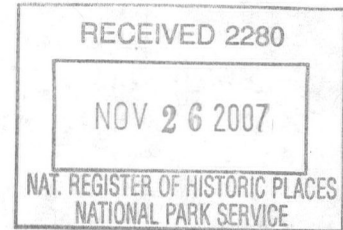


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### National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

#### 1. Name of Property

historic name Livingstonville Community Church

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Location

street & number 1667 Hauverville Road [ ] not for publication

city or town Livingstonville [ ] vicinity

state New York code NY county Schoharie code 095 zip code 12122

#### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [ X ] nomination [ ] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements as set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [ X ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [ ] nationally [ ] statewide [ X ] locally. ([ ] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Ruth A. Purpoint*  
Signature of certifying official/Title

*DSHPO*  
Commissioner

*11/16/07*  
Date

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [ ] meets [ ] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([ ] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register [ ] see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register [ ] see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

date of action

*Edson H. Beall* *1.9.08*

5. Classification

Ownership of Property  
(check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Non-contributing	
1	1	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	1	<b>TOTAL</b>

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions  
(enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions  
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

RELIGION/religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials  
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY/Greek Revival

foundation STONE

walls WOOD

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description  
(See continuation sheet)

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Livingstonville, Schoharie Co. NY  
County and State

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**Description**

The Livingstonville Community Church is located on the east side of Hauverville Road in the hamlet of Livingstonville. The boundary of the nominated property encompasses a parcel only slightly larger than the building itself. The church parcel is situated amid residential properties a short distance north of present New York State Route 145, the historic Loonenburg Turnpike, which crossed the Catskill Mountains to link the Schoharie and Hudson Valleys.

The church building is a rectangular, gable roofed, vernacular Greek Revival building situated with its principal gable-end front oriented facing west. The structural system is a heavy timber frame of hewn post-and-beam construction resting on a fieldstone foundation. The building is sheathed in narrow clapboard siding. A plain molded cornice defines the roofline. Fenestration is regular and symmetrical, consisting of tall, narrow rectangular openings surmounted by pointed wood lintels that suggest Gothic arches. The present windows were installed in 1880, replacing earlier windows of unknown form.

The Gothic windows contain simple 2/2 wood sash. The principal (west) elevation is organized around a center entrance pavilion with gable pediment. Double leaf, paneled doors are located within a simple molded architrave. An engaged, clapboard sheathed bell tower is surmounted by an open belfry with triangular, pointed steeple. The original bell remains in place. A small octagonal window with cruciform tracery is centered on the bell tower above the entrance.

The interior of the church consists of an entrance vestibule with a center door giving access to the sanctuary. A center aisle bisecting the worship space terminates at a raised dais. Two banks of curved, varnished wood pews flank the center aisle. The pews were installed in the 1880s. A small balcony at the west end of the sanctuary is reached by a steep winding stairs in the southwest corner of the vestibule. The balcony currently is located above a suspended ceiling installed in the 1980s. (The original plaster ceiling of the sanctuary remains in place above the suspended tile ceiling.) The walls of the sanctuary are covered in wallpaper over plaster above a varnished beaded wainscot. The chancel is located on the raised dais, bordered by a communion rail of turned, varnished wood balusters and newels dating from the Greek Revival period. The altar table is located in front of a Gothic-arched alcove set into the west gable end wall. The chancel area of the dais and alcove is simply furnished with a communion serving table, lectors' chairs and an upright piano.

Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- [ ] A Property associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
[ ] B Property is associated with the lives of persons
[X] C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
[ ] D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

- [X] A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
[ ] B removed from its original location
[ ] C a birthplace or grave
[ ] D a cemetery
[ ] E a reconstructed building, object, or structure
[ ] F a commemorative property
[ ] G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance:

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance:

1849-1880

Significant Dates:

1849; 1880

Significant Person:

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheet)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

Roscoe, William E. History of Schoharie County, New York. Syracuse, 1882.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- [ ] preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
[ ] previously listed in the National Register
[ ] previously determined eligible by the National Register
[ ] designated a National Historic Landmark
[ ] recorded by historic American Building Survey #
[ ] recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary location of additional data:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
[ ] Other State agency
[ ] Federal Agency
[ ] Local Government
[ ] University
[ ] Other repository:

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County and State

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**Statement of Significance**

The Livingstonville Community Church is significant under Criterion C as an intact, representative example of mid-nineteenth century, vernacular Greek and Gothic Revival church architecture in rural Schoharie County. Originally erected in 1849 and extensively renovated in 1880 for a Methodist congregation, the simple, gable roofed, wood frame building retains overall integrity to the period of significance, reflecting the prevalent vernacular design considerations, decorative motifs and construction practice characteristic of the region during the mid-late nineteenth century.

The earliest permanent European settlers in the Schoharie Valley were Palatine Germans, who arrived in the lush agricultural region in 1712. Established in 1808, the town of Broome is located in a region that remained sparsely settled until after the close of the Revolutionary War. Situated between the Catskill Mountains to the east and the alluvial lands of the Schoharie Creek to the west, this portion of Schoharie County attracted settlers and land speculators seeking to develop farmsteads and sites for local water-powered industries. The hamlet of Livingstonville became significant as a stagecoach stop and cluster of tradesmen's shops on the Loonenburg Turnpike. Opened in 1810, the Loonenburg Turnpike extended from the Hudson River at Athens across the Catskills to Middleburgh, Cobleskill and Sharon in Schoharie County. The turnpike held the promise of a direct transportation link from the Hudson to Cherry Valley, gateway to the opening West. By the eve of the Civil War, Livingstonville contained several stores and taverns, water-powered mills, two churches and a population of 150.

On January 4, 1832, a meeting of Livingstonville residents was convened by the Rev. John Bangs for the purpose of establishing a church in the community. Three trustees were elected to oversee a congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be organized at Livingstonville as the Wesleyan Chapel. Presumably services were conducted in members' homes or public gathering places until after 1849, when Elisha and Lydia Humphrey of Rensselaerville deeded a parcel at Livingstonville to congregational trustees for construction of a permanent house of worship. The original church building completed in 1849 incorporated the simple massing and design elements characteristic of vernacular Greek Revival building practice in rural New York during the period of significance. The heavy timber framing, molded entrance architrave and staged bell tower reflect the spread of Greek Revival forms that characterized residential, commercial, civic and religious architecture throughout New York State from ca. 1830 to the eve of the Civil War. Inspired and guided by the precepts of several pattern books, rural builders widely adapted Classical forms to a broad spectrum of vernacular architecture.

Through much of its history, the Livingstonville congregation was one of several served by circuit-riding ministers. Rural Methodist congregations at Gates Hill and Franklinton were also part of the circuit, each church holding services on successive Sundays. In 1880, the congregation was renamed the First Methodist Church of Livingstonville. At that time, the church was extensively renovated from its original Greek Revival form. Simple Gothic arched windows were installed in place the original windows and similar Gothic molded trim was added to the chancel alcove. The exterior trim was simplified and the building re-sheathed in clapboard. Molded, curved pews were added to replace the simpler pews of the first structure. Although modified from the building's 1849 form, the present church continues to reflect changes that occurred as the local congregation's tastes and worship needs changed over time. The Livingstonville Community Church is significant as a substantially intact, representative example of vernacular religious architecture reflecting the design and construction influences prevalent in rural Schoharie County during the period of significance.

As a hub of small local industries and transportation-related activity, the hamlet of Livingstonville prospered into the early twentieth century; throughout this period, the nominated church remained a focus of religious and social life for the community. Changes in the local economy and transportation patterns that have occurred since the 1930s halted the growth of Livingstonville. As membership in the Methodist congregation declined, the congregation re-organized to become the non-denominational Livingstonville Community Church. the nominated building is owned by the latter entity, which is seeking means to preserve and rehabilitate the historic church building so that it may continue as a center of religious and community life in the rural hamlet of Livingstonville.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than 1 acre

Livingstonville quad.

