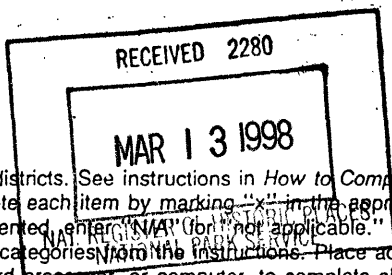


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" (for "not applicable"). For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground

other names/site number (BO-106)

2. Location

street & number 657 Ward's Branch Road NA  not for publication

city or town Gravel Switch  vicinity

state Kentucky code KY county Boyle code 021 zip code 40328

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

David L. Morgan, SHPO and  
Executive Director of KHC 3-9-98  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
Kentucky Heritage Council/State Historic Preservation Office  
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting official/Title Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 4.9.98

Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground (BO-106)

Name of Property

Boyle, Ky.

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total.

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Historic & Architectural Resources of Boyle Co, Ky. 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/ religious facility

RELIGION/ religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

OTHER/ nostyle

foundation STONE/ limestone, walls WOOD/ board sheathing, CONCRETE/ block, roof ASPHALT, other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [x] A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[] B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- [x] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[] B removed from its original location.
[] C a birthplace or grave.
[] D a cemetery.
[] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
[] F a commemorative property.
[] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION

SOCIAL HISTORY

Period of Significance

C. 1900-1945

Significant Dates

NA

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Architect/Builder

NA

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
[] previously listed in the National Register
[] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[] designated a National Historic Landmark
[] recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
[] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- [] State Historic Preservation Office
[] Other State agency
[] Federal agency
[] Local government
[] University
[] Other

Name of repository:

Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground (BO-106)  
Name of Property

Boyle County, Ky.  
County and State

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 10 acres

Gravel Switch Quad  
**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

A <sub>1</sub>	16	673933	4162069
	Zone	Easting	Northing
B <sub>2</sub>	16	677953	4151723

C <sub>3</sub>	16	673869	4161723
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D <sub>4</sub>	16	673859	4161996

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Christine Amos, Historian

organization Burry & Amos, Inc. date Nov. 25, 1997

street & number 926 Main St. telephone 502 633-5530

city or town Shelbyville state KY zip code 40065

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Aliceton Holiness Association, Inc.

street & number 657 Ward's Branch Rd. telephone NA

city or town Gravel Switch state Ky. zip code 40328

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Multiple Property Listing  
Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground (BO-106)

## 7. Description

The Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground, owned by the Aliceton Holiness Association, Inc., was established in 1900 on a ten acre parcel of land in the Knobs region of far western Boyle County, just east of the Marion County line and equidistant from Washington County to the north and Casey County to the south. Aliceton was a railroad station community on the Louisville & Nashville Lebanon Branch line. The abandoned station house, now in ruins, the abandoned railroad grade (without track), and a few dwellings remain to suggest that this was once a shipping point on the line. Densely vegetated, gradually sloping knobs limit the vista in this area along Ward's Branch.

The Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground is located in a bend of Ward's Branch Road, in a bowl-shaped, grassy area vegetated by lawn and mature, deciduous trees. Ward's Branch runs through the site, between the main area of the grounds and a hillside. The meeting ground encompasses approximately ten acres, with the twelve buildings and one structure of the property congregated in an area of about two acres. Since its establishment in 1900, the Aliceton Holiness Association Camp Meeting Ground has occupied this property. The first tabernacle, a circular structure, burned and was replaced by the existing structure in 1942. The cabins have always been little more than sleeping quarters; simple, gable roofed, frame structures with small porches for sitting. A small pedestrian bridge crosses Ward's Branch and connects the main building area to the bath house on the other side of the creek. Although several of the buildings are not historic, including the multi-room cabin, bathhouse, caretaker's house, and refreshment stand, they do not detract from the overall visual cohesion of the property. In scale, materials, designs and workmanship, they relate well to the historic buildings.

