



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY Blount

NAME: Present Blountsville Methodist Church Historic

LOCATION: Street and Number Church and College Street

Town (Give directions if rural) Blountsville

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

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

USE: Present Religious Historic Religious

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (X)

Owner's Name Blountsville Methodist Church

Mailing Address

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 () Not planned (X)

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

Acreage

For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow. Show related buildings.

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 (X) National ()
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure
() other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)

The church is one of the oldest congregations in the state, having been organized in 1818. The building itself is a nice Victorian Gothic structure.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance. 1886.

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)

Otto Puls, a native of Germany who came to the U.S. and settled in Chicago where he worked reconstructing buildings following the Chicago fire.

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)

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

DESCRIPTION: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories 1 1/2 Foundation Brick & Concrete Basement _____

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

Weatherboard.

Structural System: (If known)

Wood frame (X) Load-bearing masonry () Iron or Steel ()

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

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

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

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)
Boxed cornice, brackets and gable trim.

Porches: Front (type and description) hipped roofed porch covers 3/4 of front, has
4 carved posts with woodwork trim.

Rear (type and description) None.

Side (type and description) None.

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)

Double door, cross and bible in center of front gable,
Other entrances (location, description)

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade

Round stained glass window, lancet arch window in front of bell tower,
Types and number per floor for sides and rear

4 lancet arch arched double hung sash windows on each side.

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

Solid oak pews, a 2 foot high alter rail carved around the pulpit is of poplar,
black walnut and gum. Pulpit itself is of black walnut all original to the
building.

A 3 foot high hickory panelling wainscoting is on all the walls in the sanctuary.
The interior ceiling is covered by hickory panelling and has 3 large decorative
wooden beams. From the center of these beams hang 3 chandeliers.

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

A wing was added to the rear in 1950 and heat and air conditioning was
added in 1960.

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

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

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

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.

FORM PREPARED BY

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
Town _____
Organization _____

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP Blountsville Quadrangle

U. T. M. Reference 10 53 7 8 4 0 3 7 7 1 1 8 0
Zone Easting Northing

Thematic Category _____

Added to ALABAMA REGISTER _____

NATIONAL REGISTER Potential

To Garden City Hwy.26

U.S. Highway 231

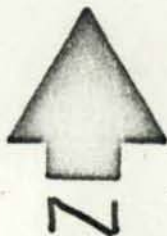
College Street

Church Street

Church

Methodist Church
Graveyard

To Cleveland



Blountsville
Methodist Church
Downtown-Blountsville



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Blount	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Blountsville Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC: Blountsville Methodist Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Corner of Church and College st. downtown Blountsville.

CITY OR TOWN: Blountsville

STATE: Alabama CODE: 01 COUNTY: Blount CODE: 009

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Blountsville Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER: Corner of Church and College street

CITY OR TOWN: Blountsville STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Blount County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: P.O. Box 549 1st. Ave. E.

CITY OR TOWN: Oneonta STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: _____

DATE OF SURVEY: _____ Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This beautiful old church was designed and built by a German born architect named Otto Puls in 1886. The large white frame structure stands one block east of highway 231 in downtown Blountsville, Alabama.

The building is a large rectangular shaped structure with a wing connected onto the back of the sanctuary which gives it an "T" shape. The church was originally decorated in the manner of the greatest glory of English parrish churches of the fifteenth century. The building has a thrilling array of arch braces with decorative designs which adds a great deal of structural richness to it.

Approaching the church from the front, one sees a tall belfry on the left with a recessed area to the right which has a small porch. The porch is supported by four white wooden posts which have decorative woodwork at the top of each one. Upon entering the porch, there are double doors leading into the large, spacious sanctuary. Above these doors, on the front of the building are two stained glass windows. The one immediately above the doors is a stained glass fanlight, and about twelve feet above it is a large, circular shaped stained glass window with vibrant colors and a cross inside it, which is illuminated at night. The roof of the building originally contained wood shingles, but has now been replaced with a conventional green shingle roof.

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Sheet # 2 Description:

On entering the sanctuary, there is a long beige carpet leading from the front doors to the altar rail and then around the pulpit. On each side of the carpet are two long rows of pews which are made of solid oak. The two foot high altar rail is curved around the pulpit and is made of poplar, black walnut, and gum. The pulpit itself is constructed of black walnut, and is flanked on either side by two beautiful massive wooden chairs. The altar rail and pulpit are both original.

Wainscoting is used on the walls around the entire sanctuary and is about three feet high and made of hickory paneling. There are four high, Gothic style windows on each side of the sanctuary. These windows are made of colorful stained glass. The interior ceiling is covered by hickory paneling and has three large, massive, decorative wooden beams which are exposed. This adds a touch of European architecture to the building. There are three beautiful chandeliers hanging about ten feet apart from the highest point of the ceiling. In the back of the sanctuary, there are two doors which leads to the wing which is attached onto the back of the sanctuary. This wing was added in 1950 and houses six sunday school rooms, a kitchen, and a dining room. Central air conditioning and heat was added to the church in 1963. The church is currently in excellent condition.

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

1886

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-
losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
Church |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-
itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This beautiful old church is one of the oldest in the state of Alabama. It was organized in 1818 by Reverend Ebenezer Hearn as a point where he preached on a missionary journey through the southeast. It is told that Reverend Hearn was not afraid of hard work, and could take an axe, a hammer and a saw, and with the help of his congregation, go out and build a sturdy house of worship.

The first church was a square shaped log cabin which was located a little north of the location of the present structure. The old church had no steeple and had one big room with rough log benches which had no backs. Legs on the benches were inverted V peg legs.

The present building was constructed in 1886. It was designed and built by a German architect named Otto Puls. Mr. Puls was a native of Germany and came to the United States and settled in Chicago, Illinois, where he worked reconstructing buildings following the Chicago fire. He then moved to nearby Garden City where he waked on

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Sheet # 2 Statement of Significance:

many buildings in and around Blountsville. One can detect that Mr. Puls was greatly influenced by European architecture when he built the Blountsville Methodist Church.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blount County Historical Commission. History of Blount County, Oneonta, Alabama: Blount County Historical Association, 1973

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 P.O. Drawer B
 Blountsville, Alabama
 Phone-429-3374

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		34° 04' 46"	36° 35' 22"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One half acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mr. Donald Moseley (Jim Scott)

ORGANIZATION: Birmingham Regional Planning Commission DATE: April 1973

STREET AND NUMBER: 2121 Building 8th. Ave. N.

CITY OR TOWN: Birmingham STATE: Alabama CODE: 01

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Alabama State Highway Map			
SCALE: One half inch equals one mile			
DATE: 1966			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Jim Scott			
DATE OF PHOTO: April 1973			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Birmingham Regional Planning Commission			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			

Alabama State Highway Map
Scale $\frac{1}{2}$ " = 1 Mile
Date: 1966
Blount County

