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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Virginia
COUNTY: Lee
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

2 COMMON:  
Jonesville Methodist Camp Ground

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Northwest corner of intersection of Route 652 and Route 58.

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jonesville vicinity

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Ninth; William C. Wampler

STATE Virginia	CODE 51	COUNTY: Lee	CODE 105
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Congregation; John E. Dalton, Camp Ground Pastor

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Jonesville Camp Meeting; The United Methodist Church

CITY OR TOWN: Jonesville	STATE: Virginia	CODE 51
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Jonesville	STATE: Virginia	CODE 51
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1957

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: D. C.	CODE 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jonesville Methodist Camp Ground consists of a broad lawn where the congregation erect their tents, and the permanent pavilion-like auditorium.

The auditorium is set on a slope with its long axis running north-south. The gable roofed structure is seventy-six feet long and thirty-six feet wide with a shed addition twelve feet in depth on the south end. Large hewn timber framing, with vertical supports down the center aisle, provide the main structural system. The walls and gables are sheathed with weatherboarding, but the north wall below the gable is open. Both the east and west walls are cut into eight panels; each panel is hinged to the plate and may be raised for ventilation. The panels become shorter at the north end to accommodate the slope of the hill.

The hill's slope creates a natural amphitheatre effect and simple wooden pews with slat backs take advantage of this in their placement. The pews are set on an earth floor, but there is a raised wooden platform serving as a pulpit at the south end under the shed with a few chairs and plain solid wooden pews. A modern Colonial Revival brick church is south of the camp ground.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) 1827-1828

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input 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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jonesville Methodist Camp Ground was established in 1810 as a place to hold religious revival meetings for the Methodist-Episcopal Church of Lee County. Early in the nineteenth century there was a surge of evangelical fervor, and camp grounds such as the Jonesville example were laid out to accommodate the large numbers who attended the revival services. Because of the democratic aspects of its theology with its emphasis on individual choice, Methodism attracted numerous adherents in the frontier areas.

The present, well-preserved camp ground auditorium was built 1827-1828 and is a rare example of the simple frame structures erected to shelter the revival services. It has been in continuous use since its completion.

The camp ground land was given to the trustees of the Methodist Church in 1827 by Elkanah Wynn. The appointed trustees included Reverend Abraham Still, Daniel Dickenson, George Morris, Evans Peery, Henry Thompson, Elkanah Wynn, and James Woodward. The massive oak logs for the auditorium were hewn by Henry Woodward, David Orr, Reverend Joseph Hasker, and Robert Wynn. Robert Wynn was a famous revival preacher and held services at Jonesville.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Burns, Annie Walker, Southwest Virginia Historical Records, Lee County, Jonesville Edition, 1860 census.  
 "Early Methodism in Southwest Virginia," Washington County Historical Society, no. 7, Dec. 31, 1942.  
 Finley, Rev. James B., Sketches of Western Methodism, Cincinnati, 1854.  
 Holsten Methodism from its Origin to the Present Time, Nashville, 1908 by R. N. Price, 5 vols.  
 Moore, Rev. M. H., Sketches of the Pioneers of Methodism in North Carolina and Virginia, Nashville, 1884.  
 Smith, H. H., compiler, Impressive Revival Scenes in Pioneer Methodism.

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		36°	40'	57"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		83°	08'	38"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten acres.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: June, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Room 1116 Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: Richmond STATE: Virginia CODE: 51

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 Junius R. Fishburne, Jr., Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

