

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

1. Name of Resource: Viney Fork Baptist Church

2. Original Owner: Viney Fork Church

3. Other Names: Viney Fork Church

4. Prehistoric Site Building X Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: at the intersection of county road 499 and 374 near Speedwell

6. Owner's Name: Congregation of Viney Fork Baptist Church [N]

7. Owner's Address: c/o W. J. Morrison Rt. 3 Richmond, Kentucky 40475

8. Evaluation: [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat. Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat. Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1979
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R. Status & Date:

11. N.R. Group:
District Name: []
Mult. Resource Area: Madison Co MRA []
Thematic Name: []

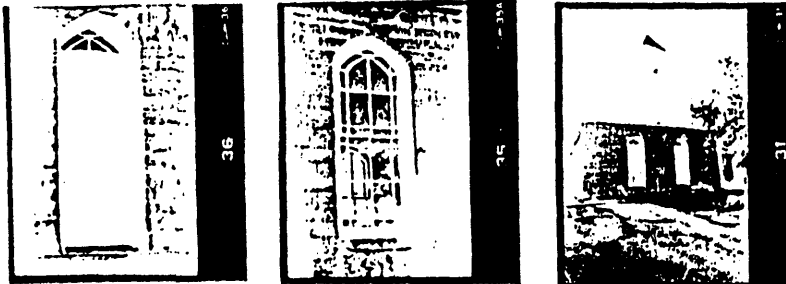
12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: Religion [260]
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:

See Attached.

14. History:

See attached



16. Date:
Original Building 1802 [8]
Addition c. 1960 [2]

17. Style: Antebellum Vernacular [3V]

18. Architect/Builder: Unknown

19. No. of Stories: 1.5 [1.5]

20. Original Floor Plan: NA []

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. x

22. Roof Form & Material: Original
gable/shingle Not Original X

23. Structural Material: Sandstone [S]

24. Exterior Material: Sandstone [S]

25. Foundation Material: Stone [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
Additions to west side

27. Special Features: Cemetery with mid-19th cent. stones

28. Outbuildings: None []

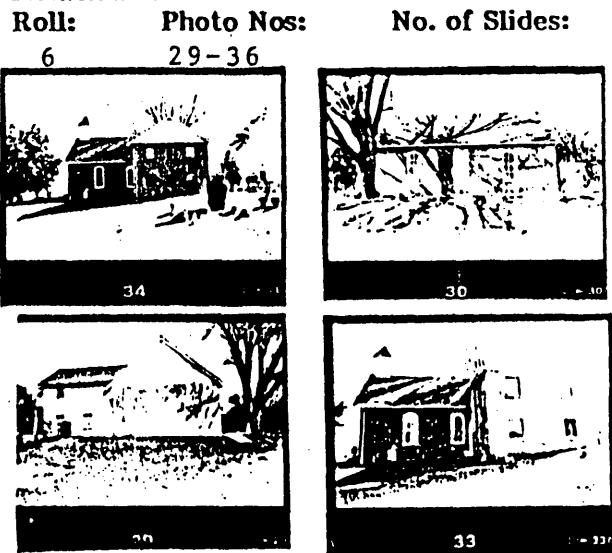
29. Original Function: church [06A]

30. Present Use: church [06A]

31. Condition: Excellent [E]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No X

33. Attach Photos:



15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: KHC Survey: CMT, JGW, 1979
J.H. Spencer, History of Kentucky Baptists, 1769-1885, Vol. I., 1886.

34. Prepared by: S. Willis/H. Powell

35. Organization: EKU

36. Date: 1986

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey X

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Moberly 16 748950 4173190 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	---	-----	-----	D.	---	-----	-----
B.	---	-----	-----	E.	---	-----	-----
C.	---	-----	-----	F.	---	-----	-----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary:

44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

See attached

45. Description and House Plan:

The Viney Fork Baptist Church is a one-and-one-half story rectangular building of cut sandstone. It was originally three bays on the axial facades. One bay of the west facade has been covered by a concrete block addition. The two original entries are found in the gable end. They are surmounted by a blunt pointed arch containing a fanlight with tracery matching that exhibited in the lancet windows. The stone portion of the front and rear ends at the roofline of the axial facades and the remaining wall is clapboard, now sided. Door and window sills are of stone. The gable end is capped by a short squared wooden bell tower.

