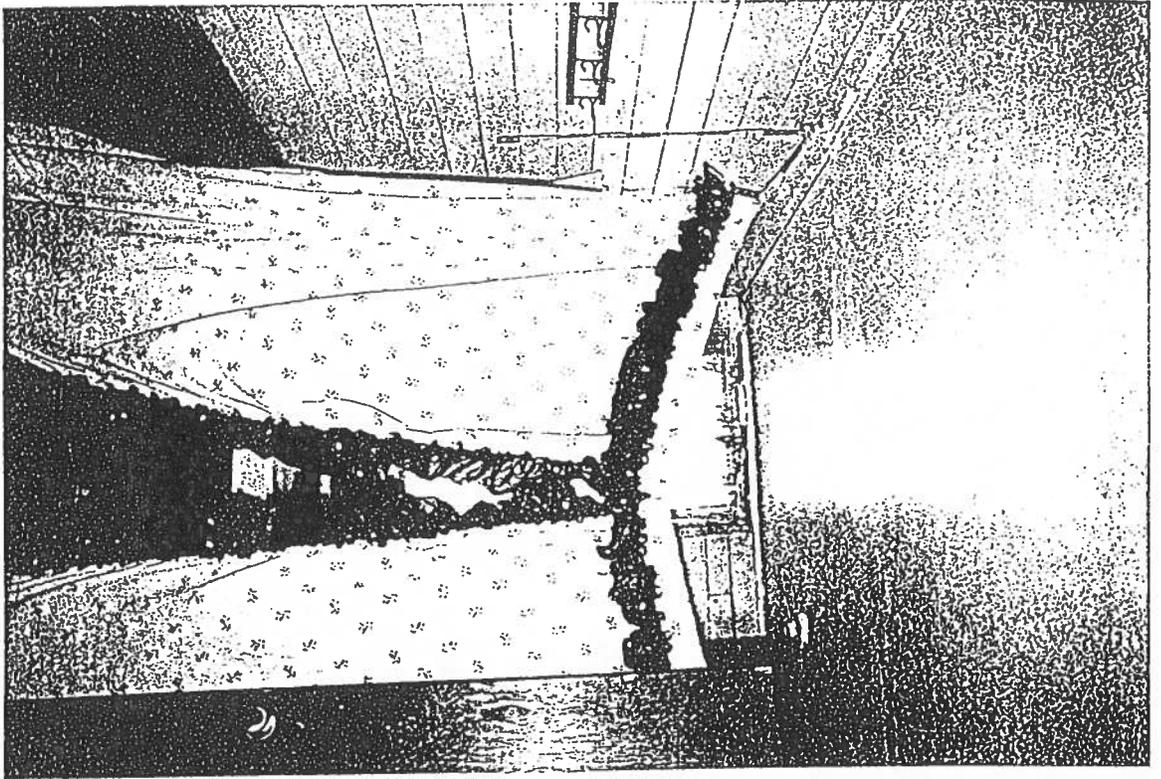












PHYSICAL CONDITION ASSESSMENT
and
RESTORATION RECOMMENDATIONS
for
ST. MARK UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Middle Tennessee State University

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The Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area (TCWNHA) is a statewide program dedicated to the interpretation and preservation of Tennessee's Civil War and Reconstruction legacies. Partially funded by the National Park Service, the TCWNHA is one of several projects administered by the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University.

INTRODUCTION

Historic St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church is located on Maury Hill Street in Spring Hill, Tennessee, in northeastern Maury County. The property has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2000. Although the church building appears to date from ca. 1900, the congregation itself can trace its history back some thirty years earlier, to the period immediately following the Civil War. St. Mark's is one of the older black Primitive Baptist churches in the Middle Tennessee area and has hosted the annual meeting of the Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association in the past.

The Primitive Baptists tried to follow their interpretation of the freedom and simplicity of the early Church in their daily lives. The use of the word "primitive" is an allusion to the original pure church and simple faith of the Apostles. This allegiance to the fundamental truths outlined in the Holy Scriptures is reflected in the plain, unadorned, yet symbolic architecture of the Primitive Baptist church houses, such as St. Mark's.

