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National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic New Hope AME Church

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number Alexander Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Guyton

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

code 013

county Effingham

code 103

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name New Hope AME Church, c/o Perrie Lee Simon

street & number Box 292

city, town Guyton

N/A vicinity of

state Georgia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Effingham County Courthouse

city, town Springfield

state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The New Hope AME Church is located on Alexander Street in the northern section of Guyton, Effingham County, Georgia. It was constructed in 1885, and is a rectangular-shaped, wood-framed building with projecting entrance tower and belfry on the principal facade. The building has a gabled roof covered with sheet metal and rests on brick and concrete piers. A choir room was added to the rear of the chancel area in the 1920's. The east facade has six bays separated by a brick chimney in the center and rectangular double-hung sash windows, while the west facade has five bays separated by windows. All windows have interior arched framing over round-arched glass panes. The south (main) facade has three windows and tower with wood-paneled French doors, windows, and belfry with alternating plain and patterned wall shingles, louvered windows, and spire.

The interior plan consists of the narthex, sanctuary, choir addition, and balcony over the marthex. The sanctuary has two rows of hand-carved pine pews separated by center and side aisles, with additional pews on either side of the altar and in the choir area. Interior details include tongue-and-groove wainscoting and coarse plaster walls and ceiling. The original wooden floor is covered with plywood and linoleum. The original glass windows were replaced around 1940 with frosted glass. In the 1960's plywood was placed over the original wooden floors and the pipe organ was removed from the balcony. Also at that time wood panelling was added over the altar area.

The church is situated on a flat sandy lot with randomly planted shrubbery and trees, and the rear of the property is heavily wooded. New Hope Church is located in an older black neighborhood in Guyton known as "Sugar Hill". Several shotgun and other modest houses adjoin the church property. The roads in the neighborhood are unpaved.

The boundary of the nominated property consists of the church building and associated acreage and is based on the current legal boundary description.

8. 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Social history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1885 - 1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

New Hope AME Church is significant in the areas of architecture, religion, and social history.

In the area of architecture, New Hope AME Church is important as a good example of a late 19th-century wood-framed, vernacular church building located in southeast Georgia. It is one of the few relatively intact late 19th-century black churches in Effingham County. Significant architectural features are the entrance tower and belfry and the original tongue-and-groove wainscoting and hand-carved pine pews on the interior.

In terms of religion, the church is significant as one of the oldest A.M.E. Churches in southeast Georgia and the oldest historic black church in Guyton. In 1869 black Methodists in Guyton formed New Hope A.M.E. Church as a part of the Sixth Episcopal District of the Georgia A.M.E. Conference. The church played an important role in the spiritual life of local farmers who formed the core of the active congregation. New Hope Church had regular Sunday worship services, Sunday school, revivals, and programs with other A.M.E. Churches.

In the area of social history, the church is important for its association with early ministers and individuals who lived in the surrounding areas, some of whom included Reverend W.H. Wells, Reverend Alexander W. Wayman, and Reverend S.E. Scott. Traditionally, black church leaders were also prominent social figures in the black communities they served. Some of the early members of the church were Genge McCall (b.1828) Sandy Everett (b. 1860), and the brothers James (b. 1865) and Charlie Finch (b. 1864). These people earned their living by carpenter work, farming, working in the saw mills and turpentine stills, or in Guyton households. Pady Jones (b. 1867) was a local lawyer. They document the socio-economic make-up of this small-town black community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Potterfield, Ty. "Historic Property Information Form-New Hope AME Church." February 1985. (On file at the Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources).

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 acres, approximately

Quadrangle name Guyton, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	7	4	6	3	1	0	0	3	5	7	8	3	2	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

1	7	4	6	3	0	8	0	4	5	7	8	2	1	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

C

1	7	4	6	3	0	5	0	3	5	7	8	2	0	0
Zone		Easting					Northing							

D

Zone		Easting						Northing						

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G

Zone		Easting						Northing						

H

Zone		Easting						Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is based on the current legal boundary description which includes the church building and associated acreage north of Alexander Street it is drawn to scale on the attached property map.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Historic Preservation Section date 12-23-85

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city or town Atlanta state Georgia

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 Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon date 1/22/86

