

Survey Number 2

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>Clarksville Methodist Church</u> Common name: <u>Murphy House</u> Address: <u>334 Main Street</u> <u>Clarksville, Tennessee</u> Owner's name: <u>Nancy D. Murphy</u> Owner's address: <u>107 Rudolph Drive</u> <u>Clarksville, Tennessee</u> Classification: <u>Building</u> Tax map reference: <u>66F, Parcel H12</u> Acreage: <u>1/4 acre</u> UTM reference: <u>Z 16 E 468060</u> <u>N 4042480</u>	STATUS	Open to public: Yes ___ No ___ Restricted <u>X</u> Visible from road: Yes <u>X</u> No ___ Occupied: Yes <u>X</u> No ___ Present use: <u>Residential Apartments</u> Current condition: <u>Good</u> Alterations: <u>Extensively remodeled in 1883</u> <u>when converted to apartments (described</u> <u>below)</u> Site features: <u>The building is located on a</u> <u>corner lot and occupies practically the</u> <u>entire lot</u>
HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>1831</u> Architect/builder: <u>Unknown</u> Original or previous owners: <u>Built by the</u> <u>Methodist congregation who occupied the</u> <u>building until 1841 when they sold it to*</u> Original use: <u>Church</u> Theme/s: Primary <u>Architecture</u> Secondary <u>Religion</u> Other <u>N/A</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u>Beach, Ursula S. Along</u> <u>the Warioto, Nashville: McQuiddy Press,</u> <u>1964.</u> Form prepared by: <u>Shain T. Dennison</u> Title: <u>Historic Preservation Specialist</u> Organization: <u>Mid-Cumberland Council of</u> <u>Governments</u> Date: <u>11/24/80</u>
DESCRIPTION	The Clarksville Methodist Church is a two-story brick building with a square shape plan which stands on a brick foundation. It has a full basement and a low gable roof covered with metal roofing material. A bracketed, boxed cornice is found on all four elevations. The facade has three bays and a porch, with round columns and brick balustrade, which was added during the early 20th century. The windows flanking the entrance have large flat lintels and appear original. Those of the second story have arched apertures with radiating voussiors which were probably added during the 1880's remodeling. The central bay entrance features a heavily ornamented architrave, and a diamond-shaped attic vent is found in the gable above. In the attic, the original roof structure exposed when the building was used as a church may be seen.		
SIGNIFICANCE	The Clarksville Methodist Church is the oldest building, which has been a church, in the city. It housed religious congregations for more than fifty years. Moreover, it is one of the earliest brick buildings in Clarksville. The function of the building changed in the late 19th century, and it has been used as a residence or boarding house for more than ninety years.		

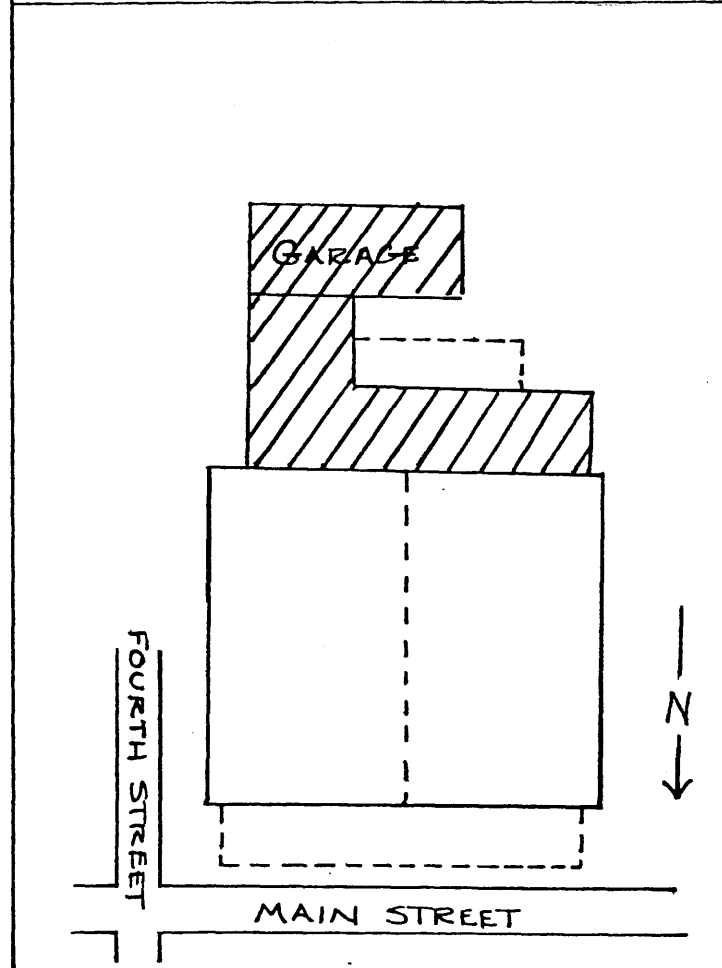
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CONTINUATION

*the Cumberland Presbyterians who occupied it until 1883. In 1883 it was sold and remodeled, and became known as Cox's Boarding House and Dining Room. Subsequent owners have continued to rent rooms.

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow





NINETEENTH CENTURY CHURCHES IN CLARKSVILLE
Thematic Group Nomination

● Clarksville Methodist Church

■ Boundaries

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Scale: 1"=100'

Map No. 66F, Parcel H12

