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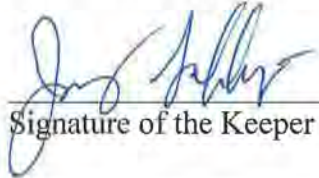
Date Listed: 7/21/2015

Property Name: Rutledge Presbyterian Church & Cemetery

County: Grainger

State: TN

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.



Signature of the Keeper

7-21-2015

Date of Action

Amended Items in Nomination:

Section 8: Period of Significance

The Period of Significance is hereby changed to 1903.

The cemetery, which contributes to the setting, association, and feeling of the church, is not claimed as significant under Criterion C; the Period of Significance is associated with the architectural importance of the church itself.

The Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office was notified of this amendment.

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin 700. Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" where applicable. For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Rutledge Presbyterian Church and Cemetery
Other names/site number Rutledge First Presbyterian Church
Name of related multiple property listing N/A
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & Number: 123 Church Street
City or town: Rutledge State: TN County: Grainger
Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A Zip Code: 37861

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D

Claudia Spivey 5/24/15
Signature of certifying official/Title: Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission
Date
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
Signature of Commenting Official: _____ Date _____
Title: _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

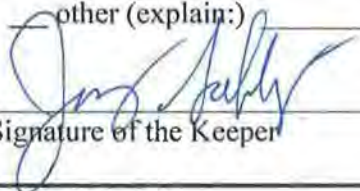
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4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that this property is:
- entered in the National Register
 - determined eligible for the National Register
 - determined not eligible for the National Register
 - removed from the National Register

other (explain:)


 Signature of the Keeper

7.21.2015
 Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
1	0	sites
1	2	structures
0	0	objects
3	2	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility
FUNERARY/cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility
FUNERARY/cemetery
VACANT/NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Folk Victorian with Gothic Revival Influences

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property:

WOOD/weatherboard; STONE/marble, granite; GLASS;
BRICK

Narrative Description

The historic Rutledge Presbyterian Church was constructed circa 1903, on a hill overlooking Highway 11-W in the center of Rutledge, Tennessee, the county seat of Grainger County. Located approximately thirty-one miles northeast of Knoxville, Rutledge is a rural town with a population of 1,133 according to the 2013 census. The church is a small, wood frame, one-story building with a front-gable roof and projecting bell tower at the southwest corner. The interior consists of three rooms: a vestibule, a narthex with a half bath, and a sanctuary. The vestibule and narthex areas have wood floors and ceilings, and the walls are covered with wood planks and wood bead board wainscoting. The sanctuary has thin, acrylic carpet over wood plank flooring, wood bead board wainscoting, and wood plank walls covered by burlap-backed wallpaper. Though a tiled drop ceiling has been installed in this room, the interior displays a high level of historic integrity overall, as does the exterior of the building. An historic cemetery surrounds the Folk Victorian building on three sides.

Setting

Rutledge is a rural town with a small core of historic churches and commercial buildings, along with modern government and commercial buildings. The Rutledge Presbyterian Church is located near the center of the

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town, approximately two blocks west of the current Grainger County courthouse. Situated on an irregular parcel, the church sits atop a hill at the northwest corner of Highway 11W, a busy rural route, and Peck Avenue which runs along the eastern edge of the parcel. A semi-circular gravel driveway runs from the southwest portion of the parcel, up in front of the church and over to Peck Avenue. A dense concentration of mature trees are sited at the western edge of the lot just beyond the cemetery and large, mature trees are scattered across the northeast and southern portions of the parcel. A square paved parking lot at the southeastern corner of the lot, access limited to the side road. This lot provides parking for visitors to the church or to the office building located across Peck Avenue at 7995 Rutledge Pike (Highway 11-W), which currently houses offices for Clinch-Powell RC&D Council.

The church is surrounded on three sides by its historically-associated cemetery with grave markers and funerary statues that date back two centuries. Low, stone ground markers create edges of burial sections which are located west, north and east of the church building. Some late twentieth-century headstones are also included in this cemetery, while many of the oldest markers are in poor condition.

Rutledge Presbyterian Church (contributing building, c. 1903)

Exterior

The church building is about twenty-seven feet wide at the rear of the church building and forty-seven feet long on its east side. The bell tower, which projects outward about three feet from the west wall is about nine foot square. The building rests on a continuous rough stone foundation. The exterior walls are clad with weatherboard painted white and both the main gable roof and tower roof are covered with asphalt shingles. The windows have been slightly altered, most notably on the south elevation, but all are wood frame with a wide exterior wood trim detail. Although the window panes themselves have changed, the window locations on the south elevation and the opening in the bell tower are where they were historically.

The only entrance to the building is on the main (south) elevation closest to the southwest corner of the church. Modern brick steps lead up to the bell tower where a set of five-panel wood double leaf doors with four-light glass and wood transom is located. Originally, a set of wood steps approached the doors from the east to reach a small porch, but these were replaced with the current brick steps sometime after 1921 but before 1978 (trustees unable to say exactly). Just above the doors is a triangular wood molding set in a herringbone-like pattern. Above the main entrance several feet is a rectangular single fixed light window opening with stained glass pane. Above this is a band of projecting wood trim with a wood louvered ventilation opening above (*see Photo 1*).

There are two large, wood sash, double-hung windows to the right of the entrance. Each window has stained glass panels in a one-over-one configuration, though historically, these were nine-over-six wood windows as shown in a 1921 photo of the church (*see Figure 2*). Based on photographic evidence, these windows were replaced sometime between 1978 and 1986, possibly for a homecoming event in the 1980s, although the current trustees do not know an exact date or reasoning for the replacement. The gable portion of the south wall has a rectangular, single fixed light stained glass window that is of similar size to that in the bell tower. The gable also contains some decorative individual wood shingles which are a non-historic feature (c. mid-twentieth century) and display alternating courses of zig-zag and rectangular elements (*see Photo 2*).

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The west elevation of the church displays four stained glass, one-over-one, double-hung, wood sash windows. The two center windows are original elements, while the other two were replaced in-kind at different times. The southernmost window was replaced around 1950 when the local fire department had to gain interior access to the building during a fire. The northernmost window on this wall was failing and also had to be replaced in subsequent years. (*see Photo 9*). This elevation also displays a small, brick flue with rounded top and small cap that is located about three-quarters of the way back (north) along the wall. The flue is attached to the stone foundation and projects up through the roof just inside the eave. The bell tower displays another wood louvered vent on this elevation, but no other detail (*see Photo 4*).

The north elevation of the building contains no fenestration or architectural ornamentation. Approximately one-third of the uppermost portion of the gable contains a wood louvered ventilation opening. A few of the weatherboards on this elevation are damaged, and very little of the stone foundation is exposed on this wall (*see Photo 6*).

The east elevation of the church also contains four stained glass windows that mirror the placement of the west elevation windows. It is believed by the trustees that the three northernmost windows on this elevation are the original stained glass, while the southernmost window was replaced due to damage from the 1950s fire. However, it is important to note that the window second in from the northeast corner has a similar design to the other original pieces, yet appears to be a fixed light rather than double-hung element (the window design contains a date of 1904 that is visible from the interior, yet it is not known if that is the date the window was installed.) The stone foundation, least visible near the northeastern corner, becomes more exposed moving south along this wall. A small opening close to the southeast corner of this wall provides crawl space access but no door is present, only wood particle board to block the entry (*see Photo 8*).