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

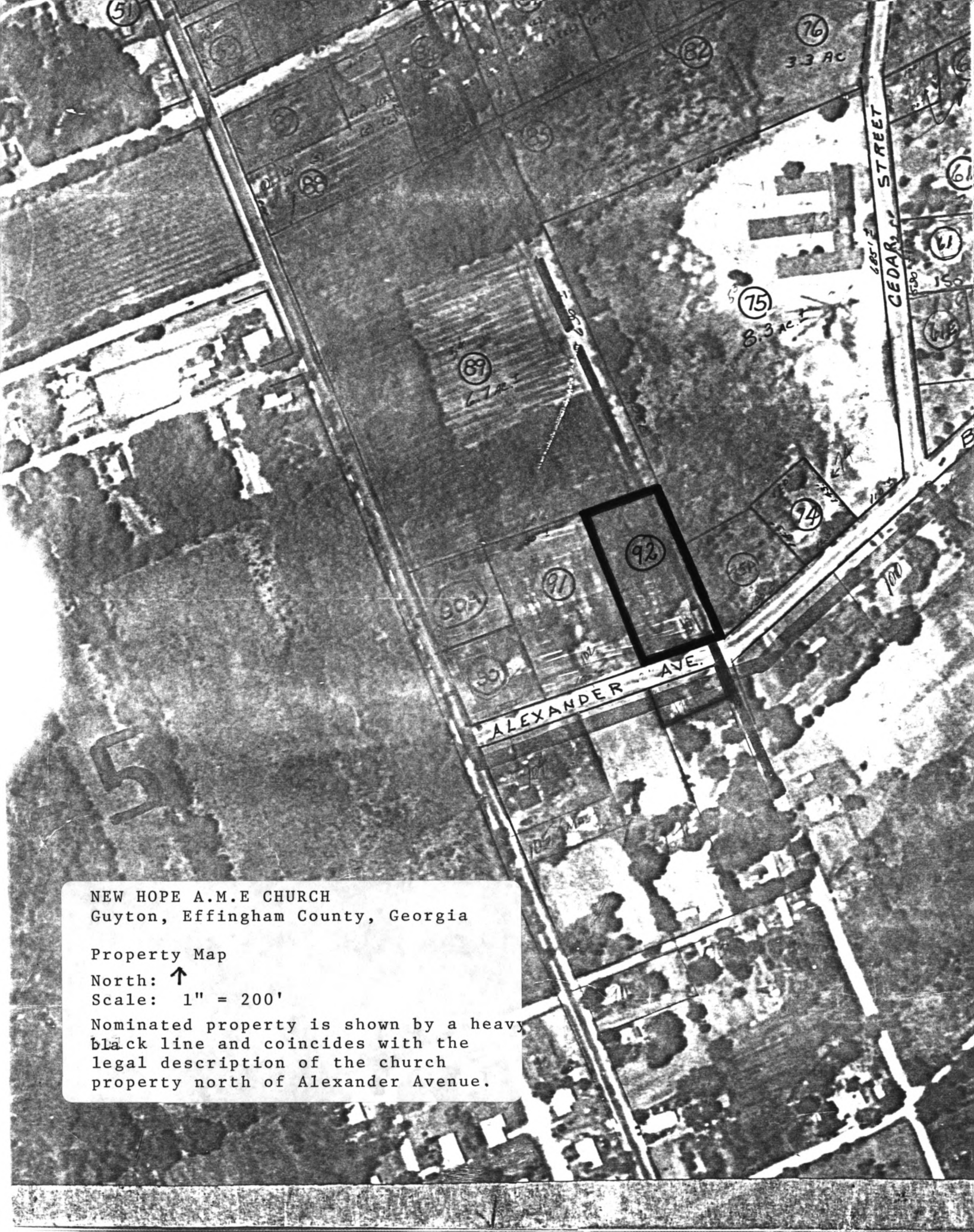
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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Shelores Byers Entered in the National Register date 3-12-86
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration



NEW HOPE A.M.E CHURCH
Guyton, Effingham County, Georgia

Property Map

North: ↑

Scale: 1" = 200'

Nominated property is shown by a heavy black line and coincides with the legal description of the church property north of Alexander Avenue.