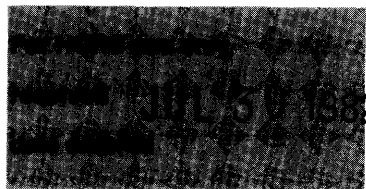


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 Lincolnton Presbyterian Church and Cemetery

and/or common same

**2. Location**

street & number N. Washington Street N/A not for publication

city, town Lincolnton N/A vicinity of congressional district 10th

state Georgia code 013 county Lincoln code 181

**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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Chester R. Fentriss, Commissioner of Lincoln Academy and  
Trustee of Lincolnton Presbyterian Church

street & number Lincolnton Presbyterian Church, North Washington Street

city, town Lincolnton N/A vicinity of state Georgia 30817

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Lincoln County Courthouse

city, town Lincolnton state Georgia

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Historic Structures Field Survey:  
Lincoln County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1977  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Lincolnton Presbyterian Church is a one story wooden building with a weather-board exterior, a square, box-like steeple, and a gable roof. The interior has a one room sanctuary with a foyer. There is an adjacent cemetery.

The east elevation of the building faces the street and displays a simple front with one gothic arched window of decorative glass located on either side of the double paneled doors. Brick steps lead up to the double doors which open into the foyer which was added to the building in the early 1900's.

The north and south elevations are identical. Both have four decorative glass windows. These windows were originally plain glass, eight feet and one-half inches high, but when the decorative glass was added, they were shortened to six feet, ten and one-half inches. Both elevations also have a paneled door about half way down the length of the building.

The west side or rear of the building incorporates three decorative glass windows. The central gothic arched window runs from floor to ceiling in height. On either side of this window is a decorative glass window of the same size as those on the north and south elevations.

One enters the church into the foyer. The interior consists of the foyer, the rooms off of it, and the sanctuary, all on one floor. The small room off the right of the foyer is used for classes. The room to the left is a small storage room. A restroom is also off the left of the foyer.

The foyer opens onto the sanctuary which is divided by a center aisle running to the front of the pulpit. There are wooden pews on either side of the center aisle and also on each side of the pulpit. The interior walls of the sanctuary are of nine-inch wide hand-planed painted pine boards applied horizontally. The floors are pine and have been carpeted in the foyer, the small meeting room, the center aisle, and the pulpit area. The walls in the foyer are made of plaster, while those in the small meeting room to the right have been sheetrocked. The door leading from the foyer to the sanctuary consists of panels which are larger than those on the double exterior doors. The entire church sits on hand-hewn sills and beams with rough-sawn joists. This suggests that the church is built with a heavy braced timber frame.

The grounds reflect a minimum of landscaping but include an adjoining cemetery dating at least from the 1830's. There are no extant outbuildings. The church's major alteration came when the sanctuary was partitioned in the early 20th century to create what is now the foyer. Windows were also shortened as indicated above. Changes were also made in the ceiling and foundation. The church and cemetery sit on a major road in the town of Lincolnton and are surrounded by some residences and scattered other structures.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

The Historic Preservation Section has determined that the photographs taken in August, 1981 still represent the character and appearance of the property. No significant changes have been made since that date.

## 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
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<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** 1823 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lincolnton Presbyterian Church and Cemetery is significant in the religious history of Georgia because of its role in a Georgia county seat as a union church. A union church was an edifice used by several separately incorporated faiths as their meeting house. The church, said to have been built in 1823, soon housed Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. The Lincolnton Baptist Church, incorporated in 1825, met here until 1876. The Lincolnton Methodist Church, organized about the same time, met here until 1915. After their departure, the Presbyterians continued to use the facility alone. The use of one church as a union church was often an occurrence in a beginning, frontier town, but started later and continued into the 20th century in Lincolnton which was incorporated in 1817 in an area opened for settlement in the 1770's. The cemetery originally was associated just with the church but later became the town cemetery. Although churches are not usually considered for the National Register, this one is deserving of such recognition because of the scarcity of union churches and especially one being used in a major town into the 20th century. This area of significance supports the property's eligibility under the National Register criteria A.

### Historical Narrative

The Lincolnton Presbyterian Church, c. 1823, was built on a three tract of land donated by Colonel Pieter Lamar. In 1821, a resolution was passed by the State Senate stating that the existing academy in the County of Lincoln and the Village of Lincolnton should be the official public academy. Rem Remson, Peter Lamar, Lewis Stovall, Stephen Stovall and William C. Stokes were appointed Commissioners. On March 8, 1823, Peter Lamar deeded a tract of land containing approximately three acres to Rem Remson and John M. Dooly, Commissioners of the Lincolnton Academy stipulating that it be used for a public or private school, a house of worship or other public use. The cemetery is located on the site where the academy once stood.

Very shortly after Lamar conveyed the land, the Union Presbyterian Church (now the Lincolnton Presbyterian Church) was erected on the tract. The simple weatherboard structure housed the Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists until the other congregations could afford to build their own buildings.

Lincolnton Presbyterian Church was a mission church, and for a number of years was under the jurisdiction of the Home Mission Committee of the Augusta Presbytery, although the church paid a part of the pastor's salary and contributed to benevolent causes.

In 1918, a Sunday School was organized with A.L. McMahan as superintendent. The Sunday School has played an important part in keeping the church organized when it was without a pastor. Other agencies of the church are a Women's Auxiliary, organized April 18, 1921, by Mrs. C.P. Crawford, President of the Women's Missionary Work of the Augusta Presbytery, and a Christian Endeavor Society, organized in 1930.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Perryman, Clinton, J. The History of Lincoln County (1933) - unpublished typescript  
 Lincoln County Courthouse - Deeds and Minute Books

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property ~~approximately three acres~~

Quadrangle name Lincolnton, Ga. - S.C.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

A 

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Zone		Easting				Northing							

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property is located on the west side of North Washington Street, bounded east by Washington Street, south by Elam Street, north by Guillibeau Avenue and west by private lot on the other three sides. It is all that is currently associated with the church and cemetery.

**List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries**

state N/A code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title A) Margaret E. Watson and Elizabeth A. McKie  
 B) Kenneth H. Thomas, Historian

organization A) consultants  
 B) Historic Preservation Section, DNR

street & number A) 2320 Kings Way  
 B) 270 Washington Street, S.W.

city or town A) Augusta  
 B) Atlanta

date A) March 31, 1981 (draft)  
 B) June 22, 1982 (final form)

telephone A) 404 733-3027  
 B) 404 656-2840

state Georgia

# 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 Elizabeth A. Lyon  
 Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 7/26/82

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>Delores Byers</u>	Entered in the National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>8/26/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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The cemetery, which is located to the east of the church, serves as the unofficial town cemetery. The earliest marked grave in 1834. In recent years the Lincolnton Garden Club has taken on beautification of the cemetery ground as a project. They restored the cemetery fence and began a perpetual care project for the cemetery.