Interior

The interior of the church displays many original features and materials. The vestibule and narthex contain wood plank flooring and wall covering along with wood bead board wainscoting and a projecting chair rail. A rope attached to the church bell hangs down into the vestibule, located at the west end of the south elevation (*see Photo 13*). An arched opening leads from the vestibule to the narthex and has a wood hood molding with truncated pilaster trim (*see Photo 12*). A small half-bath with pedestal sink and tile floor is located at the eastern end of the narthex, accessed by a single, five-panel wood door with its original hardware. Originally a closet, this room was converted to a half bath sometime between 2005 and 2010, and contains a wood plank ceiling located at about half the height of the vestibule and narthex. Attic access is granted by a permanent wood ladder located on the north wall of the bathroom beside the door (*see Photos 14 & 15*).

A single, wide rounded-edge step leads up from the narthex to the sanctuary. An original set of two-panel wood double doors with a fixed four-light glass and wood transom and beaded trim separate the sanctuary from the narthex. The doors retain the original hardware, including a locking mechanism at the top (*see Photo 18*). The sanctuary has wood plank flooring topped with a thin carpet covering that has been installed in panels. Wood bead board wainscoting with a projecting chair rail intersects with the lowest portions of the window trim. Above the wainscoting, the walls in this room are covered with wallpaper that is cracking or water damaged in some areas. Portions of the wallpaper are loose enough to reveal a burlap backing and wood plank wall covering beneath. The sanctuary ceiling has been lowered and contains rectangular acoustic tiles; the date of this alteration is c. 1945. Six non-historic pendant lights are evenly dispersed above the pews on the west and east sides of the main aisle. A small wood platform with carpeting and a pulpit sits at

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the north end of the room; a seventh, smaller pendant light is located over this area. The trustees believe that all pews in the sanctuary are original to the church (*see Photos 17-19*).

Cemetery (contributing site, c. 1864)

The historic cemetery associated with the Rutledge Presbyterian Church wraps around the west, north and east sides of the church building. A 2005 TDOT survey of the property reveals that the markers and monuments date from as early as 1864 and as late as 1980, with a concentration from the 1890-1920 period. The survey report also notes that the styles are consistent with rural cemeteries, containing a varied mix of simple headstones to more fanciful, prefabricated granite markers (*see Photos 20-27*).

The church is located on a hill and is surrounded by a cemetery that date[s] from the mid-nineteenth century. ...The most elaborate monument commemorates the life of educator, Jasper Cragwell who taught mathematics at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. Erected in 1943 by former students, the monument included this statement "may this everlasting granite tribute stand forever as a symbol of the value of unselfish service that learning, understanding, and love may not perish from the earth (*Grainger County, Tennessee Cemetery Records Volume II, 192*)."¹

Gravel Drive (non-contributing structure, late 1990s)

A loose-gravel driveway traverses the church parcel, leading up from Highway 11-W at the southwestern corner of the lot and crosses in front of the south elevation of the church, leading over to Peck Avenue just east of the building. According to the current trustees, a path was located here historically and was an extension of Church Street, which accounts for the church's street address. Trustees believe that the expansion occurred and loose gravel was added in the late twentieth century, though they do not know the exact date of this alteration.

Stone Step Remnants (contributing structure, after 1921)

Just south of the gravel driveway and approaching the church's primary elevation are remnants of stone steps that used to lead up the hill to the building. These steps are believed to date from the early twentieth century (after 1921) and were removed sometime prior to 1978.² All that remains are two parallel remnant formations of the original stringers (*see Photo 28*).

Asphalt Parking Lot (non-contributing structure, c. 1990)

An asphalt parking lot is located on the church parcel at the southeastern corner, near the intersection of Highway 11-W and Peck Avenue. The current trustees believe this parking lot dates to about 1990. Access is granted from Peck Avenue only. The lot is used by the church and shared with the nearby Clinch Powell RC&D staff whose offices are located in a nearby building.

¹ Tammy Allison, Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), "Historical/Architectural Assessment and Documentation of Effect Report Pursuant to 38 CFR800 for The Proposed Bridge Replacement State Route 92 Bridge Over Richland Creek at Log Mile 9.14-Grainger County," February 2005, pages 23-32.

² *Ibid.*, page 24.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria
 (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

Areas of Significance
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1864 - 1903

Significant Dates

1864 - Cemetery

1903 – Church

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations N/A
 (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Rutledge Presbyterian Church is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in the area of Architecture at the local level of significance. The period of significance is the date of construction of the historic church building begins with the establishment of the cemetery in 1864 and continues on into 1903 with the construction of the church. The church building retains a high level of both exterior and interior integrity and serves as a strong example of local craftsmanship as a Folk Victorian church building with Gothic Revival influences. Simplistic ornamentation and design reflect the rural setting and vernacular building traditions, while the overall condition and existence of mostly original materials reflects quality workmanship. As a religious property whose significance derives from its architectural design, it meets Criterion Consideration A. The historically-associated wrap-around cemetery with headstones and funerary statues dating to as early as 1864 also contributes as an integral part of the property and significance.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Grainger County's religious development during the nineteenth and early twentieth century is well documented, and the Rutledge Presbyterian church is a surviving example of a distinctive type of ecclesiastical architecture from the Late Victorian period. While the existence of the congregation predates the 1903 building, the church serves as a prominent landmark on the edge of town and is locally significant for its architectural style.

Architecture

Before about 1830, the construction of houses of worship (especially in towns) was not considered a priority for most Tennesseans. The eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries brought about the building of simple meeting houses, but private residences were often utilized for worship services during this time. Two major factors that contributed to this lack of interest in church architecture were the frontier lifestyle and religious beliefs of the era, the effects of which are illustrated by the following historical accounts of church sparsity:

About 1839 J.H. Ingraham wrote at Memphis,

“From Vicksburg to this place, I have seen nothing that looks like a place of worship. There may be meetings held, indeed, in private houses; but nowhere is the spire visible.” Two years earlier George Rogers had remarked that a meetinghouse near Jackson was “a mere pile of round logs, with openings between nearly as wide as the logs themselves, such are the meetinghouses in that country.”³

Most of the early (pre-1800) population was scattered across the countryside, which made rural meetinghouses more easily accessible than houses of worship in villages or towns. The journals of early preacher Charles Coffin noted the presence of about a dozen meetinghouses in Greene and Washington counties as of 1806. Some towns (like Greenville) or counties (such as Greene, Washington and Hawkins) instead made use of courthouses for church services during this time. A general lack of interest in constructing dedicated places of worship was evident across the early Tennessee landscape, especially until a revival of religious practice made its way to the frontier around 1800. This event brought with it a temporary

³ James Patrick, *Architecture in Tennessee: 1768-1897*, Contemporary Photography by Michael A. Tomlan (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1981), 105.

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approach that would not require the erection of church buildings. Peripatetic camps were the sites often used for religious services, as participants that journeyed long distances had learned to make use of their wagons and open countryside for camp locations. Additionally, some early ministers frequently chose not to live in towns for economic reasons. Preachers of the Baptist faith frequently made their living as farmers, since they did not accept pay for their ministry, while Presbyterian clergy tended to oversee local schools and would locate their church in town for this reason.⁴

Early Tennesseans also did not consider the building of elaborate church architecture to be fundamental or appropriate endeavors, unlike their European precursors. Many Protestants, especially Methodists of this era, distrusted affluence and did not want to be indebted to “rich men” if fundraising was required to afford such beautiful chapels.⁵ By 1900, Tennesseans were moving towards Progressivism, a political mindset that left many feeling that churches had become too worldly:

Educated ministers, beautiful buildings, choirs, stained-glass windows—to many Tennesseans from rural backgrounds, it all seemed too fancy. When asked why he did not go to church, one man replied that “he stayed away from such places out of respect for his deceased old mother, who was a deeply pious woman and who always taught him never to attend places of fashionable amusement on Sunday.”⁶

Built in 1903, the Rutledge Presbyterian Church was constructed during a time when churches were becoming more prevalent local landmarks, but were viewed as places of reverence that should be unadorned. The Gothic Revival stylistic influences, evident in elements like the steeply-pitched tower and stained glass windows, combine with an overall simplified form and minimalistic detailing to illustrate a rural interpretation of high-style architecture seen in the churches of cities worldwide. Situated near the center of a rural East Tennessee town, the church stands today as a largely unaltered architectural remnant from a time of widespread social and political change that would lead to industrialization and increasingly more city-oriented lifestyles.

