



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY Bibb

NAME: Present Woodstock United Meth. Church Historic Methodist Episcopal Church South

LOCATION: Street and Number Corner of Strickland Drive, on hill South of Woodstock
Post Office, Bibb County, Alabama
Town (Give directions if rural) Woodstock, Bibb County, Alabama
Map enclosed

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

CATEGORY: Building (X) Structure () Object () Site () District ()

USE: Present Worship Services Historic

OWNERSHIP: Public (X) Private ()

Owner's Name Tom Burns, Chairperson, Administrative Council

Mailing Address P. O. Box 97 (lives back of church building)
Woodstock, Alabama 35188

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved () When?

From where? (Give details in significance.)

CONDITIONS: Excellent (X) Good () Fair () Ruins ()

THREATS: No (X) Yes () By What?

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered () Underway () Completed (X) Not planned ()

See page 3 of History Book enclosed

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () Scattered buildings (X)
High building density () Commercial () Industrial ()
Residential (X) Rural (X)

See enclosed picture of Church building and parsonage
Acreage 1 acre, more or less

For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow.
Show related buildings. See pictures of parsonage and church....Parsonage to left
of church on front of History Book.

For a district give a verbal boundary description and attach a sketch map of the district.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Why is this landmark significant? (X) associated with events, persons, or movements
Local (X) State (S) National ()
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure
(X) other
Is now & has been in continuous use for almost
100 years.

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)
Structure Country Gothic Style; original structure.. See pages 6 of
enclosed History and additional sheets of information enclosed, for
more detailed information.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance. Built about 1893, before 1900.
See enclosed information

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)
All that is known of the Architect and builders is given in the History Book
and additional sheets. History Book written for Centennial Anniversary
December 18, 1986.

Give a complete but concise history of the Landmark. Include information on important
people and events associated with the landmark. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

Enclosed History Book of Woodstock United Methodist Church
written for Centennial Anniversary, Dec. 18, 1986

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data: Deeds, County Courthouse;
North Alabama Conference Records; Tuscaloosa District and Local Church Records
of Charge Conferences; 1988 Persinger Auto-biography.

DESCRIPTION: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.
Enclosed an early photo and a recent photograph.
Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories 1 Foundation Brick Piers Basement Crawl Space

Wall Material: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batten, stucco over
wood or brick, metal, logs)

Structural System: (If known)
Wood frame (X) Load-bearing masonry () Iron or Steel ()
Copper Glad Steeple with bell.

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate)

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)

Porches: Front (type and description) Concrete Blocks and Steps, iron pipe handrails.

Rear (type and description) Doesn't apply

Side (type and description) Concrete steps, iron rails, handicapp Ramp

Doors: Main entrance (location, description) Wood 96X30 double; front with gothic design windows, over door

Other entrances (location, description) Side-83X36 door, wood and 9 pane glass top

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade

Types and number per floor for sides and rear

Gothic, clear glass 3 windows per side; 2 Gothic, clear glass windows in alcove.

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features. Double beaded tongue & groove ceiling on all walls. 42" Wainscoting & ceiling now covered with acoustical tile..top upper wall light green; bottom trim wainscoting, dark oak paint; Floor covered tongue & ~~glue~~ ^{groove} Pine, painted and now plywood & indoor/outdoor carpet. See Pictures 3 hanging global and 1 ceiling global lights

Other: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

Note: See pages 3, 4 and 11 of the History Book enclosed

On an additional sheet make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions if possible.

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

Sketch of the floor plan of the building enclosed

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

- STRUCTURE: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the structure. (See examples)
- OBJECT: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the object. (See examples)
- SITE: On a separate sheet of paper give the present description of the site and how the site is believed to have looked during its period of importance.
- DISTRICT: On a separate sheet of paper give a general description of the district. Also needed is a numbered list of the structures in the district corresponding to the sketch map. This listing should include a name for the structure, a date of construction, a brief description, a statement of why the structure is significant, if it is.

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM
Maps enclosed

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Black and white, glossy finish, 5 x 7, or 8 x 10, is preferred.

One early picture and one recent picture enclosed

FORM PREPARED BY

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Town Woodstock,

Organization Woodstock United Methodist Church Historical Committee;
Chairperson, Mary Henderson
Members, Tom Burns
Azor Hayes

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP _____

U. T. M. Reference
 Zone Easting Northing

Thematic Category _____

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER _____

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OF INTEREST CONCERNING
THE WOODSTOCK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

by Mary Henderson

Jesse Cole Persinger was the Methodist Minister that helped to organize the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Woodstock in 1886. From his Autobiography printed in 1988, he says "When the appointments were announced in 1886, I was assigned to Woodstock and Blocton Mission.....when I arrived in Woodstock I found W. B. Martin and his wife expecting me, and they informed me that I would live with them as a member of the family. This I did for a year; no one could have been better to me than this good man and his wife.

