

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 103
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Salem Baptist Church		16. Date: Original Building 1857 [6] Addition rebuilt 1895 [5]	
2. Original Owner: Salem Baptist Church		17. Style: Antebellum Vernacular [3V] Victorian Gothic [4]	
3. Other Names: None		18. Architect/Builder: Unknown	
4. Prehistoric Site	x Building	19. No. of Stories: 1 [1.0]	
Historic Site	Structure	20. Original Floor Plan: Nave [00]	
5. Location: Northeast side of KY 44 & 53, 1/2 mile south of Southville		21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. x	
6. Owner's Name: Salem Baptist Church [P]		22. Roof Form & Material: Original x Gable, asphalt shingle Not Original	
7. Owner's Address: Rte. 4, Shelbyville, KY 40065		23. Structural Material: Brick [B]	
8. Evaluation: National Register [N]		24. Exterior Material: Brick, common bond [B]	
9. Recognition & Date: Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____ Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____ Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 8-15-80 KY Landmark Certificate _____		25. Foundation Material: Stone, ashlar (front only) [S]	
10. N.R.Status & Date:		26. Major Alterations: None Moved/Rebuilt x Other _____ x Additions _____	
11. N.R.Group: District Name: [] Mult.Resource Area: Shelby County [] Thematic Name: []		27. Special Features: None	
12. Historical Theme: Primary: Architecture [030] Secondary: [] Other: []		28. Outbuildings: None [0]	
13. Statement of Significance: This property is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of the brick, gable-end entry, nave plan church in Shelby County from the mid-19th century (1840-65). It is one of 3 such churches identified in the county. All were built by two of the [C]		29. Original Function: Religious/church [06A]	
14. History: Church was organized in 1811. Present structure, which was rebuilt in 1895 in the Gothic style following a fire in 1894, incorporates the walls of the previous 1857 structure. The first church built by the congregation was of log, built on 17 acres given by the heirs of Robert Slaughter. This structure was razed in 1836 and replaced by a brick building in 1857. First pastor, John Holland, served from _____		30. Present Use: As above [06A]	
15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Pamphlet in KY Room of Shelbyville Public Library; Willis, George L. History of Shelby County, KY, 1929.		31. Condition: Excellent [E]	
		32. Endangered: Yes _____ No x	
		33. Attach Photos: Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides: 8 8 - 13 1	
		34. Prepared by: C. Worsham	
		35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society	
		36. Date: March 1986	
		37. New Survey _____ Resurvey x	

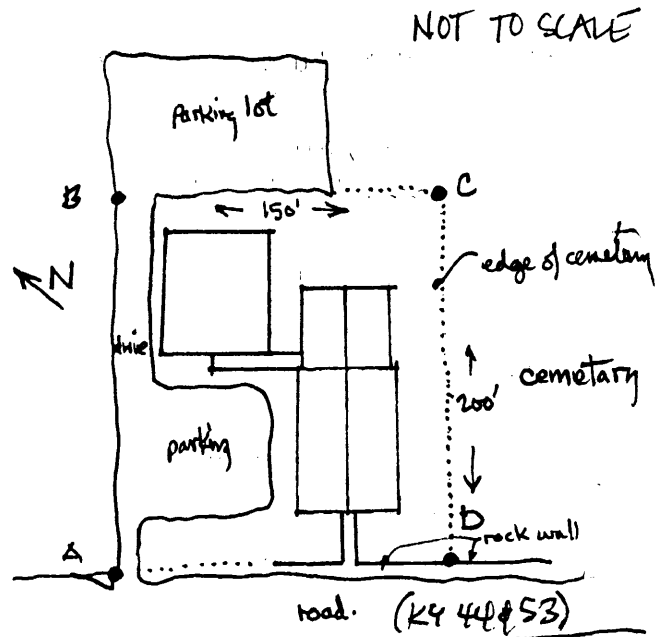
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Quadrant: <u>Mt. Eden</u>	Zone <u>16</u>	Easting <u>6 5 9 6 6 0</u>	Northing <u>4 2 1 8 8 7 0</u>	39. G.I.S. Mod. []
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):	A. -----	D. -----		
	B. -----	E. -----		
	C. -----	F. -----		
42. Total Acreage in Present Property: <u>unknown</u>	43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: <u>.68</u>			
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):				

