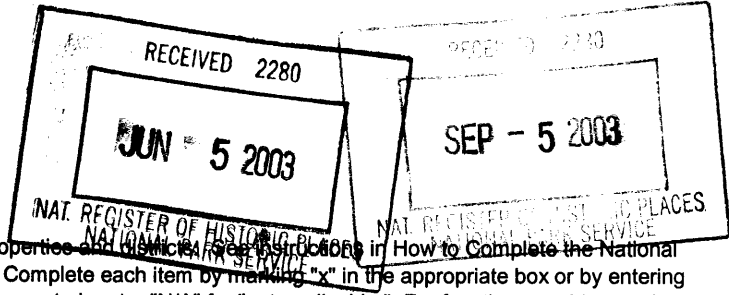


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or 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 any 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 Oolenoy Baptist Church Cemetery
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 201 Miracle Hill Road not for publication _____
city or town Pickens vicinity X
state South Carolina code SC county Pickens code 077 zip code 29671

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 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.)

Mary W. Edmonds 6/3/03
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
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 commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this 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
Amber McClelland 10/14/03

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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)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Funerary

Subcategory: Cemetery

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Funerary

Subcategory: Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)
N/A

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)
foundation N/A
walls N/A
roof N/A
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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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 is 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 significant in our past.
- 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 the boxes that apply.)

- a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- b removed from its original location.
- c a birthplace or a 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)

Exploration/Settlement

Period of Significance

1798-ca. 1900

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:
Furman Library, Greenville, SC
Oolenoy Baptist Church, Pickens, SC

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 5.5 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing	Zone Easting Northing
1 <u>17 350137 3873544</u>	3 <u>17 350133 3873336</u>
2 <u>17 350202 3873483</u>	4 <u>17 350080 3873412</u>

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Evonne E. Elrod, Church Librarian, with the assistance of the SHPO staff
 organization Oolenoy Baptist Church date 10 November 2002
 street & number 5132 Dacusville Road telephone (864) 878-4148
 city or town Pickens state SC zip code 29671

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 the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

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

name Oolenoy Baptist Church
 street & number 201 Miracle Hill Road telephone (864) 878-4140
 city or town Pickens state SC zip code 29671

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The Oolenoy Baptist Church Cemetery, established ca. 1798, is adjacent to the church, on Miracle Hill Road just off S.C. Highway 135 near the Pumpkintown community, in the vicinity of Pickens, Pickens County. This cemetery retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. It includes 5.5 acres of the 8.96-acre parcel owned by Oolenoy Baptist Church and is located to the south and west of the sanctuary, which was built in 1952 and is excluded from this nomination.

The cemetery contains 839 marked graves, with headstones, footstones, and a few plot enclosures of granite, marble, fieldstone, or soapstone. Most gravestones are marble or granite tablets, though ledgers, box-tombs, tomb-tables, obelisks, and pedestal-tombs, are also present. The earliest marked grave dates from 1798, and occasional burials still occur, although on a limited basis. The stones, arranged by family units within the cemetery boundaries, show some evidence of wear from the elements and from occasional vandalism but retain their integrity.

The cemetery is divided into four sections, with a dirt and gravel road encircling the middle section. It contains little formal landscaping or plantings other than several cedar trees laid out in the nineteenth century and a few boxwoods and holly shrubs. The Oolenoy Baptist Church has worked diligently for the past few years to clean and maintain the cemetery.

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The Oolenoy Baptist Church Cemetery, established ca. 1798, is adjacent to the church, on Miracle Hill Road just off S.C. Highway 135 near the Pumpkintown community, in the vicinity of Pickens, Pickens County. It is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its significance in Exploration/Settlement for its association with the early settlement of the South Carolina upcountry. It is eligible, furthermore, under Criteria Consideration D as a cemetery deriving its significance from its age, as considered in the context of the settlement, growth, and development of this part of the state and as a cemetery containing the graves of persons of transcendent local importance.

This cemetery is an excellent example of a typical early nineteenth century to mid-twentieth century church cemetery illustrating vernacular burial customs and gravestone art of the period. It is also significant for its association with Oolenoy Baptist Church, founded in 1795 and the first church established in the Pumpkintown community of Pendleton (later Pickens) District. The cemetery retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and evokes a sense of time and place as a historic church cemetery in the South Carolina upcountry.

Until after the American Revolution the nearby Woolenoy (later Oolenoy) valley and its environs were populated primarily by the Cherokee and a few white settlers. The Cherokee here were led by a chief named Woolenoy, who called the valley "the land of grain and clear water." Tradition says that this cemetery was originally a Cherokee burying ground. Cornelius Keith (1715-1808), a native of Scotland who emigrated with his parents to Virginia as a child, brought his wife Juda Thompson and their first child to South Carolina from Virginia in 1743; they were the first white settlers in the valley. Other families, including the Elrod, Edens, Hendricks, Jones, McJunkin, Reid, Roper, and Sutherland families, followed and helped settle the area.

By 1795 the white population in the community—named Pumpkintown—was large enough to support a church congregation, and the Reverend John Chastain (1743-1805), a native of Virginia, founded Woolenoy Baptist Church (the name was changed to Oolenoy in 1827) with the assistance of Nathan Davis, a Baptist elder who lived nearby. By 1797, the year before the first documented burial in this cemetery, the church boasted fifty members and was admitted to the Bethel Baptist Association. The first sanctuary at this site, a log building, was replaced about 1830 by a frame church, later enlarged in 1876 and 1899. The present brick sanctuary was built here in 1952.

