United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 New Hope Primitive Baptist Church

and or common New Hope Church

2. Location

street & number Old Ottick Road, Off Country Road EE

city, town Richmond

county Ray

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property

name 1. Congregation of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Ray County Courthouse

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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depository for survey records Ray County Historical Society

state Missouri 64085
7. Description

Condition

__ excellent
__ good
__ fair
__ deteriorated
__ ruined
__ unaltered
__ unexposed

Check one

__ original site
__ moved
__ dale

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church is located on 1 3/4 acres on a high ridge amid rolling farm lands some 4 1/2 miles southwest of Richmond, Missouri.

The rectangular 30' by 40' vernacular Greek Revival building sits on a foundation of rough dressed limestone blocks laid in random ashlar. The high gable roof has been re-covered with pale green asphalt shingles and has a short brick chimney flush with the west gable. The one-room detachment frame building is covered with horizontal weatherboard painted white. It has a plain boxed cornice with returns and pilaster corner boards.

The church is arranged with two bays on the east and west walls, and four bays in the longer north and south walls. The west wall is the entrance to the building. It has two five panel doors with rectangular transoms and plain surrounds with an entablature. The other bays are all windows, double hung, four over four, with plain molding surrounds with entablatures.

A concrete platform was added to the west end in October 1942. It is 8' by 23'4" with a step in front (west) and on the north side. The south side of the platform has a natural rock step. Two steps lead up from the platform to each of the front doors. Between the entrance doors is a wooden sign which reads "New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Est. 1820".

The interior of the church has been altered but still retains original (1897) planed pine moldings and vertical beaded wainscotting. Window and door corner blocks are routed in a flower and line design with an Eastlake character. The pulpit is Eastlake and matches the wainscotting. The Gothic style pews are original. The original vaulted ceiling has been lowered. Two gas stoves and electricity have been installed. The upper walls and the east windows were closed up with plywood paneling.

Exterior alterations include a new asphalt shingle roof, roof ventilators for the two gas stoves, attic vents in the gable ends, aluminum half-screens on the windows, and closed up transoms.

In addition to the church, the property includes a graveyard (containing 166 graves dating from 1856 to 1973), a 300 gallon L. P. gas tank, and two out-houses made of wood predominantly. All are well maintained.
Significance

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

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|         | conservation         |
|         | economics            |
|         | education            |
|         | engineering          |
|         | exploration/settlement |
|         | industry             |
|         | invention            |
|         | landscape architecture|
|         | law                  |
|         | literature           |
|         | military             |
|         | music                |
|         | conservation         |
|         | social               |
|         | humanitarian         |
|         | theater              |
|         | transportation       |
|         | other (specify)      |
|         | science              |
|         | religion             |

Specific dates 1897

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church is a significant example of local architecture and one of the earliest community structures in Ray County.

The church was established around 1820 at Bluffton, Missouri (now Camden) as the North Bluffton Baptist Church. In 1846 the original log building (possibly a private log home) was replaced by a larger, double log structure and renamed New Hope Primitive Baptist Church. In 1873 a frame church was built at the present location, slightly north of the original site. The present, and fourth, church was built in 1897 for $864.85 from plans designed by the church building committee.

The church was one of the earliest churches established in the county, and probably the first. It is definitely the oldest extant church in the county at the present time. The congregation has been in continual existence since the early 1820's. The original congregation was made up of many of the earliest settlers in the county, including one John Vanderpool, the first county resident who arrived in 1815. Two later members, Hardy and John Holman, served as members of the State Legislature in the 1830's and 1840's. Other members served in local government as commissioners, sheriffs, surveyors, and school teachers for the county. Most of the present congregation are direct descendants of the founders.

The church is a good example of rural vernacular architecture. It is a sturdy, well built structure typical of small country churches of the area and period. Although alterations have been made to the interior, the original wainscoting, woodwork, and furnishings have been kept. The exterior has had little alteration from its original appearance. The building and grounds have been kept in an excellent state of repair by the congregation, who have also preserved the church records and minutes back to 1828.

9. Major Bibliographical References


10. Geographical Data

- Acreage of nominated property: 1 3/4 ACRE
- Quadrangle name: "Camden, Mo.", Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification: Part of the southeast corner of the southeast quarter section Four (4), township Fifty-one (51), range Twenty-eight (28), all in Ray County, Missouri, more particularly described as follows: beginning at the southeast corner of the said quarter section and running west one hundred and eighty-one (181) feet.

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

[ ] national [ ] state [X] local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

[ ] Director, Department of Natural Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer

For HCRS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Keeper of the National Register

Chief of Registration
Church Trustees:

1. Orelia Brown Smith  
   108 Ottman  
   Richmond, Missouri 64085

2. Earl Brown  
   2416 E. 68th Street  
   Kansas City, Missouri 64132

ITEM NUMBER 6

2. Missouri State Historical Survey  
   1979  
   Department of Natural Resources  
   P.O. Box 176  
   Jefferson City  
   Missouri 65101

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and six (6) inches, thence north one hundred and eighty-one (181) feet and six (6) inches, thence north forty (40) degrees two hundred and eighty (280) feet and seven (7) inches, thence south three hundred and ninety-six (396) feet to the place of beginning.

ITEM NUMBER 11

2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey  
   and State Contact Person  
   July 9, 1980  
   Department of Natural Resources  
   Historic Preservation Program  
   P.O. Box 176  
   Jefferson City  
   314/751-4096  
   Missouri 65102
FOOTNOTES

1. The congregation gives 1820 or 1821 as the date of origin, with meetings as early as 1818 in private homes. The church records prior to 1828 were lost in a fire so actual date is unknown. New Bluffton Regular Baptist Church, Minutes, February 1828 to June 1847.

2. New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Minutes, July 1847 to 1901.

3. History of Ray County (St. Louis: Historical Company, 1881), p. 325.


5. New Hope Primitive Baptist Church, Minutes, July 1847 to 1901.
U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
"Camden, Mo."
Scale: 1:24,000
New Hope Primitive Baptist Church

UTM REFERENCE:
15/409940/4344790
NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

COUNTY: Ray

LOCATION: Old Orrick Road, Richmond, Mo.

OWNER: Congregation of New Hope Baptist Church

ADDRESS: Richmond, Mo. 64085

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.: July 25, 1980

DATE SENT TO D.C.: September 11, 1980

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.: September 17, 1980

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER: November 14, 1980

DATE AWARDED CERTIFICATE (AND PRESENTOR):

DATE FILE REVIEWED:
The New Hope Primitive Baptist Church is a significant example of local architecture and one of the earliest community structures in Ray County.
NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  #1 of 6
Richmond, Missouri

Photographer: Ann Matthews
December 1979

Neg. Loc.: Department of Natural Resources
Watkins Mill State Historic Site
R. #2 Box 270, Lawson, MO 64062

General view of primary elevation.
NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Richmond, Missouri
Photographer: Ann Matthews
November 1979
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Watkins Mill State Historic Site
R. Box 270, Lawson, MO 64062
General view of south facade from the southwest.
NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  #3 of 6
Richmond, Missouri

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December 1979

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General view of north facade from the northwest.
NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  #4 of 6
Richmond, Missouri

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General view of east facade.
NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  #5 of 6
Richmond, Missouri

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December 1979

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Interior view to the north, showing pews, woodwork and wainscoting.
NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH  #6 of 6
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   December 1979
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View from the southwest, showing grounds, cemetery and outbuildings.
EXTRA PHOTOS