

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# 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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

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### 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

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

### 2. Location

Street & number: 5031 E 300 N

City or town: Urbana State: IN County: Wabash

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

### 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 at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide x local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A \_\_\_ B x C \_\_\_ D

<u>Matthew K. Zell</u> Deputy SHPO	<u>7/24/2015</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>Indiana DNR-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
_____ Signature of commenting official:	_____ Date
_____ Title :	_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

*John Edson W. Beall*  
Signature of the Keeper

*9.14.15*  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>          </u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>1</u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>3</u>	<u>          </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RELIGION – religious facility

FUNERARY - cemetery

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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

FUNERARY - cemetery

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

MID-19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY – Gothic Revival

OTHER: Center Steeple Church

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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE – sandstone

walls: BRICK

roof: METAL – aluminum

other: STONE – marble

STONE – granite

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

The Hopewell Methodist Church in Wabash County, Indiana, is an outstanding example of Gothic Revival church construction that retains a significant amount of historic integrity. Built in 1872, it is a one room, single story, brick, gable-front structure located on the northeast corner of N 500 E and E 300 N in rural Lagro Township. Pointed arch-shaped windows on the north and south facades and above the front door are the primary Gothic Revival characteristics utilized here. A bell tower, added to the front of the church sometime after the initial construction, features a corbel table at the roofline, common to churches of this style.<sup>1</sup> Other

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<sup>1</sup> Virginia McAlester and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1984), 198.

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architectural features include a wide, wood frieze board; stone foundation; and ribbed metal roofing. Surrounding the church on the north and east sides and across E 300 N to the south is the Hopewell Cemetery, which accepted its first burial in 1849.<sup>2</sup> The cemetery counts as a contributing site. The church's 19<sup>th</sup>-century bell, on display beside the building, is counted as a contributing object.

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## Narrative Description

The Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery are located on approximately 3.75 acres of land in rural Lagro Township, Wabash County, Indiana (photo 1). The church sits at the northeast corner of N 500 E and E 300 N, both currently two-lane, paved country roads. Trees border the north, east, and south boundary lines, and the Lagro Creek, a tributary of the Wabash River, flows nearby to the east. The cemetery has a north and south section, divided east to west by E 300 N. Nearby structures include three contemporary houses, one at the southwest corner of the same intersection as the church, and the other two just to the east of the creek. About one mile north of the church is another house and associated outbuildings built in about the 1920s and later. The remaining area in close proximity to the church is covered by trees and farmland.

### Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church

Built in 1872, the church is front-gabled, one room, one-story tall, and has approximately 1900 square feet of finished space.<sup>3</sup> It exhibits a significant amount of historic integrity. Occupying about one-seventh of an acre of land and oriented lengthwise on its lot from east to west, it faces west toward N 500 E. It is a simple rectangle in plan with the exception of a bell tower with double-door entrance projecting from the center of the west façade. Constructed of brick, ranging in color from brown to red to orange and laid in a common bond pattern, it features closed wood eaves with a wide, wood frieze board, and wood-framed windows, most of which are covered by acrylic glass storm windows. The window sills are stone, and all the wood is painted white. Covering the roof are light-colored, ribbed metal panels, and rough-cut stone comprises the foundation. Architecturally, the church features design elements of the Gothic Revival style.

The west façade (photo 2) features the only entry to the church set within a square bell tower projecting from the center of the wall. Three, pre-cast concrete steps, with a thin pipe railing on either side, rise from a concrete pad at ground level to a sandstone step that meets a pair of white, wood-paneled entrance doors. Above the door is a fixed, three-paned, pointed-arch window

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<sup>2</sup> T.B. Helm, *History of Wabash County, Indiana containing a history of the county: its townships, towns, military record, portraits of early settlers and prominent men: personal reminiscences, etc.* (Chicago, IL: John Morris, printer, 1884), 329.

<sup>3</sup> Parcel report for 5031 E 300 N, Urbana, Indiana,  
<http://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=167&LayerID=2153&PageTypeID=4&PageID=1116&Q=1599950960&KeyValue=85-11-13-300-019.000-003> (accessed November 12, 2013).

