

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church
other names/site number N/A

804

2. Location

street & number 751 Chevis Road
city, town Savannah
county Chatham **code** GA 051
state Georgia **code** GA **zip code** 31419

(X) vicinity of

() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property:

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

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing

Noncontributing

buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of previous listing: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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 the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Russell Cove
Signature of certifying official

7-2-01
Date

for W. Ray Luce, Director, Historic Preservation Division and
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall

8.8.01

() determined eligible for the National Register _____

() determined not eligible for the National Register _____

() removed from the National Register _____

() other, explain: _____

() see continuation sheet

[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

RELIGION/RELIGIOUS FACILITY/CHURCH

Current Functions:

RELIGION/RELIGIOUS FACILITY/CHURCH

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

NO STYLE

Materials:

foundation	Brick
walls	Wood/Weatherboard
roof	Metal
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church is located in the historic rural, African-American community of Burroughs, southwest of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. Constructed in 1893, New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church is a wood-frame, front-gabled building with horizontal lap wood siding, a metal seam roof, exposed rafter tails, and brick masonry foundation piers (Photograph 1). The building is of wood-frame construction supported by 12" by 12" brick foundation piers. The church is rectangular in shape with a central wood beam supporting the building with wood floor joists on each side of the central beam. There is diagonal wood sheathing installed over the wood wall studs. The wood rafters connect to a central wood ridge roof system.

The front facade contains double entry doors with a six-over-six double-hung-sash window on either side (Photograph 2). The doors have been replaced and the portico has been rebuilt. The side elevations each contain three evenly spaced six-over-six double-hung-sash windows (Photograph 3). A rear addition was constructed in 1965 to house the choir and a baptism pool (Photograph 5). The addition is covered with horizontal siding, has a metal seam shed roof, and exposed rafter tails. The rear facade contains three six-over-six double-hung-sash windows, evenly spaced, with the center window placed higher on the facade. There is a door on each side of the addition. There is a small wood-frame cupola on the west end of the building that houses the church bell which is operable.

There is a cornerstone at the southwest corner of the foundation. It is dated 1891 and was installed in 1893 at the time of construction. It is approximately 15" by 24" and is made from a skim-coat of concrete applied over a brick foundation pier with letters etched into the surface. The cornerstone commemorates the donation of land to the church by J.D. Campbell in 1891 (Photograph 4).

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Section 7--Description

The sanctuary comprises the main portion of the building (Photograph 6). Two rows of wooden pews flank a central aisle leading to a raised altar, choir, and baptism pool. The floors are unfinished plywood boards. The walls and ceiling in the sanctuary are covered with drywall and new wainscoting has been added to the walls (Photograph 7). The walls of the addition are covered with wood wall paneling (Photograph 9). The original wood pews remain in the church and range in from 4 to 8 feet in length. The altar rests on a raised platform. Two square columns stand in the center aisle of the church for structural support. The addition houses the choir platform, baptism pool, and two restrooms.

The church is located on a narrow, rectangular site approximately 25 feet from Chevis Road. The church property has been cleared of vegetation and undergrowth with the exception of a mature oak tree. The site contains no formal landscaping.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture
Ethnic Heritage/Black

Period of Significance:

1893-1950

Significant Dates:

1893

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

N/A

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Section 8--Statement of Significance

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church was first organized in 1891, as a result of a split from the nearby First Bethel Baptist Church on Ogeechee Road. During the late 18th and early 19th centuries, the Burroughs area was predominantly populated by slaves and a few plantation owners. The Burroughs community was carved out of land originally associated with Wild Heron Plantation, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The land was subdivided in the 1870s and 1880s and former slaves were given the opportunity to buy the land on which they lived. New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church is one of three churches to serve this small rural community, which consisted of approximately fifty houses, a school, and a store. St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, which also served the community, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church has been active in the community for more than 100 years. The land on which the church was built was donated by member J.D. Campbell in 1891, and the building was constructed in 1893. New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church is significant in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a church building constructed for rural African-American congregations throughout Georgia in the 19th Century. The character-defining exterior features include the front-gable form and the wood-frame construction. The character-defining interior features include the large open sanctuary and symmetrical arrangement. The church is also significant in the area of Ethnic Heritage/Black as one of three African-American churches to serve the Burroughs community. According to *Historic Black Resources*, a statewide historic context on African-American historic properties, "Among the richest sources of the black built environment are the buildings of religious, educational, and social institutions. The church has been the most important of these, not only serving the spiritual needs of its members, but also fostering their social interaction."