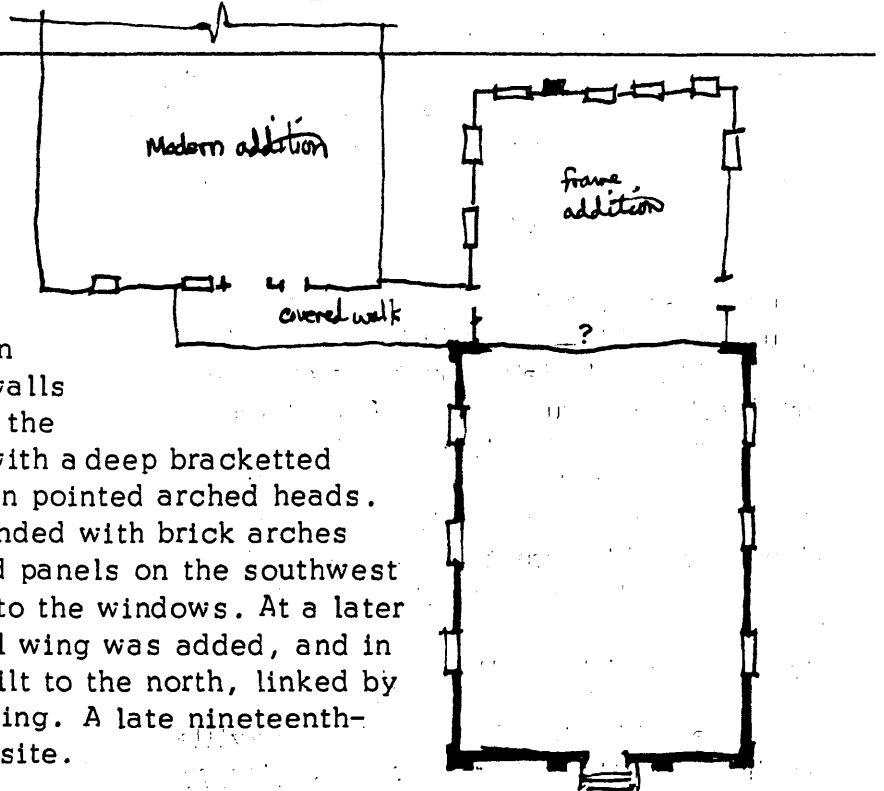
Beginning at A on the northeast side of KY 44 & 53, northeast 200' along the northwest side of a drive to B, thence 150' southeast along the southwest side of a parking lot and a line projected from it to C, thence southwest 200' along the northwest side of a cemetery to D, thence 150' northwest along the northeast side of KY 44 & 53 to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to contain the church and the immediate environs as defined by surrounding drives, roads, parking lot, and cemetery. There are no outbuildings. The front of the site is defined by a significant front wall.

Point A is the intersection of the northern edge of the drive with the eastern edge of KY 44 and 53.



45. Description and House Plan:

The 3-bay nave plan church was built in 1857. It had straight-headed side windows and a central entry door. The principal (SW) facade had brick pilasters defining the corners and three intermediate bays. The southwest front sits on an ashlar foundation, while the other walls have coursed rubble bases. In 1895 the roof was raised to a steeper angle with a deep bracketed cornice, and all openings were given pointed arched heads. The pilasters on the front were extended with brick arches into the gable to create three arched panels on the southwest front, and stained glass inserted into the windows. At a later date a rear (NE) frame Sunday school wing was added, and in recent years a detached addition built to the north, linked by a breezeway to the Sunday school wing. A late nineteenth-century stone wall defines front of site.



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

prevailing Protestant denominations of the 19th century in Shelby County, Baptist and Methodist. The church is almost identical to Sh-106 and Sh-144. The building's alteration in the popular gothic style extends its period of significance to 1895.

The modern additions do not affect the integrity of the significant elements of the building.

14. History: (continued)

1818 until his death in 1841. The church joined the Long Run Association in 1812 when it met with the Burk's Branch Baptist Church. In 1840, the church joined the newly formed Middle District Association. In 1872, the Shelby Association was organized in Salem Church. The church was organized by Moses Scott, pastor of Beech Creek Church, and was known temporarily as Beech Ridge Church. --

The nominated area includes one contributing building and one contributing structure.