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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mount Horeb Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

Mount Horeb Baptist Church

2 LOCATION

Montgomery County Township 47N, Range 6W, Section 18. Gravel road on line of Callaway and Montgomery County, southwest off County Route N, west of Mineola.

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mineola

XX VICINITY OF

#9 - Hon. Harold L. Volkmer

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Missouri

CODE

29

COUNTY

Montgomery

CODE

139

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

XX BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

XX PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

__YES: RESTRICTED

X YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

XX RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mount Horeb Baptist Church (congregation)

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Ms. Norma Mueller, Church Secretary, 808 Middle Street

CITY, TOWN

Fulton

VICINITY OF

Missouri 65251

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

211 East Third Street

CITY, TOWN

Montgomery City

STATE

Missouri

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Missouri State Historic Survey

DATE

1979

__FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Dept. of Natural Resources, Div. of Parks & Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

P. O. Box 176, Jefferson City

STATE

Missouri 65102

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mount Horeb Baptist Church is located on a 1/2 acre clearing in a heavily wooded rural area in western Montgomery County, Missouri. It is bordered on two sides by gravel roads that intersect to one side of the building. It sits in association with two small frame outhouses and the Church cemetery.

The church is a rectangular one-story frame building with gable roof and no basement. Exterior dimensions are 28' 3" x 46' 5". The single room has a ceiling height of 14' 6", except along the sidewalls where the ceiling follows the slope of the roof.

The foundation consists of a series of single rough-hewn stones on which the wood floor structure is set. Flooring is of 9" wide sawn planks. Exterior facing is 3/8" bevel wood siding with pilaster corner boards, painted white. The roof is a simple A-frame construction with asphalt shingling placed over wood shingles.

There are six double-hung windows, 2' 9" wide, glazed with clear glass, with triangular heads. They are set three on a side, east and west facing. The front entrance consists of a pair of two-paneled doors surmounted by a glazed transom. The rear door is a single leaf, with a glazed transom of clear glass.

The interior walls and ceiling are plaster covered with wallpaper and paint. There is a matched and beaded wood wainscot 3' 1" high on all four sides. Heating is by means of a 30" diameter stove with the inscription: "National Air Heater #18-30, Excelsior Stove Co., Quincy, Illinois." The stovepipe runs to a concrete block chimney corbelled from the side wall.

The church contains thirty benches, said to be of hand-hewn sycamore, twenty-eight of which are 10' 2" long and two which are 6' 2" long. The seats are made from a single board 1 1/2" x 14" and backs from a single board 1 1/16" x 14 1/2". The room has a raised center platform at the north end.

With the exceptions of the alterations listed as follows, the building stands as built: concrete block chimney, asphalt shingles on roof (1951), replacement of original exterior shutters with wooden window coverings padlocked for security, replacement of rear door, change of wallpaper.

The building has been in continuous use as a church since construction in 1897, there are no plans to alter it's situation, however church services are held only once a month. The building suffers from a dwindling congregation and constant threat of vandalism.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **1897 - built**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mount Horeb Baptist Church is significant as a good example of a late nineteenth century rural Missouri one-room frame meeting house. Due to the isolated location, the building and its environment have changed little and therefore retain much of the original feeling associated with rural life.

The historical experience of the church is representative of rural Baptist congregations in Mid-Missouri. The church retains associations with the early settlement patterns of Mid-Missouri, the original congregations being made up of families from Kentucky and Tennessee. These rural churches made a considerable contribution to the development of the Mid-Missouri area and provided a base for the beliefs and life style of the original settlers and their decedents. These associations helped to hold individuals together to provide a sense of community when one did not exist, and provide activities of both a religious and social nature.

The association with the rural church provided these early Missourians with beliefs that would effect not only their religious character, but also their conduct and opinions in other elements of society including education, politics, and economics, contributing much to the character of the present Missourian.