Local Context

The town of Rutledge, Grainger County, Tennessee (population 1,133) is a small rural community located about thirty-three miles northeast of Knoxville. Located just north of the main local travel route (Highway 11-W) near the center of town, Rutledge Presbyterian Church sits atop a hill in a conspicuous location for local travelers. When compared to other buildings in Rutledge, the church has retained a majority of historic materials and integrity of setting.

In 1801, the town of Rutledge was established as the county seat. The center of town encompasses a grid that about four blocks square, centered along Highway 11-W. The blocks surrounding the church contain a mix of modern twentieth-century commercial buildings (c. 1950-1980) and older historic commercial buildings (c. 1920-1930), including the old Citizen’s Bank Building (c. 1925) and the H. Gallion Store (c. 1925) which

⁴ Ibid., 106.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Paul H. Bergeron, Stephen V. Ash, and Jeanette Keith, *Tennesseans and their History* (Knoxville, TN: The University of Tennessee Press, 1999), 212.

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are both on the main highway about two blocks east of the church. A few residential buildings are interspersed throughout the vicinity of the church, including the Nance Building (c. 1840, NRHP listed 7/1/1998) and homes dating from roughly 1920-1940, some of which are currently being used as commercial business locations. The modern Grainger County Courthouse (c. 1949) sits about three blocks east of the church. The original 1801 county courthouse was also located nearby and dismantled to partially construct the present Henderson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church (c. 1890, NRHP listed 6/22/2000 under Criterion A not C).

Generally speaking, the concentration of twentieth-century commercial architecture is located east, southeast, and south of the church, with open land located to the northeast, north and northwest of the church. An adjacent parcel to the southwest contains the Rutledge Methodist Church and Cemetery, a building dating to about 1900 with Gothic Revival influences similar to the Presbyterian church, but having endured less sympathetic physical changes including two apparent mid-twentieth century additions and vinyl siding. The AME Zion Church, one of very few nineteenth-century buildings left in Rutledge, is located about 370 feet east of the subject building on the north side of Church Street. AME Zion is a simple, gable-front church with no discernable architectural style, a form that was common among rural African-American churches dating between 1870 and 1950.⁷ Although the AME Zion Church remains, it too displays some modern alterations including a rear addition (c. mid-twentieth century) and non-original windows. Nearby Rutledge Baptist Church (211 Church Street) was built in 1926, but has also received a large mid- to late-twentieth century addition that essentially doubles the original building's footprint. Compared to these other church buildings within the town, the Rutledge Presbyterian Church remains highly intact with a strong sense of architectural integrity.

Additional Church History

The town of Rutledge was officially organized as the County seat in 1801, with a boom of church formations and religious building construction in the following half-century. Between 1800 and 1850, about eighteen new congregations were organized in the county, most of them of Baptist faith with the rest being Methodist and one Presbyterian group. Around 1833, Presbyterianism was introduced into the county with many churches soon after belonging to the Union Presbytery. During this time of early local development and national political instability, several congregations formed as a result of disagreements between members, or to serve new communities that developed including Rutledge, Bean Station, Puncheon Camp and others. The second half of the nineteenth century in Grainger County saw the formation of twenty-one new churches, largely Baptist faith along with two Methodist and one American Christian church. These new groups sprung up in Dutch Valley, Blaine, Joppa and other nearby small communities. Another twelve churches formed before the end of the century, including the Rutledge Presbyterian Church and the Rutledge Baptist Church.⁸

Though the congregation of Rutledge Presbyterian Church organized in 1833, it wasn't until seventy years later that the present building was erected. For many years, worship services were held at the homes of church members until 1846, when the building formerly known as the Grainger County Courthouse (now the Henderson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, NRHP 6/22/2000) was purchased and

⁷ National Register of Historic Places, Henderson Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Rutledge, Grainger County, Tennessee, National Register #00000730, "Statement of Significance", June 22, 2000.

⁸ Harry Moore, *A History of the Churches in Grainger County*, (Grainger County Historical Society, 1986), 6, 12.

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converted into a church. Though no records of the church's activities exist from the end of the Civil War until the group met in January 1872, it was at this time that the Session of the Rutledge Presbyterian Church voted to withdraw from the Union Presbytery after the Civil War, and they joined the Holston Presbytery, Nashville Synod. Sometime after 1872, several members of the congregation (including Dr. Joseph Hoffmeister, James Peck, James Legg and Levi Campbell) formed a committee to consider the building of a new church. The group formed a plan to construct the church on a parcel of land in Rutledge that had been gifted from Mrs. Mary Moyers in 1829.⁹ The old Grainger County Courthouse on Peck Avenue continued to be used for services while the present church building was being constructed, and the present building was formally dedicated in 1903. The congregation organized several smaller community-oriented groups, including the Women of the Church club and the Willing Workers organization, both of which were formed in 1934 and used the church for their meetings.¹⁰

In the latter half of the twentieth century, the church continued to serve its congregation but attendance slowly dwindled. By about 2010, the small congregation no longer used the building on a regular basis for services. The church is currently under the care of a Board of Trustees and sits vacant, though it is available for use as rental space. Current trustees say that building is rarely used, though several start-up congregations and Baptist parishioners have sporadically utilized the space in recent years. A main issue in making use of the space, as noted by the trustees, is the lack of heating and cooling in the church, which makes it uncomfortable during winter and summer months. The congregation and trustees want to protect the church and continue to provide for its maintenance.

Conclusion

The Rutledge Presbyterian Church retains a high level of historic integrity according to each of the seven aspects of integrity. The integrity of **location** is evident because the church building remains where it was originally constructed. Integrity of **design** is maintained because the alterations that have occurred over time are minimal and do not detract from the original composition of elements that constitute the form, plan, space, structure, and style of the church. Exterior alterations include the replacement of a few window sashes (c. 1950 and c. 1980), reconfiguration of the front steps (sometime between 1921 and 1978), and installation of the asphalt shingle roof around 2010. Interior alterations are mainly limited to the installation of a drop ceiling in the sanctuary (c. 1945) and conversion of a closet to a half bath sometime between 2005 and 2010. Collectively, these changes are not invasive enough to diminish the overall design that lends to the church's architectural significance. The **setting** has been altered only slightly with the introduction of the parking lot at the southernmost portion of the property, but that impact is mitigated by the screen of historic trees between the lot and the church building. The historically-associated, wrap-around cemetery is retained and also screened from surrounding intrusions. More than a century after its construction, the church remains as a prominent physical landmark for the central portion of town along the county's main travel route. Historic **materials** remain largely intact throughout the church building, aside from the aforementioned alterations that removed a few of the original window sashes, wood front steps and roofing fabric. Most of the building's historic material is retained which displays the quality of **workmanship** including the architectural details found in both the interior and exterior such as stained glass windows, beaded paneling

⁹ Grainger County Register of Deeds, Deed Book F, September 7, 1829, 128.