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property includes all that parcel encompassed within the boundaries delineated on the enclosed tax map.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the historic building on its historic and current parcel, as delineated on the enclosed tax map.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Raymond W. Smith, Program Analyst organization New York State Office of Parks, Rec. & Historic Preservation date September, 2007 street & number Peebles Island, PO Box 189 telephone 518-237-8643 city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188-0189

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name street & number telephone city or town state zip code

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

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**Photographic Key**

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**Photographs**

All Photos:

Livingstonville Community Church  
Livingstonville, Schoharie County, NY  
Photographer: R. Smith, 2007  
Negative @ NYSHPO, Waterford, NY  
Photo No.:

1. North (L.) and West elevations, view SE;
2. West and South elevations, view NE;
3. Sanctuary interior, view E.

LIVINGSTONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
LIVINGSTONVILLE, SCHOHARIE CO. NY

TAX MAP?

1" = 100'

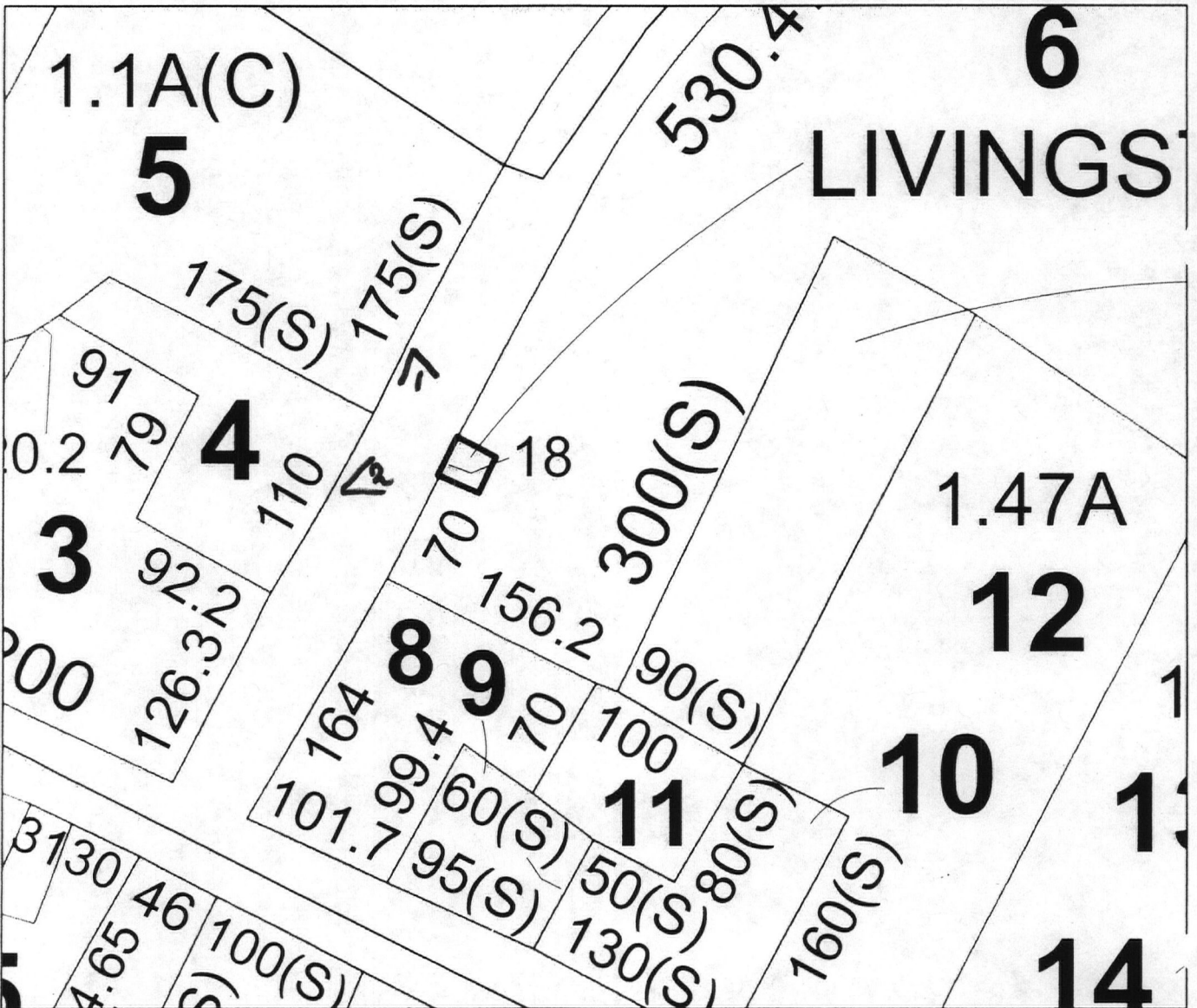
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Frontage	81
Property Class	620
School District	433801
Street Number	1667
Street Name	Hauerville
Book	18
Page	368
Land Value	5100
Total Value	71300
Town	Broome