The counties surrounding Mount Horeb were settled by back-country farmers from Kentucky and Tennessee, followers of the Boone family that entered Mid-Missouri in the early 1800's. The Mount Horeb church followed a typical pattern of development for rural churches, particularly Baptist churches, in Missouri. First attended by circuit riding ministers, the early settlers of Mid-Missouri met informally and later as an organized church at members' homes. For the Mount Horeb congregation, as with many others, the first building erected specifically for use as a meeting house was made of logs. Frame structures later replaced the log ones as the membership grew. These church organizations provided the early settlers and their farming decedents, essentially in isolation, with the opportunity to escape that isolation through the church meeting, which attended to both the religious and social needs of these people.

In 1830, the Salem Baptist Association of Callaway, Boone, Warren and Montgomery Counties held its annual meeting in Callaway County at the home of Samual Boone, a nephew of Daniel Boone. The Association encouraged the settlers surrounding Boone to organize their own congregation. From this meeting, Boone and his neighbors eventually organized the Mount Horeb Baptist Church on August 3, 1833.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Manuscript: McQuie, Rev. R. E., and Tate, Joseph W., "History of Mount Horeb Church," 1933. (Done for the 100th anniversary of the church).
 Copy of manuscript in files of DNR - Division of Parks and Historic Preservation, Jefferson City.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY four (4) acres

QUADRANGLE NAME "Readsville, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building sits on 1/2 acre in four. That part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 47N, Range 6W, of 5th P.M., described as follows: starting at northwest corner of said Section 18, thence south 23.76 1/2 chains to point of beginning,

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Martin E. Shay, Historic Site Administrator

January 2, 1980

ORGANIZATION

Department of Natural Resources

DATE

314-486-2200

STREET & NUMBER

109 West Second Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Hermann

STATE

Missouri 65041

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Meetings were held at members' homes or out of doors until 1840 when their first meeting house was built in Callaway County. It was "a double log building with a pen on either side, in one of which was a door and in the other the pulpit."¹

Originally a member of the Salem Baptist Association, the church withdrew in 1838 over the issue of missionary work and joined with Little Boone Femme, Columbia, Nashville, Providence, Freedom and Salem churches to form the little Boone Femme Association on November 16, 1839.

Baptists, in general, did not establish a centralized church structure because of their basic belief in congregational autonomy.² However, they did form voluntary associations of local churches for denominational cooperation. Mount Horeb followed this pattern, electing their ministers from the congregations, and maintaining a close-knit, family oriented church. Decendents of some of the original families of Sneathen's, Coles, and Tates continue to care for the building and meet on occasion for religious services providing a sense of continuity throughout the congregation's 147 years.

The church flourished and in 1858 purchased four acres of land in Montgomery County, site of the present building. In 1860, the congregation erected their first frame church on that four acres.

As one of the founding churches of the Little Boone Femme Association, Mount Horeb served as the sponsor of several annual meetings of the association. The church provided leadership until 1883, when the association met at Mount Horeb for the last time. The location, far from towns or improved roads or other forms of transportation, was not suitable to the association for its future meetings.

The families of the area continued to hold meetings in the church, as well as Baptisms in the nearby creek and occasional revivals. In 1897, they removed the 1860 structure and built the present building at a cost of \$444.13 and dedicated it on the fourth Sunday in October of that year.³

The church prospered in the early twentieth century, but the congregation declined in numbers after the 1930's. The trend of movement from the rural areas to the towns and cities decided the fate of Mount Horeb as well as many other rural churches. Regular services continued into the 1960's. The building is no longer associated with a regular Baptist membership, but services are held on occasion by decendents who maintain the building and property.⁴

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Mount Horeb sits in isolation, surrounded by wooded hills and plowed fields much as it did when built. It was this isolation that permitted the building to remain. It serves as a point of demarcation between the nineteenth and twentieth century. It represents the highest hopes of those original settlers. Although used primarily in the twentieth century, the building, because of its isolation, has remained a link to the beliefs, aspirations and life style of the 1800's where it had its foundation.

- 1- Rev. R. E. McQuie and Joseph W. Tate, "History of Mount Horeb Church," 1933.
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of beginning and containing four acres, more or less.

