

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

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1. Historic Name (s) Cooper Memorial Church		22. ADD/County Jefferson/Jefferson	
Original Owner		23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District	
Present Name Cooper Memorial United Methodist Church		24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Brooks	
3. Owner's Name Cooper Memorial United Methodist Church		25. UTM Reference 1 6 6 1 6 2 2 0 4 2 1 8 2 4 0 Zone Easting Northing	
4. Owner's Address 9900 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky.		26. Prehistoric Site Object Historic Site Structure Building X	
5. Location 9900 Preston Highway, Louisville, Ky.		27. District Yes No Name:	
6. Open to Public Yes X No	7. Visible from road Yes X No	28. Significance Evaluation	
9. Local Contact/Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation		29. Status Date National Landmark National Register Landmark Certificate X January 1, 19 Kentucky Survey X 1974, 1977 Local Landmark HABS/HAER	
8. Ownership Private X Local State Federal		30. Theme Primary Architecture Secondary Other	
10. Site Plan with North Arrow B661 no lot # (tax exempt) Church lot		31. Endangered Yes No	
11. Architect Unknown		32.	
12. Builder Unknown		ATTACH PHOTO	
13. Date 1896-97		Roll No. _____	
14. Style Mod. Gothic Revival		Picture No. _____	
15. Original Use Church		Direction _____	
16. Present Use Church		33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____	
17. Condition Interior Excellent Exterior Excellent		34. Prepared by: Mary Jean Kinsman Researcher	
18. Description The church is a red brick structure in a simple Gothic Revival style. The recessed entrance has a pointed arch and two similar windows flank the entrance. Raised buttresses are at the facade corners and spaced along the side walls. The pointed windows have the original colored glass and the pews are also original. The ceiling is of pressed (SEE NEXT PAGE)		35. Organization Jefferson County Office of Historic Preservation	
19. History Cooper Memorial Church is a significant landmark in the Okolona area. It is the third church building to house this Methodist congregation which had its origin about 1812 in services held by circuit riders in the home of Leven Cooper, Sr. Cooper, a Revolutionary War veteran, came to Jefferson County in 1798 and settled in what is now the Preston Highway (SEE NEXT PAGE)		36. Date 16 August 1979	
21. Source of Information Kay, Joan, "Family Lore Abundant in Cooper Reunion." The Courier-Journal, 15 June 1979. (SEE NEXT PAGE)		37. Revision Dates 38. Staff Review	

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copper, divided into rectangular panels. New additions to the Church have been placed at the rear and do not detract from the original structure.

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Okolona area. The earliest roll book for the services at Cooper's house is dated 1826. In 1839 a log church was built on land donated by Levin Cooper and in 1860 Cooper Chapel was built on land belonging to a son of Leven Cooper. This Church served the congregation until 1896 when the present brick Church was built, largely with money donated by the Cooper family.

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typical of the small, simplified
Gothic Revival churches built in rural
areas during the late 19th century.

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Okolona Woman's Club. History of the Okolona Area, Louisville, 1956.

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