National Register Criteria

New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of Ethnic Heritage/Black as one of three churches to serve the Burroughs community. It is also eligible under Criterion C in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a rural African-American church in Georgia.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church is eligible for the National Register under Criteria Consideration A as a religious property primarily for the architectural significance of the church building and for its historical association with the African-American rural community of Burroughs in which it has been a community landmark for more than a century.

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Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance encompasses the years of New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church's continuous historic association with the Burroughs community.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The church is the contributing resource included in the nominated property. There are no noncontributing resources included in the nominated property.

Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

****Note: The following history was prepared by Garfiled Moss. "New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church," Historic Property Information Form, July, 1999. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.**

The Burroughs community was carved out of land originally associated with Wild Heron Plantation, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. The land was subdivided in the 1870s and 1880s and former slaves were given the opportunity to buy the land on which they lived. New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church is one of three churches to serve this small rural community, which consisted of approximately fifty houses, a school, and a store. St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, which also served the community, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church has been active in the community for more than 100 years. The land on which the church was built was donated by member J.D. Campbell in 1891, and the building was constructed in 1893.

The New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church was organized as a result of a split from the nearby First Bethel Baptist Church on Ogeechee Road in Savannah, Georgia. Some of the church members did not approve of the then newly elected pastor, Reverend Burke. Half of the congregation stayed with Reverend Burke at the First Bethel Baptist Church and the other half formed the New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church. The 0.95 acre of land on which the church was built was donated by J.D. Campbell on March 29, 1891. After much hard work the New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church saved enough money to build the church in 1893 which served the local Burroughs community in Savannah. F.E. Washington was the first pastor of the church. In 1893, the newly built church did not have running water, electricity, or heat, but the architecture of the church was typical for a small southern country church. The brick foundation piers were raised to allow adequate ventilation, and the windows were wood double-hung to allow air flow and the roof was covered with metal to reflect the hot summer sun. The main mode of transportation was by foot so the church membership was made up of the local citizenry of Savannah's Burroughs community. At some time after the original construction of the church, electrical service, plumbing, gas heat, and a window air conditioner were

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installed within the building. In 1965, a back addition was built to house a choir platform and a baptism pool. In 1983, Reverend John T, McClendon began his tenure as pastor and continues to serve today. Because records were not kept, the names of the other pastors who served the church and the members who attended church services are not available, but since 1893, many baptisms, weddings, funerals, weekly church services and special events have taken place at this church.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Moss, Garfield. Historic Property Information Form. July, 1999. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia. With Supplemental Information.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued
date issued:
- 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, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.95 acres

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 476459 Northing 3537799

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundary is indicated by a heavy black line on the attached map.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property represents the intact boundary of the property originally deeded to the church in 1891. Although Burroughs is a historic community, it no longer retains sufficient historic integrity to be eligible as a historic district.

