

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Hamblen	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	APR 11 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bethesda Presbyterian Church (Representative John J. Duncan)

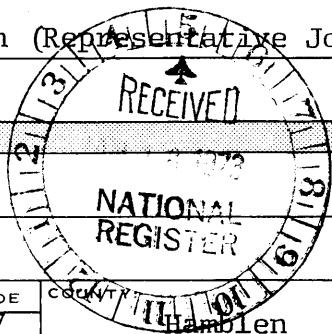
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
about 2 miles SW of Russellville

CITY OR TOWN:
Russellville

STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47 COUNTY: Hamblen CODE: 063



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Used occasionally for funerals.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Bethesda Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Russellville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hamblen County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Morristown STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

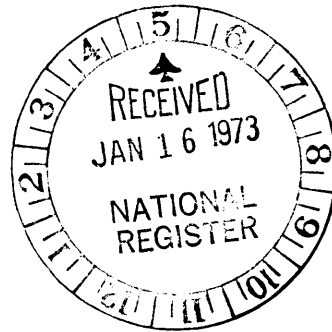
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Excepting a commemorative plaque on the end and a replacement of the roof, the exterior of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church appears to be in its original condition as built in 1835. It is located in a quiet rural setting at a bend in a narrow country road near Russellville. The church yard and adjoining cemetery are well shaded.

The church is a simple, unadorned one-story rectangular structure built of red brick. The roof is pitched. On each end are double entrances with divided doors. Surmounting the doors are five-pane rectangular fanlights. Shutters cover the four window openings on each side. There is no chimney.

Although seldom used, the church is in good condition and the grounds are consistently well-kept.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input 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) 1835

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <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 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <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

Tennessee is full of small, country churches, but few are as early as the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, and even fewer are in original condition. It is an inviting site with the simple brick church building and the shaded cemetery which contains many early nineteenth century graves. Surrounded by trees, the church and cemetery remain in an undeveloped, rural setting.

The Bethesda Presbyterian Church was organized in 1832 by the Rev. John McCampbell, the energetic pastor of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Dandridge. McCampbell organized and/or helped to organize several congregations throughout the Russellville and Dandridge area, all of which at that time was in Jefferson County.

Land for the church and the cemetery was deeded by elder Joseph Shannon in 1834, and the church was built the following year. Numerous pastors served the congregation through the Civil War, but the church ceased to function by 1878, when the last letter was granted. During the Civil War, the building was used as a Confederate Hospital. It is opened now only occasionally for funerals in the adjoining cemetery.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Alexander, J. E. A Brief History of the Synod of Tennessee, from 1817 to 1887. (Philadelphia: MacCalla and Company, 1890.)

Historic Hamblen, 1870-1970. Printed for the Hamblen County Centennial Celebration.

History of Tennessee. (Chicago and Nashville: The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1887).

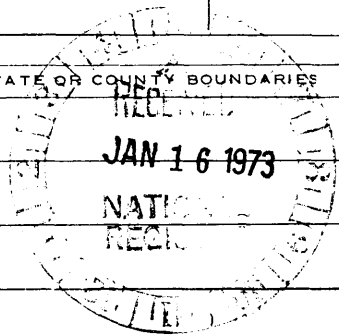
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ellen Beasley

ORGANIZATION: Tennessee Historical Commission DATE: 1-3-73

STREET AND NUMBER: 403 7th Avenue, North

CITY OR TOWN: Nashville STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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: Michael J. Smith

Title: Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission

Date: 1-5-73

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/11/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4 4 73