

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

Historic Name: St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel MAR 5 1978 Common Name: Owner's Name and Address: Rt. Rev. P.F. McNairy, Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, Headquarters Office, 309 Clifton Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota		County: Wright <i>Maple Lake vic.</i> Community: Corinna Twp.												
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than one acre												
Condition: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: T121, R27, Sec. 8 Gov't lot 2 in N½, NW¼, NE¼												
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Limited	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>													
Occupied: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Present Use: Chapel													
History: Date Constructed: 1871 Original Owner: Octavius Longworth Architect/Builder: Octavius Longworth Original Use: Chapel		UTM Reference: 15 Annandale Quad. 413350 5017850												
Description: St. Mark's Episcopal Church is situated on a wooded knoll adjacent to a cemetery. This Gothic style rectangular church is constructed of wood; it sits on a concrete block foundation. It is sheathed in board and batten. Gothic features include the steep pitched gable roof, pointed lancet windows, and Gothic-arched entries. A bell tower with Gothic-arched openings and a gabled roof is centrally located on the front facade. The interior of the church is composed of a large rectangular space broken by a central aisle. A raised altar is at the west end of this space. The ceiling is comprised of exposed truss work. The interior walls of the church contain wainscoting.		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____												
Significance: St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel is significant architecturally as a well preserved board-and-batten Gothic Revival parish Church. The chapel was constructed in 1871 under the guidance of Octavius Longworth and Dr. David B. Knickerbacker. Both men had been members of St. Mark's Church in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Longworth came to Minnesota in 1859 and settled on Clearwater Lake in Corinna township. The Rev. Knickerbacker became rector of Gethsemane Church in Minneapolis; he occasionally visited Longworth's homestead to give services. The two men decided to build a Church in rural Wright County. Through Rev. Knickerbacker's appeals to the Brooklyn Church and Mr. Longworth's donation of the land as a site, the chapel was constructed in 1871. On September 4, 1872, the Right Rev. Henry B. Whipple, Bishop of the Diocese of Minnesota, named and consecrated St. Mark's Chapel. <i>see letter 7/1/80 w/ correction</i> The straight-back, narrow pews and the walls of native wood planking, which are trimmed with a bevelled batten board, are typical of church buildings in that era.		Status: <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:60%;">Survey</td> <td style="width:40%;">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>1/78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	1/78	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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Prepared by and date: John J. Hackett April 1978 Typed by: J Rook														

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Also typical are the exposed rafters and the wide floor boards. The pews, alter, and lectern are hand hewn. Services continue to be held at St. Mark's Chapel during the summer months.

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National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to
St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel in
Wright County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001272

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Wright

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Annandale

ADDRESS: off Mn. Hwy. 24

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date