

# ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

Alabama Historical Commission  
725 Monroe Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Reeves (Reaves) Chapel Methodist Church and Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

Same as above

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2 (15 mi. S. E. of Camden on County Rd. 16)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Camden

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

CODE

COUNTY

Wilcox

CODE

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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

Reaves Memorial Chapel and Cemetery Association--Raymond Pharr, President

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Coy

STATE

Alabama

VICINITY OF

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Wilcox County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Camden

STATE

Alabama

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

(Cemetery) Alabama Inventory

DATE

1978

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Alabama Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Montgomery

STATE

Alabama

## 7 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Reeves (Reaves) Chapel Methodist Church is a single-room building of woodframe construction built c. 1900. The building is very simple with the only ornamentation being a boxed cornice with returns as roof trim.

The two-bay facade consists of a set of single-leaf four-panel doors leading directly into the sanctuary. The right and left exterior walls each have three 6/6 double-hung sash windows.

The building rests on red brick piers. Plain steps of the same brick lead to and span the entrances. There have been no structural alterations to the building since its construction. The church is in a rural setting with a cemetery adjacent.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Reeves (Reaves) Chapel Methodist Church, located fifteen miles southeast of Camden on Wilcox County Highway 16, is a well preserved example of one-room rural religious architecture of the early twentieth century.

Reeves Chapel was founded c. 1860 and a structure for worship existed as early as the mid-1870's. The earliest marked graves in the adjoining cemetery are dated 1872, 1874, and 1875. Although a construction date for the earlier church is not well documented, it is known that fire destroyed it between 1890 and 1895. The present building was constructed on the same site c. 1900. The 1870's structure served both as a church and as a school for the community.

Since 1974, the building and grounds have been under the care of the Reeves Memorial Chapel and Cemetery Association, the current owners. Although no longer used for regular worship services, the church serves as a funeral chapel on occasion, and as a community gathering place. The cemetery still serves the larger community area.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Swanson, Florence Lambrecht, Reeves (Reaves) Chapel Methodist Church  
and Cemetery, 1979.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

QUADRANGLE NAME Vredenburgh

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 468699 3526940

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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Thematic Category Society-Religion

National Register Potential \_\_\_\_\_

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