There was no organized church at Woodstock, but several Methodist families in the community, a small railroad village, and at Green Pond, two miles further on up the railroad, so I gathered these together and organized a church in the lower story of the Masonic Hall; this floor was also used as a school house."

Dr. Persinger retired in 1936, after 53 years of active service, the longest period of any minister in the history of The North Alabama Conference, which includes the Woodstock Church. He was active from 1883 to 1936, as was stated in his obituary when he died in 1953, at age 90. He had been a member of the North Alabama Conference for 70 years when he died. (from his book)

In further research, of Methodist Churches in Bibb County, we conclude that the Woodstock Methodist Church building is the oldest Methodist Church Building in Bibb County, having had continuous worship services in the same building, with structures inside and outside, still the same as when the building was originally built about 1893, after the land was purchased. It is the oldest Methodist Church building in Bibb County, Alabama with the same original structures as mentioned above.

We have not found a record of the exact date the building was built. The land was purchased in 1893, according to the deed given in the enclosed History book of the church. We have been told by older people in the community that it was built about the same year as the Baptist Church nearby, both built by the same builder. We know it was built before 1900. You will

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find in the Charge Conference minutes enclosed where they reported the Woodstock Church House and Church Furniture & grounds and Parsonage and furniture.

Mrs. Gertrude Burns, born in 1894 and the late Mrs. Eula Hamilton, born in 1893 tells us the Church was built by the same man at the same time as the Woodstock Baptist Church. These ladies were both active in the work of Woodstock Methodist Church. Mrs. Eula Hamilton, before her death when we interviewed her, that her older brother and sister attended the church service on the day it was dedicated. Mrs Hamilton served as postmaster of Woodstock Post Office from 1939 to 1955,.She had worked in The U. S. Post Office for 20 years before she became PostMaster. She said her father, William Ellard, helped with the building of the church.

Mrs. Edna Killian Wade, was a member of the Woodstock Baptist Church. She says her grandfather was one of the carpenters who worked on building the Methodist Church. He was S. J. Hancock, who died in 1899. She said her grandfather, J. W. Rolen told her of the meetings that used to be held together with both churches' members attending. They would alternate the meeting places each Sunday.

Mrs. Gertrude Burns, who was born in 1894 and her two daughters, Willie Nichols, and Merle Hayes, have been members of Woodstock Methodist Church for 67 years, having joined in 1923. The first Tuscaloosa District meeting of the Church's Women's Foreign Missionary Society, met in this church in 1908.

Enclosures:

1986 Centennial History book

1989 Church report of the Church today

Maps of area

Early picture of the church

Recent picture of the church

Floor Plan sketch of church

Page of other important information pertaining to the Church.

Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage nomination form

Church Bulletin of Centennial Celebration, Dec. 18, 1986

SOME OF CHURCH DISTRICTS AND CHARGES
1899-1986

*Copied
by Mary
Henderson*

No records found of changes in the district in which Woodstock Church has served. It is in the Tuscaloosa District of The North Alabama Conference.

The following is a list of some churches serving on the same Charge as Woodstock;

1899-1900 Woodstock, Johns, Adger and Greely, with J. W. Cowan, P.C. D. L. Parish, Presiding Elder and C. R. Walters, Secretary. The first Quarterly Conference met Jan. 13, 1900 at Adger. They reported three Sunday Schools at Adger, Woodstock and Johns. Total amount of money from all sources during the year was \$747.75 with 180 members up from 152 the year before. Nine members had been received by certificate and two removed by certificate and two had died. They were Mrs. Hester Thorp and J. W. Hamilton.

April 21, 1900, second Quarterly Conference, R. S. Moore was elected as Secretary, met at Greely, Ala.

Third Quarterly Conference met, July 21, 1900 at Johns. Rev. J. W. Tucker, pastor of Northport and South Siell was visiting and gave the worship. Dr. J. C. Jones was elected Sec. They had three Epworth Leagues--Johns/Sumpter, Adger and Woodstock. A fourth Sunday School had been organized at Greely.

