

KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # 144
Shelby County

1. Name of Resource: Olive Branch M.E. Church

2. Original Owner: Olive Branch M.E. Church

3. Other Names: Olive Branch United Methodist Church

4. Prehistoric Site x Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: West side of Zaring Mill Rd. at
KY 148

6. Owner's Name: Olive Branch United Methodist Church [P]

7. Owner's Address: Rte, 5, Shelbyville, KY 40065

8. Evaluation: National Register [N]

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 8-15-80
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Shelby County []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture [030]
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criterion C as a well-preserved example of the brick, gable-end entry, nave plan church in Shelby County from the mid-19th century (1840-65). It is one of 3 such churches identified in the county. All were built by two of the [C]

14. History:
Olive Branch Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1861, and the structure appears to have been erected at that time. This church was part of the circuit, including Rockbridge Church (Sh-106) and the Methodist church in Graefenburg. An earlier frame structure was located approximately 2 miles from the present building. Nothing remains of that site but the cemetery and a stone wall. The structure is similar to Sh-103 and Sh-106.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: Interview with Steve Pearson, minister, 3/12/86. Information on plaque on building; information from Mrs. Jess Ingram, Shelbyville, KY; Willis, George L. History

16. Date:
Original Building 1861-62 [6]
Addition 1960's ? [2]

17. Style: []
Antebellum Vernacular [3V]

18. Architect/Builder: John & Younger Ford, contractors, Taylor Boswell, mason

19. No. of Stories: 1 [1.0]

20. Original Floor Plan: Nave [OO]

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. x

22. Roof Form & Material: Original x
Gable, asphalt shingle Not Original

23. Structural Material: Brick [B]

24. Exterior Material: common bond w/ []
Brick, Flemish bonding courses [B]

25. Foundation Material: Stone, ashlar [S]

26. Major Alterations: None
Moved/Rebuilt Other
x Additions

27. Special Features: None

28. Outbuildings: None [0]

29. Original Function: Religious/church [06A]

30. Present Use: As above [06A]

31. Condition: Excellent [E]

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No _____

33. Attach Photos:
Roll: Photo Nos: No. of Slides:
10 19A - 21 1

34. Prepared by: C. Worsham

35. Organization: V, Shelby Co. Hist. Society

36. Date: March 1986

37. New Survey _____ Resurvey x

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38. UTM Point of Primary Building:	Zone	Easting	Northing	39. G.I.S. Mod.	[]
Quadrant: <u>Simpsonville</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>6 5 2 3 0 0</u>	<u>4 2 2 1 1 4 0</u>	40. Coordi.Accuracy	[]

11. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

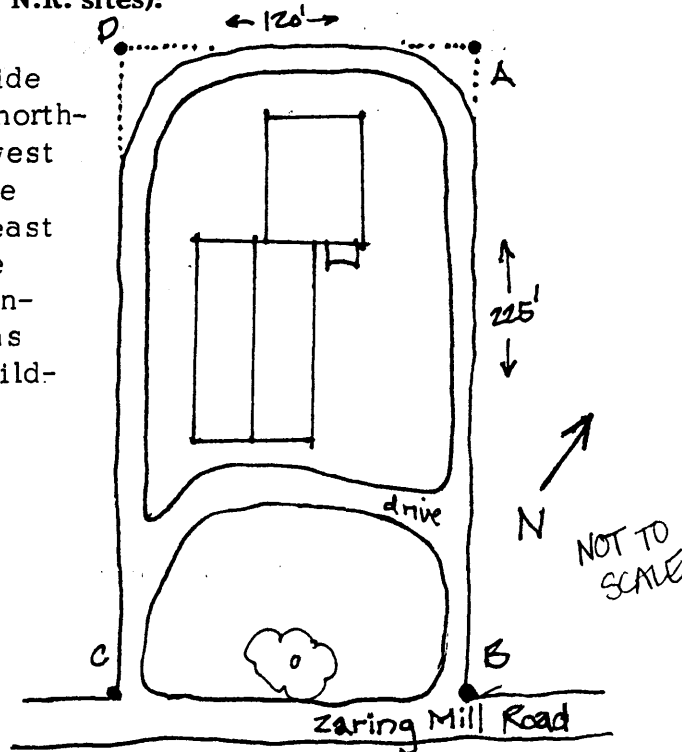
A. -----	D. -----
B. -----	E. -----
C. -----	F. -----

12. Total Acreage in Present Property: unknown 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: .61

14. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):

Beginning at A, southeast 225' along the south side of a road to B, thence southwest 120' along the north-west side of Zaring Mill Rd. to C, thence northwest along the east side of the drive encompassing the church on the north and west to D, thence northeast 120' following the south side of said drive to the point of origin. The boundaries were chosen to encompass the lot on which the church is located as defined by roads and a drive. There are no outbuildings.

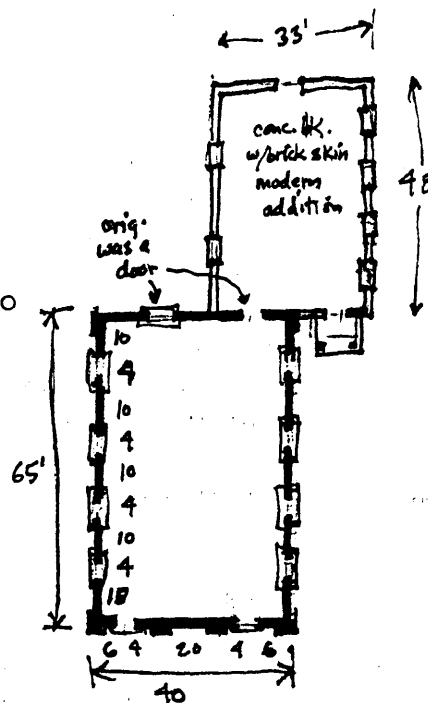
Point A is 40 feet north of the northern corner of the church.



45. Description and House Plan:

Exterior:

1-story, brick, 4-bay, nave plan church; 7-course common bond with Flemish bonding course, gabled, asphalt shingle roof; low, ashlar foundation; wooden sills and lintels, colored glass windows; pilasters divide bays on principal (SE) facade; 2 4-panel doors located in outer bays have flat wood lintels, heavy Doric entablature on front and sides of building, entrances in rear (NW) gable end are original: one has been made into a window and the other gives access to a modern concrete block addition on the southwest corner of the building. The building is similar to Sh-103 (Salem Baptist Church, before its alterations) and nearly identical to Rockbridge Church (Sh-106, on the same circuit). Of the three, Olive Branch is the best preserved on the exterior.



13. Statement of Significance: (continued)

prevailing Protestant denominations of the 19th century in Shelby County, Baptist and Methodist. The is almost to Sh-103 and Sh-106. This is the best preserved of the three on the exterior. An addition to the rear does not seriously affect the integrity of the significant elements of the property.

45. Description and House Plan: (continued)

Interior:

Sanctuary shortened to provide for Sunday school and nursery space before addition of concrete block wing: ceiling lowered, imitation wood panelling, mid-to late 19th century trim including deep shouldered architrave trim on all openings, original pews replaced (some stored in the basement).

Outbuildings:

There are no outbuildings.

The nominated area includes one contributing building.

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: (continued)

of Shelby County, Kentucky, 1929.