Sunday services were held in the small rectangular white frame building. With no steeple, stained glass windows, or other ornament, the church house reflected the simplicity and humility to which its members aspired. The uncomplicated interior is covered with utilitarian paneling, and plain wooden pews provide the seating. Although a set of double doors has replaced the original separate entry doors and bathrooms have been added, little else has changed since the initial construction.

The following assessment is provided at the request of Elder Tommy Caldwell. This report will examine the physical condition of St. Mark's Church as of November 2006, and provide restoration recommendations for the structure. If necessary, the work outlined in these guidelines can be performed in stages as time and resources will allow.



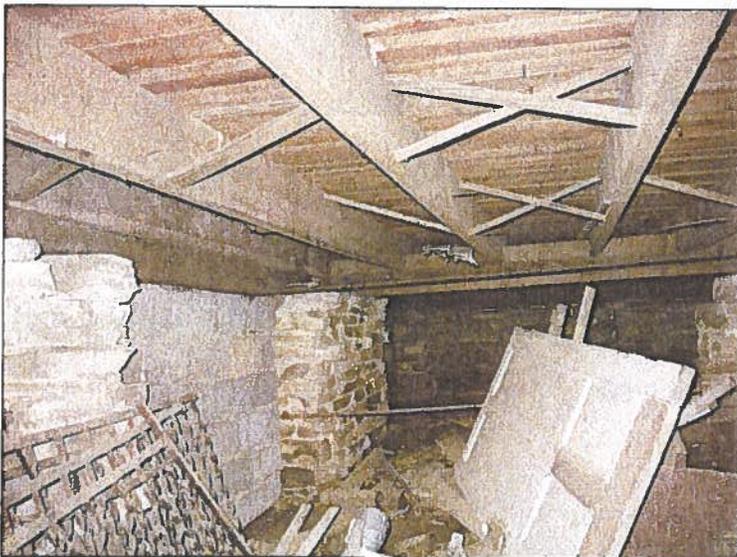
PHYSICAL CONDITION ASSESSMENT

Foundation – Consists of well-laid roughly-dressed limestone piers placed on rock footers, in-filled with stones and concrete blocks to form a continuous foundation on three sides (the west elevation is missing stonework under the steps). Although the ground has washed away and exposed the edge of the footers on the north side of the church, the structure remains solid. Some of the stone infill near the southeast corner has failed and needs repair; a concrete block section near the northwest corner needs to be re-laid. Overall, the foundation is in good shape and is capable of providing good service for the foreseeable future.

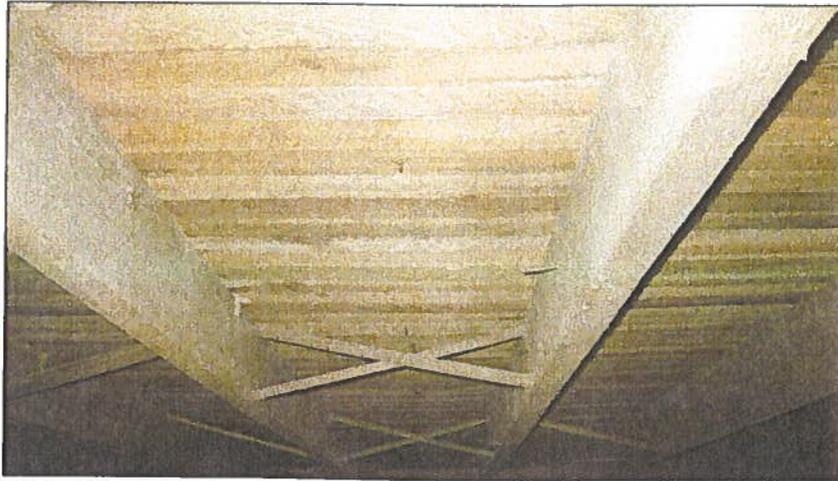




Sill Girders – Consist of three lines of large squared timbers running the long way under the building, one under each long wall and one down the center. Most of the girders are in fine condition; they have adequate ground clearance and are well-ventilated. The one exception occurs at the southwest corner of the structure. Here the soil from above the church site has washed down the hill and has been deposited against the base of the building. This soil deposit has accumulated over time and its proximity to the wood structural members has resulted in the complete failure of the sill girder at this location.



