

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

James, Lena Graham. Historic St. Luke's; Glimpses Past and Present. Jackson, Tn.: n.p., 1961.  
Williams, Emma Inman. Historic Madison. Jackson, Tn.: n.p., 1965.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Jackson South, Tn.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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1	6	3	3	5	4	4	0	3	9	4	2	4	1	0
Zone		Easting						Northing						

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

C 

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** The property is bounded on the south by Baltimore St., the west by Church St., the north by an alley, and the east by an adjoining property line. Only the city lot historically associated with the church and parish hall is being nominated.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

## 11. Form Prepared By

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Nashville state Tennessee 37203

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer signature Herbert L. Inger

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 4/19/84

### For NPS use only

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date

5/24/84

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Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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**Specific dates** 1845, 1883      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is nominated under National Register criterion C for its architectural significance to Madison County and West Tennessee. Initially built in 1845 and then extensively remodeled in 1883, the brick building is one of the finest nineteenth-century Gothic Revival urban churches in West Tennessee. It is a rare regional design illustrating the changing nineteenth-century tastes in Gothic architecture.

The St. Luke's parish was organized July 23, 1832, at a meeting in Jackson's Masonic Hall with the Reverend Thomas Wright presiding. From 1832 through 1834, the Reverend John Chilton of Brownsville served the small parish as well as other new congregations in West Tennessee. Throughout the 1830s, services were held in the courthouse, the male academy (now Union University), private homes, and at times in the Methodist church. Because the membership remained small, it was not until 1844 that the present church lot was purchased for \$ 450 from Grandson Sparlock. Although the architect of the church erected on the site is unknown, the craftsmen were John R. and Thomas G. Norvell, masons; William F. Hampton and Francis Fogg, carpenters; and Jesse Russell and James A. Marks, painters. Constructed at a cost of \$ 2,500, this building forms the central section of the present church. By 1845 the church was sufficiently finished to hold services, but the building was not consecrated by Bishop Otey until 1853.

During the rectorship of the Reverend George W. Dumbell, the church was enlarged and remodeled at a cost of around \$7,000. The nave was extended eighteen feet to the east and a vestibule and tower were added to the west facade. The ceiling was redesigned with the introduction of the intricate king post trusses. A few years later the carved oak reredos was installed with its triptych painting of the Resurrection done by the Reverend Johannes A. Oertel of St. Louis and its carving by his son. The person who supplied the design for the remodeling is not known, but it may have been the Reverend Dumbell himself.

St. Luke's Church is a very important example of the Gothic Revival style in Madison County and West Tennessee. This is due to the originality of its front (west) facade and the consistent quality and craftsmanship of the building's brickwork, stained glass, and woodwork. The square tower with its gabled porch, the tripartite window arrangement beneath the corbeled arch of the front gable, and the interior's elaborate exposed truss system are among the architectural achievements of the building's design.

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a gable-roofed, one-story brick building located at the northeast corner of Baltimore and Church Streets in downtown Jackson (pop. 45,000) in southwest Tennessee. In style, the nineteenth-century building is an eclectic combination of Early English and Decorated Gothic elements, including a crenelated corner tower, an articulated entrance with a narthex, both lancet and traceried windows of stained glass, raked buttresses, and on the interior a wood panel ceiling with intricate king post trusses. The mixture of styles resulted from a major 1883 remodeling of the 1845 core of the church building. A two-story brick parish hall and education building was added to the rear of the church lot in the 1940s and is stylistically in keeping with the sanctuary. The church is relatively unaltered from its 1880s appearance and retains its architectural and historical integrity.

Facing west on Church Street, St. Luke's is situated on a flat site one block east of the Madison County Courthouse. The church and parish hall form a T-shaped complex with a narrow lawn running the length of the church along the south (Baltimore Street) elevation and a landscaped garden along the north elevation.

The west (front) elevation has a tall gable end with a grouping of three stained-glass, lancet windows below which is a shed-roofed, projecting narthex with a gabled, pointed arch doorway. This facade also features a square, corner tower with stained-glass lancet windows, crenelated parapet, and raked buttresses.

The four-bay north and south elevations of the church have raked buttresses between which are stained-glass, pointed-arch windows with tracery. The original east (rear) elevation is now covered by the two-story wing which connects the church with the parish hall. Constructed in the 1940s this two-story, gable-roofed building is of similar red brick to the church and has multiple-pane casement windows with flat arches.

In plan the interior consists of a narrow narthex, a long nave, and a raised chancel area with the choir, pulpit, organ, altar, and sacristy. There is a wide central aisle between rows of pews with carved Gothic details. The dark wooden ceiling has exposed rafters and complex king post trusses. Between the colorful, nineteenth-century stained-glass windows, the walls are plastered and painted white. The raised chancel area is separated from the nave by an arched, wooden railing. Behind the chancel arch is the altar with a carved oak reredos containing a large triptych painting of the Resurrection.

There are no other buildings on the nominated lot except for the church and the parish hall. The garden along the north elevation is enclosed by a low brick wall and is informally landscaped with mature trees and shrubs.

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church

and/or common Same

**2. Location**

street & number 309 E. Baltimore St. N/A not for publication

city, town Jackson N/A vicinity of

state Tennessee code 047 county Madison code 113

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Congregation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

street & number 309 E. Baltimore

city, town Jackson N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 38301

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register's Office

street & number Madison County Courthouse

city, town Jackson state 38301

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date N/A N/A federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A