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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Union Church Presbyterian Church
AND/OR COMMON
Union Church Presbyterian Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER MS 500

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Union Church VICINITY OF Fourth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Mississippi CODE 28 COUNTY Jefferson CODE 63

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Union Church Presbyterian Church
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Union Church VICINITY OF Mississippi STATE 39668

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Office of the Chancery Clerk
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN Fayette STATE Mississippi 39069

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Statewide Survey of Historic Sites

DATE 1978 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Mississippi Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN Jackson STATE Mississippi 39205

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Union Church Presbyterian Church is a five-by-three-bay one-story clapboard building with a front-gable orientation. The building faces south and rests on a foundation of brick piers. A five-sided vestibule with central entrance was added to the front elevation ca. 1903. Main access is through a pair of four-panel double-leaf doors beneath a two-pane transom. Windows contain nine-over-nine sash. Shutters, concrete steps, iron railing, and asphalt roof are all replacements. Exterior enrichment includes a wide frieze embellished below by a row of V-shaped shingles.

Access from the vestibule interior, which is clad with beaded boarding, to the sanctuary is through two four-panel doors. The doors are double-leafed, with each leaf hinged to fold in half vertically. Structural evidence reveals that the entrances were originally set closer together and moved possibly to accommodate the pulpit platform, which is located against this wall and appears from the style of its lectern and decorative pedestals to be a turn-of-the-century addition. Walls and ceilings are flush boarded. Electric light fixtures are pendants with spherical globes, a type commonly in use after 1900.

A short distance northwest of the church stands a frame Sunday-school building built in 1945. The structure has a front-gable orientation and central entrance. Located across the road and south of the church is the cemetery.

6 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1852

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Union Church Presbyterian Church, the present main structure of which was built in 1852, is an important local landmark, with a history that reflects the Scottish settlement of the area and an organization that predates Mississippi statehood. The church cemetery, with headstones representative of various styles in funerary art, contains graves dating from the 1830s, and includes the grave of the Reverend Dr. C. W. Grafton, nationally prominent Presbyterian churchman and former minister of the church.

One of the oldest of its denomination in Mississippi, Union Church Presbyterian Church was organized in March, 1817, with the Reverend Joseph Bullen serving as its first minister. The congregation was composed primarily of Scottish Presbyterians from the Carolinas but included as well three or four families of Methodist settlers "related" to the Presbyterians through the marriage of their children. Too few in number to support their own church, the Methodists joined with the Presbyterians for worship, thereby originating the name Union Church. The Scottish settlement prospered so that by 1852 the congregation had outgrown two buildings, and the present church building was constructed. At the outbreak of the Civil War the people of the Union Church settlement contributed to the war effort by forming the Charley Clark Rifle Company, the first company to leave Jefferson County for service against the North. In 1873 the Reverend Dr. C. W. Grafton began his ministry, which lasted until his death in 1934. Dr. Grafton figured prominently in the government of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., on both state and national levels, serving as moderator of the Synod of Mississippi in 1896 and as moderator of the General Assembly, highest deliberative and legislative body of the church, in 1916. Dr. Grafton is buried in the church cemetery. In use since the 1830s, the cemetery contains several other monuments of interest, most notably the headstone of a lamb executed in cast iron and finished to imitate stone, and the more elaborate sculptural monuments of the 1880s period.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bates, George T. "The Early Years of Union Church Presbyterian Church," address on history of church, 1817-1872, delivered on occasion of the church's sesquicentennial, Nov. 12, 1967. Copy in church records, Union Church, Miss.

Cato, Mrs. Paul. "Brief History of Union Church Community," published in a Union Church High School program booklet, Jan., 1950. Copy owned by author, Union Church, Miss.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 22 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Union Church

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62500

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The nominated property includes a ten-acre church lot north of state highway 28 and a twelve-acre cemetery lot south of highway 28 as indicated on the accompanying U.S. Department of Interior Geological Survey Map entitled Union Church, Miss., 1963, and contains twenty-two

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Adele Cramer, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

DATE

December 14, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 571

TELEPHONE

601-354-7326

CITY OR TOWN

Jackson

STATE

Mississippi 39205

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Elmer B. Hilliard

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

April 16, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Bill Blorich
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

July 18, 1979

ATTEST:

James H. Osborne
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

7/12/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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- Grafton, C. W. "A Sketch of the Old Scotch Settlement at Union Church." Publications of the Mississippi Historical Society IX (1905):263-271.
- Lowrey, Priscilla M. "The Introduction of Presbyterianism into Mississippi: From the Entrance of Early Presbyterian Settlers to the Formation of the Synod of Mississippi in 1835." Master's thesis, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1974.
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10 - GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

of the fifty-and-a-half acres owned by Union Church Presbyterian Church.

Verbal Boundary Description for Union Church
Jefferson County, Mississippi

Beginning at a point on the eastern boundary of the church lot at Route 28, the boundary moves north approximately 800' then west 500' then south for 1,500' crossing Route 28 until it meets the Meadville Road. The boundary then moves northeast following the Meadville Road for approximately 400' until it meets Route 28. The line then moves west for approximately 400' along Route 28 where it returns to the starting point.

Dear Brad,

Hope this will do. They did not lay out Union Church into lots and blocks. Let me know if more is necessary.

Adele Cramer