Floor Joists – Consist of 2" by 10" yellow poplar lumber on two foot centers, reinforced with x-type bridging between the joists. The joists are in very good shape.



Flooring – Consists of 1” by 4” tongue-and-groove southern yellow pine boards nailed to the floor joists. Most of the flooring appears to be sound and serviceable. Several small areas of the bathroom floors should be inspected more closely at a later time.

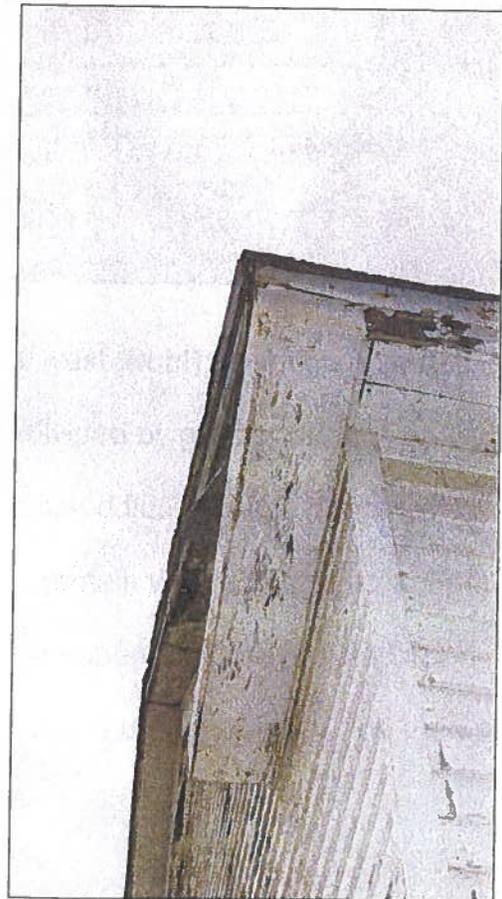
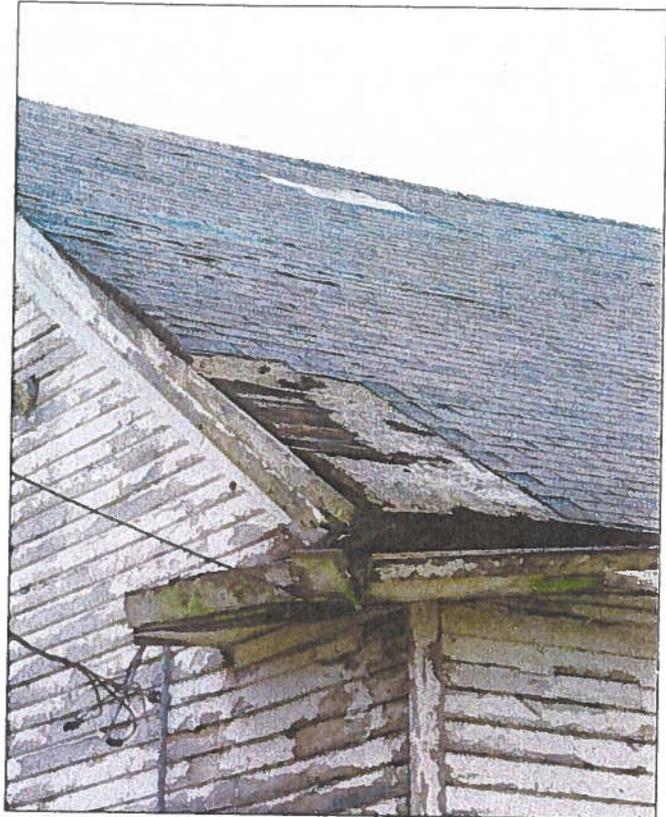
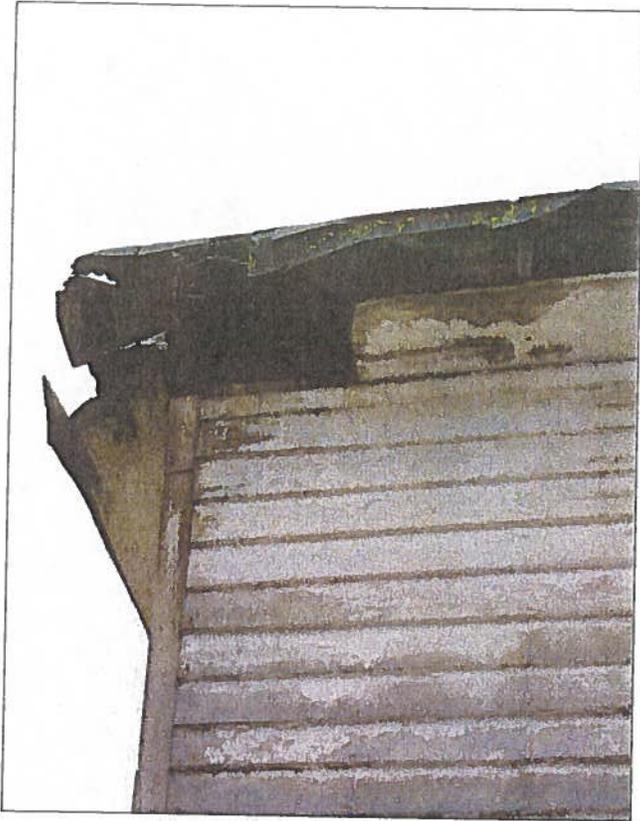