The site contains seven contributing buildings, one contributing structure, and five non-contributing buildings, for a total of eight contributing and five non-contributing resources including:

**1. Tabernacle. 1942, contributing building.** The tabernacle is a large, frame structure with roof supported by trusses carried on tree trunks. Four pairs of large double doors, (two on the north and two on the south wall), allow the building to be opened to the outside when in use. A hip roofed area to the west is the front of the structure, and contains a stage area with pulpit and seating for ministers behind a wooden altar rail. Painted wood pews are located within the space with center and side aisles. A memorial plaque on the wall reads:

Aliceton Holiness Association

Honor Roll

Paid for New Tabernacle built in 1942

Dedicated August 22, 1943, Rev. T.L. Terry, President

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2. **Board and Batten cottage, c. 1900, contributing building.** This cottage is one of two original cabins located southeast of the tabernacle, near the edge of the creek. This, the west cabin is the larger of the two, with board and batten walls, a one-room, rectangular plan, entry door in the gable end, square window openings closed with wood shutters, and gable roof.
3. **"Evangelist's Cottage", c. 1900, contributing building.** A one-room cottage with three layers of surfacing including the outer most covering of brick-tex asphalt over license plates, over the original board walls that may have been battened. The small, one-room building has a gable roof and off-set entry door in the gable end. In 1991, the caretaker reported that this cabin was the accommodations offered evangelists who spoke at the meetings in former years (Worsham).
4. **Caretaker's House, c. 1963, non-contributing building.** A one-and-one-half story, frame dwelling with asphalt shingled gable roof, three bay front with off-center entry covered by a gable porch on square wood posts. A continuous foundation is concrete block, windows are single light sash, and a single brick flue projects through the roof line. The plan of the house is four rooms down with no hall, similar to the "Cumberland plan" identified by the KHC as an early twentieth century plan-type.
5. **Bathhouse, c. 1963, non-contributing building.** One-story, concrete block with shed roof.
- 6,7,8. **Cabins, c. 1930, three (3) contributing buildings.** Three similar, single room, frame cabins with board and batten walls, corner concrete block pier foundations, and metal-clad gable roofs. Two of the cottages have central entry doors beneath shed front porches supported by square wood posts.
9. **Modern cabins, c. 1960, non-contributing building.** A long, rectangular, concrete block, multi-room lodging building with asphalt shingled hip roof that forms a front overhang. Each room has a single front window and entry door. The building is built into the slope and contains six rooms in the upper level and six rooms accessed from the rear.
10. **Brick cottage, c. 1960, non-contributing building.** A small, rectangular cottage of concrete block with porch created beneath the extended gable roof. The front elevation has a large plate window with side divided lights, an off-set entry and brick infill.
11. **Dining Hall, c. 1900, contributing building.** The dining hall features a board and batten false front with gable roof supported by trusses open on the interior. The interior contains long tables where meeting participants used to take all meals and where today, pot luck dinners and desserts are served, cafeteria style. A kitchen and prep area are located at the rear of the interior space. A shed roofed section was added to the west side. The building probably dates to the early years of the Meeting Ground and, after the cottages #1 and #2, appears to be the oldest building on the grounds. Other details include a central entry, front sash windows and four windows along each side wall covered with wood awnings.
12. **Refreshment stand, c. 1960s, non-contributing building.** Concrete block with shed roof, central door and two large openings covered by wood awnings.
13. **Well, c. 1900, contributing structure.** An old well casing, located to the northeast of the tabernacle is capped with a rock and poured concrete casing. The well was probably dug when the camp meeting ground was established at the turn-of-the-century.

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## 8. Significance

The Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground is nominated to the National Register as part of the Multiple Property Listing "Historic and Architectural Resources of Boyle County, Kentucky" within the context "Religion in Boyle County, Kentucky, 1780-1945", under Criterion A, as a locally significant example of a camp meeting ground - a place where area residents could come and join together for a week during the summer for social interaction and religious fellowship. The period of significance extends from ca. 1900, the year that the meeting ground was established, to 1945, the end of the period of significance.

The Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground was established in 1900, when this ten acre parcel of land was given as a permanent place for area residents to attend non-denominational camp meetings in the summer. A copy of the original document dated June 30, 1900 reads in part: "The people of Boyle County and adjacent counties around Aliceton, for the purpose of establishing a Holiness camp ground", give this land. "The object of the Camp Meeting ground is the propagation of what is known as Bible and Wesleyan doctrine of holiness of scripture and entire sanctification." The document established that the camp meeting would be held annually on the grounds, and established the offices of President, Vice-President and Treasurer, and a three member Board of Managers. It was signed by J.C. Johnson and H.P. Carpenter.

Since its establishment, the Aliceton Camp Meeting has been held every summer beginning the last Thursday in July and lasting ten days. In decades past, families came to stay the length of the meeting. They slept in the cottages on the grounds and took meals at the dining hall. Some of the cottages were privately owned and others, including a four room cottage that burned many years ago, were owned by the Association. Those living nearby attended on a daily basis. The present caretakers, Mary Louise and James C. Bottom are third generation caretakers at Aliceton. Mr. Bottom's grandparents, George and Suzy Elliot were the first caretakers to live on the grounds and his parents, James and Selma Bottom also took care of the property. The Bottoms reported that attendance dropped significantly beginning in the 1970s. To counter the decline, the Holiness Association invited area churches to participate in the meeting. Each night of the camp meeting, music and refreshments are hosted by a different area church. As a result, the Aliceton Holiness Camp Meeting attracts upwards of 100 people during an evening of singing, worship, social fellowship and refreshment. Some individuals still come from a distance and stay in the multi-room cabins, continuing a tradition that has lasted over 90 years.

## 9. Bibliography:

Bottom, Mary Louise. Interview with author, November, 1997. Aliceton, Kentucky.

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## 10. Geographical Data:

### Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property is bounded by the legal description recorded in the Boyle County Courthouse and identified in the County Property Valuation and Assessment Office on county identification Map 1, parcel 14, containing ten acres +/-.

### Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes all buildings and structures of the property and the acreage surrounding these resources that has been associated with the Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground since its inception in 1900. The acreage is consequential to the outdoor social activities associated with the camp meeting.



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### PHOTOGRAPHS

The following information applies to all photographs of the District:

1. Property Name: Aliceton Camp Meeting Ground, BO-106
2. County, State: Boyle County, Kentucky
3. Photographer: Christine Amos
4. Date of photo: October, 1997
5. Negative location: Kentucky Heritage Council, Frankfort, KY.

### PHOTO # Description of view

1. Looking southwest to caretaker's house and cottages #6,7, & 8
2. Looking southwest to modern cabins, bath house, and cottages 6, 7, & 8
3. Looking northwest to Dining Hall
4. Looking southwest to tabernacle, caretaker's house, cottage 6
5. Looking northwest to tabernacle

ALICETON CAMP MEETING GROUND  
BO-1106

BOYLE CO TAX MAP 1  
PARCEL 14

1"=600'