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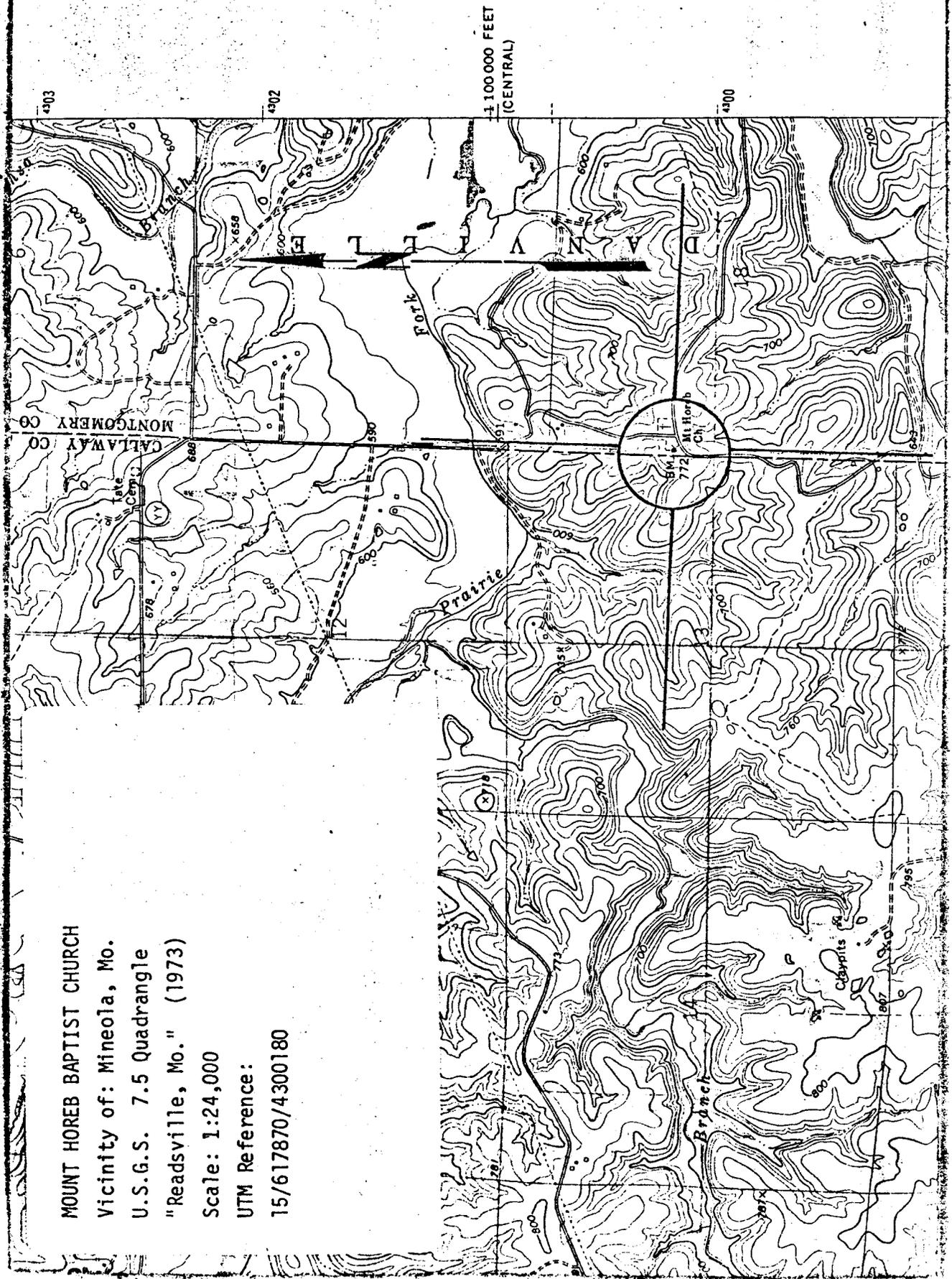
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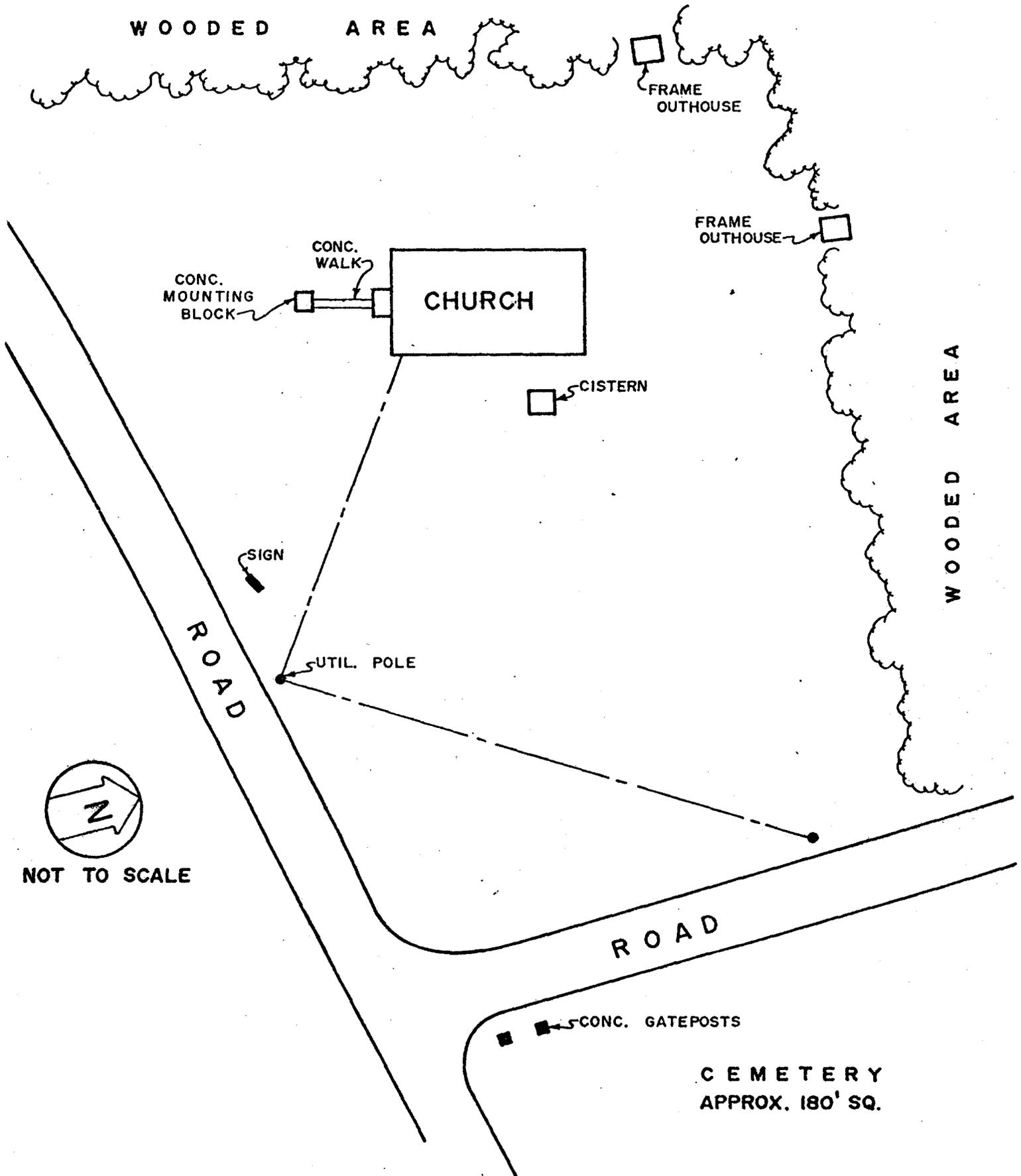
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 3. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey
and State Contact Person
Historic Preservation Program
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Jefferson City
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Missouri 65102

