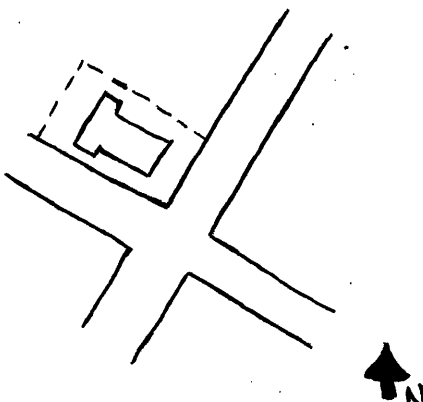


1. Historic Name(s) Christian County Multiple Resource Freeman Chapel C.M.E. Church <small>Original Owner</small> FC C.M.E. Church Congregation		22. ADD/County Pennyriple/Christian	
2. Present Name Freeman Chapel		23. U.S.G.S. Quadrant (15'/75') Hopkinsville	
3. Location 137 South Virginia Street		24. UTM Reference 16 456720 4080240 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Name Freeman Chapel C.M.E. Church Congregation		25. Coordinate Accuracy	
5. Owner's Address 137 South Virginia Street		26. Prehistoric Site Historic Site Building Object Structure Other	
6. Open to Public Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	7. Visible from road Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	8. Ownership Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Local Contact/Organization Hopkinsville-Christian County Pride, Inc.		27. National Register District Name: Hopkinsville Commercial District	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow 		28. Significance Evaluation Eligible for National Register	
11. Architect Unknown		29. Status National Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> National Register <input type="checkbox"/> Landmark Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky Survey <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spring 1977 Local Landmark <input type="checkbox"/> HABS/HAER <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Builder Unknown		30. Historic Theme Primary Religion Secondary Ethnic (Black) Other Community	
13. Date 1923-1925 A. <input type="checkbox"/> B. <input type="checkbox"/>		31. Endangered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14. Style A. Classical <input type="checkbox"/> B. Revival <input type="checkbox"/>		32. Preservation Project Status <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Original Use Church <input type="checkbox"/>		Actual Cost in \$1,000s <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Present use Church		33. ATTACH PHOTO ENCLOSED	
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18. Description This two-story brick structure not only stands upon a high stone foundation, but exhibits the use of stone in its ornamentation as well. Keystones embellish the arched clerestory windows of the main (east) facade while jack arches and segmental arches of brick highlight the church's many stained glass windows. The corner "towers" which flank the open (cont.) <small>(Continue on Back)</small>		34. Prepared by: Kit Garrett, Architectural Historian	
19. History Named in honor of steward Peter Freeman, the Freeman Chapel Colored Methodist Episcopal Church was first organized in 1866 by the Reverends B. Newton, David Ratcliffe and George McClain. From 1866 to 1926, the church occupied a building on the southeast (cont.)		35. Organization Pride, Inc. (Main Street Project)	
20. Significance Significant both architecturally and historically, the Freeman Chapel C.M.E. Church provides an excellent example of Classical Revival styling in downtown (cont.)		36. Date February 2, 1983	
21. Source of Information Deed Books, Christian County, Kentucky. "Freeman Chapel C.M.E. Church History." Freeman Chapel C.M.E. Church Ky. Heritage Commission. Hopkinsville & Christian County Historic Sites. Paducah, Ky: Image Graphics, 1982.		37. Revision Dates _____ 38. Staff Review _____	

Description (cont.)

entry porch also reflect the use of stone in their classical ornamentation. Beyond the one-story, columned entry, the tripartite composition of the main facade is reiterated with a double center door and its flanking counterparts, each with jack arches of brick and stone.

Within the church, a narrow vestibule houses restrooms (north end) and a corner stair (south end) leading to the balcony above. It also provides access to the rectangular nave and center aisle within. Modest and unassuming, the interior of the chapel has suffered few alterations, retaining its original integrity, character and design. The original wood flooring has been carpeted, but the pews, altar, and simple window moldings remain unchanged.

History (cont.)

corner of 11th and Liberty in downtown Hopkinsville. In 1918 Rev. C. M. Newell became pastor of Freeman Chapel. Under his direction, construction of the present church began in 1923; however, only the stone foundation was completed during the next two years.