¹⁰ Moore, *A History of the Churches in Grainger County*, 12.

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and trim. All of these aspects combine to allow for a strong integrity of **feeling** and **association** for the property.

Rutledge Presbyterian Church represents a vernacular adaptation of Gothic Revival architecture, a style of this particular building type that was prevalent during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Churches have historically functioned not only as religious venues, but also as communal nodes, so the architecture reflects a well-built yet unadorned Folk Victorian style. The building is comprised of modest materials and quality craftsmanship that reflect prideful investment in the community. Endurance of the church's historic style and design stands as a testimony to the quality of the local building traditions. The essence of the church is retained across many aspects of integrity, and its architecture evokes a strong sense of place and connection to the past.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):		Primary location of additional data:	
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previously listed in the National Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other State agency	
previously determined eligible by the National Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Federal agency	
designated a National Historic Landmark	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local government	
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recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other	
recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey #	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of repository: East TN Development District	
Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):			

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.20 acres **USGS Quadrangle** Dutch Valley 154-SE

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84:

1. Latitude: 36.281150 Longitude: -83.517668

Verbal Boundary Description

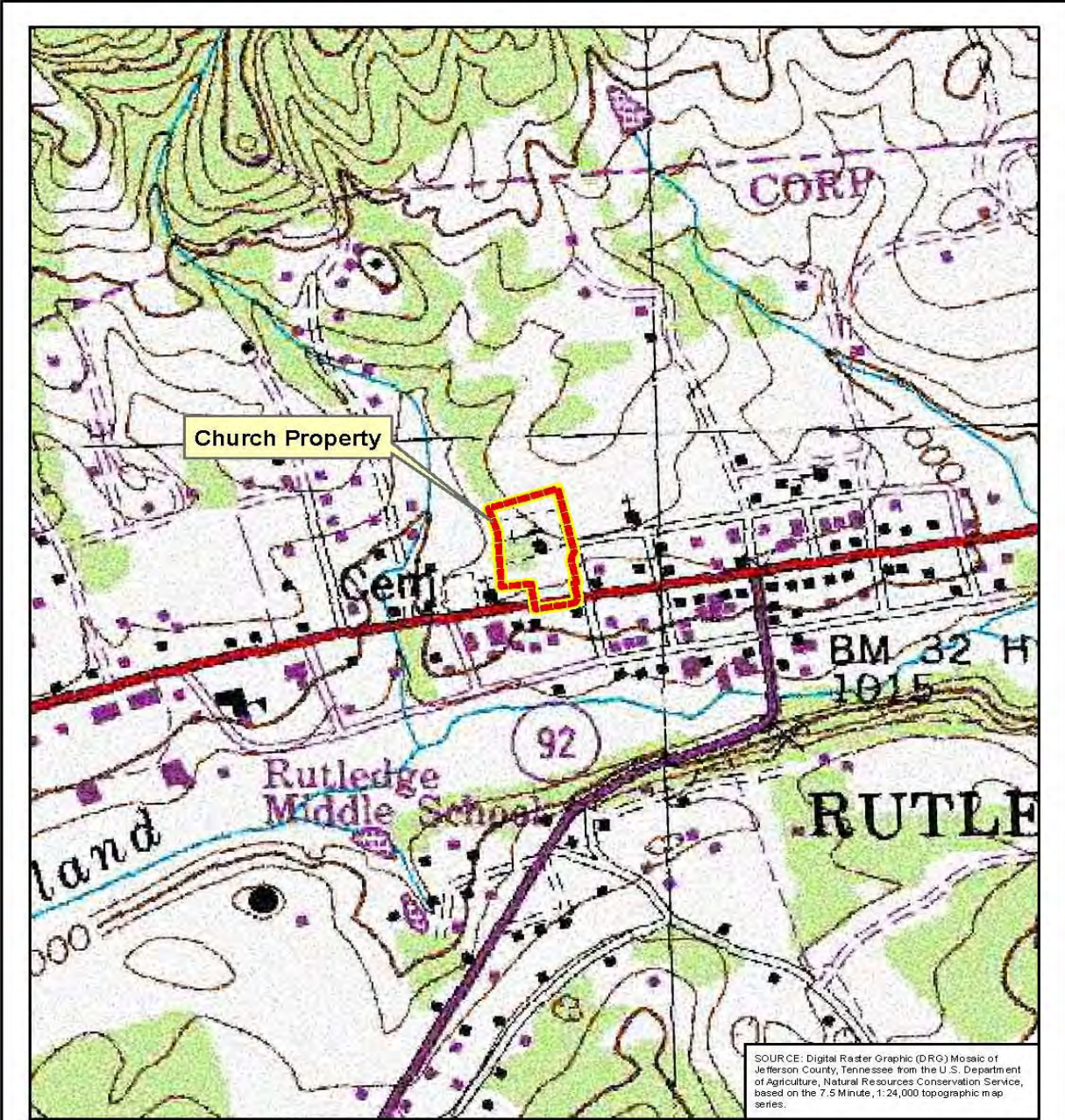
The boundary for the nominated resource begins at the northwest junction of Highway 11-W in Rutledge, TN and Peck Avenue. From this point, the boundary runs west along Hwy. 11-W to the edge of an asphalt parking lot connected to a gravel drive, northward along the edge of the lot, west past the edge of the lot and across the gravel drive, north along a dense concentration of mature trees, slightly northeast, then south to Peck Avenue and along the western edge of the street back to the point of origin.

Boundary Justification

This boundary represents the entire 2.20 acres of parcel number 049P B 001.00 on which the historic Rutledge Presbyterian Church and associated cemetery are located.

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RUTLEDGE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LOCATION
2002 DRG Topographic Mosaic of Grainger County
Dutch Valley Quadrangle 154-SE
Rutledge, Tennessee

Illustration prepared by:
East Tennessee Development District
Geographic Information Systems
Alcoa, TN
Map printed: May 7, 2014