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outlined in the same shape by two courses of projecting header brick. Resting on brick corbels, the tower appears to be a later addition to the church, although known to have existed since 1929,<sup>4</sup> as it features a smoother brick in a more uniform reddish-orange color. It also exhibits a different bond pattern of mostly running bond with an occasional bonding course of alternating headers and stretchers. The tower, now lacking a wooden cupola that used to house a bell, rises beyond the height of the church and has a crenellated roofline.<sup>5</sup> Set within the tower and positioned slightly above the entrance window is a tan rectangular stone with clipped corners that reads "Hopewell M.E. Church A.D. 1872." Two bronze plaques commemorating the history of the church have been placed on either side of the tower near eye level.

Four identical, four-over-four, single-hung, pointed-arch windows are evenly spaced along the south façade (photo 3). Two rows of projecting header brick resting on brick corbels outline the arched portion of each window. At foundation level, and positioned between the westernmost window and the next window to the east, is an exterior basement bulkhead entrance covered by two corrugated metal panels. The basement was dug in 1925 in order to install a heating system.<sup>6</sup>

The remnants of a chimney appear toward the base and middle of the east façade (photo 4). Windows and doorways are lacking. The north façade is identical to the south except that there is no basement entrance (photo 4).

The bell tower provides for an entrance vestibule between the exterior and interior of the church (photo 2). After passing through the vestibule, there is a pair of medium brown-stained, wood-paneled doors opening into the church room itself (photo 5). Above these doors is a three-paned, pointed-arch window, like that over the exterior entrance doors, but framed by stained wood and exhibiting the remnants of a white-painted, decorative design on the glass panes (photo 6). Inside, the church features pine plank flooring; wide, pine baseboards; and pine window casings. All the wood is stained a medium to dark brown color. Each window is covered by an upper and lower pair of louvered wood shutters, also darkly stained. The walls are plaster painted a pale green, and the plaster ceiling is covered by an insulated panel system installed sometime in the 1970's (photos 5, 7, and 8).<sup>7</sup>

In the southeast corner of the room, extending along approximately two-thirds of the east wall toward the north and one-quarter of the south wall to the west, is a raised, wood-floored platform covered with linoleum (photo 7). In about the center of the room in the floor is an opening

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<sup>4</sup> Linda Robertson, ed., *Wabash County History Bicentennial Edition 1976, Wabash, Indiana* (Marceline, MO: Walsworth Publishing Company, Inc., 1976), 191.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>6</sup> Mike Clifton, "Hopewell Church listed on state register," *The Paper of Wabash County (IN), Inc.*, 2 January 1980, 1.

<sup>7</sup> Carolyn Hegel, President, Gene Stratton-Porter Hopewell Foundation, Inc., in-person interview by Jill Downs, Urbana, IN, October 2, 2013.

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covered by a decorative metal grate (photo 7). The space is lit by four, single-bulb, hanging light fixtures that date from about the 1970's (photo 7). Pews have since been removed, and the organ was moved to another church in about 1995.<sup>8</sup> The bell that was once housed in the tower has been permanently mounted on a concrete base located near the northwest corner of the church.

### Hopewell Cemetery

The Hopewell Cemetery surrounds the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church on its north and east sides and across E 300 N to the south. Occupying approximately 3.6 acres of land, the cemetery has a north section and a south section divided east to west by E 300 N. The north cemetery received its first burial in 1849 before the land was officially designated as a burial ground. In 1884, it was described as being "pleasantly situated upon eligible ground," and "regularly laid out in lots, with streets and alleys between them, so as to insure symmetry in appearance and economy of space."<sup>9</sup> An iron fence was known to have enclosed the site.<sup>10</sup>

The current appearance of the north cemetery is one of a site raised above the road level on all sides (photos 9 and 10). Somewhat east of the middle of the southern boundary is an automobile entrance marked by curved concrete curbing at the road apron (photo 9). A grassy pathway for autos extends north from this entrance to the northern boundary. No other roadways or pathways are evident, except for those between the burial rows, and the iron fencing no longer exists. A large catalpa tree stands near the southwest corner of the cemetery near E 300 N and the east side of the church. Within the cemetery are two large cedar trees located near its center, with a few large arborvitae and young deciduous trees scattered throughout.