The cemetery is one of the most important extant historic resources associated with the white exploration, settlement, and early growth of the Pumpkintown community, and contains the graves of several persons prominent in the area, ranging from the beginning of the nineteenth century to the

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early twentieth century. Among the most notable are Cornelius Keith, trader and planter; and Reverend Tyre Lewis Roper (1809-1877), the longest-serving minister at Oolenoy Baptist Church, who preached here from 1840 to 1877. It also contains the graves of many veterans from American wars from the Revolution through World War II.¹

¹ Bert Hendricks Reece, *History of Pumpkintown-Oolenoy* (Pickens: Miracle Hill Print Shop, 1970); Ethel Massingill Edens, Evonne Edens Elrod, and Mildred Snow Gilcrease, *A History of Oolenoy Baptist Church and the Lives of the People Who Have Worked for Its Growth 1795-1995* (Greenville, S.C.: A Press, 1995); Oolenoy Baptist Church Records, 1832-present, Oolenoy Baptist Church, Pickens, S.C.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line marked "Oolenoy Baptist Church Cemetery" on the accompanying Pickens County plat, dated 24 May 1999 and drawn at a scale of 1' = 120'.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property is restricted to the historic cemetery and its immediate setting, and excludes the 1952 sanctuary.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property: Oolenoy Baptist Church Cemetery
Location of Property: 201 Miracle Hill Road, Pickens vicinity
Pickens County, South Carolina

Name of Photographer: Mrs. Cindy B. Morris
Date of Photographs: August 2002
Location of Original Negatives: SC Department of Archives and History, Columbia

1. Cemetery, facing Southwest
2. Cemetery, facing Southwest
3. Cemetery, facing Northeast
4. Cemetery, facing Northeast
5. Gravestone of Cornelius Keith (d. 1805)
6. Gravestone of Tyre Lewis Roper (d. 1877)
7. Gravestones of Nathaniel Reid (d. 1819), L, and Nath Reid (d. 1798), R
8. Gravestones of Thomas J. Keith (d. 1862), L, and John R. Keith (d. 1862), R

Line No.	Bearing	Distance
L1	S 28°21'58" W	44.16
L2	S 23°01'58" W	30.00
L3	S 31°06'02" E	82.60
L4	N 41°26'58" E	71.83
L5	S 15°21'34" E	72.15
L6	S 59°03'02" E	80.00
L7	N 59°03'02" W	80.00

Robert F. Brown
Deed Book 12-W, Page 923

Grace Harbison
Deed Book 12-W, Page 914
Plat Book 16, Page 166-B

Betty Jane Burgess
Deed Book 12-R, Page 635
Deed Book 12-W, Page 922
Deed Book 4-I, Page 519
Plat Book 19, Page 706

Cheryl L. Snow
Deed Book 299, Page 131
Deed Book 13-X, Page 50
Deed Book 13-X, Page 51
Plat Book 23, Page 537

Mitchell S. & Sandra L. Thomas
Deed Book 13-E, Page 446

8.96 Acres
Including all R/W
OLENOY BAPTIST
CHURCH CEMETERY



M&C (old) Cal. S.C. 130

Note: This Plat Revised October 10, 2000
Note: This Plat Revised October 20, 1999

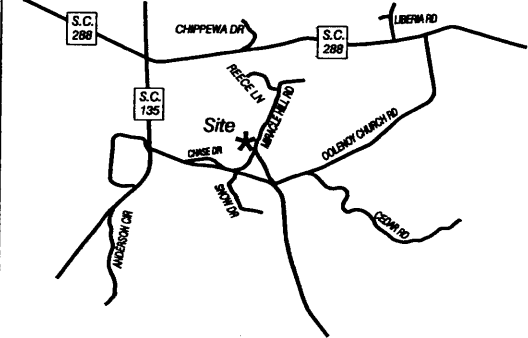


Survey For

OLENOY BAPTIST CHURCH

Located 1 Mile +/- Southeast of Pumpkintown, S. C.
1" = 120' - May 24, 1999 - Pickens County, South Carolina

LOCATION MAP not to scale

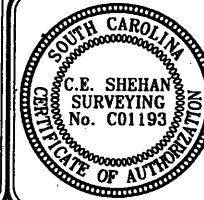


- LEGEND -**
 OT = Open Top Pipe
 CT = Crimp Top Pipe
 PK = P-K Nail
 Pt = Point
 N&C = Nail & Cap
 IPF = Iron Pin Found
 IPS = Iron Pin Set

- NOTES -**
 Property & areas shown subject to any and all rights-of-way, easements, and restrictions that may exist of record, or on the ground.
 This dwelling is not located in a designated flood hazard area.
 Tax Parcel No. H05-00-0200.
 Reference Plat by E. C. Edens dated May 06, 1933, of Olenoy Church property.

I hereby state that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the survey shown hereon was made in accordance with the requirements of the Minimum Standards Manual for the Practice of Land Surveying in South Carolina, and meets or exceeds the requirements for a Class "B" Survey as specified therein.

C. E. Shehan
 C. E. Shehan, Registered Tier B Surveyor 8810B
 Member of the S. C. Society of Professional Land Surveyors



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