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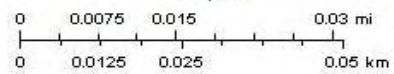
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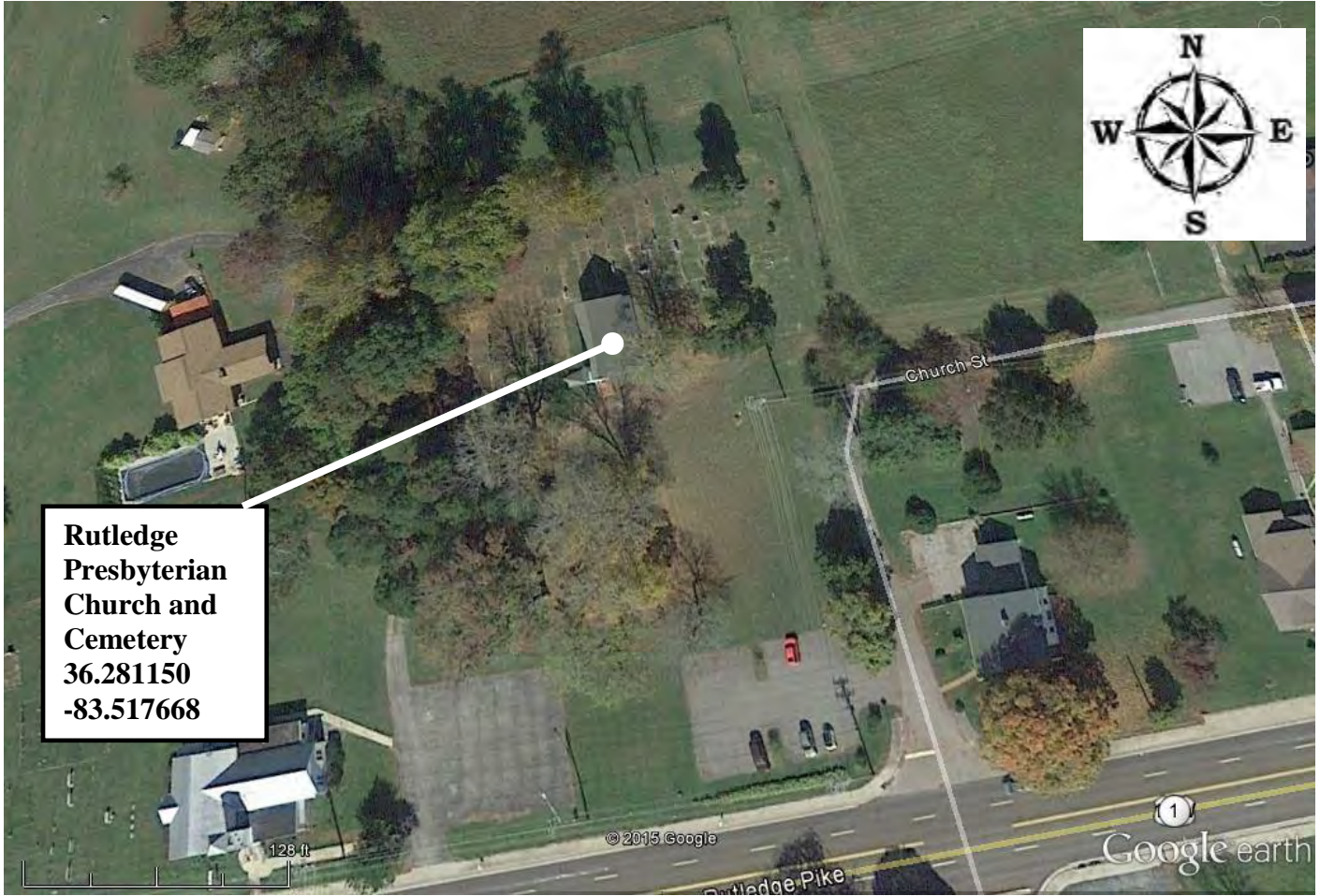


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2014 Google Earth aerial map showing Rutledge Presbyterian Church building location.

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Photo Log

Name of Property: Rutledge Presbyterian Church and Cemetery

City or Vicinity: Rutledge

County: Grainger

State: TN

Photographer: Caroline Eller

Date Photographed: 3/21/2014

- 1 of 28. Southeast oblique. Photographer facing northwest.
- 2 of 28. Front, south elevation. Photographer facing north.
- 3 of 28. Southwest oblique. Photographer facing northeast.
- 4 of 28. West elevation. Photographer facing east.
- 5 of 28. Northwest oblique. Photographer facing southeast.
- 6 of 28. North elevation. Photographer facing south.
- 7 of 28. Northeast oblique. Photographer facing southwest.
- 8 of 28. East elevation. Photographer facing west.
- 9 of 28. Window and wood detailing, south elevation. Photographer facing north.
- 10 of 28. Exterior detailing in the gable field, south elevation.
- 11 of 28. Main entry detailing, south elevation. Photographer facing north.
- 12 of 28. View of vestibule from narthex. Photographer facing west.
- 13 of 28. View of the vestibule and main entry. Photographer facing southwest.
- 14 of 28. View into narthex from vestibule. Photographer facing east.
- 15 of 28. View of half bath at southeast corner of building.
- 16 of 28. Sanctuary door detail. Photographer facing south.
- 17 of 28. Sanctuary view. Photographer facing north.
- 18 of 28. Sanctuary view. Photographer facing southeast.

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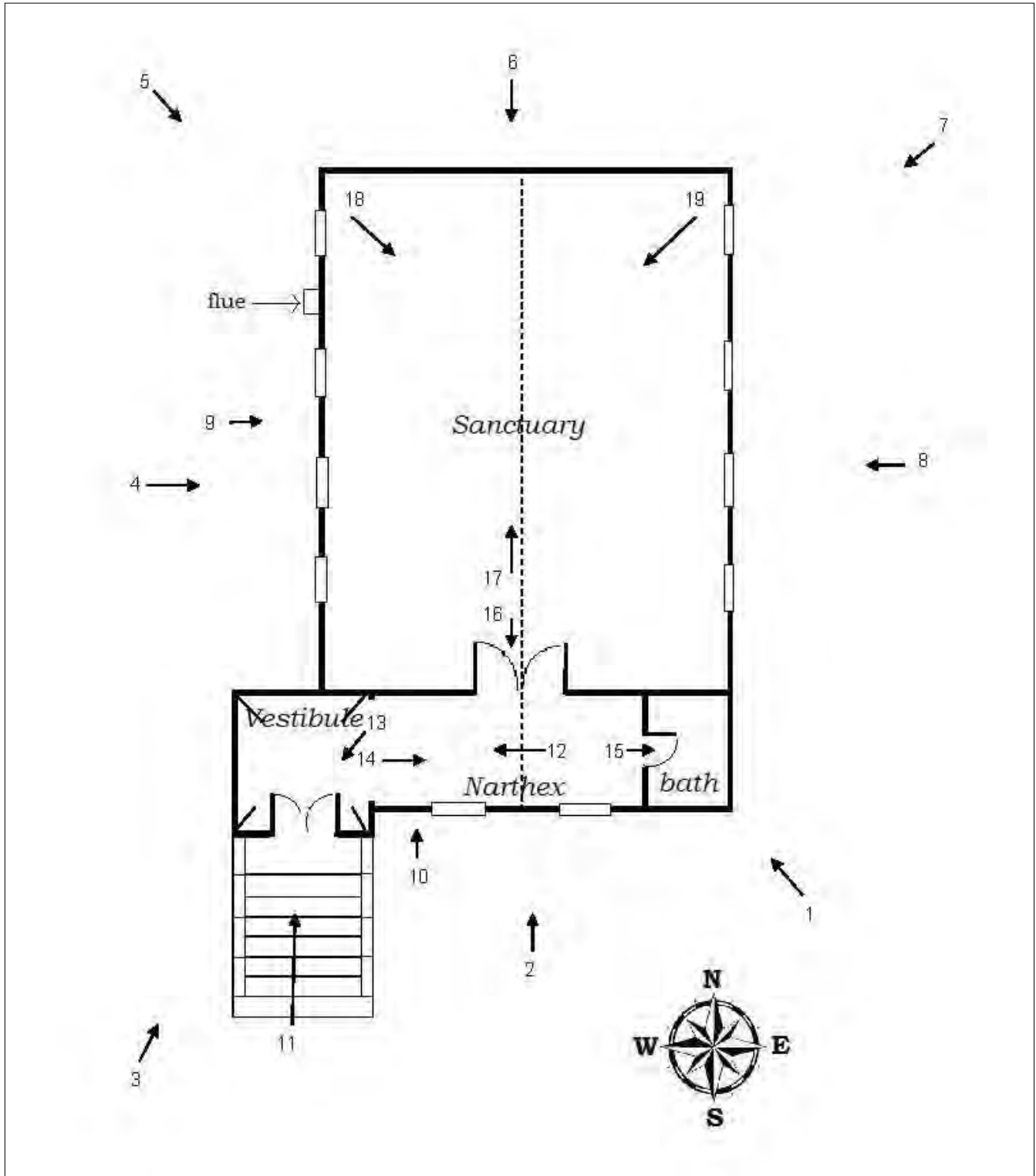
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- 19 of 28. Sanctuary view. Photographer facing southwest.
- 20 of 28. Church cemetery. Photographer facing northwest.
- 21 of 28. Cemetery and west elevation. Photographer facing north.
- 22 of 28. Cemetery and west elevation.
- 23 of 28. Cemetery view. Photographer facing northeast.
- 24 of 28. Cemetery view and north elevation. Photographer facing east.
- 25 of 28. Cemetery view. Photographer facing east.
- 26 of 28. Cemetery view. Photographer facing south.
- 27 of 28. Cemetery view. Photographer facing south.
- 28 of 28. Location of previous stone stairs south of building.

