
SOUTH CAROLINA INVENTORY FORM FOR HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES IN A MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION

3/27/86

NAME OF MULTIPLE PROPERTY SUBMISSION: Lower Richland County Multiple Resource Area
PREFERRED NAME OF PROPERTY: Zion Protestant Episcopal Church
HISTORIC NAME OF PROPERTY: Same
COMMON NAME OF PROPERTY: Same
LOCATION: State Hwy. 263 in Eastover
CLASSIFICATION: Building
OWNER: Zion Episcopal Church
Route 1, Box 148
Hopkins, S. C. 29061

DESCRIPTION

Zion Protestant Episcopal Church, a small brick edifice with Gothic revival composition and detailing, built in 1911, is essentially unaltered.

The building is of painted brick with cement trimming. The rectangular nave is oriented to the east, with a small narthex at the west end. Entrance to the narthex is via a broad-arched portal. The narthex has a stepped and gabled parapet, reflecting the larger parapet of the nave roof.

The nave is four bays long. Brick buttresses with cement shoulderings define the bays. The westernmost bay on the south elevation has a second entrance, while each of the remaining bays features a paired lancet window with a cement hood mold. A corbeled brick cornice with trefoil motives is beneath the eaves. The gable roof is sheathed in slate.

The rectangular chancel is at the east end of the nave. A small antechamber is adjacent to the south side of the chancel; an auxiliary entrance is part of this antechamber.

The building's interior features a bracketed ceiling with exposed wooden beams and a marble baptismal font. The churchyard includes a brick and wrought-iron fence with granite corner posts. A cemetery is included within the churchyard.

SIGNIFICANCE

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture - Religion

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: S (for office use only)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

Zion Protestant Episcopal Church is a locally significant example of an early twentieth century Gothic revival church building. Designed by James Hagood Sams, prominent Columbia architect between 1899 and 1932, this 1911 building is the third sanctuary for the congregation which was organized in 1845.¹ This congregation originated with a group of white worshipers who attended services in a former slave chapel on William Clarkson's Middleburg plantation, located in Lower Richland on the Wateree River.²

The church was opened on September 24, 1911, and consecrated on November 26, 1911, by Bishop William Alexander Guerry, who called it "one of the most churchly and beautiful buildings in the diocese."³

A cemetery, pre-dating this building, is located at the rear of the church and contains the graves of many of lower Richland's prominent citizens. It, as well as the church, is encircled by a brick and wrought-iron fence with granite gate and corner posts, which was apparently also designed by Sams and set into place in 1926.⁴

ACREAGE: Approximately 2.19 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line on the accompanying Richland County tax map #36807, section 10, parcel 1, with a scale of 1 inch equalling 100 feet. It includes the historic building (church), cemetery, and the remainder of the acreage in the parcel.

QUAD NAME: Eastover, S. C..

QUAD SCALE: 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCE POINT: 17/528720/3748520

OTHER INFORMATION:

FOOTNOTES

(1) Albert Sidney Thomas, A Historical Account of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina, 1820-1957, Being a Continuation of Dalcho's Account, 1670-1820 (Columbia, S. C.: R.L. Bryan Co., 1957), pp. 546-549.

(2) Thomas Boston Clarkson, Sr., "History of Zion Church Richland," 1870, South Caroliniana Library, Columbia, S. C.

(3) Records of the Protestant Episcopal Church Zion, Eastover, 1872-1928, South Caroliniana Library; Thomas, p. 549.

(4) Notorized letter from Edwin Trumble to the National Loan and Exchange Bank, Columbia, S. C., March 8, 1926, Deed Book C.N., p. 133. Richland County Register of Mesne Conveyance, Richland County Judicial Center, Columbia, S. C.

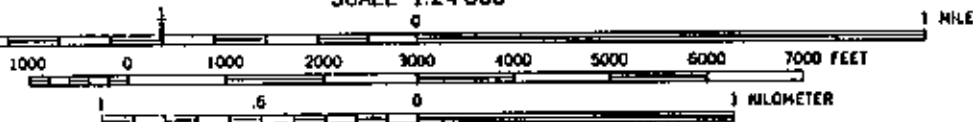
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St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal
Church
17/529855/3751300

Farmers and Merchants Bank
17/528283/3748433

Zion Protestant Episcopal Church
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