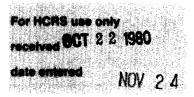
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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4. Own	er of Proper	ty		
name	Mount Hebron United	l Methodist Church		
street & number	3041 Leaphart Road			
city, town	West Columbia	vicinity of	state	South Carolina 29169
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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Mount Hebron Temperance Hall is a small one story rectangular building believed to have been constructed in 1862 as a meeting house for the members of the local temperance society. The building stands in the churchyard of the Mount Hebron United Methodist Church, in Lexington County, South Carolina.

Exterior: Mount Hebron Temperance Hall is a one story frame building, sheathed in weatherboard, with a gabled cypress shingle roof. The building rests on solid wooden blocks and has hand-hewn heavy timber floor framing.

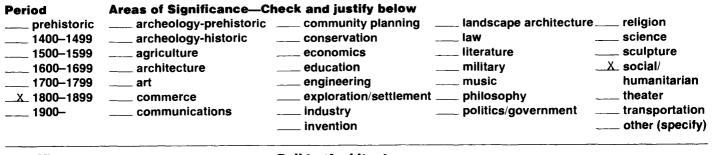
The west elevation of the building has a single off-center door, beneath the gable end. Two irregularly spaced 6 over 6 windows are on the north and south elevations. The east elevation is not pierced.

Alterations to the exterior include new batten shutters on all windows, a new door, and a new cypress shingle roof.

<u>Interior</u>: Mount Hebron Temperance Hall has a single room, with wide board flooring, and flushboard walls and ceiling. Two contemporary wooden lecterns stand at either end of the room, replacing the original lecterns. There is no plumbing or wiring.

<u>Surroundings</u>: Mount Hebron Temperance Hall is in a residential area of West Columbia, north of the Mount Hebron United Methodist Church. Adjacent to the building are the church cemetery and a children's playground. A chain link fence, erected to protect the building from vandalism, encloses the hall itself.

8. Significance



Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Local tradition and contemporary records indicate that the Mount Hebron Temperance Hall was constructed in 1862 as a meeting room for members of the local temperance group. Located in West Columbia, it is the only identified building constructed specifically for use as a temperance meeting hall remaining in Lexington County, South Carolina. As such, it is associated with the long and generally unsuccessful state and national temperance movement of the nineteenth century.

Interest in temperance in South Carolina increased as the nineteenth century progressed. In 1829 the first statewide temperance society was organized, and by 1847 the South Carolina Division of the national organization known as the Sons of Temperance had been chartered. The Sons of Temperance was a secret society with ritual, grips, and symbols. Members participated in temperance parades and picnics and attended temperance lectures. In South Carolina local societies were formed as subdivisions of the state organization.

One such group was formed in eastern Lexington County in the neighborhood of Mount Hebron Methodist Church. A charter was issued to the Saludavill Division No. 47 by the National Division of the Sons of Temperance in December 1858. Although many of the members of the temperance society were also members of Mount Hebron Methodist Church, the division did not meet in the church building. The treasurer's book of the division reveals that rent was paid annually to Joseph Hook, a resident of the neighborhood, until January 1862. In that month the division bought \$7.77 worth of "nails, lock, hinges staples," \$26.85 worth of lumber from Caughman, and 3000 shingles for \$9.00 from A. C. Senn. They also paid \$3.25 for work on the "Division Room" at this time. These expenditures, along with the fact rent was not paid after January 1862, indicate that a meeting hall was built in 1862. This indication that a temperance hall was built in the Mount Hebron community in 1862 supports the local tradition that the present building was constructed as a temperance hall in the mid-nineteenth century. Structural evidence also supports a mid-nineteenth century construction date for the building. The treasurer's book of the Saludavill Division No. 47 contains no entries after 1863. The organization, which initiated at least thirty-seven members between 1858 and 1863, apparently ceased to exist as the Civil War became an all-consuming struggle.

In 1871, however, the National Division of the Sons of Temperance granted a charter, which is in existence at the Mount Hebron United Methodist Church office, to the Mount Hebron Division No. 7. Of the fifteen charter members of this organization, six had been members of the older organization. A number of the charter members of the Mount Hebron Division No. 7 were also members of Mount Hebron Methodist Church. In the 1879 summer session of the South Carolina Sons of Temperance, the Grand Worthy Patriarch reported that Mount Hebron Division No. 7 was flourishing. This is the last reference found concerning Mount Hebron's organization.

Eventually, the Mount Hebron United Methodist Church took over the temperance hall for use as a Sunday School building and Boy Scout hut. In 1979 the building was restored and is presently used as a museum.

9. Major Bibliographical References

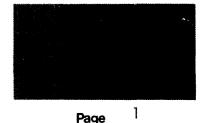
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