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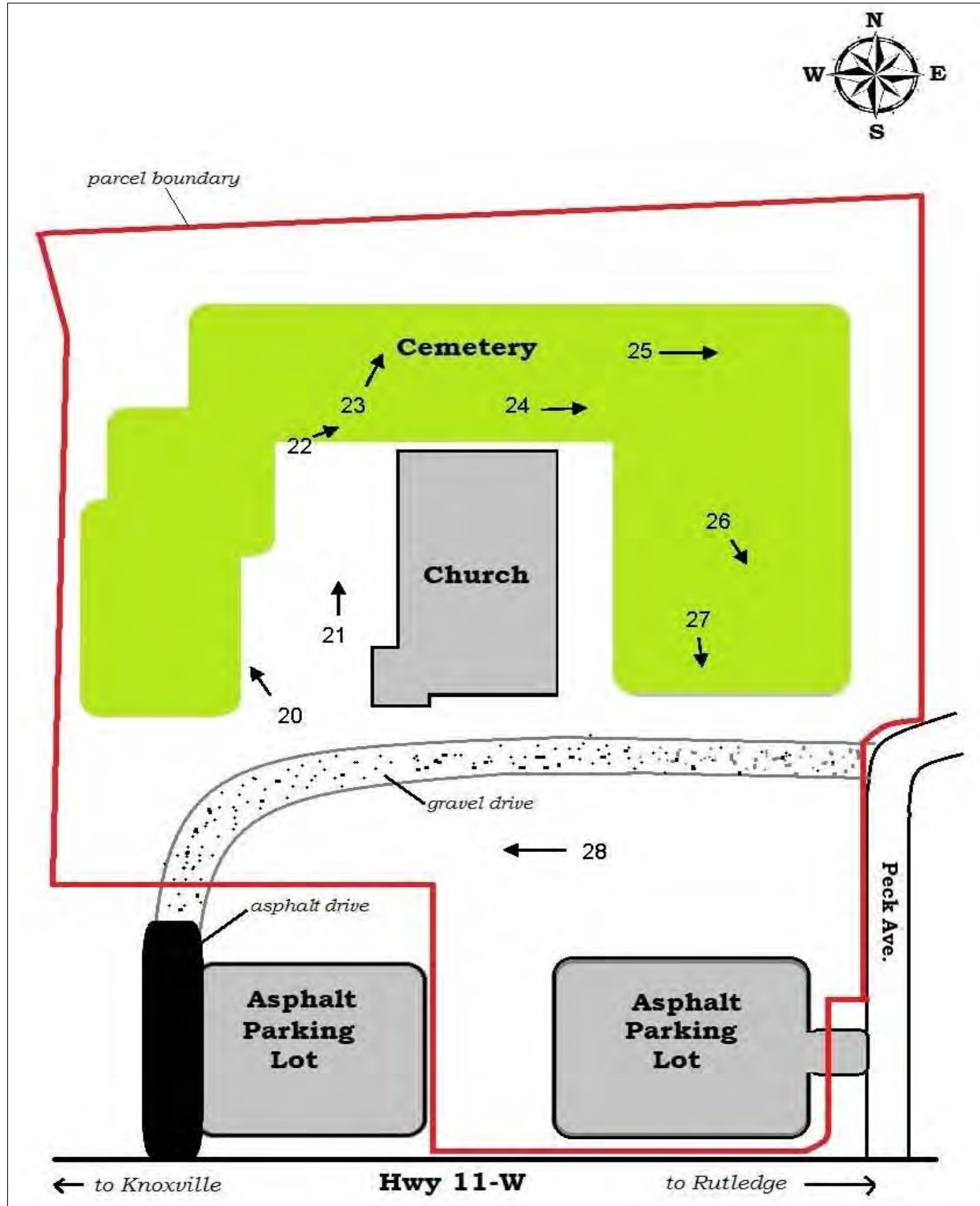
Floor Plan for Rutledge Presbyterian Church (not to scale).



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Site Plan for Rutledge Presbyterian Church and Cemetery (not to scale).



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11. Form Prepared By

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Organization East Tennessee Development District

Street & Number 216 Corporate Place (P.O. Box 249)

Date 3-17-2015

City or Town Alcoa

Telephone (865) 273-6003

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to map.
- **Photographs** (refer to Tennessee Historical Commission National Register *Photo Policy* for submittal of digital images and prints)
- **Additional items:** (additional supporting documentation including historic photographs, historic maps, etc. should be included on a Continuation Sheet following the photographic log and sketch maps)

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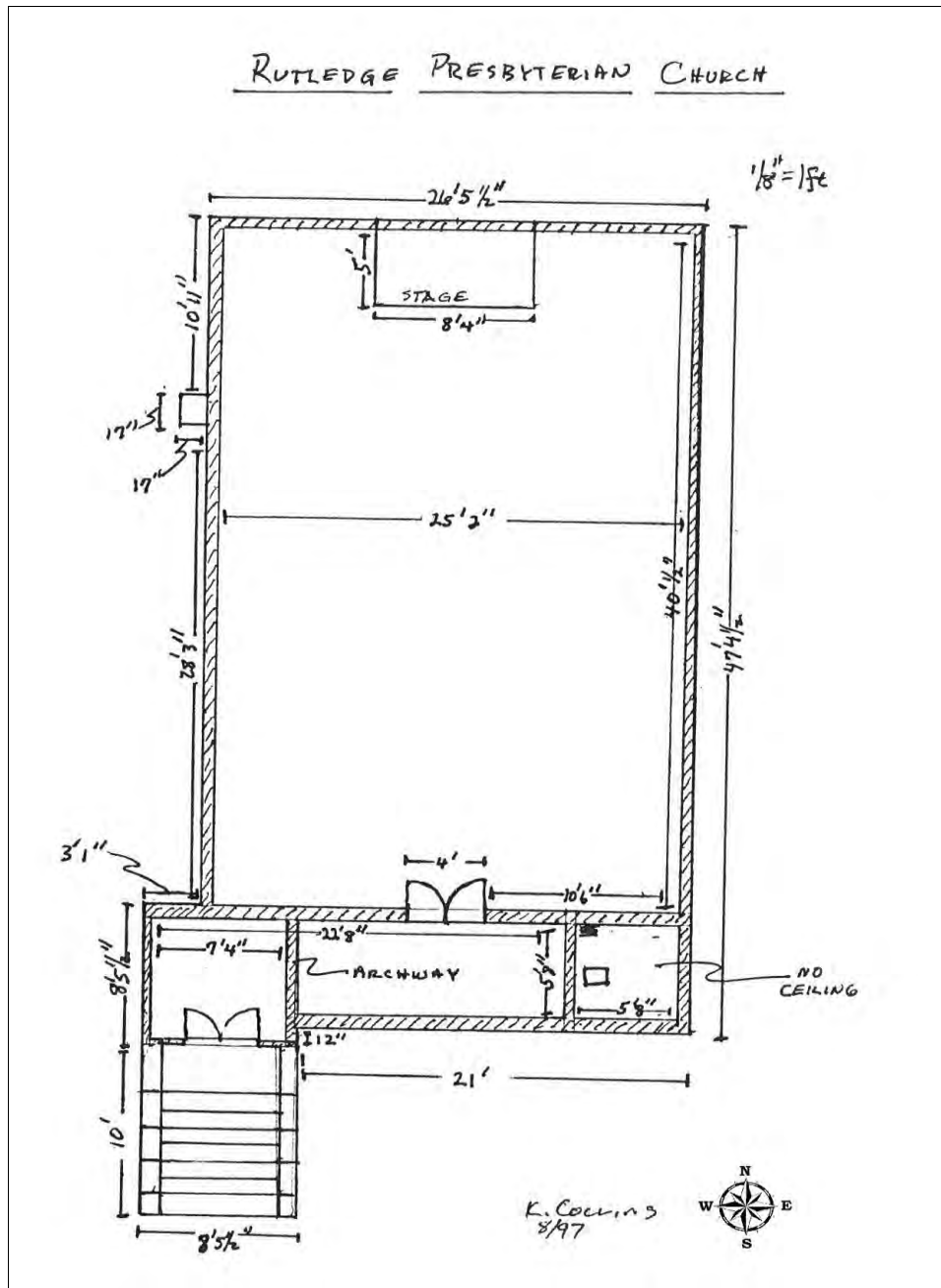


