

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 2  
Shelby County

1. **Name of Resource:**  
Simpsonville Christian Church

2. **Original Owner:**  
Simpsonville Christian Church

3. **Other Names:**  
None

4. **Prehistoric Site**  **Building**  **Object**  
**Historic Site**  **Structure**  **Other**

5. **Location:**  
Simpsonville, south side of U.S.  
60

6. **Owner's Name:**  
Christian Church of Simpsonville [ P ]

7. **Owner's Address:**  
Simpsonville, KY 40067

8. **Evaluation:** National Register [ N ]

9. **Recognition & Date:**  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 8-15-80  
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. **N.R.Status & Date:**

11. **N.R.Group:**  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Shelby County [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. **Historical Theme:**  
Primary: Architecture [ 030 ]  
Secondary: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. **Statement of Significance:**  
This property is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of the late 19th century (1865-1900) brick, Gothic style religious structures built in Shelby County. It is one of 5 such structures identified in the county from the period. [ C ]

14. **History:**  
Prior to construction of present structure in 1875, services of Christian church in this part of the county were held in Antioch, 2 1/2 miles north of Simpsonville. Move to Simpsonville may have been precipitated by fact that large numbers of denomination resided in Simpsonville by 1875. Church constructed by local contractors, Morris Brown and Jim Frazier. Structure supposedly built on site of former slave market. First sermon preached by Rev. J.W. Ingram of Shelbyville Christian Church.

15. **Source of historical information and/or contact person:** The Sentinel-News, Oct. 2, 1975; "Simpsonville Christian Church Still Loved." Files, Shelby Co. Hist. Society.

16. **Date:**  
Original Building 1875 [ 5 ]  
Addition ca. 1960 [ 2 ]

17. **Style:**  
Victorian Gothic [ 41 ]

18. **Architect/Builder:**  
See Item # 14

19. **No. of Stories:** 1 [ 1.0 ]

20. **Original Floor Plan:**  
Nave [ 00 ]

21. **Single Pile**  **Double Pile**  **N.A.**

22. **Roof Form & Material:** Original   
Gable, asphalt shingle Not Original

23. **Structural Material:**  
Brick [ B ]

24. **Exterior Material:**  
Brick, 7-course common bond [ B ]

25. **Foundation Material:**  
Stone, rock-faced ashlar [ S ]

26. **Major Alterations:** None  
Moved/Rebuilt \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additions \_\_\_\_\_

27. **Special Features:**  
None

28. **Outbuildings:**  
None [ 0 ]

29. **Original Function:**  
Church/Religious [ 06A ]

30. **Present Use:**  
As above [ 06A ]

31. **Condition:**  
Excellent [ E ]

32. **Endangered:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No

33. **Attach Photos:**  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:  
10 35A - 36A 1  
11 3 - 5

34. **Prepared by:** C. Worsham

35. **Organization:** V. Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. **Date:** March 1986

37. **New Survey** \_\_\_\_\_ **Resurvey**

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. [ ]  
 Quadrant: Simpsonville 16 644100 4231540 40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

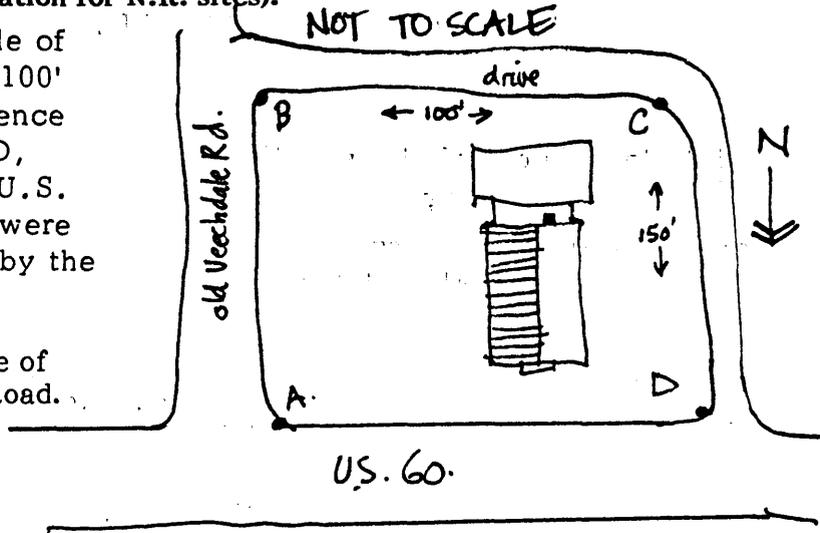
A. ----- D. -----  
 B. ----- E. -----  
 C. ----- F. -----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: lot 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .34

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Beginning at A, south 150' along west side of the Old Veechdale Rd. to B, thence west 100' along the north side of the drive to C, thence north 150' along the east of the drive to D, thence east 100' along the south side of U.S. 60 to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to encompass the town lot owned by the church. There are no outbuildings.