Enoch Russell was the first to be buried here in 1849,<sup>11</sup> and the most recent burial was Benny Reahard in 2010. In general, the earliest markers are nearest to the north and east sides of the church. Throughout the cemetery, grave markers are mostly marble or granite and range in type from tablet, to obelisk, to bevel (photos 9 and 10). There are two cast iron grave covers located side-by-side near the southern boundary of the cemetery and the north side of the church (photo 11). Several of the older grave markers are now unreadable or have become broken, and there are a number of unattached markers being stored on the east side of the church.

Notable people buried in the north cemetery include relatives of Indiana author Gene Stratton-Porter. They are Stratton-Porter's parents, Mary and Mark; sisters Louisa and Samari; brother Leander; and nephew Herbert.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Helm, 329.

<sup>10</sup> Robertson, 191.

<sup>11</sup> Helm, 329.

<sup>12</sup> *Fourteen Cemeteries of Lagro Township Wabash County, Indiana* (Wabash, IN: Wabash Carnegie Public Library, 1979), 182.

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The south section of the cemetery, opened with the burial of Sarah Abbott in 1908, is relatively level with the nearby roads and has no automobile entrances (photos 12 and 13). The only pathways are those between the burial rows. There are no trees or other plantings within the site. While a few graves from the early 1910's exist, the numbers started increasing after about 1920. Most of the markers are granite in the tablet or bevel style, but a few marble types are evident. This section is still accepting of burials.



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## 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.)

- 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.)

- 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

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**Period of Significance**

1849 – 1929

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**Significant Dates**

1872

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person (last name, first name)**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

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**Architect/Builder (last name, first name)**

Unknown

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### **Period of Significance (justification)**

The period of significance begins in 1849 with the first burial and ends in 1929 with the earliest date known to reference the existence of the bell tower.

### **Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)**

Criteria Consideration A is applicable as the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church was originally built as a church. It is being nominated for its architectural significance, as a locally rare example of a center-steeple, one-room church.

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery are significant under National Register of Historic Places Criterion C in that they embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, and method of construction. Built in 1872, the Gothic Revival-style church was rated as “outstanding” in a survey of area sites and structures,<sup>13</sup> and features architectural elements associated with the style such as pointed-arch windows and a crenellated bell tower. The building exemplifies the center-steeple church form, a once-common vernacular type that is now rare in Wabash County. The cemetery is indicative of those associated with churches, encompassing no more than a few acres of land.<sup>14</sup>

The period of significance begins in 1849 with the first burial in the cemetery and ends in 1929 with the earliest date known to reference the existence of the bell tower.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church is locally significant under National Register of Historic Places Criterion C. Built in 1872, it features Gothic Revival-style features and retains a significant amount of integrity.

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<sup>13</sup> *Wabash County Interim Report* (Indianapolis, IN: 1982), 30.

<sup>14</sup> Keith Eggener, *Cemeteries* (New York, NY and London: W.W. Norton & Company, 2010), 38.

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Religious buildings built in the Gothic style first appeared in Europe and were prevalent between 1190 and 1400. In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, a revival of interest in religion in England resulted in church construction and restoration. Gothic was the natural style choice for Britons during this period. It wasn't until the early 1800's that the first Gothic Revival churches appeared in America. A major identifying feature of the style was the use of pointed-arch windows which allowed for more window space for light infiltration and for stained glass applications. Other architectural details include primarily stone or brick construction; the use of interior ribbed vaults; pointed-arch doorways; and towers with crenellated parapets.<sup>15</sup>

In the 1840s, Andrew Jackson Downing popularized Gothic Revival architecture for the design of rural country houses as the style was compatible with the natural landscape.<sup>16</sup> Later that decade, he asserted that the style was appropriate for rural country churches for the same reason.<sup>17</sup> By the mid-to-late nineteenth-century, many small, folk-style churches were built across the country utilizing simple Gothic elements.<sup>18</sup>

