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(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kentucky	
COUNTY:	Fayette	
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ENTRY NUMBER		DATE
		MAY 7 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Walnut Hill Church

AND/OR HISTORIC: Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *E of Lexington off US 25/421*
R#5, Walnut Hill Pike, at intersection with Richmond Road

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington *vic.*

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Kentucky	21	Fayette	067

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church of Transylvania Presbytery

STREET AND NUMBER: 412 Rose Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Fayette County Courthouse-Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey Of Historic Sites In Kentucky

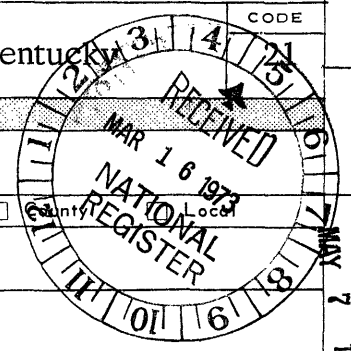
DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER: 401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: Frankfort STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church was a meeting house built of logs in 1785. In 1801, the log house was replaced by a stone church, 40 x 50 feet, which stands today.

This historic stone church originally had two rows of square windows, the upper tier giving light to the galleries on three sides. During the late summer of 1880, the church was remodeled. Eight Gothic shaped windows, replaced the square ones and the galleries were removed. The stone front steps were a gift of H. Howard Gratz in 1900.

Today, Walnut Hill appears much as it did after the renovation of 1880. Inside, the narthex, about ten feet deep across the front, has stairs leading to a second floor overhead. The nave of the church is a single space, high-ceilinged to the roof.

This rural church stands on a hill surrounded by more than nine acres of land. One of the graves in the adjacent cemetery is that of Reverend James Crawford, the first pastor, who died in 1803.

The iron gate at the stone entrance to the church yard on Walnut Hill Pike were donated by James Allen Todd in 1925 in memory of his great grandfather, General Levi Todd, a benefactor of Walnut Hill Church in the early days.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1785; 1801; 1880

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Walnut Hill Church is the oldest Presbyterian Church building in Kentucky. It was erected in 1801 during the "great revival." The present stone building was preceded by a log structure which was built in 1785, on land conveyed by General Levi Todd who fought at the Siege of Bryan's Station and in the Battle of Blue Licks, August 1782, and headed the subscription when Reverend James Crawford was invited to be the first settled pastor at Walnut Hill.

In 1785, Rev. James Crawford was one of two ministers ordained at the first meeting of a presbytery in Kentucky. In the same year he organized Walnut Hill Church. Rev. Crawford was one of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Danville, Kentucky in 1792. In 1791 he opened a school at Walnut Hill for Latin, Greek, and Sciences.

The church was active from 1785-1953, a period of 168 years. Plans exist for restoring the historic church building. As a church and school Walnut Hill was one of the leaders in the moral, educational and cultural advancement of Kentucky in the days of early statehood.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Walnut Hill Presbyterian Church, by Robert Stuart Sanders. Kentucky Historical Society, Copyright 1956.
 Kentucky, A Pictorial History, J. Winston Coleman, Jr., editor, University Press, Lexington, 1971.
 Walnut Hill Church, An Historical Address, by Samuel M. Wilson, Wilson Library, University of Kentucky Library. Manuscripts 51W11
 White Hall Inn Constructed In 1848 as "Walnut Hill Female Institute, by C. Frank Dunn, Lexington Herald-Leader 6/24/51

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

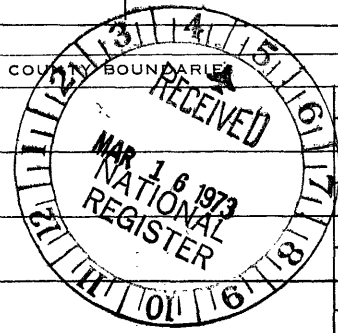
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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	0	37	58	08
NE	0	0	84	25	28
SE	0	0			
SW	0	0			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9 1/2 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

4TM
 16/726230
 4205250
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Karl O. Lange, Committee Chairman and Mrs. H. Lynn Cravens, Planner, Executive Council Members

