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Alabama Register Property Information

1. Name LESTER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNEX

historic BLOUNT COUNTY ACTIVITY BUILDING

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 108 3RD AVENUE E

city, town ONEONTA _____ vicinity of

state ALABAMA county BLOUNT

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name LESTER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

street & number 108 3RD AVE E

city, town ONEONTA _____ vicinity of state ALABAMA

5. Please use space below to sketch floor plan/site plan.

SEE EXHIBITS 1, 2,3

6. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date <u>APRIL 24, 1991</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The building is two story of native sandstone veneer built in a "T" shape with full basement and flat roof. It is in good condition and has not changed in appearance since it was constructed in 1940, except for the attachment to the back left side of a covered walk to the nearby Lester Memorial United Methodist Church.

The front faces 2nd street and the right side is on 4th avenue. There are 17 windows of 12 panes, 8 half windows of 4 panes, and a central double door with cantilever overhang. The front ends have 10 windows (5 each) of 12 panes and 6 windows of 4 panes in the basement. The left front end has one door to the boiler room.

The back wing roof is raised 3 feet higher than the front because of the auditorium on the 2nd floor. 21 windows are 12 panes except the 11 auditorium windows which are 15 panes and 18 basement windows of 4 panes and a 3 pane auditorium window that serves as a fire escape. There are 4 doors, 2 to the main floor and 2 to the basement.

The back of the building has 5 windows of 12 panes on 1st floor, 4 basement windows of 6 panes. There are no windows on the 2nd floor. There is a door to the basement. New blue and white awnings cover the 4 basement windows.

The left side of the back wing has 8 windows of 12 panes, 6 windows of 15 panes and two doors. The right side of the back wing is a repeat of the left side except one of the auditorium windows upstairs has been converted from 15 pane to 3 pane for fire escape exit. A cyclone fenced area has been attached for a play area for the day care center children.

7. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1940	Builder/Architect	WEAVER, HORACE MILLER
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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Construction of the Blount County Activity Building was completed in 1940 through the WPA public buildings program at a cost of approximately \$70,000. It was built to house the Farm Extension Program, Health Unit, Public Welfare Department and the Education Department. In 1976 the building was sold by the County to Lester Memorial United Methodist Church for \$52,500.00 and has been used for church and pastor's office, classrooms, and a daycare center since that time.

The plaque in the front hall reads:

BLOUNT COUNTY ACTIVITY BUILDING
 WPA 1940
 SPONSORED BY
 BLOUNT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY
 BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION
 J. R. COPELAND, PROBATE JUDGE

8. Major Bibliographical References

THE SOUTHERN DEMOCRAT, AUGUST 10, 1939, MARCH 28, 1940

JUDGE OF PROBATE, BLOUNT COUNTY, DEED BOOK 240 PAGE 345

BLOUNT COUNTY HERITAGE BOOK, 1989

9. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 1/2 ACRE

Quadrangle name ONEONTA

Quadrangle scale 1 - 2400'

Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE ATTACHED

10. Form Prepared By

name/title C. WARREN WEAVER - BLOUNT COUNTY RECORDS CLERK AND ARCHIVIST

organization BLOUNT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

date APRIL 24, 1991

street & number 220 2ND AVE E (P O BOX 45)

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city or town ONEONTA

state AL 35121

11. Please submit color slides of the property with this form.

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form to:

ALABAMA REGISTER COORDINATOR
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY ALABAMA 36130