

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES  
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 203  
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Bethel Church

2. Original Owner: Bethel Baptist Church

3. Other Names: none

4. Prehistoric Site  Building Object  
Historic Site  Structure Other

5. Location: south side U.S. 60, 1 mile west of Clay Village

6. Owner's Name: Linda S. Dubourg [ P ]

7. Owner's Address: 10200 Ledbury Way, Louisville, 40223

8. Evaluation: National Register [ N ]

9. Recognition & Date:  
Nat.Landmark \_\_\_\_\_ Local Landmark \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat.Register \_\_\_\_\_ HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_  
Highway Marker \_\_\_\_\_ KY Inventory 8-15-80  
KY Landmark Certificate \_\_\_\_\_

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:  
District Name: [ ]  
Mult.Resource Area: Shelby County [ ]  
Thematic Name: [ ]

12. Historical Theme:  
Primary: Architecture [ 03Q ]  
Secondary: [ ]  
Other: [ ]

13. Statement of Significance:

This property is significant under criterion C as an important example of the brick nave-plan church from late in the nineteenth century.

While the general form of this type of religious building remained static through the 19th century, this church is set apart by its Gothic C

14. History: "Bethel Church" in 1882 atlas  
Plaque above door "A.D.1797/ Rebuilt 1899"

16. Date:  
Original Building 1899 [ 5 ]  
Addition ca.1975 [ 1 ]

17. Style: Gothic Revival [ 41 ]

18. Architect/Builder: unknown

19. No. of Stories: 1 [ 1.0 ]

20. Original Floor Plan: nave-plan [ 00 ]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X

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

23. Structural Material: brick [ B ]

24. Exterior Material: brick: 7-course common bond [ B ]

25. Foundation Material: coursed rubble stone [ S ]

26. Major Alterations: None  
Moved/Rebuilt Other  
X Additions

27. Special Features: none

28. Outbuildings: none [ 0 ]

29. Original Function: religious/church [ 06A ]

30. Present Use: residential/domestic, single dwell [ 01A ]

31. Condition: excellent [ E ]

32. Endangered: Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
No X

33. Attach Photos:  
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:  
14 23A-31A 1

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Atlas of Henry and Shelby Counties Kentucky, 1882.

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

35. Organization: Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: April 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: Shelbyville 16 6 6 4 0 2 0 4 2 2 8 9 9 0	40. Coordi. Accuracy [ ]

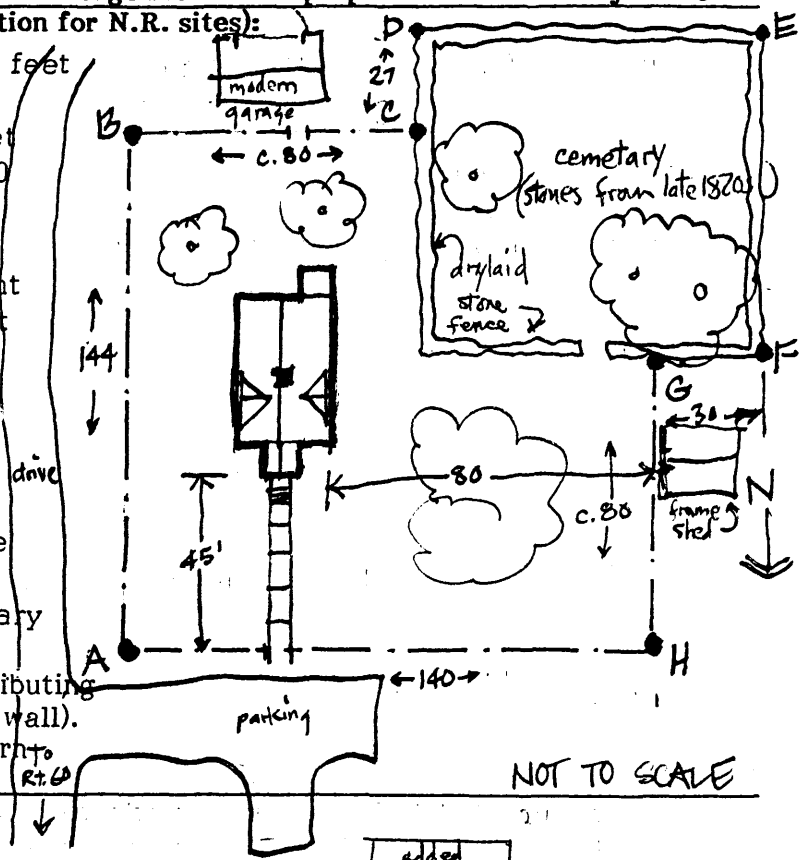
41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