ORGANIZATION: Walnut Hill Church Association DATE: 9-1-72

STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1, Walnut Hill Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Lexington STATE: Kentucky CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Mrs. Linncoe Willis

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: March 12, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/7/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

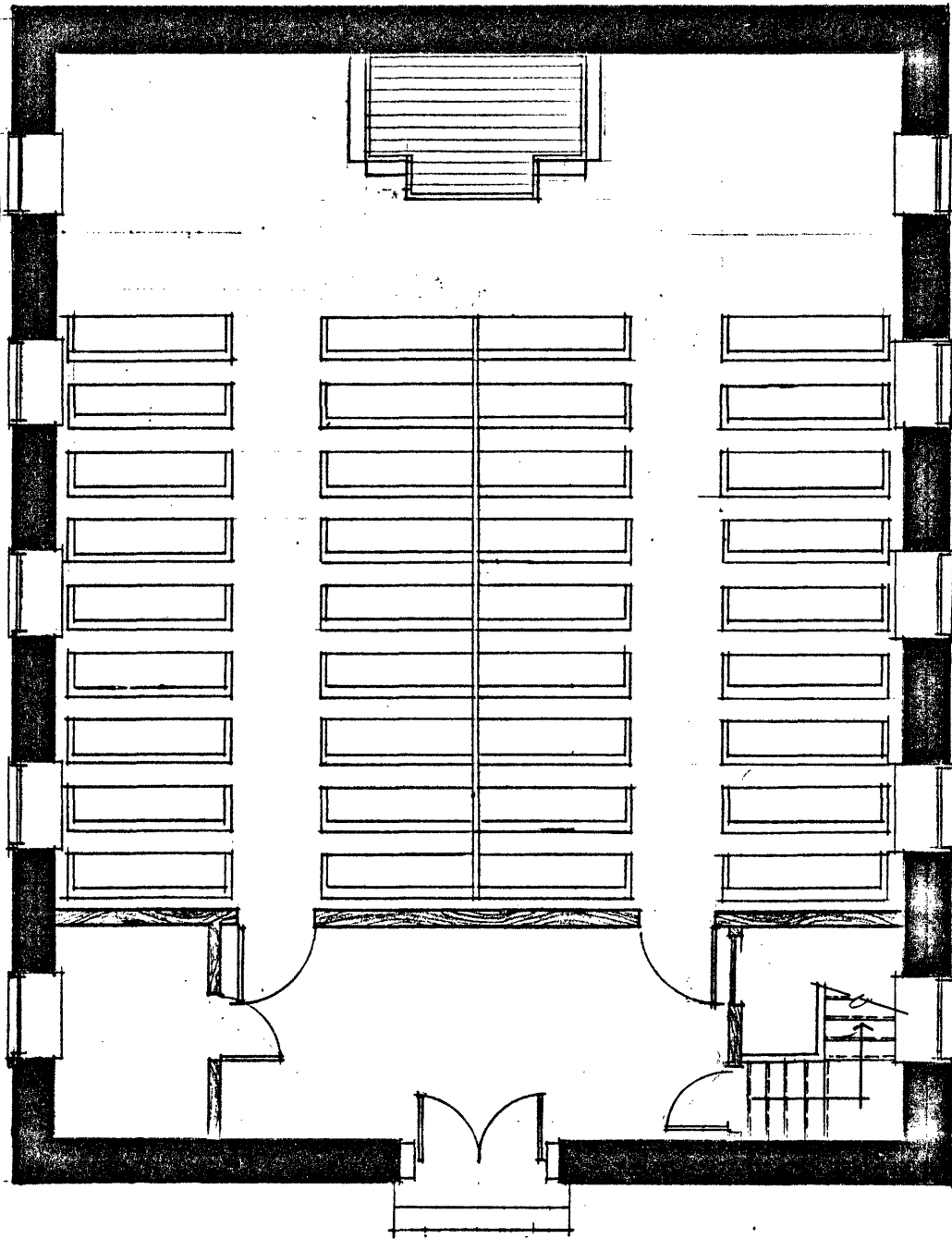
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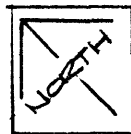
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WALNUT HILL CHURCH

