

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>Mt. Zion Church</u>	STATUS	Open to public: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
	Common name: <u>Mt. Zion Methodist Church</u>		Visible from road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Address: <u>Mt. Zion Hollow</u> <u>Decatur, Tennessee</u>		Occupied: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Owner's name: <u>Holston Conference-United</u>		Present use: <u>Religious</u>
	Owner's address: <u>Methodist Church, 1111 North-shore Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee</u>		Current condition: <u>Fair</u>
	Classification: <u>Building-private</u>		Alterations: <u>Asbestos siding placed over weatherboard exterior; concrete foundation. (ca. 1950)</u>
	Tax map reference: <u>Dist. 4, Map 21, Parcel 10</u>		Site features: <u>Located in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Stone foundation of another building is located approximately 50' to the northeast.</u>
	Acreage: <u>3 acres</u>		
	UTM reference: <u>Zone 16 N 3944660</u> <u>E 713120</u>		
HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>ca. 1850</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u>Lillard, Stewart. Meigs County, Tennessee.</u>
	Architect/builder: <u>unknown</u>		
	Original or previous owners: <u>unknown</u>		
	Original use: <u>Religious</u>		Form prepared by: <u>Ann Toplovich</u>
	Theme/s: Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>N/A</u> Other <u>N/A</u>		Title: <u>Cultural Resource Surveyor</u> Organization: <u>Tennessee Historical Commission</u> Date: <u>8/20/81</u>
DESCRIPTION	<p>Located at the edge of one of Meigs County's early cemeteries, the Mt. Zion Church is a one story frame building on a concrete foundation. Asbestos siding covers the weatherboards of the church, which is topped by a metal gable roof. Rectangular in plan, the facade (south elevation) of the church has a single bay: a central entrance with double leaf, single panel door recessed into a pedimented opening. The church is three bays deep; three 6 over 6 windows with pedimented window heads and plain wood surrounds are on the east and west elevations. The simple meetinghouse style church displays the Greek Revival influence in its window and door surrounds. A brick flue is on the east elevation. The Mt. Zion Church retains its original interior with wooden floor, pews and altar.</p>		
SIGNIFICANCE	<p>The Mt. Zion Church typified the rural meetinghouse used by congregations in the middle and late 1800's. Organized by 1845, the Mt. Zion congregation was one of the oldest in the county. Today the church remains virtually unaltered when compared to other country churches that have adopted brick veneers and unsympathetic additions. The Mt. Zion Church is one of the last examples of this type of church architecture left in Meigs County and its surrounding region. Ordinarily religious buildings are not considered eligible for the National Register, but the Mt. Zion Church qualifies through its primary significance from architecture.</p>		

**PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA**

Photographer: Stephen T. Rogers

Date: 3/1/79

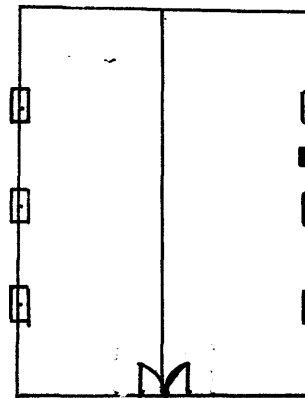
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Photographer facing: S&E elevation-facing NW

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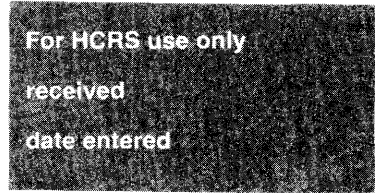
**CONTINUATION**

**SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow**



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**National Register of Historic Places  
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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

13. The boundaries shown on the map conform to the dimensions of the lot occupied by the church and consist of 3 acres.

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Tennessee  
(Partial Inventory: Historic and  
Architectural Resources)

MT. ZION CHURCH (#13)