Fourth Quarterly Conference met November 19, 1900 at Adger. Sunday School Superintendents elected were; C. J. Blankenship, W. B. Martin and H. A. Milner. They voted to sell the old church house and seats at Adger and the proceeds be applied to the new church building at Adger.

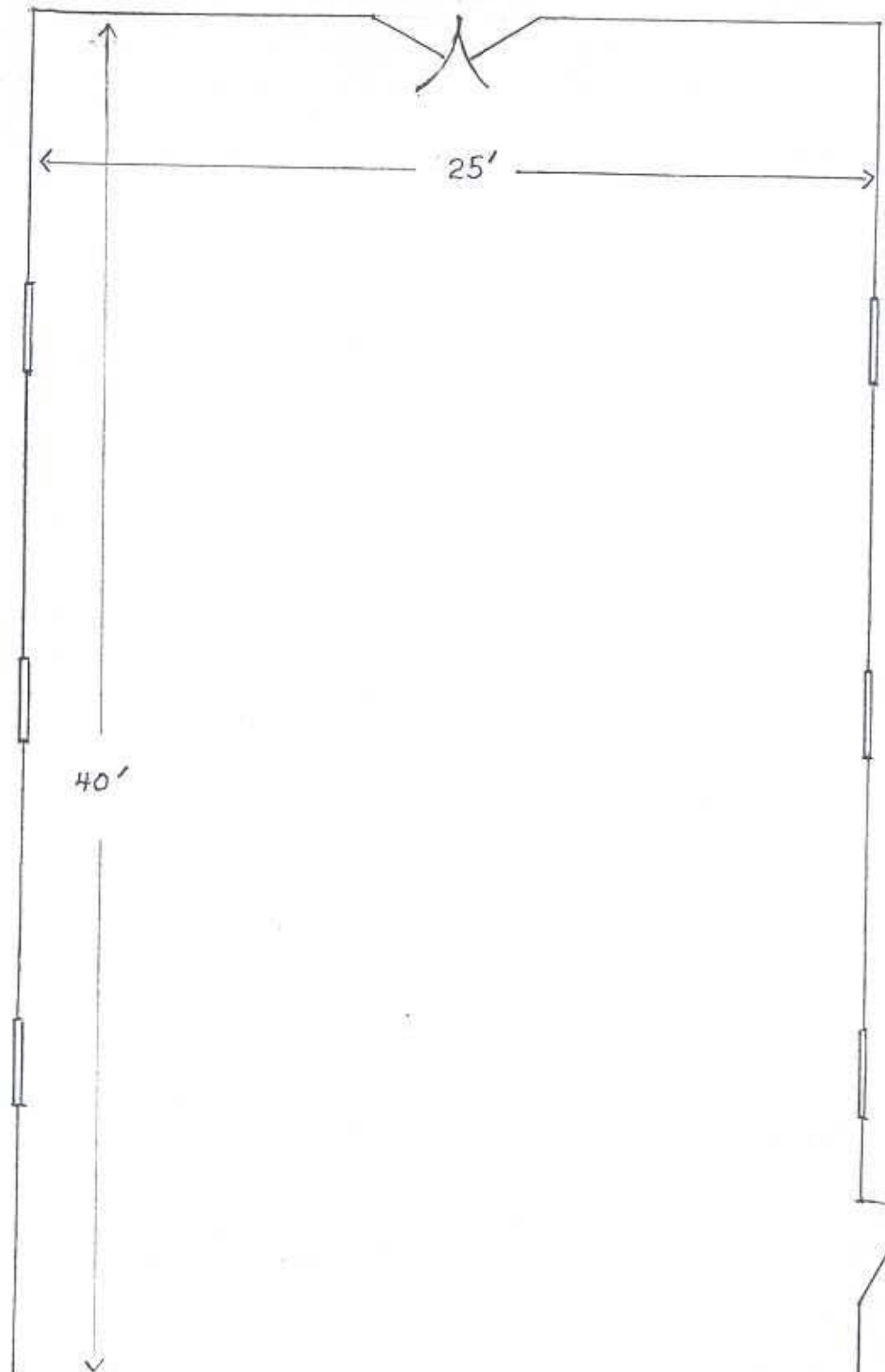
The board of Trustees of Woodstock-Johns Charge, Tuscaloosa District, North Alabama Conference reported that Woodstock Has Church House and Church furniture and grounds valued at \$1,250.00. Deeds good containing Trust Clause Recorded at Centreville County Site Bibb County.