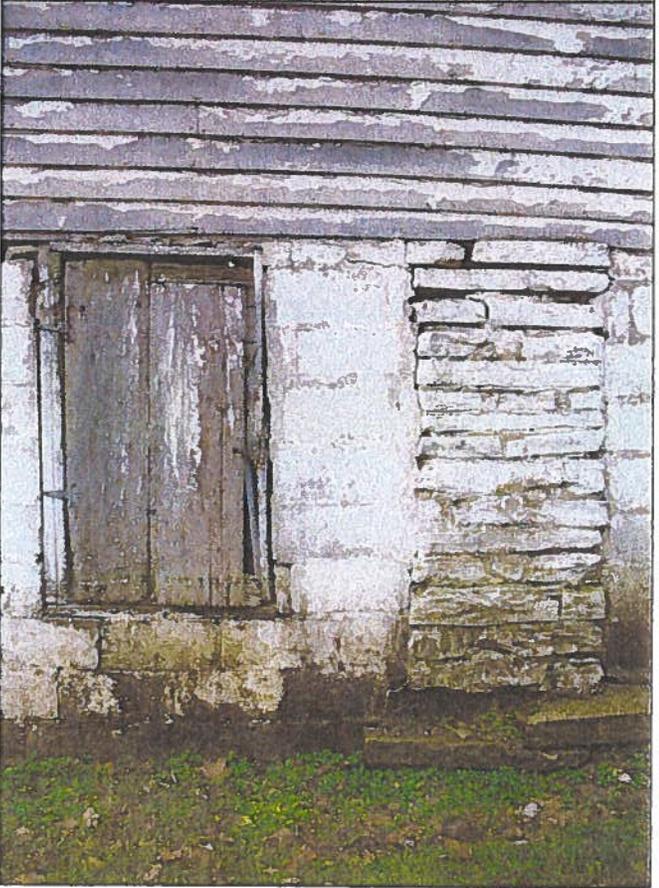
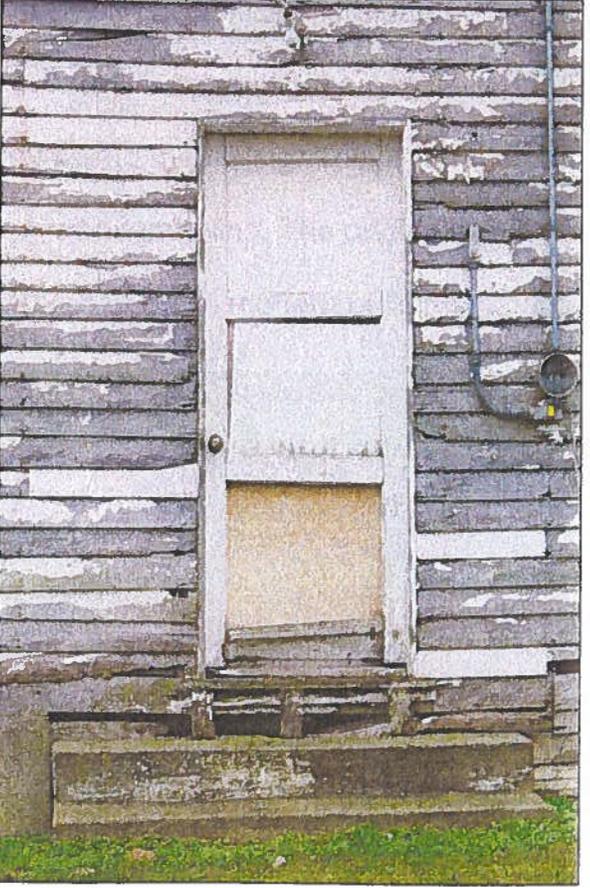
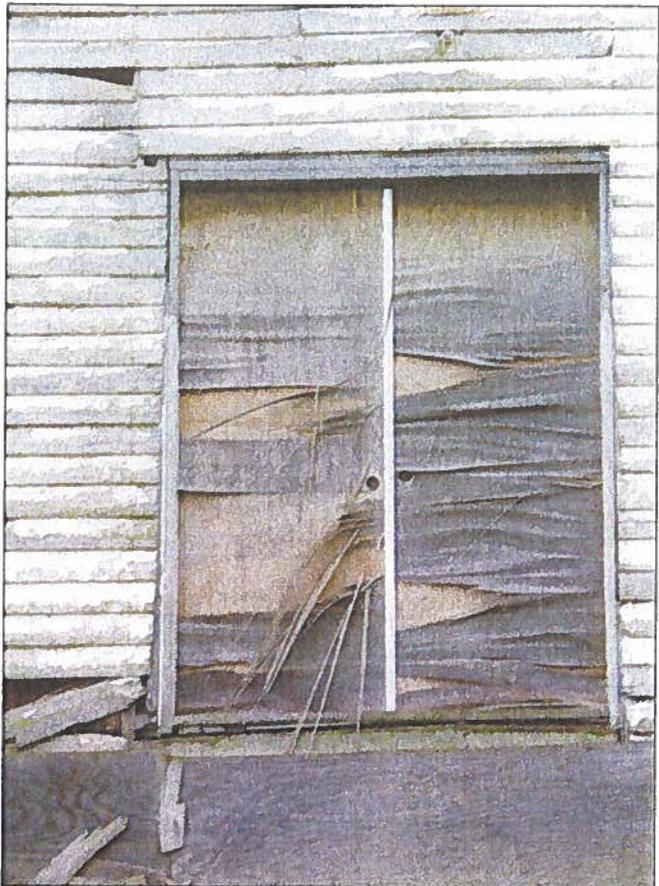
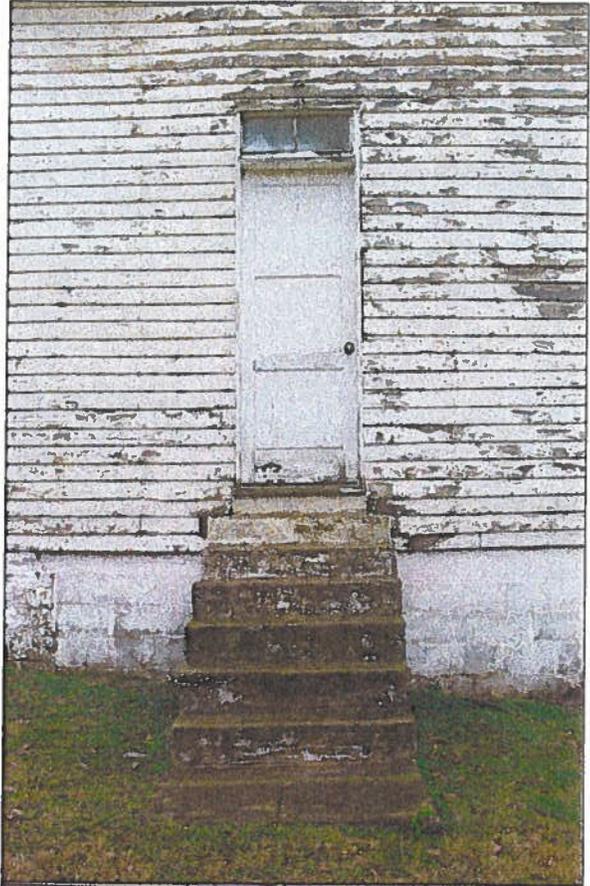
Walls – Consist of 2” by 4” yellow poplar studs with weatherboards on the exterior and beaded wood paneling on the interior. In addition, the historic interior wood paneling has been covered over by modern plywood panels. The walls are plumb and are reasonably straight. Sheet metal vent pipes pierce three of the exterior walls.



