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National Park Service

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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 of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Friends Church
other names/site number St. Andrews Episcopal Church (BL-17)

2. Location

street & number 314 West Broadway N/A not for publication
city, town Maryville N/A vicinity
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u> </u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 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. See continuation sheet.

Albert L. Byrum 6/13/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Albert L. Byrum Entered in the National Register 7/25/89
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/Religious Structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/Religious Structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Brick

roof OTHER/Tile

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Friends Church is a one-story, symmetrical plan, three bay brick church built between 1871 and 1872. The church was originally built in a rectangular plan and was enlarged with transepts and a rear wing in 1963. The original section of the church is of six-course common bond construction and has a brick foundation and tile roof added in 1925. The original section displays a brick beltcourse which was copied and extended onto the added rear section. The main entrance has original double doors of raised panel frame design with an arched four light transom. Above the transom is brick hood molding. Windows are original triple hung wood frame with eight lights in each sash. The windows are arched with brick hood molding.

The transepts and rear wing repeat the window pattern, brickwork and tile roof of the original section and also display brick dentils at the roofline. The interior of the church is composed of open floor space with no partition walls in the nave or transepts. The church displays original oak floors, plaster walls and ceiling, and simple window surrounds. The pews, altar and woodwork in the transept were added in 1963. There are no decorative details. The church is located on an urban lot with an adjacent cemetery in the downtown section of Maryville.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Religion

Period of Significance

1871-1933

Significant Dates

1871

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Friends Church is significant under criterion A for its association with the Friends or Quaker religion which was an important influence in the county in the 19th and early 20th century. The church is the only religious structure standing in the county which is associated with the religious heritage of the Friends. The church was built between 1871 and 1872 and served as the Friends meeting house until 1933. In 1946, the property was purchased by the St. Andrews Episcopal Church and later enlarged into its present form. Extensive additions to the church in 1963 render the building ineligible for the Register under criterion C, however, the church retains its integrity of association, site and location.

Members of the Friends Church moved into Blount County in the 1790s and organized their first church at Friendsville in 1808. Despite their abolitionist teachings the Friends congregation thrived in the county. In 1854, the Friendsville Institute was built at Friendsville and other schools were built throughout the county. Meetings of Friends took place in Maryville at various residences until a movement was begun after the Civil War to purchase property for a church. In 1869, J.A. Grinnell bought lot number 34 on Main Street and in 1871 deeded the lot to the Friends.

In 1871, work began on the construction of a one-story brick building as a meeting house and completion took place in mid-1872. The bricks for the church were furnished by local builder David Jones and the entire cost of the church was \$2,870. When it was completed the church reflected the Italianate style with arched windows and doors with label hood molding. The Maryville Church was a vital institution in the community for several decades. Many of its members were active in promoting local education and built the Friends Normal School. Other members were involved with local business and developed areas of Maryville. Members of the church were leading citizens of the community such as Dr. Jephtha Gardner and Dr. W.C. Stanley.

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Friends Church

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Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount County

By the late 1890s, the number of members of the church began to decrease as members emigrated westward and as religious differences arose in the church doctrine itself. In 1900, the Friends Normal School was sold to the city and its sale signified the waning of the Friends' influence in the community. By 1915, all of the Friends schools in Maryville closed and in 1933 the church minutes recorded "discord and disunity" among members. In 1936, the church was officially closed and in 1946 the property was sold to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

The St. Andrew's Church occupied the original building until 1963 when it was enlarged with transepts and a rear addition. The design of these additions were in keeping with the original brickwork and detailing of the original building. The St. Andrew's Church continues to utilize the building for its congregation.

Because of their abolitionist teachings, the Friends denomination was not popular and did not settle in great numbers in West or Middle Tennessee. East Tennessee was more hospitable to the Friends and Blount County became a center for their religious activities in the state. The Friends were leaders in education and commerce and the Friends Church is the only major structure remaining in the county associated with this denomination's 19th century growth and development.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Collins, John and Anna. Our Mission in East Tennessee, 1870-1879. Friends Historical Collection, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Maryville-Alcoa Daily Times. 1960-1989, Maryville, Tennessee.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than 1 acre.