Parsonage and Furniture at Woodstock valued at \$75.00, Church furniture at Johns, \$75.00, no church house. Adger Charge church house and furniture and lots \$475.00 and old church \$30.00 Greely church furniture \$75.00, making a total of \$2,595.00 valued properties in the charges. Signed, P. G. Dunlap, Chairman, J. C. Jones, Secretary and Treasury.

1900-1901 Quarterly Conference Roll of members of Johns, Woodstock, Greely and Adger were; W. T. Hernden, P. C. D. L. Parrish, Presiding Elder. Stewarts were; P. G. Dunlap, C. R. Walters, Geo. Shores, Dr. J. C. Jones, W. H. Miller, S. S. Shores, Dr. R. C. Jones, Dr. Thos. Gross, R. S. Moon, Sunday School Supts. C. J. Blankenship, W. B. Martin, and H. A. Milner.

Total amount of money from all sources was \$985.00

MAIN ENTRANCE



40'

25'

19'

10½'

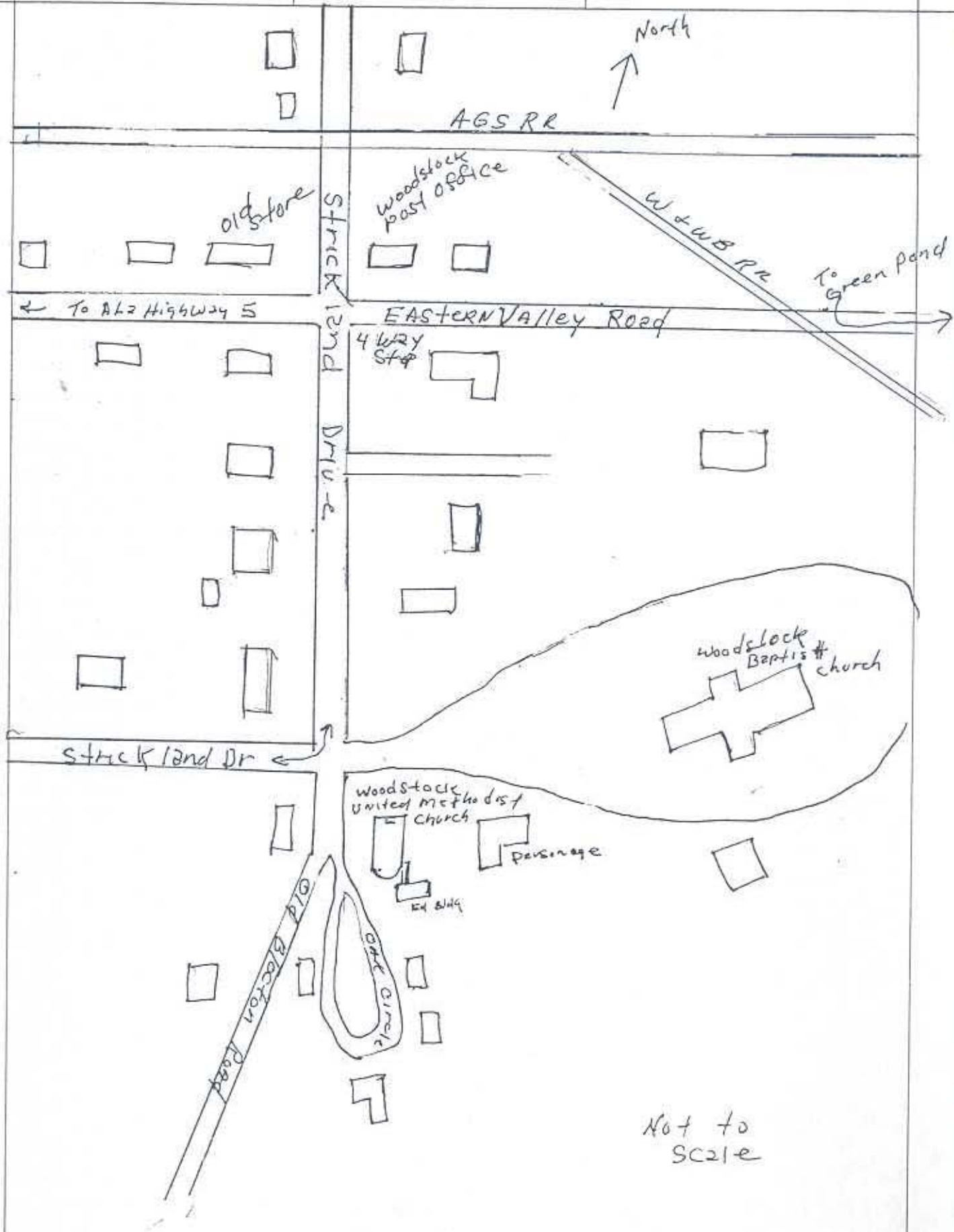
WOODSTOCK
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

WOODSTOCK, ALA.