The Hopewell Church is an outstanding and rare example of a rural country church that exhibits characteristics associated with the Gothic Revival style. It features brick construction, pointed-arch windows, and a tower with crenellated parapet. According to a survey of historic sites and structures for Lagro Township, Indiana, it is the oldest example of only three historic churches identified as still existing in the area. The Bethel Methodist Church, approximately three miles southeast of Hopewell Church at 650 E 250 N, is a white, clapboard-sided Late Gothic Revival-style building constructed in 1893. Approximately twelve miles south of Hopewell Church is the Lincolnville Methodist Church, at 5848 E 500 S. It is a brick, Late Gothic Revival-style building constructed in 1915.<sup>19</sup> In 1876, four years after the Hopewell Church was built, Lagro Township had at least fifteen meeting houses that accommodated eight different denominations.<sup>20</sup> Hopewell Church is the only example of a center-steeple vernacular church in Lagro Township.

The presence of the Hopewell Cemetery supplements the significance of the Hopewell Church. The first burial on the land that would become the cemetery occurred in 1849, and a church structure soon followed, but was later replaced by the current Hopewell Church.<sup>21</sup> The cemetery is indicative of those associated with churches, encompassing no more than a few acres of land.<sup>22</sup> Church cemeteries of the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries often had fences or walls as

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<sup>15</sup> Jeffery Howe, *Houses of Worship: An Identification Guide to the History and Styles of American Religious Architecture* (San Diego, CA: Thunder Bay Press, 2003), 156, 157, 160, 161.

<sup>16</sup> McAlester and McAlester, 200.

<sup>17</sup> Phoebe B. Stanton, Peter Collins, Henry-Russell Hitchcock, William H. Jordy, Nikolaus Pevsner, eds., *The Gothic Revival and American Church Architecture: An Episode in Taste 1840-1856* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1968), 312, 313.

<sup>18</sup> Howe, 186.

<sup>19</sup> *Wabash County Interim Report*, 30, 31.

<sup>20</sup> Helm, 306.

<sup>21</sup> Helm, 325, 329.

<sup>22</sup> Eggener, 38.

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protection from vandalism and as a symbolic separation of the living from the dead.<sup>23</sup> In the early years of its existence, the original section of the Hopewell Cemetery was known to have had a fence around it.<sup>24</sup> By 1884, the cemetery was said to be an early burial site in Lagro township, although it was not the oldest.<sup>25</sup> Currently, fourteen cemeteries are known to exist township-wide.<sup>26</sup>

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### Developmental History/Additional historic context information

Wabash County, Indiana, covers an area of four hundred and twenty-six square miles near the northeastern part of the state.<sup>27</sup> The Miami and Potawatomi Native American tribes first inhabited the area in recorded times, but a treaty signing in 1826 opened the area to white settlement. At this same time, a second treaty was signed allowing for a canal to be constructed across the land.<sup>28</sup> Named the Wabash and Erie Canal, construction began in the region in 1832.<sup>29</sup>

This same year, Wabash County was created, and was divided into two large townships, Lagro and Noble, which were later subdivided to form a total of seven townships.<sup>30</sup> The area, primarily rural and agricultural-focused, thrived on the success of the canal<sup>31</sup> until the 1870s when railroads had taken over as a means of transportation. In 1880, the town of Wabash, the county seat, became the first municipality in the world to be electrically lighted.<sup>32</sup>

Mark Stratton was an early settler of Lagro Township, arriving in 1848 to farm the land. Born in Sussex County, New Jersey, on September 27, 1812, he married Mary Shellenbarger in Wayne County, Ohio, on December 24, 1835. In addition to being a farmer, Mr. Stratton was a Methodist preacher, a Lagro Township trustee for several years, and served as a Wabash County commissioner for six years.<sup>33</sup> He and his wife had twelve children, the last of whom was Geneva (Gene) Stratton-Porter, born August 17, 1863.<sup>34</sup> Stratton-Porter would go on to become an accomplished writer of nature-oriented works and director of movies based on her books.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> Ibid, 39.