MOUNT HOREB BAPTIST CHURCH
Vicinity of Mineola, Mo.
U.S.G.S. 7.5 Quadrangle
"Readsville, Mo." (1973)
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SITE PLAN MAP
MOUNT HOREB BAPTIST CHURCH
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSOURI



MOUNT HOREB BAPTIST CHURCH

#478

COUNTY:

Montgomery

LOCATION:

Mineola vicinity

OWNER:

Mount Horeb Baptist Church Congregation
c/o Ms. Norma Mueller, Church Secretary
808 Middle Street, Fulton, Mo. 65251

ADDRESS:

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:

April 25, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.:

June 16, 1980

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

June 20, 1980

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:

September 27, 1980

DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED
(AND PRESENTOR):

August 2, 1981
Orval L. Henderson, Jr.

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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Montgomery County, Missouri

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Primary (south) facade and West facade;
view looking northeast.



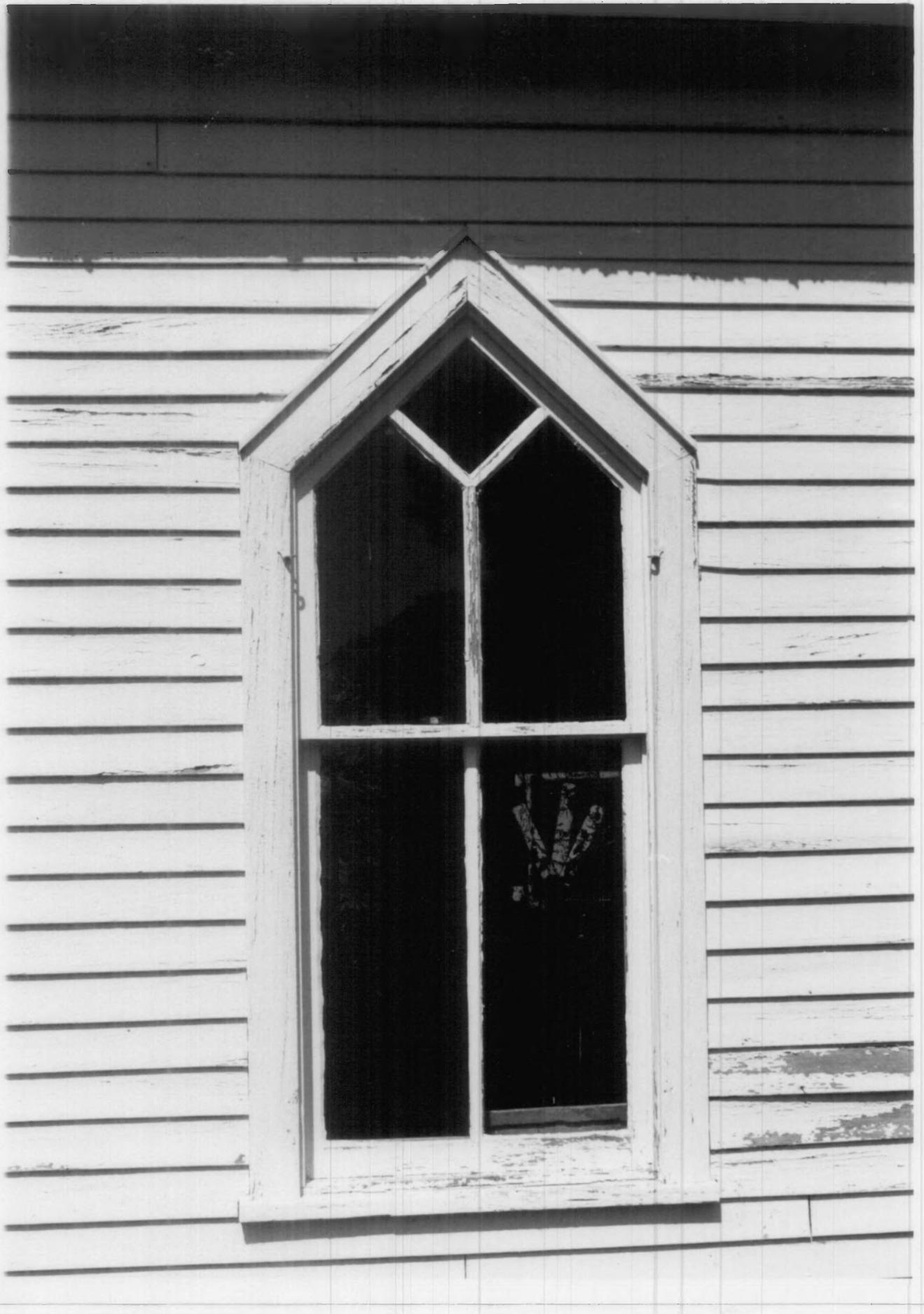
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North facade and East facade; view looking
southwest.