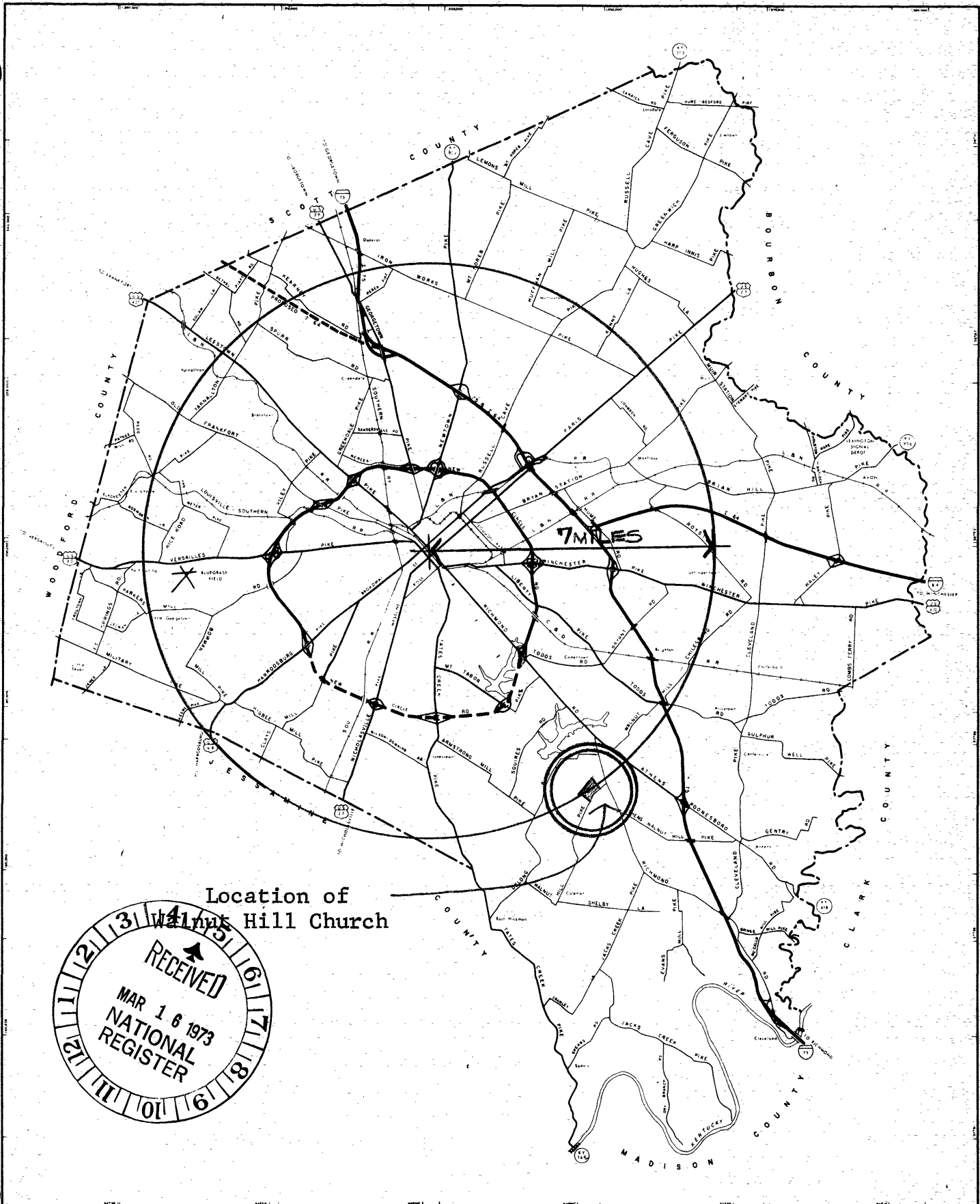
FLOOR PLAN

SCALE 1/8" = 1' - 0"



DRAWN: H. LYNN CRAVENS

DATE: 30 AUGUST, 1972



Location of Walnut Hill Church



Map of Fayette County, Kentucky, showing location of WALNUT HILL CHURCH.

INFO. UPDATED -
 BASE: M. R. CO
 UPDATED - 10/21/1968
 CITY - COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
 227 NORTH UPPER ST. LEXINGTON, KY