

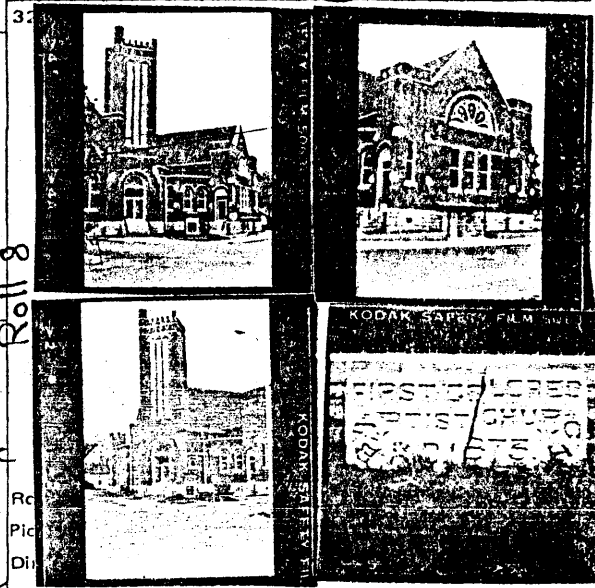
1. Historic Name (s) First Colored Baptist Church
 Original Owner Trustees
 Present Name State Street Baptist Church
 3. Owner's Name Board of Trustees - State St. Baptist Church
 4. Owner's Address 340 State St, Bowling Green
 5. Location NE Corner 4th and State (340 State)
 6. Open to Public Yes No
 7. Visible from road Yes No
 8. Ownership Private
 Local
 State
 Federal

22. ADD/County BARIV/WA
 23. Zoning Classification Magisterial District
 24. U.S.G. S. Quadrant (15'/75') Bowling Green South
 25. UTM Reference 116 55041010 4109441610
 26. Prehistoric Site Object
 Historic Site Structure
 27. District Yes No
 Name: _____
 28. Significance Evaluation NR

10. Site Plan with North Arrow
 11. Architect
 12. Builder
 13. Date 1898*
 14. Style Gothic Revival
 15. Original Use religious meetings
 16. Present Use
 17. Condition Interior Exterior good

29. Status National Landmark
 National Register
 Landmark Certificate
 Kentucky Survey
 Local Landmark
 HABS/HAER
 30. Theme Black history
 Primary Black religion
 Secondary architecture
 Other
 31. Endangered Yes No

18. Description 1/2 story brick; L-shaped main block with subsidiary blocks in angle + on N; entry tower in angle, faces corner of streets; stone detail; buttress strips; round arched openings



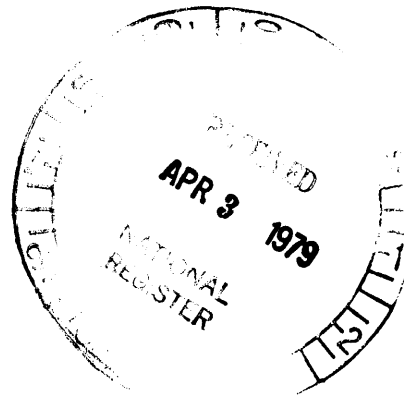
19. History 1st Colored Baptist Church - 1873 - plaque
State St. Baptist was the first formally organized church for Blacks in B.G. It was organized in 1838 from the slave membership of the First Baptist Church of B.G. From the beginning this church functioned autonomously from any white church. The property was given to the church in 1867. The present structure was built in 1898.

20. Significance The State Street Baptist was the first formally organized church for blacks in Bowling Green. - It was begun 1838. Particular clear illustration of a common style.

33. Tape No. _____ Negative No. _____
 34. Prepared by: KTG - JCH
 35. Organization KHC
 36. Date Spring 1978

37. Source of Information See N.R. file (form submitted Michael Korn)
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38. Staff Review



Black history and architecture

Wa-B-9. One of the few remaining structures widely recognized for its links with Bowling Green's nineteenth century black community, this church was the first formally organized church for blacks in the city. The structure is architecturally significant as a robust, turn-of-the-century of Gothi-Romanesque Revival styling.