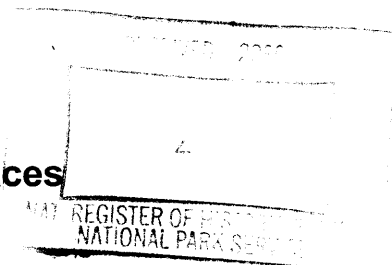


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name: St. John's Episcopal Church

other name/site number: _____

2. Location

street & number 328 Roosevelt Street [] not for publication

city or town American Falls [] vicinity

state IDAHO code ID county Power code 077 zip code 83211

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide [] locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth C. Reid

20-12-06

Signature of certifying official/Title
KENNETH C. REID, PH.D./DEPUTY SHPO

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that the property is:

[] entered in the National Register.

[] See continuation sheet.

[] determined eligible for the National Register

[] See continuation sheet.

[] determined not eligible for the National Register

[] removed from the National Register

[] other (explain): _____

for

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall 2-7-07

St. John's Episcopal Church
Name of Property

Power County, ID
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

- private
- public - local
- public - State
- public - Federal

- building
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
_____	0	sites
_____	0	structures
_____	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
"N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register (Enter listed in the National Register)

American Falls, Idaho, Relocated Townsite

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: Religious Facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS:
Late Gothic Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE
walls WOOD: Weatherboard; Shingle

roof ASPHALT
other _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

1923-1925

Significant Dates

1925

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historical Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

St. John's Episcopal Church
Name of Property

Power County, ID
County and State

10. Geographical Data

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UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

1 12 348570 4738084 3 _____
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

2 _____ 4 _____

[] See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dale M. Gray

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title St. John's Episcopal Church

street & number 328 Roosevelt Street telephone (208) 234-1050

city or town American Falls state ID zip code 83211

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County and State Power County, Idaho

7. Description

Narrative Description

The St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 328 Roosevelt Street, American Falls, Idaho. The church has minimal Gothic Revival details manifested primarily in the lancet arched windows and bell tower. The rectilinear structure (22.5 x 50.5 feet) has a small, original ell (12 x 14.5 feet) and later addition (30 x 40 feet). The one-story, frame church sits on a poured-concrete foundation, with clapboard siding to the sill line of the building and shingle siding above. The gabled roof is clad with asphalt shingles and has exposed rafter ends. Each side of the church has an ell addition. The west ell appears to be either original or added within a few years of the church's original construction in 1911, as its details are identical to those of the main body of the building, and it is visible in pre-move photographs. The second, east ell addition was added in 1962.

The main entrance of the building (facing Roosevelt Street and the American Falls town square to the north) is through a 10 x 12 foot bell tower/steeple. The concrete steps that rise through the recessed entrance appear to be modern replacements. The entrance is protected by a hipped-roof hood supported by two shingle-covered pilasters. The asphalt-shingle entry has enclosed eaves and dentils. This hood is original to the building and is clearly shown in photos of the structure being moved.

Above the entrance is the second story of the bell tower/steeple. The east, west and north sides of the steeple are shingle covered. Each of the three sides has a lancet-arch opening containing horizontal louvers, which historic photos also indicate were there in 1925. The square tower is topped with a modest wood cornice. The battlement at the top of the tower has a small, pyramid-capped merlon at each corner.

The steeple rises from the top of the bell tower. The base has four square columns with simple cornice capitals. A balustrade is placed between each pair of column. The columns support a steep pyramidal roof covered with asphalt shingles. Placed on the apex of the steeple is a simple metal Celtic cross.

The east and the west sides of the church each have two sets of double lancet-arch, stained-glass, 3/1 single-hung sash windows. The south side of the building has a single round stained-glass window. At the base of the south wall is a rectangular opening, cut in 1925 to accommodate beams used for the transport of the church. The patching over the opening has since partially fallen away.

The roof on the west ell has a slightly lower roof. The north side has a lancet arched doorway with a single five-panel door that opens to an exposed concrete stoop and steps. The west side of the ell has a single set of double lancet-arch, 3/1 single-hung sash windows.

The post-move addition is differentiated from the earlier portions of the church by having a basement foundation; vertical paneling in the upper walls, rather than shingles; and a slightly shallower pitch to its gabled roof. The entrance of the addition is on Falls Avenue. The double-door entrance is at the top of an inset, concrete stairway. The portal has a hipped roof supported by two wing walls. The portal is similar, but not identical to the main entrance on Roosevelt Street. The north and south sides each have five basement casement windows and three aluminum-framed, 1 x 1 sliding sash windows.

The interior of the structure retains excellent integrity with modern light fixtures being the only alteration in the nave.

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8. Statement of Significance

Narrative Statement of Significance

The St. John's Episcopal Church is a good example of an American Falls church that was relocated by the Bureau of Reclamation from the Riverside Addition of the original American Falls Townsite to the Reclamation Addition. As such, it qualifies individually for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A and falls within the criteria established for the American Falls, Idaho, Relocated Townsite Multiple Property Documentation. The Period of Significance – 1923-1925 – represents the date when the appraisal process began for the relocation of the church, and the date of the final relocation to its new site.