Siding – Consists of 1” by 6” beveled yellow poplar weatherboards painted white. A number of pieces are missing, others have deteriorated, and all need painting. A small star-shaped wooden vent originally was installed near the top of each of the two gable walls. One of these vents is missing and the other may need some minor repairs.

Roof – Consists of a one-inch thick layer of wooden sheathing that is covered by a second layer composed of 4’ by 8’ sheets of oriented strand board (OSB). Both layers are nailed to wood rafters and covered with asphalt shingles. In all probability the original roofing consisted of sawn cedar shingles. The rafters are cut at a medium pitch (approximately 8 in 12), and a simple return has been fashioned at each lower corner of the roof. The roof is in an advanced state of deterioration. The shingles are missing, worn, and cracked and admit rainwater. The sheathing boards have decayed. All parts of the cornice (fascia, soffit, frieze, and returns) are in poor condition and need restoration. Quite a bit of the original fabric remains and is covered over by later plywood or metal repairs.





Paint – The paint has failed on all exterior surfaces: foundation, walls, millwork, and cornice.



Interior – The interior of the church has begun to suffer from the lack of a sound roof. Moisture penetration has put all of the furnishings and building materials at risk. Much of the original fabric remains, but is covered over with modern materials. The ceiling consists of 1" by 4" tongue-and-groove beaded southern yellow pine paneling covered over with acoustical tile made from cellulose. Leaking water has caused many of these tiles to fall, exposing the original wood. The walls of the building consist of paneling similar to the ceiling. This historic material has been covered with 4' by 8' sheets of plywood paneling. The original wood floor has been covered with linoleum or carpet. Some of these modern building materials may contain hazardous substances.



RESTORATION OVERVIEW

Overall, St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church is in good shape, although the wooden structure is in need of considerable repair. The main areas that require immediate attention are the roof and the sill girder. The roof is the first priority, and must be fixed before additional damage occurs.

In the meantime, large tarps should be installed temporarily to minimize water penetration into the building. The old roof should be stripped down to the rafters, necessary repairs made to the framing, and new decking and shingles installed. Ideally, the cornice should be rebuilt at the same time that the roof work is being done. After a water-tight roof has been installed, care should be taken to aerate and dry out the contents of the interior of the building in order to minimize the growth of mold.