11. Form Prepared By

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() **regional development center preservation planner**
() **other:**

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Photographs

Name of Property: New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church
City or Vicinity: Savannah
County: Chatham
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: August, 2000

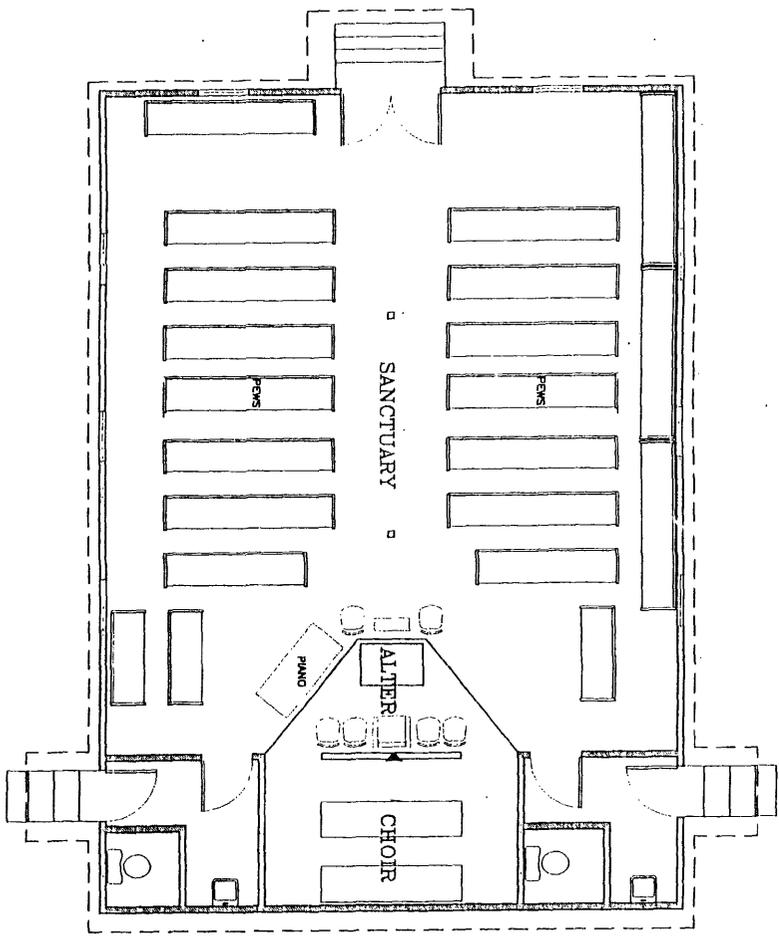
Description of Photograph(s):

- 1 of 10: North and west facades; photographer facing southeast.
- 2 of 10: Front facade; photographer facing east.
- 3 of 10: South and west facades; photographer facing northeast.
- 4 of 10: Cornerstone, photographer facing north.
- 5 of 10: South and east facades; photographer facing northwest.
- 6 of 10: Interior, entrance doors; photographer facing west.
- 7 of 10: Interior; photographer facing south.
- 8 of 10: Interior, altar, choir platform; photographer facing northeast.
- 9 of 10: Interior, altar, choir platform; photographer facing northeast.
- 10 of 10: South and west facades; photographer facing northeast.

