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Michigan Stained Glass Census FORM A: Building Data and Location of Windows

(Please type or print in black ink.)

Date: 16 March 1996

Census Taker: Steve Roberts

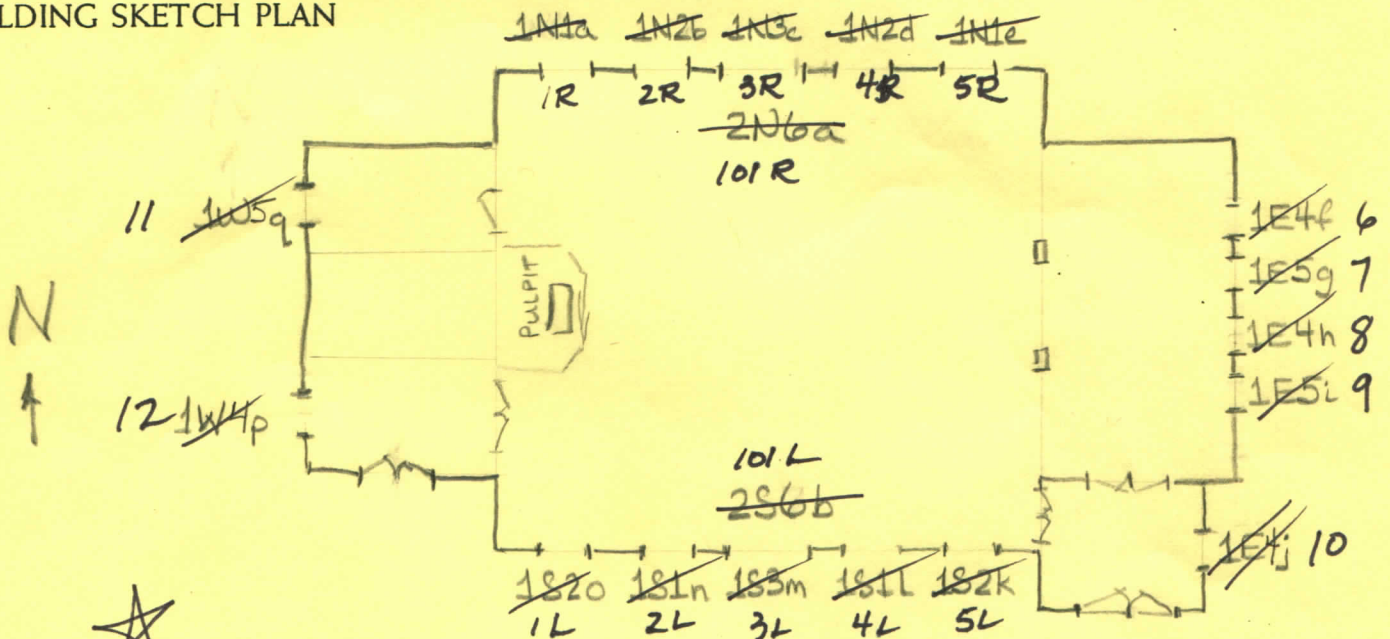
Organization: Salem Bible Church

Address: 7244 Six Mile Rd. Northville, MI 48167
number street city zip

County: Washtenaw Telephone: (810) 437-5360

No. of slides included: 35 No. of photos: 3

BUILDING SKETCH PLAN



Name of Building: Salem Bible Church (earlier known as: First Baptist Church or Baptist Church of Salem and Salem Federated Church)

Function or type: Church

Address: 9481 Six Mile Rd Salem, Salem Township, MI 48175
number street city zip

Contact Person, Title: Steve Roberts, Treasurer Phone: (810) 437-5360

Date of construction: 1887-88 Architect, city: unknown

Dates of alteration: _____ Architect, city: _____

No. of pictorial windows 9 No. of non-pictorial windows 10

(including scenic, symbolic, historic, humanitarian, etc.)

Archival sources for building information: Church histories

Salem Bible Church
Stained Glass Window Survey
March 1996

Unfortunately, we have no hard proof as to the origin or date of our Stained Glass windows. Oral tradition does state that the windows were of French origin. It is also believed that they were installed in the building when it was built (1887-1888). All pictures of the building have these windows in place.

The windows were repaired at many different times, the most significant and only recorded repair being in the Fall of 1938. "In the fall of 1938, the leaded glass windows in the church were repaired by the Detroit Art Glass Studio, 2614 Lawrence Ave. at Linwood, Detroit. John E. Judson of the studio was in charge of the work. The windows, including painted panels, were made as nearly like the originals as possible and an inset bearing the name 'Lapham Church' was placed in the front entry window, and one with the inscription 'Mr. and Mrs. Wm Stanbro' in a window in the parlor. The project was sponsored by the Sunday School and was financed by a repair fund made up of Birthday offerings and by special contributions raised by a committee of young people appointed by the Sunday School." from the *Church Register*.

It is difficult to determine the original workmanship from that of later repairs but I believe windows 2S6b, 1E4f, 1E4h, and 1W5q contain their original pictorial. Again, I must emphasize there is no proof but I can only surmise by the craftsmanship and style of these four windows compared to that of the others. The glass was ground away from an intricate background to allow for the inclusion of the decorative painting. The background also has a border which fits the window perfectly, suggesting they were created specifically for these windows not from some ornate stock background.

The two entryway windows, 1E4j and 1W4p, appear to have been done during other periods of repair as they contain lead coming in the decorative element and appear to be a bit rough in their artistic representation.

I have enclosed a copy of the Building's Centennial booklet in which we reviewed the history of most of the people whose names are inscribed in the windows.