In February 1925 Bishop Luther Steward replaced Rev. Newell at Freeman Chapel. Construction of a new church resumed and thirteen months later, on March 7, 1926, the church held its first service in the new edifice. It has remained the home of Hopkinsville Christian Methodist Episcopal congregation since that time.*

* In 1953 the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church became the Christian M.E. Church.

Significance (cont.)

Hopkinsville. The craftsmanship evident in both the exterior and interior detail has produced a distinctive addition to the religious architecture of this community. Moreover, this two-story brick and stone structure has retained its integrity of design, setting, feeling and materials throughout its 57-year existence.

Organized in 1866, Freeman Chapel represents the second oldest black congregation in Christian County. Since completion of the present chapel in 1925-26, Freeman Chapel has served as both a church and community center for Hopkinsville's black residents. A variety of lodges and fraternal organizations have utilized this structure for meeting purposes, and it has thus become a focal point for both social and religious activities. A tangible

symbol of the history and development of Hopkinsville's ethnic community, Freeman Chapel remains a site of architectural and historic significance in Christian County.

Sources (cont.)

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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCE INVENTORY SUPPLEMENT
BOUNDARY AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Historic Property Name Freeman Chapel C.M.E. Church Site # CH-H-93

Multiple Resource/Thematic Nomination Title Christian County Multiple Resource Area

U.T.M. Coordinates - List multiple UTMs if property is ten or more acres.

A. 16 - 456720 - 4080240 D. _____
B. _____ E. _____
C. _____ F. _____

Verbal Boundary Description

Acreage 92½ feet x 135 feet --- less than ½ acre

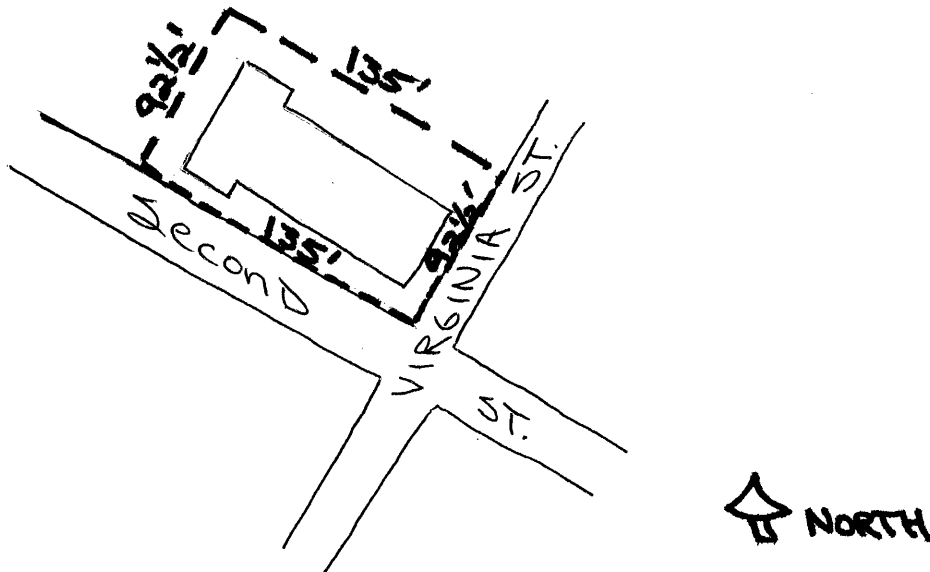
This property is located on the west side of Virginia Street with boundaries as follow:

Beginning at the northwest intersection of Virginia and 2nd Street, the boundary runs 92½ feet in a northerly direction and parallel to Virginia Street; then 135 ft. in a westerly direction; then 92½ feet in a southerly direction; and 135 feet in an easterly direction to the beginning.

These boundaries represent the same dimensions given in the initial conveyance to the Freeman Chapel C.M.E. Church on 9 April 1921. (Deed Book 158, P. 305.)

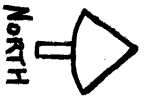
The Church still retains ownership of this property.

Sketch of Site Plan (Showing outbuildings, structures, landscape features and the site boundary as described above.)



