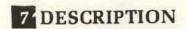
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County Line Baptist Church, located one mile east of Dudleyville in Chambers County, is a single-story structure of woodframe construction. Built in 1889, the church has undergone only minor alterations such as the addition of a baptismal pool behind the pulpit area.

The main block of the building is rectangular with a simple two-bay facade composed of 2 double-leaf pedimented doors leading into the sanctuary. Each door is topped by a 3-paned transom.

Windows on each side of the building are 2/1 double-hung sash, each topped with a wooden arch with keystone-type centerpiece. The interior of each slightly raised arch is filled with horizontal siding much narrower than that of the remainder of the building.

The gabled roof's trim is a boxed cornice with returns. The facade gable has trim consisting of collar-tie and king post with a sharply pointed finial above. The 3 remaining sides have evenly spaced brackets beneath the roofline.

The interior has remained virtually unaltered with original features such as the pews still in use. A frame room lower in height than the building's main block was added to the rear of the structure.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Located in Chambers County one mile east of Dudleyville, County Line Baptist Church was established in 1835 by a group of area settlers under the guidance of three Baptist ministers. Although some of the land had been cleared and some crude homes had been built, the area had been occupied by Creek Indians less than two years before.

With a charter membership of 12, the congregation met to choose the site for the church building. The present site was chosen and a log structure erected to house the congregation on land bought from the Creek Indian Nation by one of the charter members. The well-preserved church minutes show that at one point services were halted due to the hostility of the Creek Indians still in the area.

The present building replaced the log structure in 1889 and has been used continuously since that time.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Added to National Register

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Personal interviews with descendants of early area settlers

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