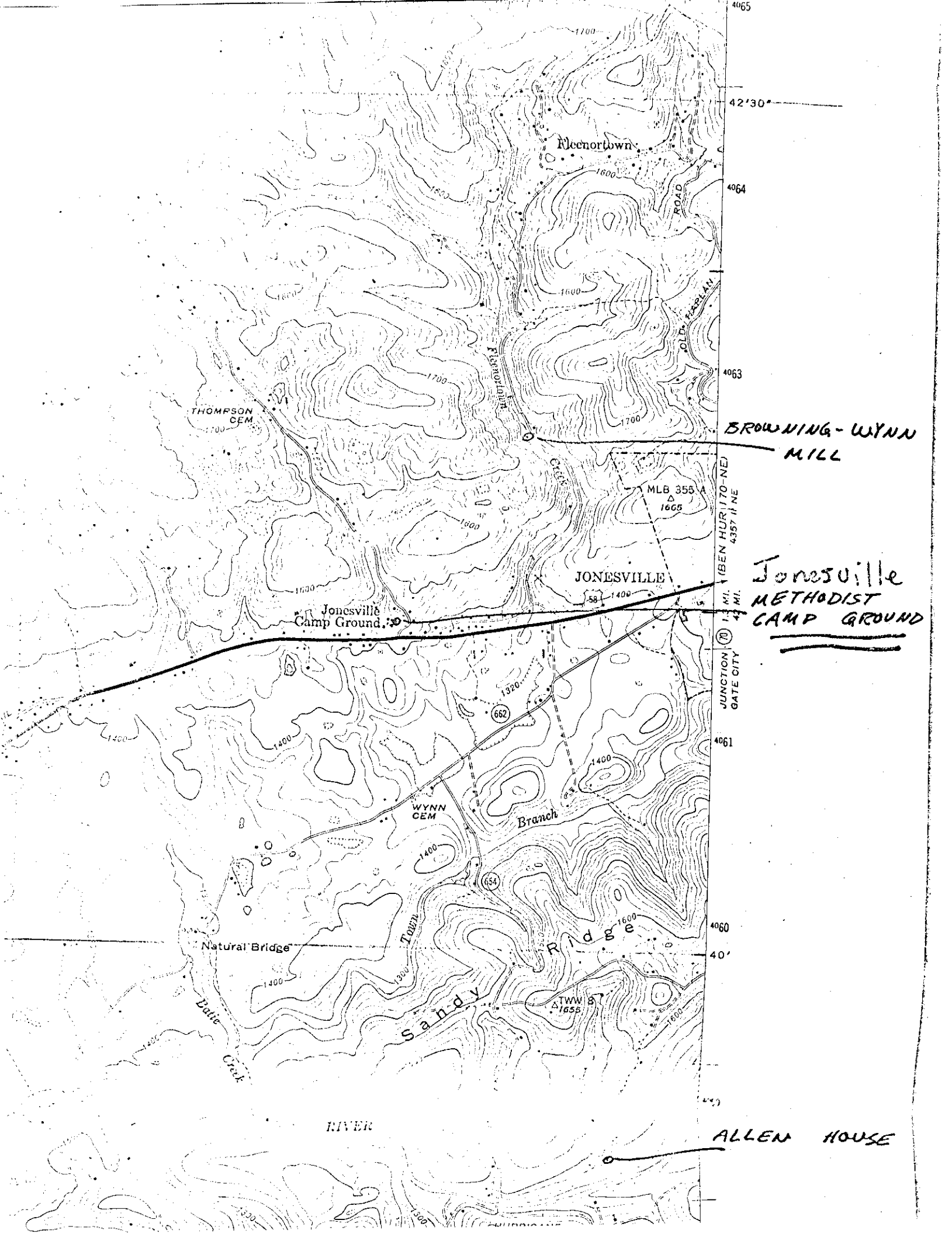
Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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4065

42'30"

4064

4063

**BROWNING-WYNN  
MILL**

MLB 355 A  
1665

1.3 MI. (BEN HUR) TO NE  
4.3 MI. GATE CITY

**Jonesville  
METHODIST  
CAMP GROUND**

JUNCTION (7)  
GATE CITY

4061

4060

40'

4062

**ALLEN HOUSE**

Reenortown

THOMPSON  
CEM

Jonesville  
Camp Ground

JONESVILLE

WYNN  
CEM

Branch

Natural Bridge

Datie  
Creek

Sandy  
Ridge

TWW  
1656

RIVER

Reenortown  
Road

OLD  
ROAD

OLD  
ROAD

Creek

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