

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee
COUNTY: Washington
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ENTRY DATE

MAY 12 1975

1. NAME
COMMON: Sulphur Springs Methodist Campground
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 2.1 miles north of Tennessee Route 81, north of Jonesboro off TN81			
CITY OR TOWN: Jonesboro (Sulphur Springs Community)		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First	
STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Washington	CODE 179

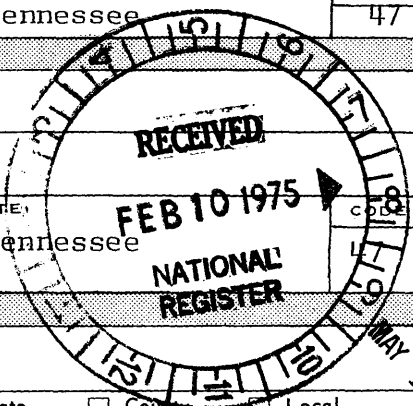
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Board of Sulphur Springs Methodist Church; Rev. Virgill Booher, pastor			
STREET AND NUMBER: Route #2			
CITY OR TOWN: Jonesboro	STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47	STATE: Tennessee

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Register's Office			
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse			
CITY OR TOWN: Jonesboro	STATE: Tennessee	CODE 47	STATE: Washington

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 11	STATE: Tennessee

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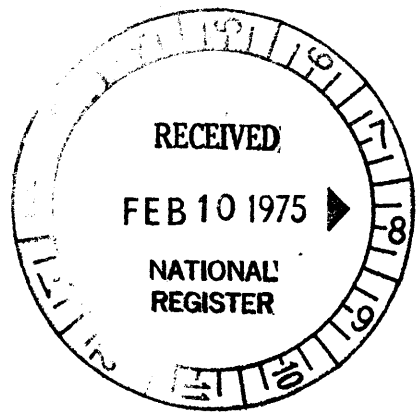
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one-story open air camp meeting shed with gable on hipped roof is rectangular, measures approximately 72 x 45 feet, and has a nave plan. The structure is supported by hewn and pegged timber truss work. It features a stage, unfinished plank pews, and a packed earth and sawdust floor.

The only alteration has been the replacement of the original shake roof with standing seam metal in 1925. The log and frame cabins, dormitories, livery stable, and rail fence were removed 1920-30.



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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

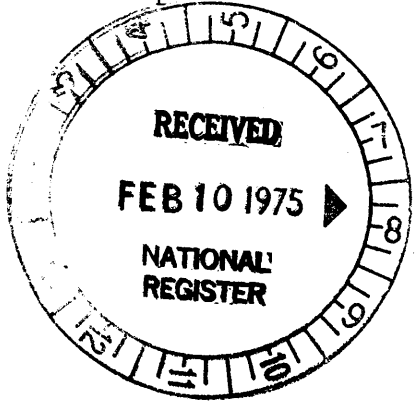
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<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 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

Sulphur Springs Methodist Campground was founded following the Great Revival of 1800. First meetings here may have occurred as early as 1815. In 1842 temporary brush arbors were abandoned for a more permanent structural complex. The present shed as well as the other buildings, now extinct, were reconstructed according to the same plan and shape and utilizing the same materials in 1900.

The religious and social phenomenon of the camp meeting was an important communicative vehicle for backwoods families. The result of this experience is evidenced by the particular and large varieties of Protestant sects and the brand of Protestant Christianity practiced in certain areas of the Southeastern United States. The simplicity and naturalness of the tabernacle's open air construction and the electric spaciousness of its interior volume reflect the personality of the spirit and event that created it.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sulphur Springs Methodist Church Campground Committee Minutes,
Parsonage, Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, Route 2,
Jonesboro, Tennessee.
Herald and Tribune, Jonesboro, Tenn., August 20, 1941; August 20, 1944.
Holston Conference Sesquicentennial 1824-1974. The United Methodist
Church.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

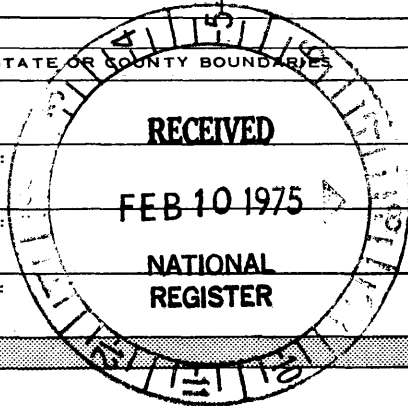
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

17/361690
4623456
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Joseph L. Herndon, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Historic American Buildings Survey DATE: 9/1/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
National Park Service

CITY OR TOWN: Washington STATE: District of Columbia CODE: 11

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 Lauren Casey

Title Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date 1/31/75

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

Ernest A. Connelly
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/12/75

ATTEST:

Ronald W. Greenberg
Keeper of The National Register

Date 5/9/75