

STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA INVENTORY AND WORKSHEET FOR LANDMARKS

COUNTY BullockPRESENT NAME Fitzpatrick United Metho- HISTORIC NAME Church of the Seven Sisters
dist ChurchLOCATION (Street and number) Turn north from AL 110, at Reynolds Grocery, 1 mile on
the right.TOWN (Give directions if rural) FitzpatrickPRESENT USE Church HISTORIC USE church

OWNERSHIP: Public () Private (X) Public acquisition being considered ()

OWNER'S NAME Alabama-Northwest Florida Conference of United
Methodist Church

MAILING ADDRESS _____

Fitzpatrick, Alabama

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

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

From where? _____ Give details in significance.

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

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

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () Scattered buildings (X)
High building density () Commercial () Industrial ()
Residential () Rural (X)If there are numerous buildings in the area, could this structure be part of a
Historic District?SIGNIFICANCE: Why is this important (X) associated with events, persons, or movements
Local (X) State () National ()
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure
() otherExplain: (Expand on the significance of the building. If architecturally significant,
give details being very specific. Additional data on what aspects of the
community's development the building represents, or a specific event, trend
or person related to the building's importance.)

Founded in 1858 by seven ladies, the present church building was probably
not built till the late 1800's. It has continued to serve the community
since that time.

Date of Construction: c. 1870's

Builder or Architect: (Give names and biographies, if known)

Original Owner: (Give name and biographies--attach additional sheet if necessary)

Subsequent Owners (Give name and biographies)

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State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

SECTION III: DESCRIPTION (In each category please state if elements are not original)
YOU MUST PROVIDE US WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE STRUCTURE, SHOWING FRONT, SIDE, REAR
AND NOTABLE DETAILS.

Number of stories One Foundation Brick piers
Basement None Interior framing or structural system Wood
Frame

Exterior wall material and design: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
Clapboard

Roof type and covering:

Roof Trim: (Cornices, vergeboard, brackets, etc.) Gable, Asbestos shingles

Boxed cornice with craved brackets

Chimneys: (Give number, location, and material)

None

Porches: Front (type and description) None, steps lead directly to door

Rear (type and description) None

Side (type and description) None

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)
Center front double doors, topped with two pane transom
Other entrances: (location, description)

Windows: (Give types, number for each floor of facade, describe trim)

None on front

(Give types, number per floor for rear and sides)

4 9/9 double hung sash windows on each side and 2 on the rear

INTERIOR FEATURES

Mantels: (Number, location, and description):

None

Describe interior window and door trim:

Plain trim frame doors to anti-rooms, others have architrave trim
Stairways (types, locations and features)

None

Wall and ceiling finish: (Include wainscoting, plasterwork, cornices, etc.)

Walls - Plaster, has dark brown stained beaded wainscoting

Ceiling - Beaded boards

Flooring: hardwood floors, Not original Notable hardware: _____

General setting and orientation:

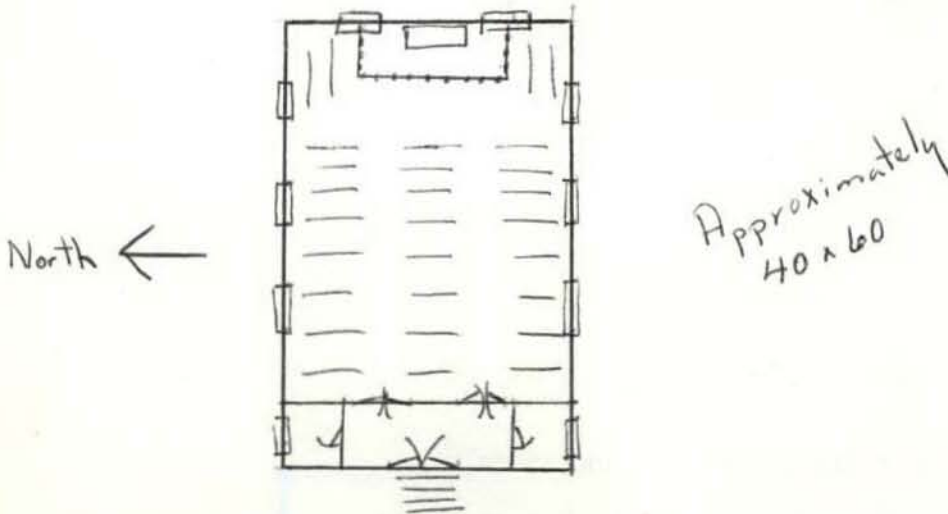
Set in rural community - only active church in the community

Outbuildings:

There is a parsonage that is now used as Sunday School Rooms and for church dinners.

Give all alterations and additions: (Be specific, give date of change and original appearance when known)

Make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions, related structures, and additions. Also give north arrow and indicate front of the structure.