<sup>24</sup> Robertson, 191.

<sup>25</sup> Helm, 329.

<sup>26</sup> *Fourteen Cemeteries of Lagro Township Wabash County, Indiana.*

<sup>27</sup> Clarkson W. Weesner, *History of Wabash County, Indiana: A Narrative Account of Its Historical Progress, Its People, and Its Principal Interests* (Chicago and New York: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1914), 5.

<sup>28</sup> Robertson, 7, 8.

<sup>29</sup> Wabash and Erie Canal Association, "Historical Notes on the Wabash & Erie Canal in Delphi," [http://www.wabashanderiecanal.org/Canal\\_History.html](http://www.wabashanderiecanal.org/Canal_History.html) (accessed February 22, 2015).

<sup>30</sup> Weesner, 152, 157, 164.

<sup>31</sup> Robertson, unknown page numbers.

<sup>32</sup> City of Wabash, Indiana, "History," <http://www.cityofwabash.com/city-information/history/> (accessed February 22, 2015).

<sup>33</sup> Helm, 339.

<sup>34</sup> Jeannette Porter-Meehan, *Life & Letters of Gene Stratton-Porter* (1927; reprint, Port Washington, NY and London: Kennikat Press, 1972), 12, 17.

<sup>35</sup> "Gene Stratton-Porter," <http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/reference/notable-hoosiers/gene-stratton-porter#.UoQEfeLISz>; accessed October 1, 2013.

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In 1849, Mr. Stratton donated half an acre of his farm for the building of a frame house for school and church uses,<sup>36</sup> and later this same year, Enoch Russell was buried on the land.<sup>37</sup> It was not until 1870 that Mr. Stratton formally sold a portion of the donated property for burial purposes, which became known as the Hopewell Cemetery.<sup>38</sup> By 1872, three Stratton children had been buried there.<sup>39,40</sup> The present Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church, so named by Mr. Stratton after his British ancestors, was constructed in 1872 to replace the earlier frame building.<sup>41</sup> The Stratton family did not get to spend much time at the new church, however. In the fall of 1874, they moved to Wabash to be near relatives as Mr. Stratton was getting older and the health of Mrs. Stratton was failing.<sup>42</sup> Mrs. Stratton died the following year and was also buried in the Hopewell Cemetery.<sup>43</sup>

Despite living in Wabash, Mr. Stratton continued to maintain a connection to the Hopewell church and cemetery. In 1881, the cemetery was expanded forty lots to the north onto land he donated.<sup>44</sup> In 1890, Mr. Stratton died and was buried next to his wife. By 1908, further expansion of the cemetery occurred, this time across E 300 N to the south and occupying just over one acre of land at the southeast corner with N 500 E. Burials have continued to occur in both parts of the cemetery, with the most recent being in 2010 in the north section and 2013 in the south section. The last services to be held in the church occurred in 1924. From 1972 to 1994, the Hopewell Memorial Association held periodic open houses to honor the memory of Gene Stratton-Porter. In 1996, an auction was held to sell off the contents of the church.<sup>45</sup> Currently, the Gene Stratton-Porter Hopewell Foundation is developing restoration plans for the church.

The Hopewell Church and Cemetery are located on a total of approximately 3.75 acres of land in rural Lagro Township, Wabash County, Indiana. The church sits at the northeast corner N 500 E and E 300 N, both currently two-lane, paved country roads. Trees border the north, east, and south boundary lines, and the Lagro Creek, a tributary of the Wabash River, flows nearby to the east. The north and south sections of the cemetery are divided east to west by E 300 N. Nearby structures include three contemporary houses, one at the southwest corner of the same intersection as the church, and the other two just to the east of the creek. About one mile north of the church is another house and associated outbuildings built in about the 1920s and later. The remaining area in close proximity to the church is covered by trees and farmland retaining its 19<sup>th</sup>-century rural and agricultural characteristics.