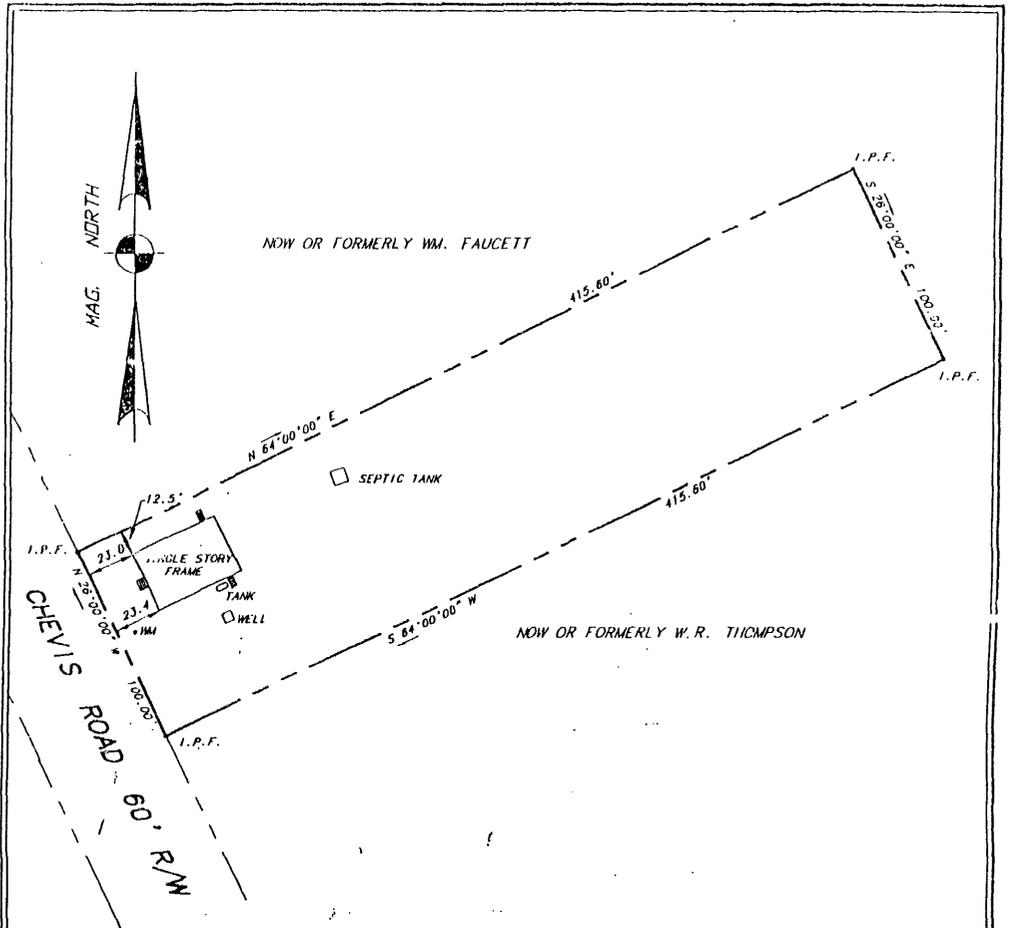
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New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church
 Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia
 Floor Plan
 Scale: No scale
 North: 

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 A117
 EXISTING FLOOR PLAN -
 NO SCALE



SHEET NO: 1	NEW OGEECHEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OGEECHEE FARMS CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA	ARCHITECT L. SCOTT BARNARD & ASSOCIATES, AIA	 L. SCOTT BARNARD & ASSOCIATES, AIA ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING, LANDSCAPE & INTERIOR DESIGN 220 EAST HALL STREET SAVANNAH, GA 31401 (912)232-8173 ASSOCIATES: ROBERT J. PORTMAN & JOHN A. CLEGG
	EXISTING FLOOR PLAN	OGEECHEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	



SURVEY OF:

A 0.95 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN OGEECHEE FARMS, CHATHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA.

PREPARED FOR: NEW OGEECHEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTES

1. C.M.S. = CONCRETE MONUMENT SET
2. EQUIPMENT USED: LIETZ SET4 TOTAL STATION
3. FIELD ERROR OF CLOSURE: 1/30,000"
4. PLAT ERROR OF CLOSURE: 1/1000"
5. ACCORDING TO F.E.M.A. 130030-0075C, REVISED DATE MAY 19, 1987, THIS PROPERTY LIES OUTSIDE THE 100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN IN ZONE X.
6. I.P.S. = IRON PIPE SET
7. I.P.F. = IRON PIPE FOUND
8. C.M.F. = CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND



Octavio Arango
 OCTAVIO ARANGO
 GA. REG. LAND SURVEYOR NO. 2141

GRAPHIC SCALE



(IN FEET)
 1 inch = 60 ft.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF THIS PLAT IS A CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE LAND PLATTED AND HAS BEEN PREPARED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF LAW.

DATE: 2-5-97

SCALE: 1" = 60'

New Ogeechee Missionary Baptist Church
 Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

Site Plan
 Scale: 1" = 60'

North: ↑