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

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 105. 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .55

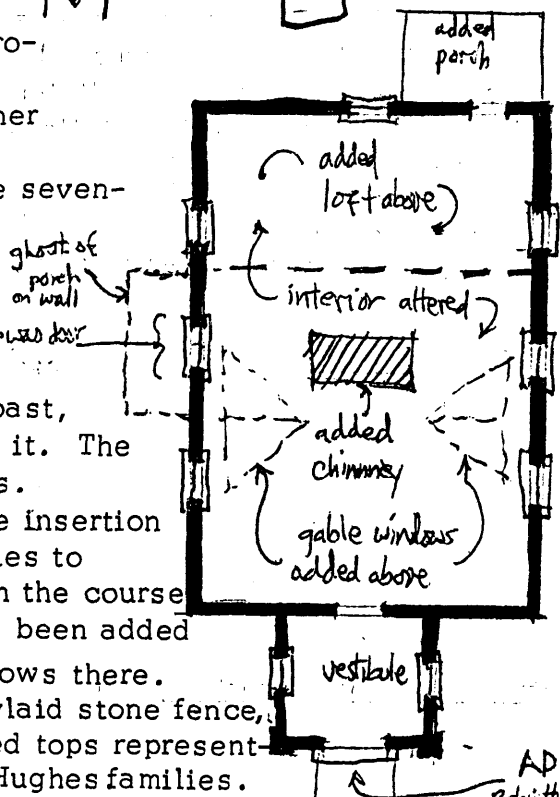
44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Beginning at point A, proceeding south 144 feet to point B along a fence, thence west 80 feet along a fence to point C, thence south 27 feet along a stone wall to point D, thence west 90 feet along a stone wall to point E, thence north 90 feet along a stone wall to point F, thence east 30 feet along a stone wall to point G, thence north 84 feet along a fence to point H, thence east 140 feet along a fence to the point of origin. The boundaries include the immediate environs of the church, surrounded by fences, and the important stone-walled cemetery to the southwest, intersecting the fences around the church. Not included in the boundaries are a modern garage to the south and a 20th-century frame shed near the cemetery gate to the west of the church. The boundaries include one contributing building (church), one contributing site (cemetery), & one contributing structure (stone wall). Point A is located 67 ft. northeast of the northeastern corner of the dwelling.



45. Description and House Plan:

The three-bay nave-plan church has a projecting vestibule featuring a pointed-arch doorway with sawn ornament above and corner pilasters. All windows are double-hung, pointed-arch windows with clear glass. The seven-course common bond structure has a fully developed box cornice with returns and a dentillated rake in the gable ends. The vestibule has a similar treatment. The east side wall's center opening, now a window, appears to have had a door inserted in the past, while a ghost remains of a porch sheltering it. The gables contain small louvered circular vents. The interior has been largely altered, by the insertion of a central chimney, a loft, and cross gables to admit light on east and west roof slopes. In the course of conversion to a house, a small porch has been added on the south, as well as second floor windows there. The nearby cemetery is surrounded by a drylaid stone fence, and contains fine tombstones with scalloped tops representing the prominent Middleton, Scarce, and Hughes families.



AD1797 rebuilt 1899 over door