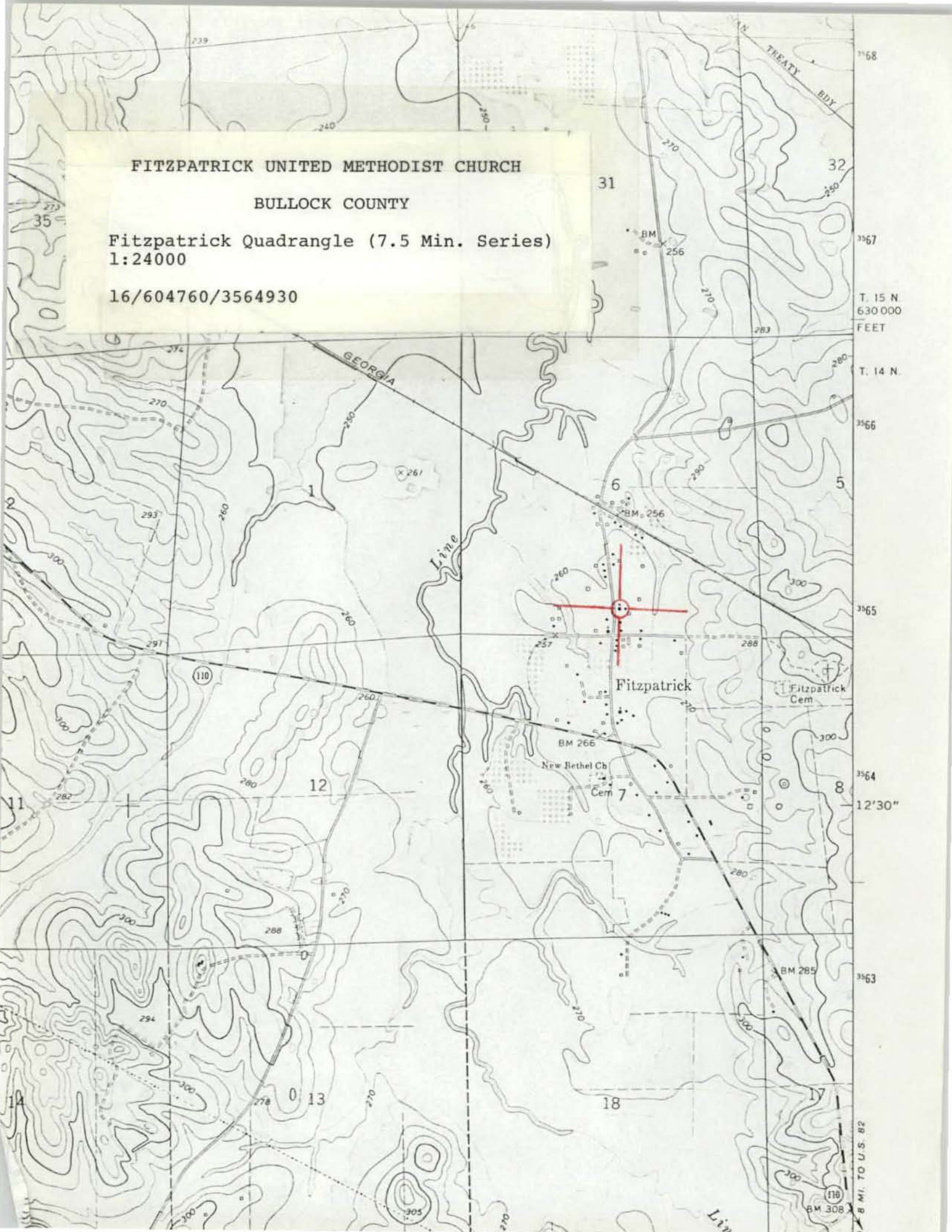
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Town Fitzpatrick, Alabama 36029
Organization Church of the Seven Sisters

FITZPATRICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BULLOCK COUNTY

Fitzpatrick Quadrangle (7.5 Min. Series)
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FITZPATRICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In the mid-1800s, the nearest church to Fitzpatrick was miles away. Several families took turns hosting worship services in their homes on Sunday mornings.

Seven of the ladies decided to organize a church. They worked hard and finally managed to construct a building. They called the new church, "The Church of Seven Sisters". The "sisters" were Mrs. J. C. Reid, Mrs. Phil Baldwin, Mrs. Sara Ann Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Bunkley, Mrs. Ligon, Mrs. John Campbell, and Mrs. Nannie Huffman.

It became a Methodist church because three of the ladies were Methodist, while only two were Baptist, one Presbyterian, and one Episcopalian.

Albert G. Wray gave them the land. A copy of the deed is in the Archives and History Building in Montgomery, dated December 1858.

In 1978, this Church was placed on the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.



FITZPATRICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fitzpatrick, Alabama

December 1, 1996

FITZPATRICK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bishop: William Wesley Morris District Supt: Joseph Lisenby
 Pastors: Roger Dick Johns, Lay Leader: Joe Gholston
 Louise Stowe Johns Board Chair: James J. Moore
 Organist: Margaret Moore

AN ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

December '6 9:30 A. M. Color: Purple

First Sunday in Advent
 World AIDS Day

Prelude Organist
 Welcome and Announcements
 Concerns and Joys
 *Call to Worship:
 Leader: You know what time it is,
 **People: How it is now the moment
 for you to wake from sleep.**
 Leader: For salvation is nearer to us now
 than when we became believers;
 People: The night is far gone, the day is near.
 Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness
 People: And put on the armor of light.
 *Hymn of Praise: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" 211
 *Affirmation of Faith: "The Apostles' Creed" 881
 The Feeding of the Lambs

Pastoral Prayer
 The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
 Let us pray.
 The Lord's Prayer
 Offering
 Offertory
 *Doxology: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" 95
 Prayer of Illumination:
 **Lord, open our hearts and minds with the power of your
 Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word
 proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us
 today. Amen.**
 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9
 *Hymn of Preparation: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 196
 *Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13:24-37
 The Word of God,
 Thanks be to God.
 Sermon: "Taking Our Time Seriously" Roger Dick Johns
 Invitation to Christian Discipleship
 *Hymn of Dedication: "Away in a Manger" 217
 *Blessing and Benediction
 *Postlude

*Please stand.

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Bible Study: Each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the
 Conference Room (old Church Office) at First UMC Union Springs.
Christmas Program: Sunday December 15th at 5:30 p.m., under the
 direction of Jane Paulk. Our White Christmas Offering for the Selma
 Children's Home will be collected.