The church was moved as part of a large Federal project to relocate the town of American Falls into a designed community as a requirement of building the American Falls dam. The majority of the town of American Falls was built below the designed waterline of the reservoir. Dwellings, sheds, businesses, churches and even large silos were relocated. This served the dual purpose of preserving the Idaho town and minimizing floating debris in the reservoir. The government bought the structures prior to relocation and then offered them back in a "salvage sale" first to their original owners, then to renters and then the general public. Depending on the quality, buildings would then be relocated to one of three neighborhoods on the east, south and west side of the new town square. St. John's Episcopal Church received a prominent site on the south side of the square.

The St. John's Episcopal Church was built in 1911, on lots 26, 27, and 45 of block 26 of American Falls Riverside Addition. Located on the east side of town, the church was situated on the southeast corner of Maple Street and Second Avenue. When the town was platted in 1918, it was the only structure on the block (Reclamation 1918).

The church was built in the Late Gothic Revival style. This style evolved out of Gothic Revival which developed in England in the mid-18th Century as a return to design elements of medieval cathedrals. As the style evolved, it was adapted for more modest structures by scaling down, but retaining, architectural elements and forms. Late Gothic Revival found favor in the design of churches and schools from about 1895 to 1940. It featured large towers with belfry openings and lancet arches; elaborate stained glass windows; steep-pitched, gabled roofs; and smooth exterior surfaces. The structures were typically designed to be low to the ground as opposed to earlier Gothic Revival cathedrals. The St. John's Episcopal Church contains these features, though varies from the style by having a steeple rising from the belfry and a square main entrance rather than an arched portal. The use of wood for the exterior instead of the more traditional stone appears to be a concession to the modest budget of the small congregation.

Because the church was located in the Riverside Addition, it was one of the structures that had to be moved to make way for the waters of the American Falls Reservoir. On September 6, 1923, the lot was appraised at \$400 with the church valued at \$2,750 for a total of \$3,150. On July 3, 1925, the church sold its lot to the Reclamation Service for \$700 and moved their structure to its new home on Lot 1, Block 47. The church was on the southwest corner of Roosevelt Street and Falls Avenue. Due to the rapid pace of the relocation, few records were kept on when individual structures were moved. No newspaper accounts tell of the relocation of the church, but a photograph has survived showing the church on the road. Bare trees and heavy coats worn by the workers point to a late fall, or spring, 1925, move for the building. *The American Falls Press* was out of print during December, 1925, for its own move to the new townsite. It is likely that the church was moved during this period.

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The church was moved by placing it upon at least two large beams set on steel-wheeled trucks pulled by a heavy-duty tractor. The historic photograph of the move shows that the cross on top of the steeple was removed, but a concrete chimney on the side of the church was left in place. The church was placed on a concrete foundation on the south side of the American Falls town square. The west side of the square was originally reserved for churches, but only two churches, the Episcopal Church and Catholic Church opted to relocate onto the square; other churches tended to relocate to corner lots in the neighborhoods to discourage "church hopping."

As with other churches that were moved by the Reclamation Service, the congregation chose to retain ownership of their building. The American Falls Episcopal Congregation continues to meet in the church building.

Integrity:

The property has good integrity. The main building is identical to historic photos showing it in its previous location and during its move to its new location. The church was moved to its current site in late 1925, as part of the relocation of the town. It retains the skirt-cut to accommodate the beams used to lift and carry the structure. The main structure appears to have been retrofitted with a modern concrete foundation. An addition was added to the east side in 1962. In the construction of the addition, care was taken to ensure it was contemporary but compatible, utilizing similar, though not identical, design details and materials as the original structure. As such, the addition does not significantly detract from the integrity of the structure. The church is in a neighborhood little changed from when it was established in 1925. Although a new library has been constructed to the west and a modern Catholic church to the east, the park to the north and the residential neighborhood to the south are little changed. The property has retained high values of setting, materials, association, feeling, and workmanship. Although the building has been moved, its relocation from the flooded townsite to the Reclamation Addition is central to its significance.

Summary:

St. John's Episcopal Church is locally significant under National Register Criterion A in the areas of Politics/Government and Community Planning and Development, under the Multiple Property Documentation: American Falls, Idaho, Relocated Townsite. The church is representative of the major Federal public works project that resulted in the relocation of a substantial portion of the historic community of American Falls during the 1920s in preparation for the construction of the American Falls Dam and Reservoir. The wholesale relocation of structures such as these fundamentally changed the plan, look, and development patterns of the American Falls Community in the period after 1924.

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1925b Photograph of church being moved. Archived by Valerie Hoybjerg, Pocatello, Idaho.

St. John's Episcopal Church

ND Church history presented on undated, framed posters and on church cupboard doors presented on the sanctuary walls.

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10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:

The St. John's Episcopal Church is located in American Falls, Idaho, at 328 Roosevelt Street on the southwest corner of Falls Avenue and Roosevelt Street. Lot 1 of Block 47 is in the NW ¼, NE ¼, SE ¼, Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 31 East.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the church building and city lot historically associated with the St. John's Episcopal Church subsequent to its relocation from the Original Townsite.