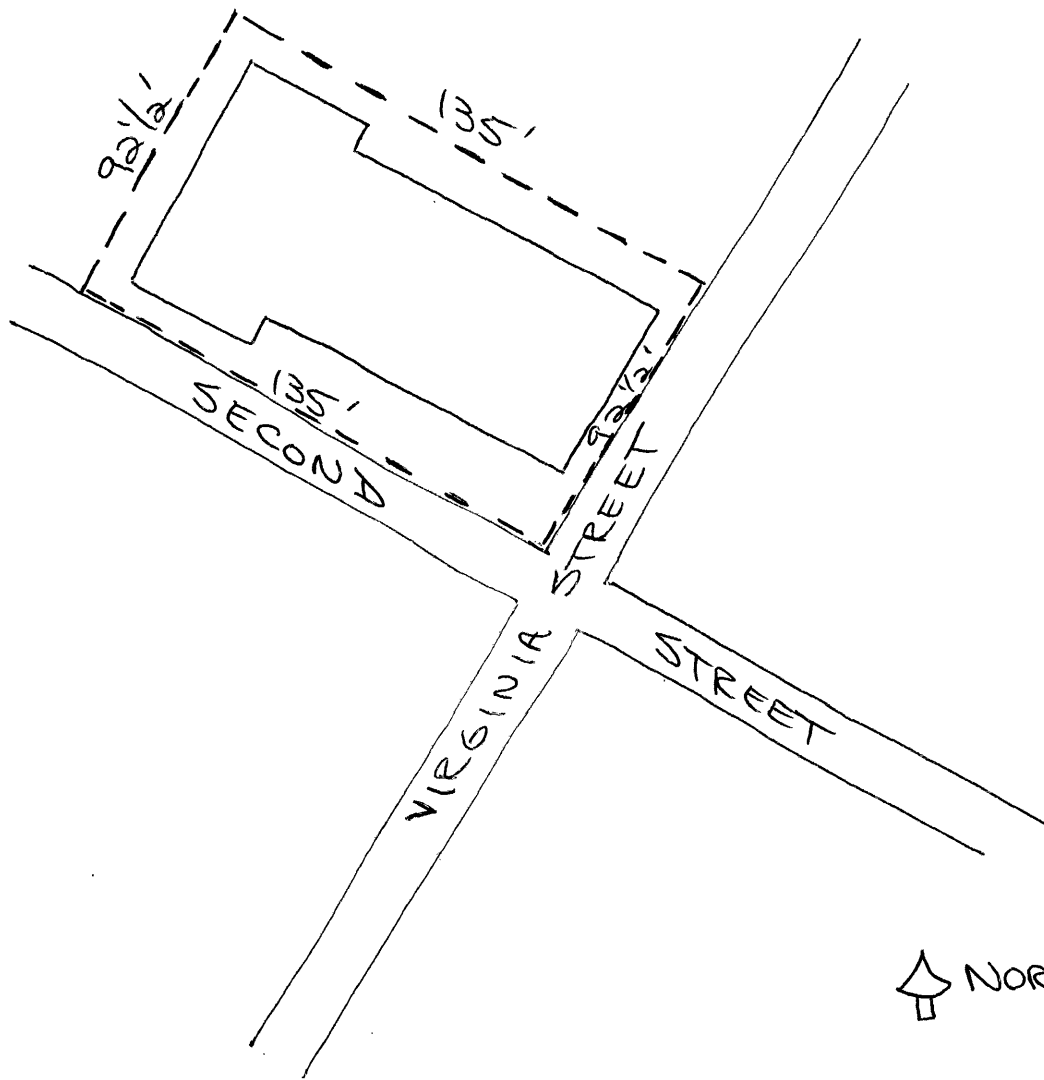
Official Courthouse Property Reference:

Christian County Deed Books (D.B. 158, p. 305)



Christian County Multiple
Resource Area
Addition-Freeman Chapel
C.M.E. Church
Christian County, Kentucky

Map 2 of 3
Topo Map



Christian County
 Multiple Resource Area
 Addition-Freeman Chapel
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 Christian County, Kentucky

Map 3 of 3
 Map of Boundaries

Boundary Map
 137 Virginia Street
 FREEMAN Chapel
 CH-H-93