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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

Cane Springs Primitive Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College Hill Pike, 8 miles east of Richmond

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

College Hill

VICINITY OF

5

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Kentucky

021

Madison

151

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Congregation of Cane Springs Primitive Baptist Church

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

College Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE

Kentucky

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Madison County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Richmond

STATE

Kentucky

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE

1972

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Kentucky Heritage Commission

CITY, TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated on College Hill Pike in Madison County, Cane Springs Church is a one-and-one-half-story brick structure built on a fieldstone foundation. Constructed ca. 1812-13, it is a rectangular block with the brickwork done in common bond.

The church features a two-bay gabled facade with plain cornice, and three-bay sides. The two main entrances have single doors, eight feet in height, with jack arches above.

The structure has a gabled roof with slopes of equal pitch. Windows are six-over-six-pane.

The nominated acreage includes the church site.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<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 1812-1813 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cane Springs Primitive Baptist Church located on College Hill Pike in northeastern Madison County is historically significant as being the oldest church building in the county. During the period of the Great Awakening, Raccoon John Smith, a leading revivalist and one of the important figures in the Disciples of Christ or Campbellite Church in Kentucky, exerted tremendous influence on Cane Springs which led to a division of the congregation, one joining the Smith rank and the other remaining within the Baptist Church.

The congregation was organized in 1803 on Muddy Creek, one of the five principal streams in Madison County, by Reverend James Quesenberry and Reverend James Haggard, ministers of the North District Association of Separate Baptists. A log structure was built the same year, and served as the first church for several years. Reverend David Chenault, already minister of Flat Wood Baptist Church near Waco in Madison County, was the first minister of Cane Springs.¹

In 1812-1813 the present brick church was built on an acre of land given by Rev. Chenault, who in addition to being a minister, was also a prosperous farmer.²

Cane Springs Church was a member of the North District Association of Separate Baptists. In July 1827 the association met at Cane Springs with Rev. Chenault serving as moderator. The purpose of this meeting was to arraign one of their own, Rev. John Smith, minister of the Baptist Church in Mt. Sterling. The brethren were disturbed with Raccoon John Smith, as he came to be known, because of his use of the Holy Spirit rather than the Holy Ghost in baptism, his breaking of the bread during communion, and his use of a more recent translation of the King James Bible.³ In 1824 Smith had been converted to the doctrine of Alexander Campbell, who had preached three sermons at Mt. Sterling the same year.⁴ Campbell was a former Presbyterian minister who broke with the existing denominations of American Protestantism during the period of the Great Revival because of his objections to missions, societies and theological schools within the denomination. He stressed a return to a more primitive Christianity, and believed that the individual congregation was the primary and only ecclesiastical organization acknowledged in the New Testament. After his break with American Protestantism, Campbell formed his own church known as the "Disciples of Christ" or Campbellites.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,6	75,2	5,20	41	9,0	2,80
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			
C						

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property is situated on one acre of land on College Hill Pike. The church faces the road, and is surrounded by open fields on all other sides.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

William G. Johnson, Sr. Historian

ORGANIZATION

Kentucky Heritage Commission

DATE

September 1978

STREET & NUMBER

104 Bridge Street

TELEPHONE

(502) 564-3741

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Kentucky

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Eldred H. Deltor Lydeh

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10-28-78

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

Charles Johnson
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 12.22.78

ATTEST *Lynn H. Gilmore*
RECORDS OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/22/78

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The influence of Campbell and Raccoon Smith was so great that by 1829 the Campbellites were in control of the North District Association of Separate Baptists. In 1829, Smith preached at Cane Springs upon the demand of the congregation, who insisted that the church be unlocked for his sermon.⁵

Following Smith's sermon at Cane Springs, the congregation split into two factions, the United Baptist Church of Christ at Cane Spring led by Rev. Chenault, and the Cane Springs Church of Christ, the Campbellite Church, under the guidance of Rev. Allen Embree. Both congregations continued to use the brick church, and met on different Saturdays of the month. In 1841 the congregation reunited for worshp services. By 1854 there was only one congregation, and was known as the Predestinarian Baptist Church of Christ at Cane Spring. In 1872 the church became the Old Baptist Church of Christ at Cane Springs.⁶

¹Jonathan Dorris, Old Cane Springs, p. 173; A Glimpse at Historic Madison County and Richmond, Kentucky, pp. 38, 119.

²Madison County Deed Book.

³Dorris, p. 176; John A. Williams, Life of Elder John Smith, pp. 180-190, 281-285.

⁴J. H. Spencer. A History of Kentucky Baptists, p. 121.

⁵Dorris, p. 176; Spencer, pp. 121-122.

⁶Ibid., p. 177.

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