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Photographs:

St. John's Episcopal Church
American Falls, Power County, Idaho

Photographer: Dale Gray

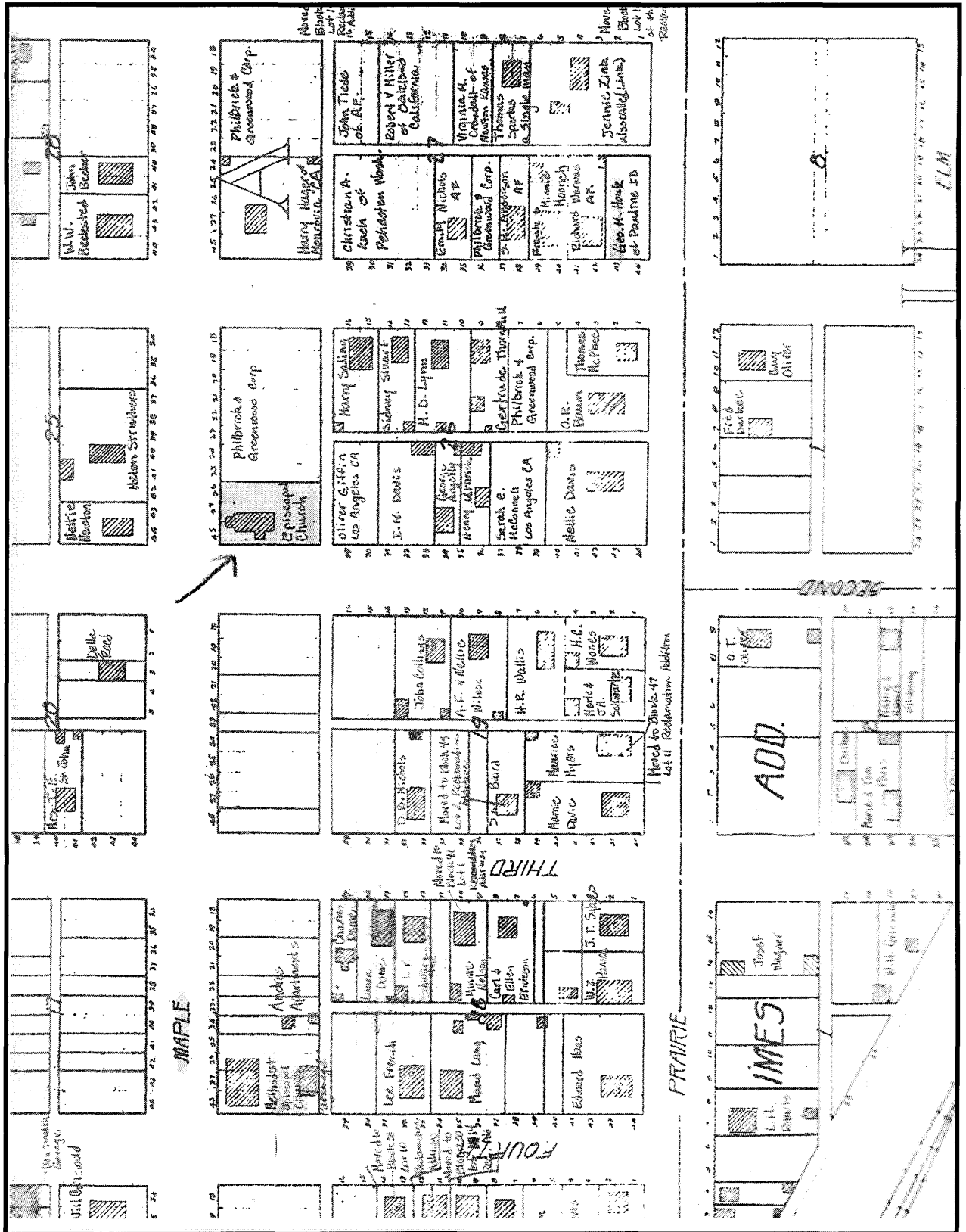
March/April 2005

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Photos were printed on HP Premium Paper Plus, using an HP Photo 8450 Photosmart printer with archival HP Vivera inks (95, 99 and 100 cartridges).

Digital Photos: Electronic Image File CD submitted to NPS and on file at Idaho SHPO

Photo 1 of 5	View looking south
Photo 2 of 5	View looking west
Photo 3 of 5	View looking east
Photo 4 of 5	View looking northeast
Photo 5 of 5	View looking northwest



Original location of St. John's Episcopal Church on 1920 Sanborn Map as identified by Valerie Hoybjerg.



Pre-1925 photograph of St. John's Episcopal Church in original location viewed to the northeast.
(Photo St. John's Episcopal Church)



Late 1925 photograph of St. John's Episcopal Church on the road to new location.
(Photo: Bureau of Reclamation)



Late 1925 photograph of St. John's Episcopal Church in new location.
(Photo: Bureau of Reclamation)