<sup>36</sup> Clifton, 1.

<sup>37</sup> Helm, 329.

<sup>38</sup> Plat of Hopewell Cemetery, Auditor's Office, Wabash County, Indiana.

<sup>39</sup> *Fourteen Cemeteries of Lagro Township Wabash County, Indiana*, 182.

<sup>40</sup> Porter-Meehan, 22.

<sup>41</sup> Roberston, 190.

<sup>42</sup> Porter-Meehan, 29.

<sup>43</sup> *Fourteen Cemeteries of Lagro Township Wabash County, Indiana*, 182.

<sup>44</sup> Plat of Hopewell Cemetery, Second Addition, Auditor's Office, Wabash County, Indiana.

<sup>45</sup> Steve Jones, "Historic church's goods face auction," *Wabash Sunday: Wabash County (IN) Edition of the Chronicle-Tribune*, 6 October 1996, 1.

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**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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** 169-337-15013

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acreege of Property** 3.75

Use the UTM system

### UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

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|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Zone: 16 | Easting: 609610 | Northing: 4525163 |
| 2. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 3. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 4. Zone:    | Easting :       | Northing:         |

### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Starting from the northeast corner of E 300 N and N 500 E, Urbana, Indiana, proceed north 546 feet along the east edge of N 500 E to the property line with parcel 85-11-13-300-004.00-003. At a seventy-degree angle, proceed southeast 237 feet to a point with parcel 85-11-13-300-004.00-003 then continue 442 feet south to the north edge of E 300 N. Next, proceed 42 feet west along E 300 N and then 246 feet south to the property line with parcel 85-11-24-100-012.000-003. Proceed 179 feet west to the east edge of N 500 E then proceed 244 feet north along N 500 E to the place of the beginning.

### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The verbal boundary description encompasses the contributing resources of the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery, including the church and north and south cemetery sections.

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### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Jill Downs for Indiana Landmarks/Gene Stratton-Porter Hopewell Fdn., Inc.

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date: November 29, 2013

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery

City or Vicinity: Urbana

County: Wabash

State: IN

Photographer: Jill Downs

Date Photographed: October 2, 2013 and November 6, 2013

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of 13. Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery site, looking northeast.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0001)

2 of 13. West façade of the church, looking east.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0002)

3 of 13. South façade of the church looking north.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0003)

4 of 13. Northeast corner of the church, looking southwest.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0004)

5 of 13. Church interior, looking west.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0005)

6 of 13. Detail of pointed-arch window, looking west.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0006)

7 of 13. Church interior, looking east.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0007)

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8 of 13. Church interior, looking northeast.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0008)

9 of 13. Church and north cemetery, looking northwest.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0009)

10 of 13. North cemetery, looking northeast from intersection of E 300 N and N 500 E.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0010)

11 of 13. Cast iron grave cover, looking east.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0011)

12 of 13. South cemetery, looking southeast from intersection of E 300 N and N 500 E.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0012)

13 of 13. Church and south cemetery, looking northeast.  
(IN\_WabashCounty\_HopewellMethodistEpiscopalChurchandCemetery0013)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: INDIANA, Wabash

DATE RECEIVED: 8/07/15      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/28/15  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/14/15      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/22/15  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000600

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    9.14.15 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in  
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of  
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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July 27, 2015

Dr. Stephanie Toothman  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service 2280  
National Register of Historic Places  
1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20005

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Nat. Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service

Re: Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery, Wabash County, Indiana

Dear Dr. Toothman,

Enclosed is a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery, Wabash County, Indiana. The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board reviewed the application and voted to recommend its approval to the National Register of Historic Places.

The enclosed disc contains the true and correct copy of the nomination for the Hopewell Methodist Episcopal Church and Cemetery (Wabash County, Indiana) to the National Register of Historic Places.

Please address any questions you or your staff may have about this nomination to my National Register staff members, Paul Diebold or Holly Tate.

Sincerely,

Cameron F. Clark  
State Historic Preservation Officer

CFC:PCD:pcd

enclosure: nomination package