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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

Historic Name: College Grove Methodist Church (WM-225) Common Name: College Grove Methodist Church

Classification: Building

<u>Owner:</u> College Grove Methodist Church Trustees, Route #1, College Grove, TN 37046

Location: On Hwy 31A in College Grove

Contributing:		Non-Contributing:	
Buildings	1	Buildings	0
Structures	0	Structures	0
Sites	0	Sites	0
Total:	1	Total:	0

Description:

The College Grove Methodist Church is a one-story frame church constructed ca. 1888. On the main (west) facade is the main entrance with ca. 1960 frame doors. The door surround is original and features Eastlake design trim. Above the door is a decorative transom bar and arched stained glass transom. Above the transom is a small pedimented cornice with round molding. The central bay is slightly projected with a gable roof and in the gable are cross and tie beams, a spindled frieze and vergeboard panels. On the main gable of the church is similar frame decoration. Above the doorway is a panel of fish scale wood shingles. At the roofline of the main facade is a square bell tower with a pyramidal steeple.

The church has beaded weatherboard, a concrete block foundation and gable roof of composition shingles. Windows along the side facades are arched multi-light of stained glass. Window surrounds are original Eastlake design. At the rear or east facade is a ca. 1920 frame addition with original five panel doors and one-over-one sash windows. In the basement level are four light metal fixed windows. The interior of the church has original wainscoting and exposed ceiling beams. There are no outbuildings.

Period of Significance: ca. 1888

Area of Significance: Architecture

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Architect/Builder: T.G. Slate - Builder

Statement of Significance:

The College Grove Methodist Church is a notable example of a frame church of the late 19th century. The majority of churches constructed in the county in the 19th century were frame vernacular designs with few decorative elements. Other more elaborate churches have been altered in the 20th century. The College Grove Methodist Church was designed with Eastlake decoration and retains its original interior and exterior features. Additions have been confined to the rear of the building and it retains its original character.

The College Grove Methodist Church was organized in 1869 and the congregation constructed a small frame church. By the late 1880s the church had outgrown its original structure and a new church was built in 1888. Records state that the builder was local carpenter T.G. Slate but little else is known of his work. The church was dedicated in 1889 and displayed elaborate milled decoration on the main facade. The church has been continually occupied by the local Methodist congregation for almost 100 years. In recent years additions have been made to the rear of the church but the main facades have not been altered and retains its original appearance.

Acreage: 2.8 acres

UTM References: College Grove Quad/16/529490/ 3960260

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: The boundary for the College Grove Methodist Church is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 158, lot 28. The boundary includes the legal boundary of the property which encompasses the church. The boundary includes sufficient property to protect the historical setting of the site.

Supplemental Bibliographical References: Interview, Mrs. Alfred Jaqueth, December 3, 1987.





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