The sill girder in the southwest corner of the church has to be replaced. This work will require some excavation of the surrounding soil that has washed down the hill. This soil should be graded and sloped away from the building in order to prevent a reoccurrence of this condition in the future. In addition, historically-appropriate gutters and leaders should be installed after the work on the roof is completed in order to direct the water coming off the roof safely away from the foundation.

Many of the other repairs outlined in this assessment can be performed as time and budget allow. Some of the individual projects are simple tasks that could be done in a few hours by people handy with tools, but others are more complicated and may require professional help. The important thing to remember is that every little bit helps and furthers the goal of the preservation of St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church.

RESTORATION RECOMMENDATIONS

St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is important to note that any modifications to a historic structure must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The following recommendations adhere to preservation principles as outlined in these Standards. The strategy of "minimum intervention" is a good starting point for discussion of the restoration of the property. This concept means that preservation and/or repair is preferable to replacement, any repairs should utilize similar materials and similar techniques, and, if replacement should be necessary, the replacement should match the old as much as possible in design, color, texture, and material. In sum, the church building should be returned to its historic appearance as much as is practical. Information on how to obtain the Standards for Rehabilitation and other relevant materials can be found on the last page of this report.

Foundation – A disadvantage of a hillside site is the potential for soil erosion. The removal and re-depositing of earth and rock can cause unanticipated problems in nearby buildings. The accumulation of topsoil and other material at the southwest corner of the church is a good example of this. The building acted like a dam and trapped waterborne sediment against wooden framing members. This situation led to the decay and complete failure of the sill girder. In order to prevent such a recurrence, the ground in the southwest corner area should be reshaped so that runoff water does not affect the structure. In fact, the twelve-foot wide area surrounding the church

should be graded and sloped (at least 1 in 12) so that any surface water drains away from the building.

The most likely reason for the cracking and settling of some of the infill is the lack of a proper footer to support it. Before re-laying the stone or block, excavate and pour a 12-inch deep, 16-inch wide concrete footer to support the weight. The concrete block infill should be re-laid so that there are no gaps or voids.

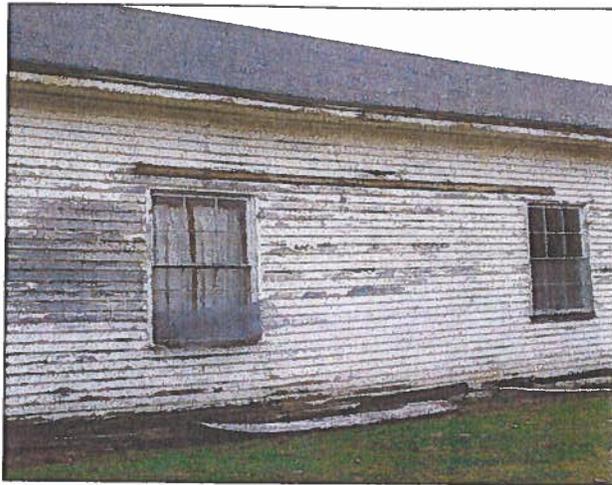


Sill Girder – The hewn girder at the southwest corner of the church needs to be replaced. Because of its proximity to the ground, the use of a pressure-treated timber of the same size would be appropriate. The building should be jacked up and cribbed adequately while the repairs are made. Care should be taken to assure that the old floor joists have good bearing on the new girder.

Floor Joists – No apparent problems.

Flooring -- No apparent problems. The bathroom floors should be inspected closely for deterioration.

Siding – The poor condition of the paint on the building for a considerable time period has led to deteriorated and missing siding. The siding should be inspected and unserviceable pieces identified and removed. Replacement pieces should be fitted properly and nailed with appropriate (non-rusting) fasteners. Openings should be flashed properly with sheet metal and/or caulked tight.