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Viney Fork Church Site # MA-75

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title TWO DOOR CHURCHES OF
19TH CENTURY KENTUCKY

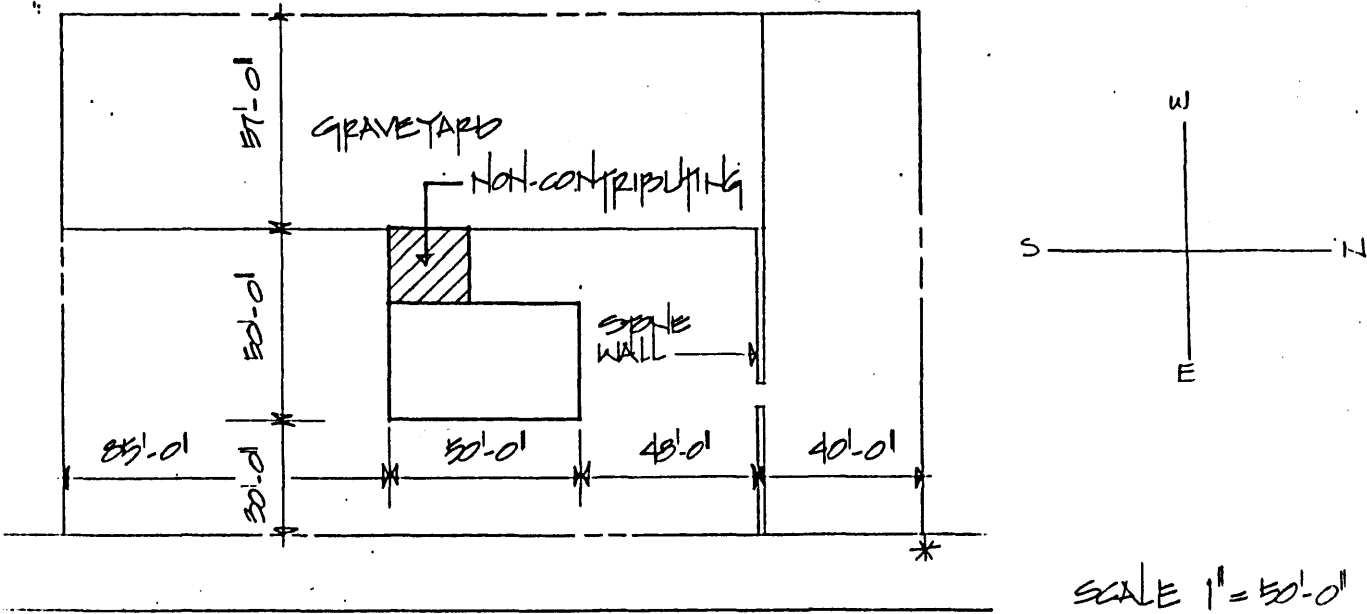
U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. _____ D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description _____ Acreage .70

From the northeast corner of the building east 30 feet and north 88 feet to a point of beginning; then south 223 feet to a point; then west 137 feet to a point; then north 223 feet to a point; then east 137 feet to the point of beginning.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



Official Courthouse Property Reference:

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Viney Fork Baptist Church

Statement of Significance

The Viney Fork Baptist Church is significant under criterion C for the period ~~1802~~ as an example of a rural country church notable for its use of windows whose blunted arched shape represent a local interpretation of the Gothic style.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary was chosen to follow the property lines of the lot historically associated with the church.

The boundary contains one contributing building.

14. History

Christopher Harris and Andrew Tribble constituted Viney Fork in 1797 as "The United Baptist Church of Christ on Muddy Creek." With a membership of twenty, it associated with the Tates Creek Association the same year. By 1799, its representation totalled forty-five members of "Viney Fork Church." During the great revivals, the church, like others, prospered and, in October of 1801, had 255 members and was, after Tates Creek Baptist Church, the largest congregation in the Tates Creek Association.

The Viney Fork Church dismissed many members until 1830 in order primarily for them to join new churches. The Campbellite schism in the Tates Creek Association left it only 46 members in 1830. Before the outbreak of the Civil War, its membership was 165; in 1869, membership had dropped to 50. The present membership is 167.

The stone building, made with local sandstone, was completed in 1802. Tim O'Neal remodelled the building with little apparent exterior alteration in 1886.