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Maryville Quad

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary for the Friends Church is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 57-E, lot 8, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary for the Friends Church includes the church and adjacent yard within its city lot. A line is drawn approximately 175' to the southeast of Broadway Avenue to form the southeast boundary of the property. This line is drawn to exclude a modern brick educational building constructed by St. Andrew's Church and is not associated with the Friends Church.

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Friends Church
314 W. Broadway, Maryville, Blount County, TN
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.
Date: Fall, 1988
Location of Neg: THC

View: Northwest and southwest facades.
Photo # 1

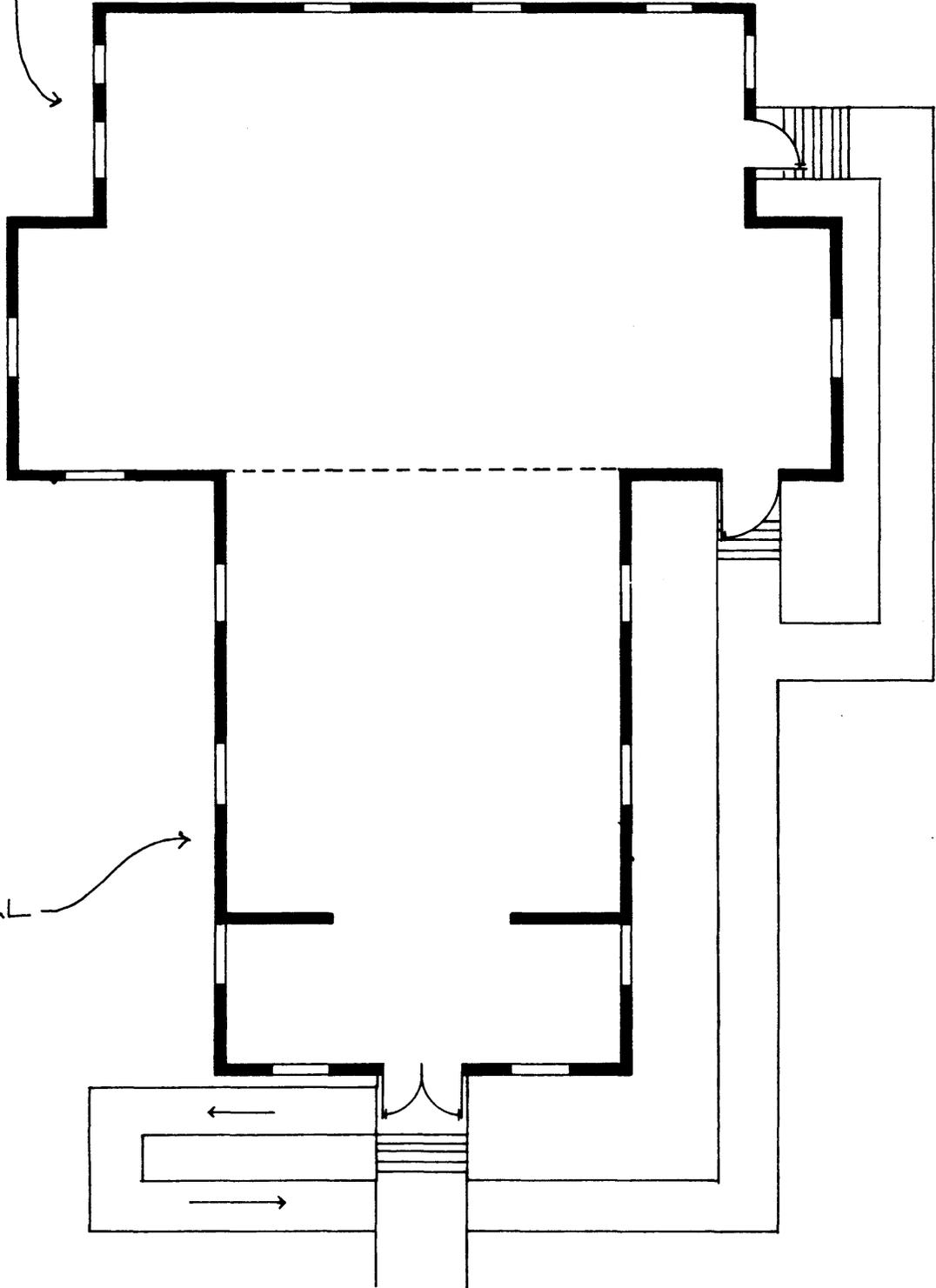
View: Southwest and southeast facades.
Photo # 2