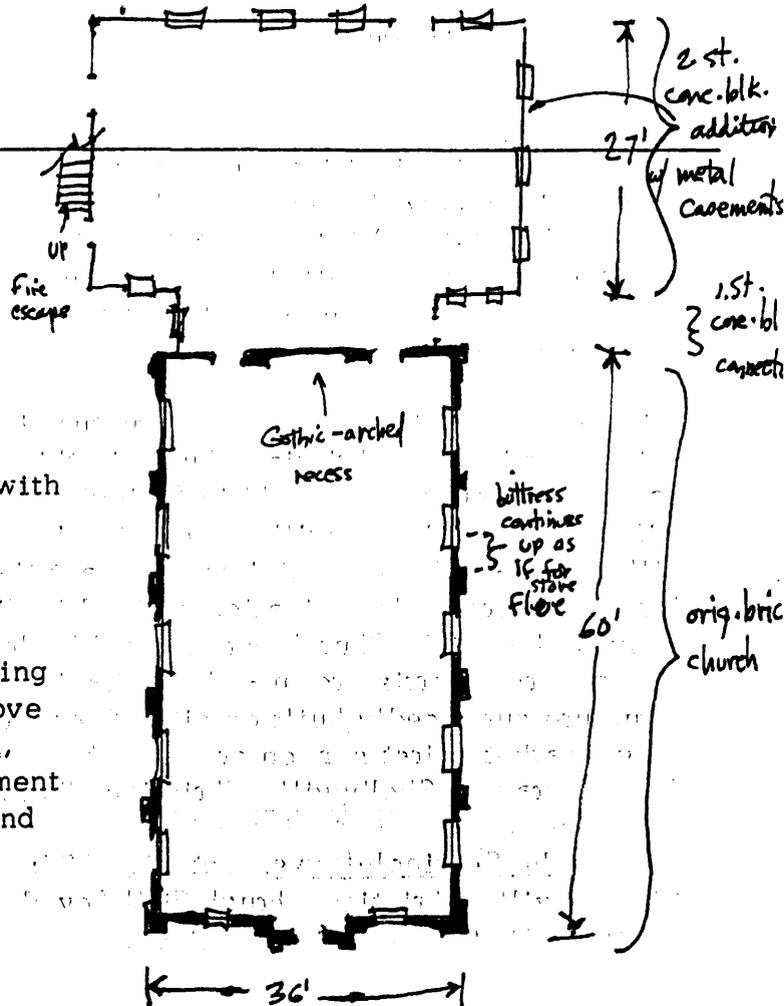
Point A is at the intersection of the south side of U.S. 60 with the west side of Old Veechdale Road.



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

1-story, 5-bay deep, gable-end, nave plan brick church in Gothic style. Narrow pointed arch stained glass windows (believed to be original) set in recessed panels highlighted by corbelled brickwork. Three-bay facade features slightly projecting central entrance with wooden pediment, corbelled brickwork, and pointed arch entry containing a pair of raised panel doors. Pointed arch flanking windows have wooden hoodmolds and are separated from entry bay by raised brick strips terminating in the corbelled cornice. Circular window above entry. Stone sills on all windows. Two-story, concrete block rear addition with metal casement windows houses church office, parish room and Sunday school area.



13. Significance: (continued) The addition, as placed to the rear of the structure, does not  
14. History: (continued) significantly affect its integrity

First minister was George Bersot.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Interior:

Vestibule original and contains pair of raised panel doors to sanctuary which match exterior doors. Splayed window reveals. Elaborate carved wood consoles. Ceiling lowered, new furniture. Raised circular platform at south end of sanctuary. Gothic arch recess in center of south wall. Doors to east and west of arch cut to connect with addition.

Outbuildings:

The nominated area includes no contributing outbuildings.

The boundaries include one contributing building.