Figure 1: Measured Drawing of Rutledge Presbyterian Church (1997) from Grainger County Archives. Drawn by Kevin Collins, ex-President of the Grainger County Historical Society.

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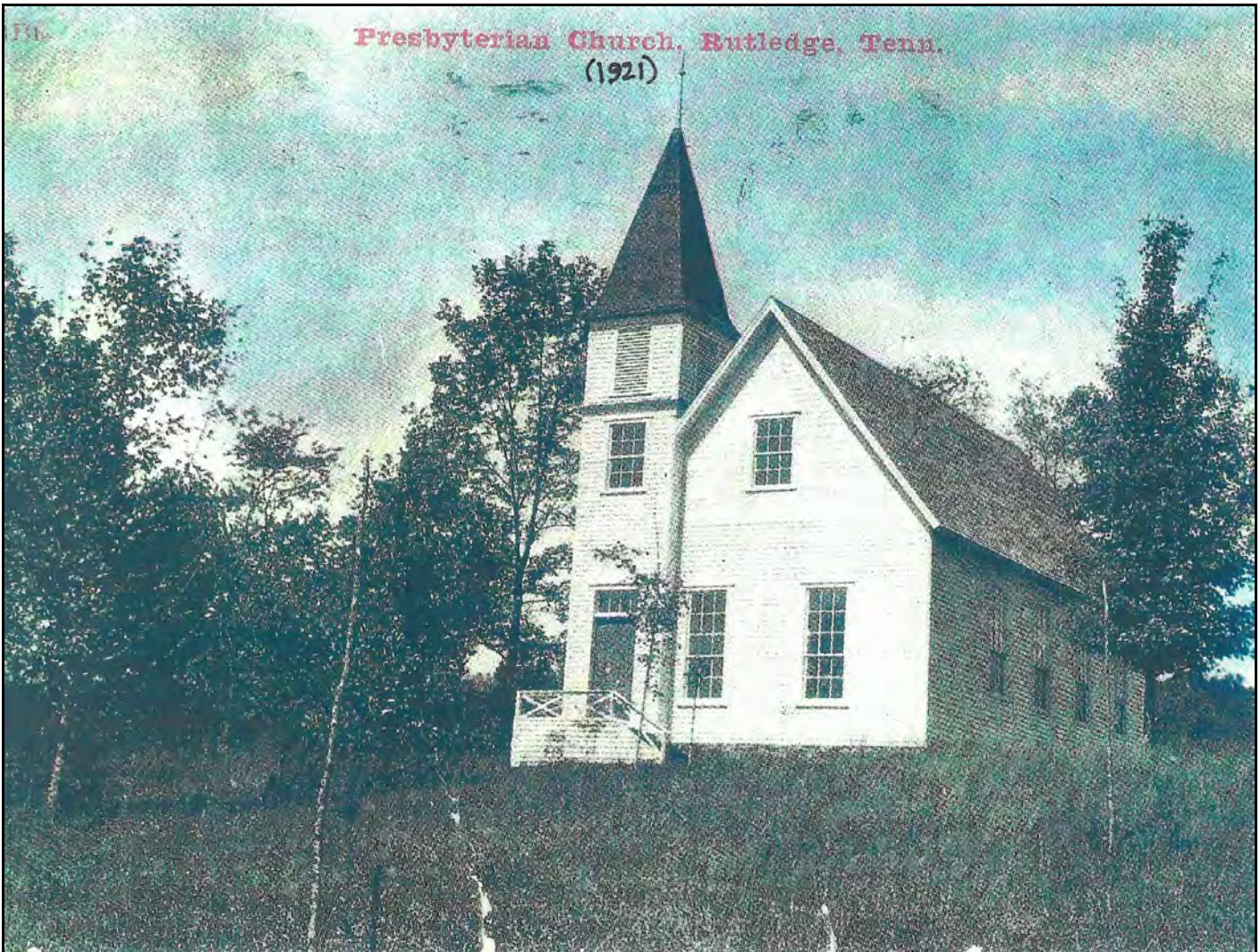


Figure 2: 1921 Photo of Rutledge Presbyterian Church, from Grainger County Archives.

