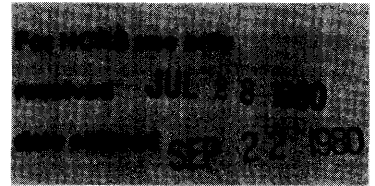


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Methodist Episcopal Church, "South" at Daphne

and/or common Old Daphne Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 1608 Old County Road not for publication

city, town Daphne vicinity of congressional district I

state Alabama code 01 county Baldwin code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Daphne United Methodist Church The Restoration Society of the Daphne

street & number P. O. Box 65 c/o Mrs. Joan Burris Church

city, town Daphne vicinity of state Alabama

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baldwin County Courthouse

street & number P. O. Box 1138

city, town Bay Minette state Alabama

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Alabama Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1970-present federal state county local

depository for survey records Alabama Historical Commission

city, town Montgomery state Alabama

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	(slightly)	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This is a rectangular (30' 6" x 51') clapboard frame building, resting on brick piers. Square Tuscan pilasters decorate each angle of the building and support a two-part cornice, very plain and unornamented, separated by dentils on front and sides. The rear wall has no cornice but extends unbroken except for two windows to the gable roof. On the front, the cornice supports a huge, plain, undecorated pediment which is actually a continuation of the clapboard facade. The front door is reached by a wooden stair, and is flanked by Tuscan, square pilasters which support a classical entablature: a two part cornice with dentils and moulding supporting a pediment. The pediment supports three triangular, almost obelisk-like, decorations at the ends and the apex. The sides have four windows (9/6) each and the south side has a door which leads to a stairway to the slave gallery. At one time this gallery is believed to have had an outside entrance. The windows and side door have simple Greek-key decorations (slightly pedimented with eared architrave). The rear windows are unornamented. The gabled tin roof has a bell housing slightly set back from the front. This gabled tin roofed rectangular housing has wood vents to allow the sound to escape. The taller bell housing was blown down in the 1906 hurricane. The bell which is lined with silver dollars has been removed. The slave gallery is supported by square, Tuscan pillars.

The church was severely damaged by the 1979 hurricane. The building now lists and the corners are separating. The front door mouldings were wrenched from the front. The slave gallery is completely unstable and large parts of the tin roof are gone. Most of the windows are broken.

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 type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1858 **Builder/Architect** Larkin E. Edmondson/Isaac Alexander

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Daphne United Methodist Church is significant as one of two remaining ante-bellum churches in Baldwin County and as a good example of a country adaptation of the Greek Revival style -- long after the style had reached the height of its popularity nationwide. Although the building was damaged in the 1979 hurricane -- it is listing and the corners are separating -- and it has a replacement belfry (1916), it retains its basic exterior and interior appearance.

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The building was constructed in 1858 on land owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Howard since 1833. An earlier building may have stood on the same site, since the associated graveyard contains markers dating from 1847. County historians have attributed the building to Larkin Elbert Edmondson of Daphne and his assistant, Isaac Alexander, a Creole carpenter, but documentation for these attributions has not been located. In 1869, the Howards deeded the "church and graveyard" to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church for \$5.00.

The church was occupied by the congregation until the past several years when it was rented to another congregation. The original belfry was demolished in the 1906 hurricane and its replacement in the 1916 storm. In September of 1979 the church was severely damaged by Hurricane Frederick; subsequently, ownership was transferred to a local preservation group who are raising money to restore the building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Beamis, Deaveraux. Visual Inspection, Spring 1980.
Church Records

Scott, Florence D'Olive. Daphne. Privately published. 1965.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property 1.24

Quadrangle name Daphne

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Scale 1:2400

UMT References

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

(see continuation sheet)

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 Ellen Mertins/ Davida R. Hastie & Deverauz Beamis Baldwin County Historical Society

organization Alabama Historical Commission date July 16, 1980

street & number 725 Monroe Street telephone 832-6621

city or town Montgomery state Alabama

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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 Thilo B. Howard Jr.

title SHPO date July 22, 1980

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	date <u>9/22/80</u>
<u>W. Ray Luce</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>9/20/80</u>
Attest: <u>Carol Dubie</u>	date <u>9/20/80</u>

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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

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DATE ENTERED SEP 22 1980

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10

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From the Southwest corner of Lot 11, Block 10, Dryer Subdivision as recorded in map book 1, page 98 of the Baldwin County, Alabama Probate Records, run thence S79-54-06E, along the south line of lot 11, 176.92 feet to an iron pipe for the point of beginning; thence continue S79-54-06E, along the South line of lot 11 and lot 5, 232.85 feet to an iron pipe; thence run S07-02-22 W, 208.38 feet to an iron pipe on the North right-of-way of Dryer Avenue; thence run N81-08W, along said right-of-way, 274.98 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N11-09-08E, 108 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N44-36-08E, 49 feet to an iron pipe; thence run N11-09-08E, 65.64 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.24 acres and being situated in section 19, township 5 south, range 2 east.
(also see yellow line on attached plat)