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**Historical Churches  
Of Maysville**

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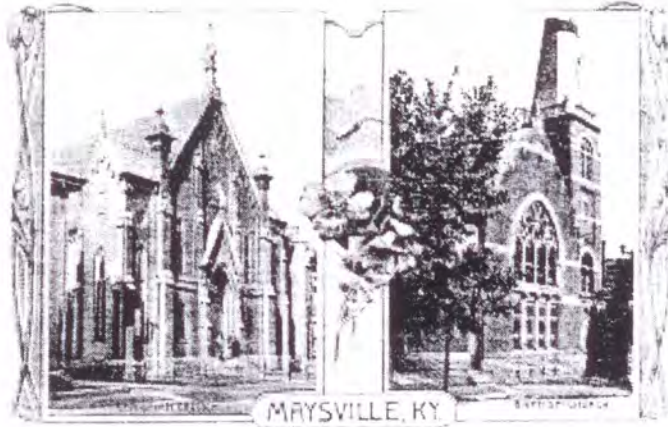
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# KENTUCKY PLACES

A PROGRAM OF THE LOCAL HISTORY OFFICE  
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***WALKING TOUR:***

# HISTORIC CHURCHES OF MAYSVILLE

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2000  
2 P.M.**

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# WELCOME TO A TOUR OF HISTORIC CHURCHES OF MAYSVILLE

*(Histories provided by each church)*

## **TOUR SCHEDULE:**

2 p.m. Begin tour at First Presbyterian Church  
First Baptist Church  
Scott United Methodist Church  
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity  
St. Patrick Catholic Church  
First Christian Church  
5 p.m. Tour ends



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ BUILT 1850**

The First Presbyterian Church of Maysville is a prominent landmark in the city of Maysville. The white brick building with its 140-foot steeple dominates the West Third St. skyline and is the focal point of many paintings and photographs. The building was built in 1850 and has a dual staircase leading from the entrance to a second-story sanctuary. The sanctuary is known for its sound quality and is the setting for many concerts and recitals during the year. The stained-glass windows are beautiful, especially in the afternoon sun. The church participates in many community ministries and believes ministry in Christ's name is done through our building.

**Scott United Methodist Church**  
East Fourth Street  
Maysville, Kentucky  
1884 - 1984



## **SCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ BUILT 1884**

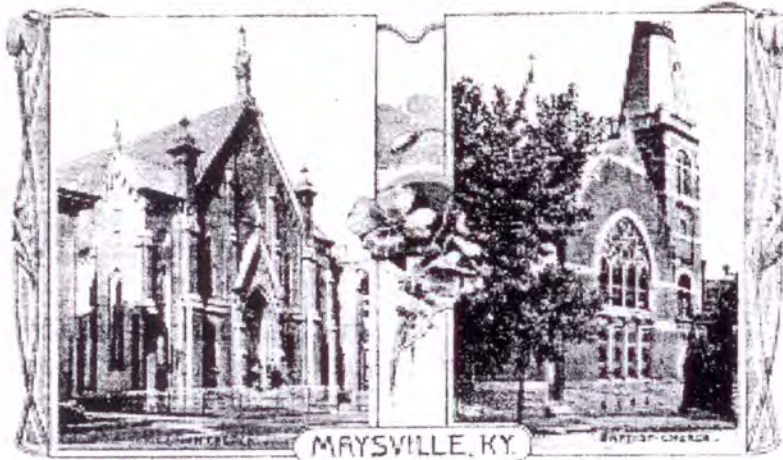
Scott United Methodist Church was originally located on Spalding Hill, known today as Phister's Avenue or Alley. The church was a Methodist Episcopal fellowship, Scott M. E. Church, and was organized in 1864 by the Reverend Henson Tolbert. In 1869 Scott became the connec-tional church under the guidance and leadership of the Lexington Conference. As the church entered into the Conference, a new location for the church was found. The church was completed in 1884 and dedicated in 1890 by the Reverend John Moreland, Jr. whose father had been pastor when the land was purchased in 1881. This lovely, Gothic church is built into the hillside at 118 East Fourth St. The second story sanctuary is graced with most of its original stained glass windows and seats 250. The sanctuary's main lighting comes from a beautiful central chandelier which is enhanced by many crystal prisms.

### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ~ BUILT 1886**

The land at the site of the present church was deeded to the Baptist denomination and the church by Edmund and Susannah Martin on March 14, 1812. In 1839 a structure was built at the site--a one room, rectangular, brick building painted gray. The building served as the church building for the congregation for the next fifty years. A five week revival was held in November 1885; however, the building proved to be too small to hold the crowds of people who attended. As a result of the persuasive preaching of Reverend T. T. Eaton and Reverend Fred Hale, membership in the church increased by 130. Apparently several wealthy businessmen were among those who joined the church. Following the revival, the congregation decided to build a larger church building.

On July 14, 1886, the cornerstone was laid for the foundation of the present church building which was officially dedicated in April 1889. In place of the one room brick structure stood a church of Gothic architectural design, patterned after the First Baptist Church of Charleston, South Carolina. Features include a large towering steeple and many ornate stained glass windows. At the time of the dedication, the sanctuary would comfortably seat 900-1000 people. The cost of this magnificent structure was \$25,000. The large pipe organ was purchased and installed

in 1902 with funds donated by Mrs. Mary Caroline Cox.



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH    FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ~ BUILT 1876**

Constructed in 1876 at a cost of \$1,600, the main brick facade is dappled with white pinnacles and numerous metal-capped buttresses, as well as with variously shaped openings--Gothic, bull's eye, and lancet. Stone and Lindsay of St. Louis drew up the original plans which have been remodeled in the intervening years with a ramp and outside entrance installed on one side for accessibility for the disabled. The sanctuary

features a choir loft behind the pulpit and a balcony over the vestibule. There are numerous stained glass windows, six of which are believed to be from Tiffany. The hanging cylindrical light fixtures have glass insets of gothic design. The church was among the first in the state to have a baptistry and its educational plant addition, completed in 1921, included the only gymnasium in town at the time. (It was used by the local high school for home games for several years.) Air conditioning and a pipe organ by Holloway were installed in 1924.

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### **ABOUT THE MASON COUNTY MUSEUM:**

The Board of the Maysville & Mason County Library, Historical & Scientific association was incorporated by the state in 1878 and charged with operating the public library in Maysville & Mason County, which they did until the early 1970's. The museum was opened in the restored 1881 building in 1975. The expansion into the adjacent 1951 library building occurred in 1997 to provide more space for the research library's materials and researchers. The museum is a private, non-profit organization with a public mission to preserve the history and artifacts of the area by acquiring and offering for display, research, and education historical record collections and artifacts. For more information, contact the museum at 606-564-5865.



## **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY ~ BUILT 1849**

Located in an eight-block long, three-block wide historical district (listed on the National Register of Historical Places), the church, completed in 1849, is Tudor Gothic. Following the Civil War, there was extensive remodeling to the interior which included marble appointments, brass, stained glass windows, and elaborate woodwork. Much of this remodeling remains today. The brick and stone church, designed by the First Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky, the Reverend B. B. Smith, remains essentially unchanged on its exterior. The exception is a large stained glass window added in 1891.

## **ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH ~ BUILT 1910**

The present St. Patrick Catholic Church building was dedicated June 26, 1910, replacing the original structure built in 1847. The entrances to the church were modified in the 1960s to accommodate the handicapped and again in the 1970s to follow the rules of Vatican II. The church was refurbished in 1998, with marble floors installed in the sanctuary and chapel, repairs to the walls and ceiling, painting, and a new sound system installed.

The building is Gothic, both inside and out. The size of the building is 145 feet long, 76 feet wide, and 53 feet to the top of the arched ceiling. The pointed arches repeat themselves above the sanctuary, side altars, aisles, above the windows, and even the pews. The stained glass windows surround the church with beauty. Many of the original paintings taken out during the Vatican II remodeling can be found in the Old Church Museum in Old Washington and the Mason County Museum.




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### About the Kentucky Historical Society's *KENTUCKY PLACES* program:

**KENTUCKY PLACES** is a series of programs and events held in communities and counties across the Commonwealth that allows participants to experience and share the unique history, heritage, and stories of Kentucky's people and places. Developed by the local history office of the Kentucky Historical Society, the series features walking tours, bus tours, seminars, and other special events.

#### **UPCOMING KENTUCKY PLACES EVENTS:**

Sept. 10-12: Cemetery Preservation Institute, Carrollton  
 Nov. 10-11: Kentucky's Coal Heritage Weekend, Benham and Cumberland  
 Dec. 4: Kentucky Crafts bus tour  
 Spring 2001: Civil War bus tour

#### **SIGN UP FOR THE KENTUCKY PLACES MAILING**

##### **LIST FOR INFORMATION ON FUTURE EVENTS:**

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