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KENTUCKY HISTORIC RESOURCES
Individual Inventory Form

Resource # Be-322
Boone County

1. Name of Resource: East Bend Church

2. Original Owner: East Bend Church

3. Other Names: Methodist Episcopal Church (South)

4. Prehistoric Site Building Object
Historic Site Structure Other

5. Location: 12341 Lower River Road, Union, KY

6. Owner's Name: Trustees, East Bend Church []

7. Owner's Address: 12341 Lower River Road
Union, KY 41091

8. Evaluation: National Register []

9. Recognition & Date:
Nat.Landmark _____ Local Landmark _____
Nat.Register _____ HABS/HAER _____
Highway Marker _____ KY Inventory 1977
KY Landmark Certificate _____

10. N.R.Status & Date:

11. N.R.Group:
District Name: []
Mult.Resource Area: Boone County []
Thematic Name: []

12. Historical Theme:
Primary: Architecture []
Secondary: []
Other: []

13. Statement of Significance:
This property is significant under criterion C as a good, well-preserved example of the most common church type in Boone County (rectangular, gable-front, nave plan, one-story), significant in the period 1800-1930. Twenty-one churches with this form were identified in the county, and approximately

14. History: (Continued)
The building is shown on the 1883 atlas as the M.E. Church (South).

15. Source of historical information and/or contact person: 1883 Atlas

16. Date: Original Building 1870s []
Addition []

17. Style: Greek Revival []

18. Architect/Builder: unknown

19. No. of Stories: one []

20. Original Floor Plan: nave []

21. Single Pile Double Pile N.A. X

22. Roof Form & Material: Original X
gable /currogated tin Not Original

23. Structural Material: brick []

24. Exterior Material: common bond brick/stone []

25. Foundation Material: stone []

26. Major Alterations: None X
Moved/Rebuilt Other

27. Special Features: none

28. Outbuildings: one: women's privy []

29. Original Function: church []

30. Present Use: church []

31. Condition: excellent []

32. Endangered: Yes _____
No X

33. Attach Photos: Roll: 15 Photo Nos: 18-22 No. of Slides:

34. Prepared by: Kenneth T. Gibbs
35. Organization: Boone Co.Hist.Pres.REv.Brd.
36. Date: September 1986
37. New Survey _____ Resurvey X

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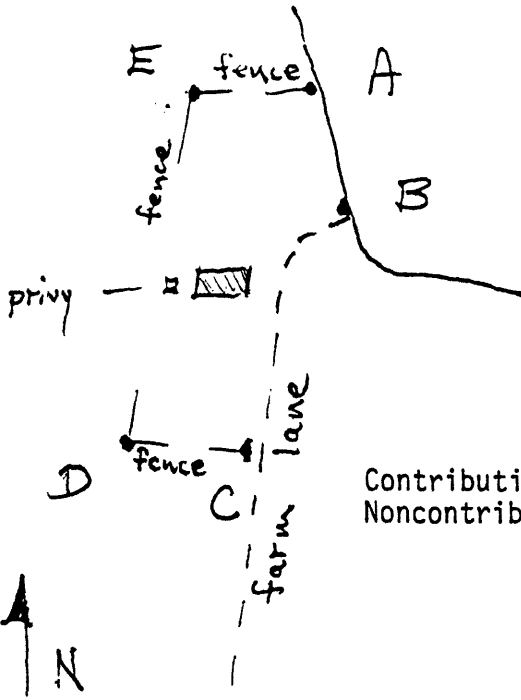
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38. UTM Point of Primary Building: Zone Easting Northing 39. G.I.S. Mod. []
 Quadrant: Rising Sun 16 685660 4309780 40. Coordi.Accuracy []

41. UTM Points of Boundary (for N. R. eligible sites only):

A.	-----	D.	-----
B.	-----	E.	-----
C.	-----	F.	-----

42. Total Acreage in Present Property: 2 43. Acreage included in proposed N.R. boundary: 1 1/2
 44. Site Plan (and boundary description and justification for N.R. sites):



Contributing: 1 building
 Noncontributing: 1 building (privy)

The boundary, indicated by points A, B, C, D and E, include the church and privy and the two cemeteries, north and south of the church. The acreage, contained within the fences is sufficient to provide a setting for the church. Boundary A-B is on the west side of Lower River Road, while the boundary B-C is on the west side of a farm lane.

Beginning at a point on the west side of Lower River Road at the east property line (B), proceed 350' south along the lane to the rear property line (C). Then proceed 130' along the fence line to the west property line (D), turning north for 500' along the property and fence line (E). Then proceed east along the fence line to the west side of Lower River Road (A), turning southeast along the road 200' to the point of origin.

45. Description and House Plan:

Traditional for the area in form, the gable-front building has a single opening in the front, none in the back, and four windows on each side. The double doors, designed in a distinctly non-Greek Revival style with chamfered members including diagonals, are lighted by a large transom, recently shattered and temporarily boarded over. The shuttered windows are topped with wooden lintels; the sills are of wood as well. The brickwork is in common bond, and the fading red paint on the bricks is possibly original. A stove flue pierces the roof surface near the center of the north wall. The cemetery south of the church has been in use from the 1960s, while the cemetery to the north was not used until the mid-20th century. A privy behind the church was constructed after the church's period of significance.

13. Statement of Significance: (Continued)

fifteen were not particularly from the period 1800-1930. Churches of this common form were built of brick, frame or log, in the major towns of the county, in crossroads communities and in rural settings. Many examples have been abandoned, added to or altered, yet the form is still a readily identifiable, major component of the built environment of Boone County. Approximately a third of the examples are very simple structures with little or no ornamentation. Stylistic references include Federal, Greek Revival (the predominant style), Italianate and Gothic Revival.

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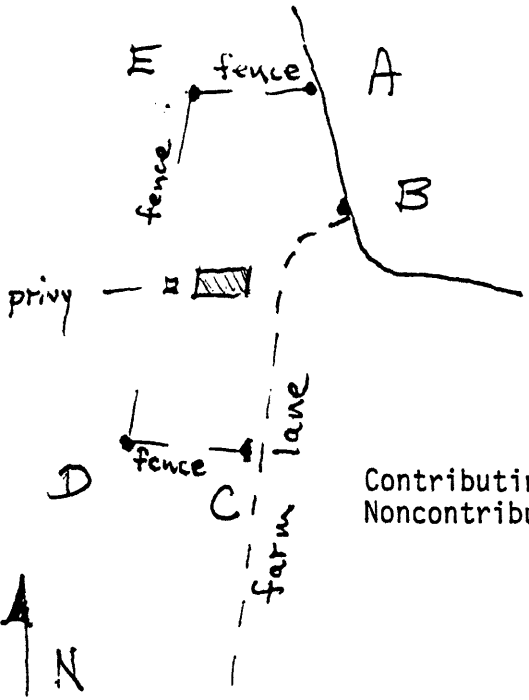
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