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Detail of entry door; view looking north.

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Interior view; view looking north.

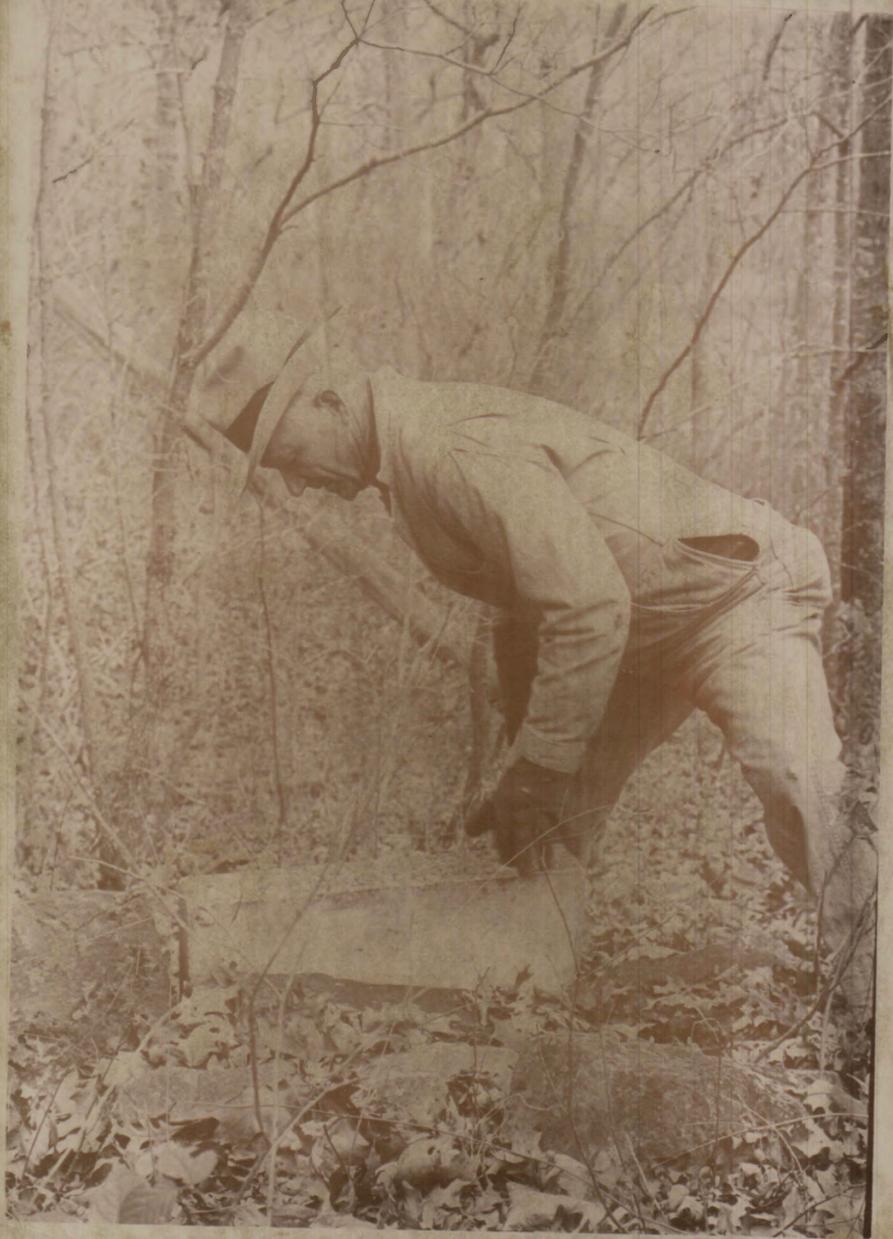


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PHOTOS



JAMES CALLAWAY
CAPTAIN MID-RANGERS
WAR OF 1812
MARCH 7 1815

Paul Fane











MT. HOREB
1833





