

church

IDENTIFICATION

Historic name: St. Peter African Methodist*
Common name: St. Peter AME Church
Address: 518 Franklin Street
Clarksville
Owner's name: Trustees, African **
Owner's address: same as above
Classification: Building
Tax map reference: 66F H5
Acreage: 1.5 acres
UTM reference: Z 16 E 468310
N 4042400

STATUS

Open to public: Yes No Restricted
Visible from road: Yes No
Occupied: Yes No
Present use: Church
Current condition: Good
Alterations: Remodeled in 1890, has remained essentially the same since
Site features: N/A

PROPERTY

Date of construction: 1873, remodeled 1890
Architect/builder: Unknown
Original or previous owners: Built by the A.M.E. Church congregation during pastorate of B. L. Brooks
Original use: Church
Theme/s: Primary Architecture
Secondary Religion
Other N/A

SOURCES

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DESCRIPTION

The St. Peter A.M.E. Church is a simple Victorian Gothic style building of brick construction. It is rectangular shaped and features a single steeple with stepped buttresses at the front right corner of the gabled facade. The doors and the "Y" tracery of the Gothic windows are wooden and painted white. The large sanctuary of the interior is accessible from a flight of stairs ascending from the front entrance with gabled hood.

SIGNIFICANCE

The St. Peter A.M.E. Church was established in Clarksville in 1866, first worshipping in a building on Second Street which no longer stands. The present building was built in 1873; during an 1890 renovation the steeple was added. Materials for the building were donated by the Methodist Church, a congregation which had already purchased the materials for their own new building when they determined that the building they had planned and would use the materials for would not be large enough for their growing church. After donating the materials to the A.M.E. Church, the Methodists then built a much larger church building.**

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

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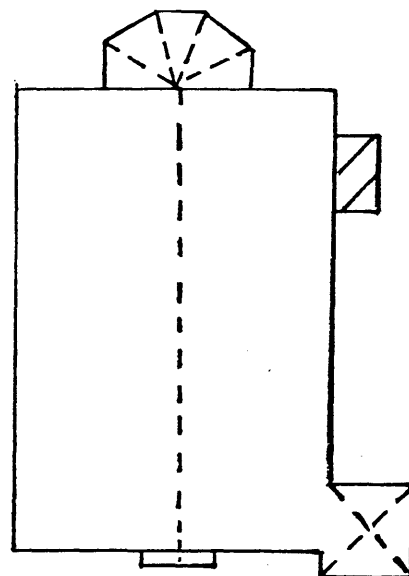
CONTINUATION

*Episcopal Church

**Methodist Episcopal Church and their Succession of Officers

***the Madison Street Methodist Church which is listed in the National Register. The trusswork in the two buildings is very similar. It remains today as the most outstanding black church edifice in Clarksville, and as a good example of a simple interpretation of the Victorian Gothic style of architecture.

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow



FRANKLIN STREET



NINETEENTH CENTURY CHURCHES IN CLARKSVILLE
Thematic Group Nomination

- St. Peter A.M.E. Church
- ▬ Boundaries

Scale: 1"=100 " Map No. 66F, Parcel H5

- 37 30 PARCEL & CONTROLLING IMPROVEMENT
- FENCE
- x-x- CEMETERY
- ▬ CHURCH
- ▬ SCHOOL
- ▬ WOODED AREA
- ▬ POND