SCALE: ← = 1 FOOT

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3-0236 - 100 SHEETS - 5 SQUARES
3-0237 - 200 SHEETS - 5 SQUARES

GOLD KEY

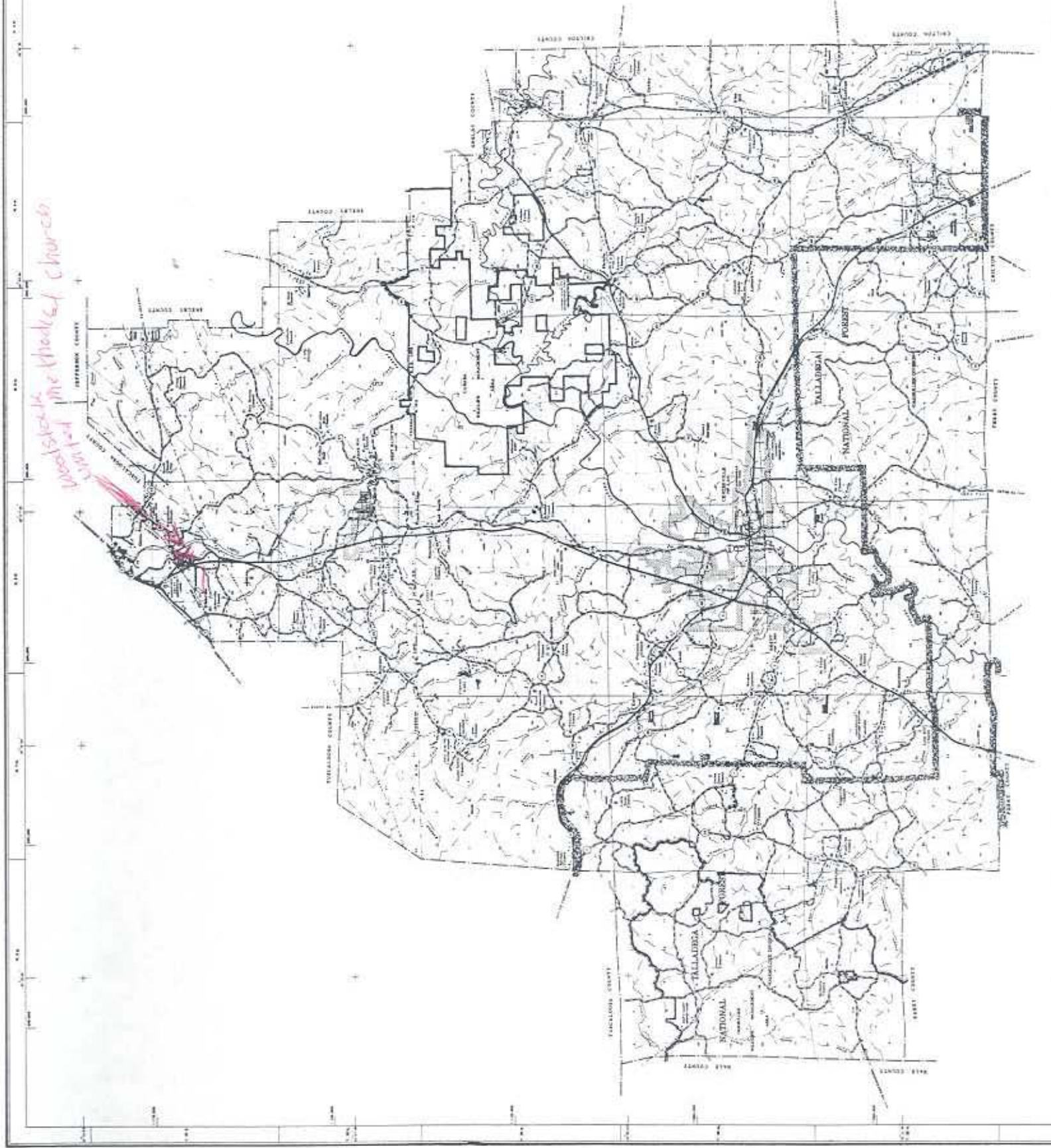


Not to Scale

Woodstock in the thicket church

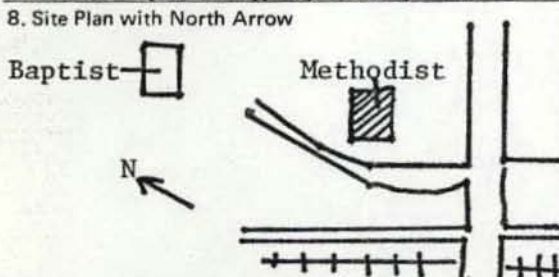
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ALABAMA HISTORIC INVENTORY