US 68 STATE 56

RAIL ROAD

ABANDONED

BOYLE CO LINE

WARDS B

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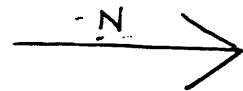
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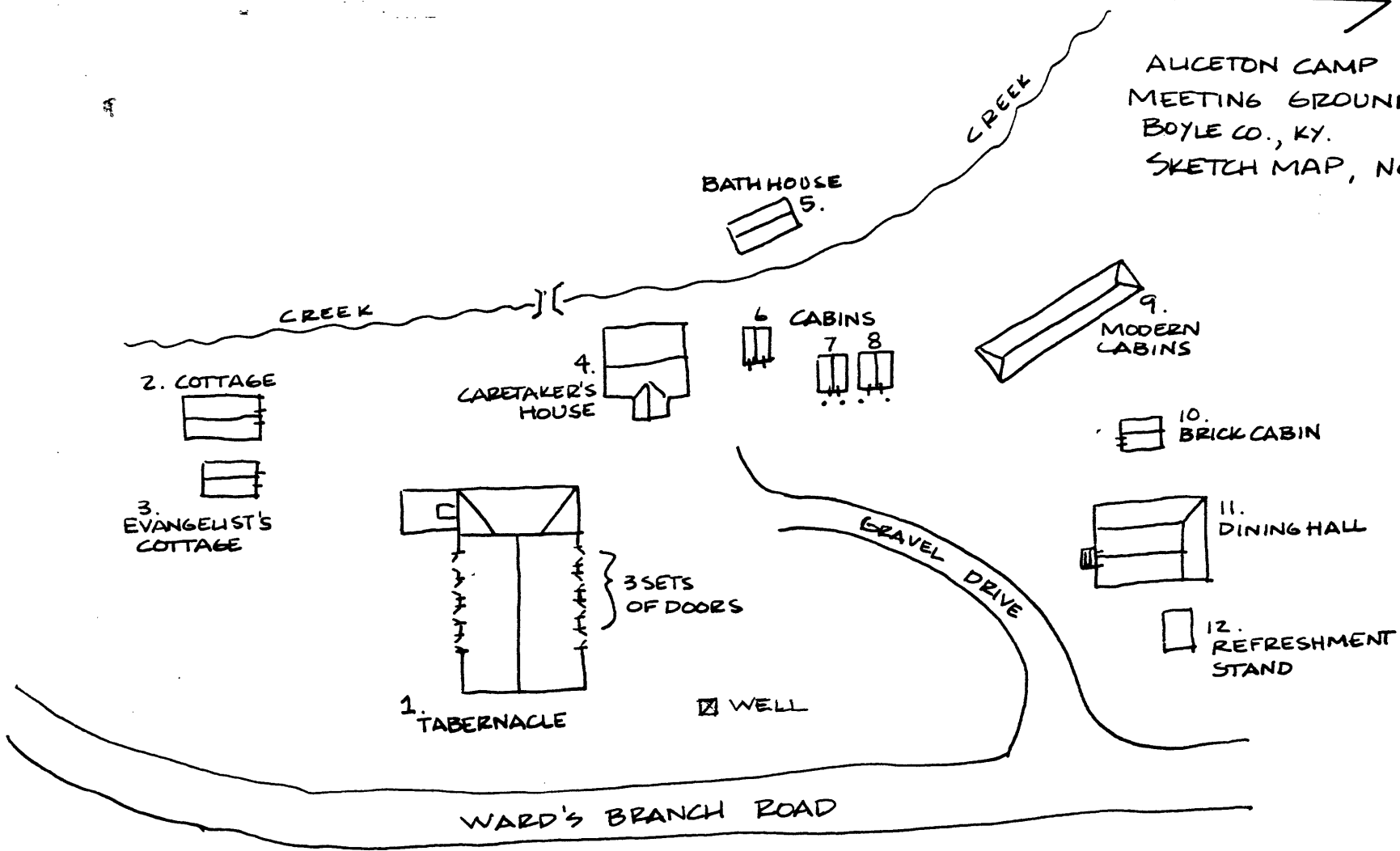
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AUCETON CAMP  
MEETING GROUND (BO-106)  
BOYLE CO., KY.  
SKETCH MAP, NOT TO SCALE



GRAVEL SWITCH QUADRANGLE  
KENTUCKY  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SE/4 SPRINGFIELD 15' QUADRANGLE

(PERRYVILLE)

2'30"

1.8 MI. TO U.S. 150

2 210 000 FEET

85°00'

37°37'30"



470 000  
FEET

MITCHELLSBURG 2.8 MI.  
DANVILLE 13 MI.

- EAST NORTH  
A 673 933/4162 069  
B 673 951/4161 723  
C 673 888/4161 723  
D 673 859/4161 996

ZONE 16

ALICETON  
CAMP MEETING  
GROUND  
BO-106  
Boyle Co., Ky

35'

4161