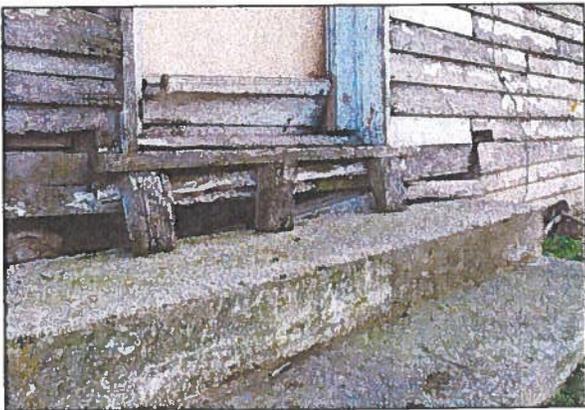


Roof – The old roofing materials should be carefully stripped down to the rafters and properly disposed of in the landfill. The overhangs should be measured accurately and the returns measured and photographed for future replication. Any pieces of the cornice that are sound should be saved for reuse in the same place it was originally. The rafters should be carefully inspected for damage and the appropriate repairs made. Install 5/8" CDX plywood sheathing as the roof decking with 8d cement-coated nails. Cover with 30# roofing felt. Install three-tab fiberglass shingles according to manufacturer's directions.

Windows – The windows need to be refurbished on a case by case basis. Each window should be inspected and repaired as needed. Yellow poplar was used for the

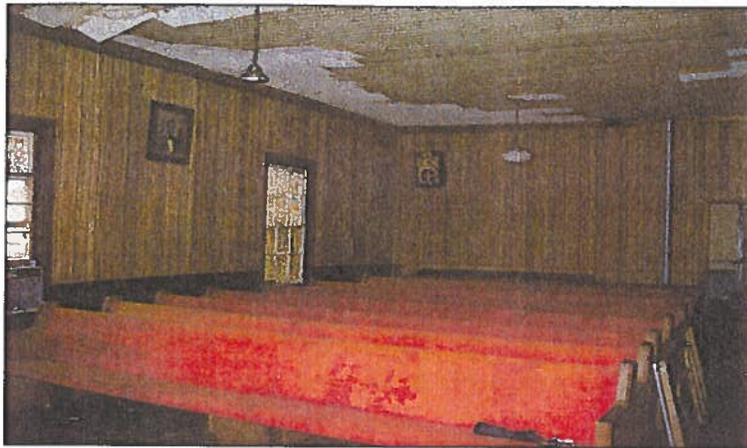
original frames, and should be used for any repairs. All broken panes should be replaced. All panes should be properly glazed. Any deteriorated oak sills should be repaired or replaced.

Doors – The main difference between the historic appearance of St. Mark's and the current one is the arrangement of the openings on the west elevation. The congregation installed a pair of flush doors between the original separate single doors in 1988 and now four unused doors appear on the front of the building. In addition, there is a small double-hung sash window at each corner. The most appropriate restoration scenario would be to remove the pair of doors and two little windows and return the church to its original appearance. This work should be done before the siding repairs are completed. In addition, the girder that runs under the doors has suffered considerable damage from moisture. This girder should be repaired in the appropriate manner.



Paint – All wooden surfaces should be scraped, primed, and painted with a high-quality latex paint. Since the old paint could possibly contain lead, it should be disposed of properly.

Interior – Much of the original fabric of the interior remains, or could be repaired. The **question** is what does the congregation desire? While a great deal of the historic **material** would be visible once the modern materials are removed, a significant amount of **repairs** would still have to be made. Discussions would have to take place among the **interested parties** regarding the level of interior restoration that should occur.



RESOURCES

Familiarity with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* is essential when working with properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places. These *Standards* can be found online at

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/tax/rehabstandards.htm>.

In addition, the online version of the Secretary's *Illustrated Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings* is available at

<http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/tax/rhb/index.htm>.

Both of these very useful publications are also available in hard copy.

For over 25 years, the Technical Preservation Services for Historic Buildings division of the National Park Service has produced a series of Preservation Briefs that deal with common restoration issues. Each Brief deals with a single topic and provides a detailed overview of the subject at hand, as well as a list of selected readings to consult for further research. These Briefs are available online at <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm> or in hard copy from the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

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