1. No. 17 2. County Bibb 3. Location of Negatives WAPDC-Tuscaloosa	4. Present Name(s) Woodstock United Methodist Church 5. Other Name(s)	1. No. 17 2. County Bibb 4. Present Name(s) Woodstock United Methodist Church
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6. Specific Location Woodstock Community 7. City or Town If Rural, Township & Vicinity Blocton Quadrangle, T21S, R6W 8. Site Plan with North Arrow 	16. Thematic Category 17. Date(s) or Period about 1885 18. Style or Design 19. Architect or Engineer 20. Contractor or Builder 21. Original Use, if apparent Church 22. Present Use Church 23. Ownership Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Owner's Name & Address, if known Woodstock United Methodist Congregation 25. Local Contact Mr. C. C. Woods	27. No. of Stories 1 28. Basement? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 29. Foundation Material wood-brick pillars 30. Wall Construction wood frame 31. Roof Type & Material Gable-composition 32. No. of Bays Front 1 Side 3 33. Wall Treatment woodsiding 34. Plan Shape Rectangle 35. Changes Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> (Explain in No. 41) 36. Condition Interior <u>good</u> Exterior <u>good</u> 37. Preservation Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Underway? 38. Endangered? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By What? 39. Visible from Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Public Road? 40. Acreage, Lot Size 1/2 acre
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9. Coordinates **Blocton Quadrangle**
 Lat. **33°12'25"** Long. **87°08'59"**
 U.T.M. Reference
 Zone Easting Northing
 10. Site Structure
 Building Object

Additional Data

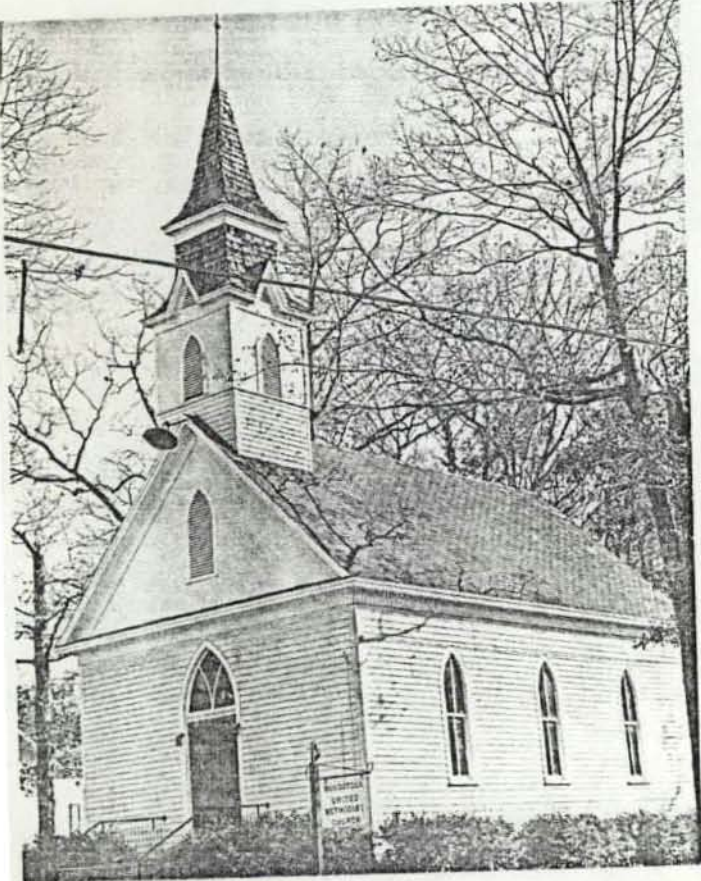
nd gables. Pointed

Photo

is a thriving community.

The Methodists and the Baptists share a parking

45. Prepared By WAPDC	46. Phone
48. Staff Member	47. Date 4/79
49. Revision Date(s)	



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WOODSTOCK, ALABAMA
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1886-1986





