

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: (Old) South Henderson Church and Cemetery

AND/OR HISTORIC: South Henderson Church and Cemetery

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Section 12

CITY OR TOWN: Gladstone Township CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 19th

STATE: Illinois CODE: COUNTY: Henderson CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>funereal</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: United Presbyterian Synod of Illinois (Church), and Old South Henderson Cemetery Association (Cemetery)

STREET AND NUMBER: Mr. Arnold Stonebeck, President
Old South Henderson Cemetery Association

CITY OR TOWN: Gladstone STATE: Illinois CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Henderson County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER: 4th and Warren

CITY OR TOWN: Oquawka STATE: Illinois CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Illinois Department of Conservation, Division of Historic Sites

STREET AND NUMBER: 901 1/2 South Spring Street

CITY OR TOWN: Springfield STATE: Illinois 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 type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The South Henderson Church and Cemetery occupy a secluded site on the rural countryside 2 miles north and approximately 2½ miles west of Biggsville, Illinois in Henderson County. Building and site have suffered few if any incursion since established during the nineteenth century.

The building is original, except where maintenance was required. It is rectangular in plan, measuring 45' x 70', and stands 20' in height to the horizontal eaves. Fenestration consists of 13 windows and four doorways. The materials are local limestone for the exterior walls, hauled from the creek nearby by members of the congregation. Dressed stone was used for lintels and sills and a string course at the foundation on the east facade. The stone construction is combined with timber framing, with wood doors, jambs, associated millwork and floors. The interior walls and ceiling are finished with a hard lime finish and painted. Its original cost, according to treasurer's records, was \$ 3,855.55.

Such changes as have been made are:

- 1869: A partition was built across the width and height of the interior to provide a vestibule 10' wide at the east of the building. At the north and south ends of the vestibule are rooms measuring 10' x 7'.
- 1945: New roof.
- 1949: Kerosene chandeliers were converted to electricity.

The cemetery is situated across from the church (eastward) and consists of two distinct sections separated by a gully. An unimproved roadway runs between the church and cemetery. Along the roadway, protecting the cemetery, is an iron fence with a gateway bearing the date 1920.

Buried there are soldiers of the Revolutionary War and subsequent American wars of the nineteenth century. Almost all the gravemarkers are original and in good condition, save for the effects of weather on the older ones.

To the north and south of the church are open spaces used for picnicking and games.

Building and grounds are well cared for, expenses being covered by a bequest administered by the Old South Henderson Cemetery Association.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input 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/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <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

The South Henderson Church, first organized on 1835, is a part of the history of Illinois and its settlement by various religious groups. It is there also that the founding of Monmouth College was conceived. The present building, constructed in 1854, is a fine example of vernacular architecture, and its condition is a tribute to the craftsmanship which went into its construction.

The history of the congregation is an integral part of the role which religion played in the frontier life of the nineteenth century in America, and in the settlement of Illinois. First organized in 1835, the South Henderson Church belongs to the era which saw the establishment of communities such as Bishop Hill, Galesburg, that of the Mormons at Nauvoo, along with others, and it serves as an illustrative complement to the theocratic colonies of the period.

Its founders were settlers from Indiana, led by David Finley, father-in-law of William Jamison, one of the first three elders of the church organized as a part of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The congregation established itself in the precinct of South Henderson Community, such as there may have been, was known as Jamison Settlement, and until 1837, when a wood structure was built specifically as a church; Jamison's barn served the congregation for purposes of worship. Construction of the present building was undertaken in 1854, and the first services were held in it the first Sunday of July 1855, at which time the building was entered free of debt.

The building was built during the pastorate of the Reverend Robert Ross, who had come to the congregation in 1850. It was Ross, along with a fellow clergyman from nearby Cedar Creek named James C. Porter, who initiated action at a meeting of the Second Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Church of Illinois (the meeting held at South Henderson) to found an "academy" at Monmouth. That was October 18, 1852. In April 1853, the presbytery named a committee of eleven which was to become the Board of Trustees of Monmouth Academy, later Monmouth College. Ross was a member of this original committee, and in 1857 he left South Henderson to serve the college in a professorial role as well as that of trustee for the remainder of his life. He died in 1874.

In 1954, the congregation disbanded. Previously, in 1929, the Old

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South Henderson Association was incorporated to oversee and care for the cemetery. The ownership of the church and immediate grounds remains with the United Presbyterian Synod of Illinois. Use of these is accorded the Old South Henderson Cemetery Association on the proviso that the property is properly maintained.

As described, the building is in excellent condition, and together with its site (including the cemetery) represents not only the history of a congregation or its role in the history of Illinois, but itself is a worthy example of excellent craftsmanship practiced under the austere conditions of the lingering frontier. Untrammelled by American Colonial or European Revival Styles, it is unelaborated by ecclesiastical iconography, except with the vestigial use of two doorways which recalls the practice of segregating men and women at services.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Davenport, F. Garvin, Monmouth College, The First Hundred Years, 1853-1953.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1953.

The Story of South Henderson, published by the South Henderson Cemetery Association, 1950.

History of Mercer County, Containing also a Short History of Henderson County. Chicago, 1882.

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Titus M. Karlowicz

ORGANIZATION: Western Illinois University DATE: 16 April 1976

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Macomb STATE: Illinois CODE: 61455

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.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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STATE ILLINOIS

Date Entered OCT 14 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
South Henderson Church and Cemetery	Gladstone vicinity Henderson County

Also Notified

Hon. Charles H. Percy
Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson
Hon. Tom Railsback

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