

1886 Sevier church on endangered list

Staff report

A church building in Sevier County is on the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance's list of endangered historic buildings and places in the 16-county region.

The New Salem Baptist Church was built in 1886 by Isaac Dockery, noted black builder, and is Sevierville's oldest surviving building, Sevier County's oldest brick church building, and the only historic black church in the county.

The church served the black community until the 1950s when the last services were held by the original congregation. It is located in a bend of Middle Creek along Eastgate Road.

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New Salem Church in Sevierville is on a new list of endangered historic buildings in east Tennessee.