View: Northeast facade.
Photo # 3

View: Interior, sanctuary.
Photo # 4



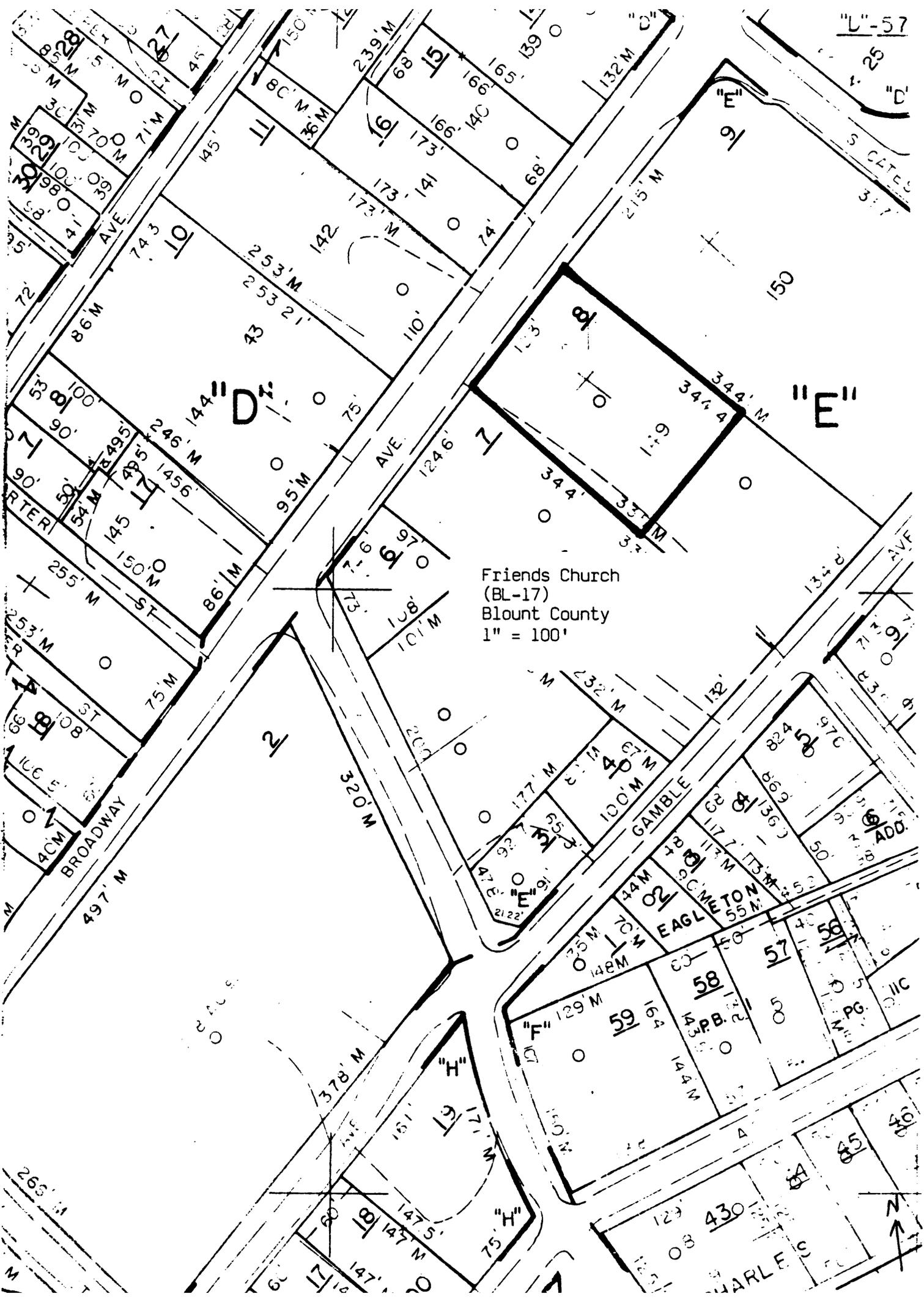
ADDITION



ORIGINAL

BROADWAY





Friends Church
 (BL-17)
 Blount County
 1" = 100'