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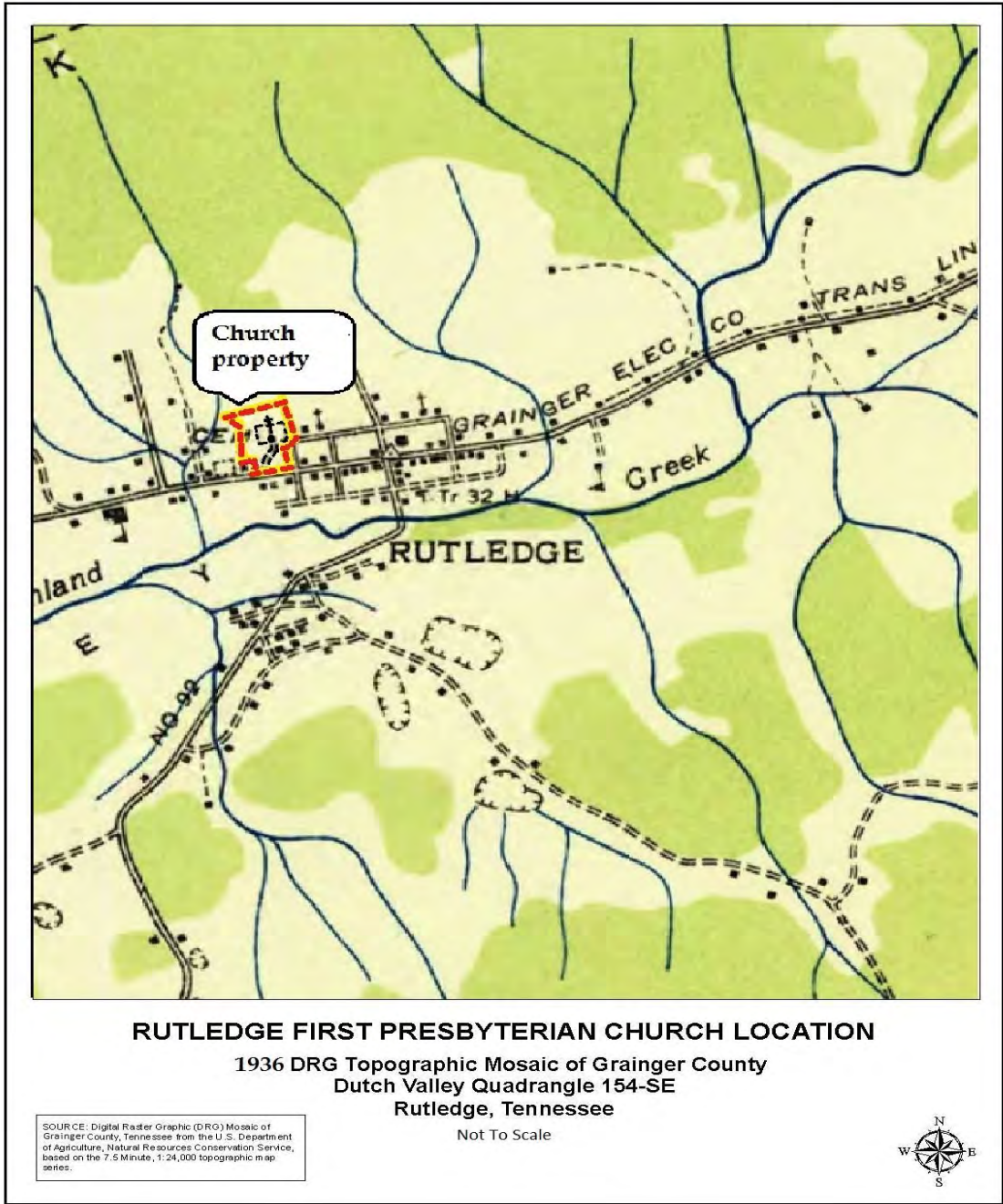


Figure 3: 1936 USGS Topographic Map, Dutch Valley Quadrangle 154-SE. Church building, wrap-around cemetery and driveway locations are noted.











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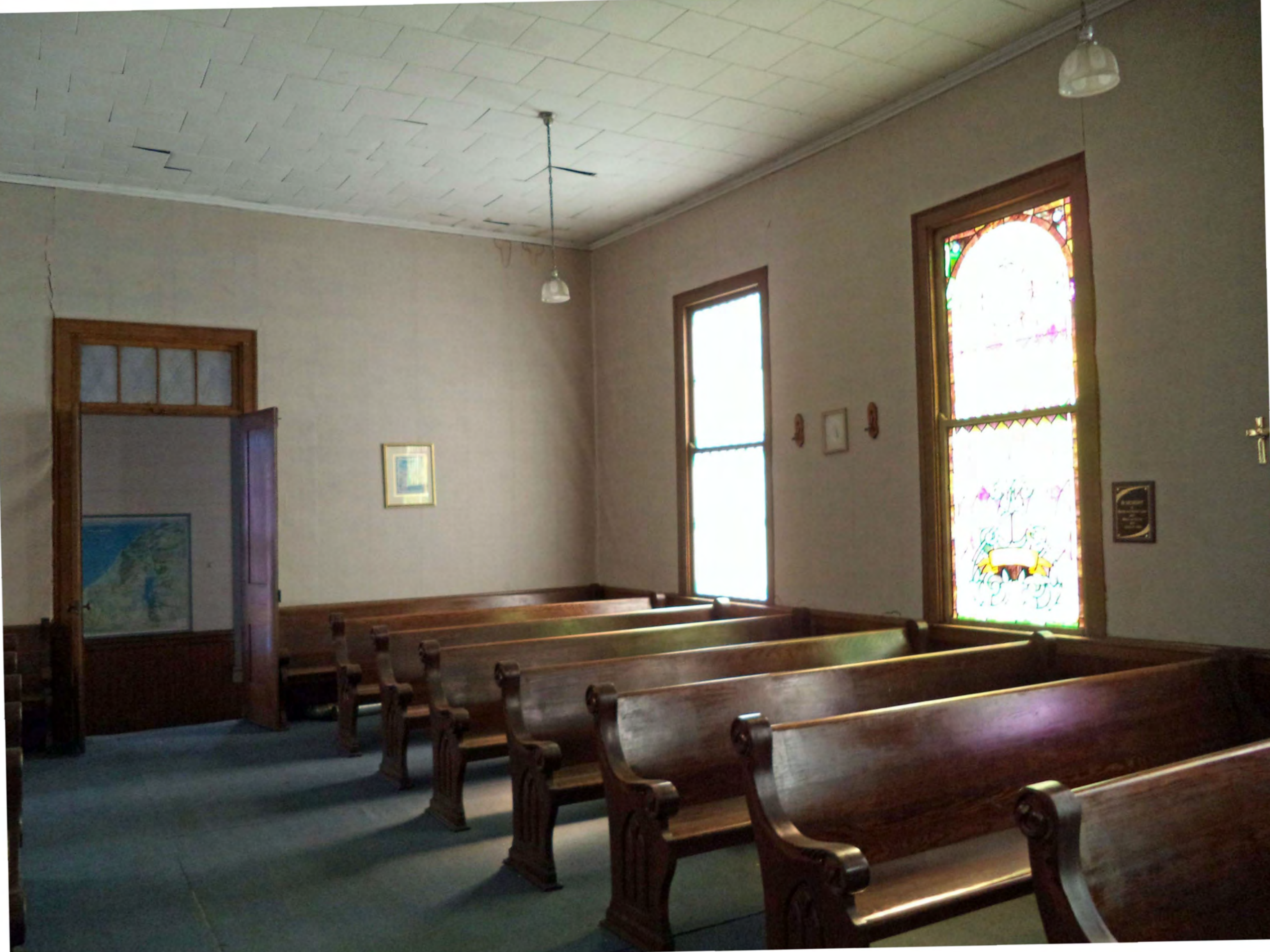




















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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Rutledge Presbyterian Church and Cemetery

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TENNESSEE, Grainger

DATE RECEIVED: 6/05/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/07/15
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/22/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/21/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000447

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 7-21-2015 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept C
REVIEWER J. Gabbard DISCIPLINE _____
TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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May 29, 2015

J. Paul Loether
Deputy Keeper and Chief,
National Register and National Historic Landmark Programs
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye Street NW, 8th floor
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find the documentation to nominate the *Rutledge Presbyterian Church and Cemetery* to the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination for the listing of the *Rutledge Presbyterian Church and Cemetery* to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Peggy Nickell at 615/770-1087 or Peggy.Nickell@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Claudette Stager".

Claudette Stager
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

CS:pn

Enclosures(4)

May 17, 2015

**RE: Rutledge Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, Rutledge, Grainger County, TN
National Register of Historic Places Nomination**

Dear Members of the State Review Board,

This historic structure identifies Rutledge and has been, in addition to a landmark, a source of inspiration via the lives of members of congregations over the years. Cemetery markers indicate a long, long history of leadership in Rutledge, Grainger County, and our entire region.

In order to continue the work we are immersed in, inclusion on/in The National Register would enhance regional as well as local support.

I respectfully request that The National Register status be approved.

Sincerely,

Mike Collins
Trustee