IMPORTANT NOTICE AND DISCLAIMER

This map and information is provided as is. We make no warranties or guarantees, expressed or implied. The user assumes all risks and responsibility for determining whether this map is sufficient for purposes intended. The data is deemed reliable but not guaranteed.

1" equals 100'



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Livingstonville Community Church  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Schoharie

DATE RECEIVED: 11/26/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/17/07  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/01/08 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/09/08  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 07001370

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 1.9.08 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



LIVINGSTONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
LIVINGSTONVILLE, SCHENECTADY CO. NY

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WINGSTONVILLE, SCHENECTADY CO. NY

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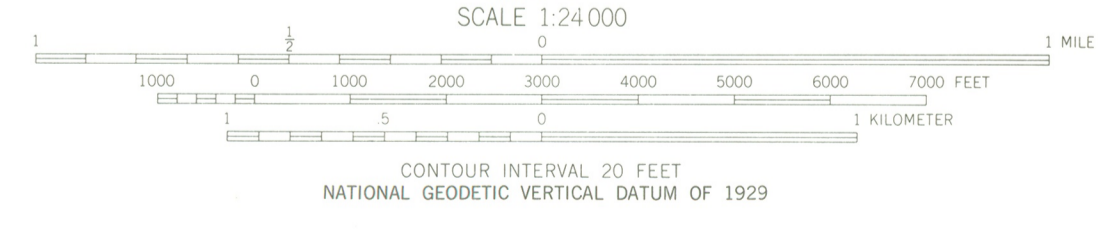
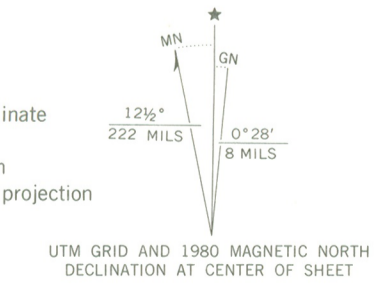
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To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection  
lines 5 meters south and 34 meters west as shown by dashed  
corner ticks  
There may be private inholdings within the boundaries  
of the National or State reservations shown on this map  
Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled by the Geological  
Survey from aerial photographs taken 1978 and other source data  
This information not field checked. Map edited 1980



ROAD CLASSIFICATION	
Heavy duty	Light duty
Medium duty	Unimproved dirt
State Route	



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STATEMENT OF OWNER SUPPORT

Before an individual nomination proposal will be reviewed or nominated, the owner(s) of record must sign and date the following statement:

We, the community members <sup>of Livingstonville</sup> ~~are~~ the owner(s) of the property at  
(print or type owner name) Hamlet of Livingstonville  
1667 Hauverville Road - Town of Broome  
(street number and name, city, village or town, state of nominated property)

I support its consideration and inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Sandra J. Livingston - for the community 04/02/07  
(signature and date)

431 State Route 145  
Middleburgh, NY 12122-5210  
(mailing address)