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**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

Addison Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

Addison Community Baptist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection of routes 22A & 17

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Addison

VICINITY OF

Vermont

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Vermont

50

Addison

001

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Addison Community Baptist Church

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Addison

VICINITY OF

Vermont

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Office of the Town Clerk

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Addison

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey

DATE

1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier,

STATE

Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

Addison is a small town located in the fertile Champlain Valley of Vermont. The Addison Baptist Church, located at the intersection of Vermont routes 22A and 17, helps define the Addison Village Center. The Addison Town Hall is the other major structure at the intersection.

The Addison Baptist Church is a large, two-story, rectangular building of post and beam construction, covered with clapboards and set on a stone foundation. It is three bays wide and three wider bays deep. Each bay is defined by panelled pilasters which support a full entablature. This entablature continues across the front (East) facade to create a pediment.

The two central pilasters on the front facade project slightly to frame the recessed entrance. The entrance consists of a double-leaf panelled door below a rectangular spandrel with similar panels. Above the spandrel is a pair of 2/2 windows in a crossetted architrave surround, whose lintel corresponds with the level of architrave of the building's entablature. The spaces between the door and the flanking pilasters are flushboarded.

In the center of the main facade, resting on the cornice of the horizontal pedimental entablature, is the first stage of the three-tier tower. It is engaged into the body of the church, projecting slightly into the front pediment, but resting primarily on the ridge. This lower section is a nearly cubical clapboarded mass with cornerboards and a small three-part entablature. In the center of the east front of this base is a panel bearing the date, "1816". The second stage is a smaller flushboarded cube with pilasters at the corners supporting a smaller, more detailed entablature. In the center of each face of this stage is a rectangular louvered panel in an architrave surround. Rising from the hipped roof of this stage is a chamfered tapering square spire which terminates in a ball finial. The spire, like the gabled roof of the main block of the Church, is covered with slate.

Both the side (North and South) elevations contain three 15/15 windows on the second floor level. These are framed by tall surrounds which extend down to include clapboarded spandrels, and 10 light windows at the basement level. The Easternmost basement windows on the North and South facades have been slightly altered.

The rear (West) elevation contains an ell, added in 1962, which is clapboarded and has a gabled roof; this ell contains the rest rooms and a pastor's study.

On the interior, certain features remain from the 1849 renovation. The original box pews have been retained, with the doors presently in storage. The original Ionic columns, reflecting the former Federal character of the building, are used as supports in the basement, now the vestry.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<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 1816/1849 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Addison Baptist Church is among the older Baptist Churches in Vermont, organized on October 25, 1797. By the second decade of the nineteenth century, the congregation grew to the extent that on December 14, 1811, it was, "voted to meet on Friday evening next in an extra Church meeting to consult on matters relative to building a meetinghouse and forming some system to carry it into effect."¹ It was not until 1816 that the meeting house was built on a hill overlooking the village of Addison Four Corners.

The Church's early history is not atypical of Nineteenth Century Vermont congregation. The early congregation opposed the Masons, expelling one William Whitford in 1816, for "his ungodly arguments to justify and support himself in the practice of meeting with his Masonic bretheren."²

By 1842, Freemasonry was less of an issue, and the congregation was concerning itself with the political and moral issue of slavery. The Church records contain the following resolution on the subject for the year 1842: "Where slavery is contrary to the letter and spirit of the Gospel and consequently a sin against God, therefore, resolved that we will not hold in Church fellowship slave holding Churches or any brother or sister who is a member of such until they have given evidence of reformation."³

While the congregation was enunciating its social and political attitudes, the building itself was undergoing change. In 1849, considerable alterations were made to both the interior and exterior of the Church, resulting in a Greek Revival stylization. It was at this time that the side galleries were removed and the vestry installed on the ground floor.

Later improvements to the Church consisted primarily of technological modernizations in heating and lighting, having no effect on the building's architectural integrity. The last structural improvement was the addition of the rear ell, added in 1962.

The growth and evolution of the Addison Baptist Church is a reflection of that of the Town of Addison. Located adjacent to the Town Hall, overlooking the village, the Church is an ever-present testimony of the history of this small Vermont Township.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Clark, Erwin S. History of the Town of Addison, VT, 1609-1976 (Middlebury, 1936) p. 39.
2. Ibid. p. 40.
3. Ibid. p. 41.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY One acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Port Henry, NY-VT

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

A	118	6358160	4882875	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Coextensive with land on which building sits, owned by the Addison Community Baptist Church.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Richard C. Cote/Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

STREET & NUMBER

Pavilion Building

CITY OR TOWN

Montpelier

DATE

8/77

TELEPHONE

802-828-3226

STATE

Vermont

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

William B. Timney
 TITLE Director, State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 5/5/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

William B. Timney
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 11/2/78

DATE 10/23/78