

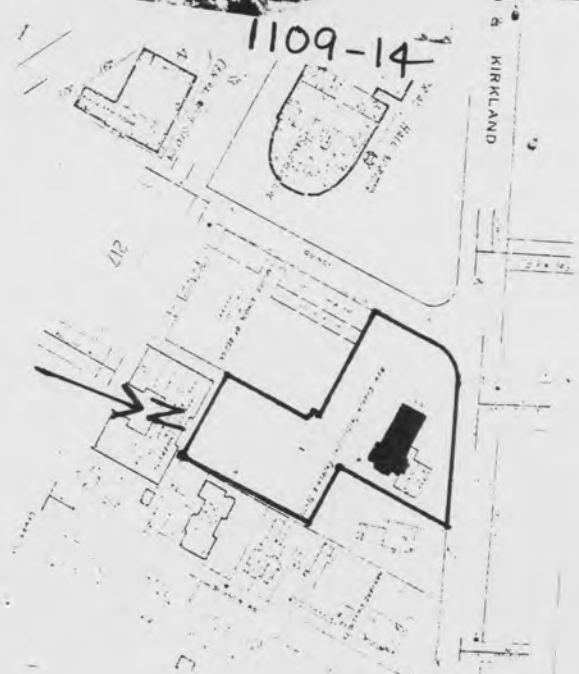
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no. MID CAMB.	Form no. MC II C 10
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on
and



1. Town Cambridge
 Address Kirkland/Quincy Sts.
 Name Church of the New Jerusalem
 Present use church

Present owner Corporation of the New Church Theological School, 42 Quincy St., Cambridge

3. Description: Quincy St., Cambridge
 Date 1903
 Source deed records

Style Gothic
 Architect Warren, Smith & Briscoe

Exterior wall fabric stone
 Outbuildings (describe) -----

Other features A stone Gothic chapel, with wing added in 1966. Low, small in scale.

Altered Yes-addition Date 1966
Arthur H. Brooks, Jr. and Assoc.
 Moved No Date -----

5. Lot size:
 One acre or less ----- Over one acre X
 Approximate frontage Quincy = 120'
Kirkland = 200'
 Approximate distance of building from street
75'

6. Recorded by Robert Rettig
 Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.
 Date 1968

ASSESSOR # 143-19

(over)

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 19/325970/4693520

7. Original owner (if known) Church of the New Theological School

Original use church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates same

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

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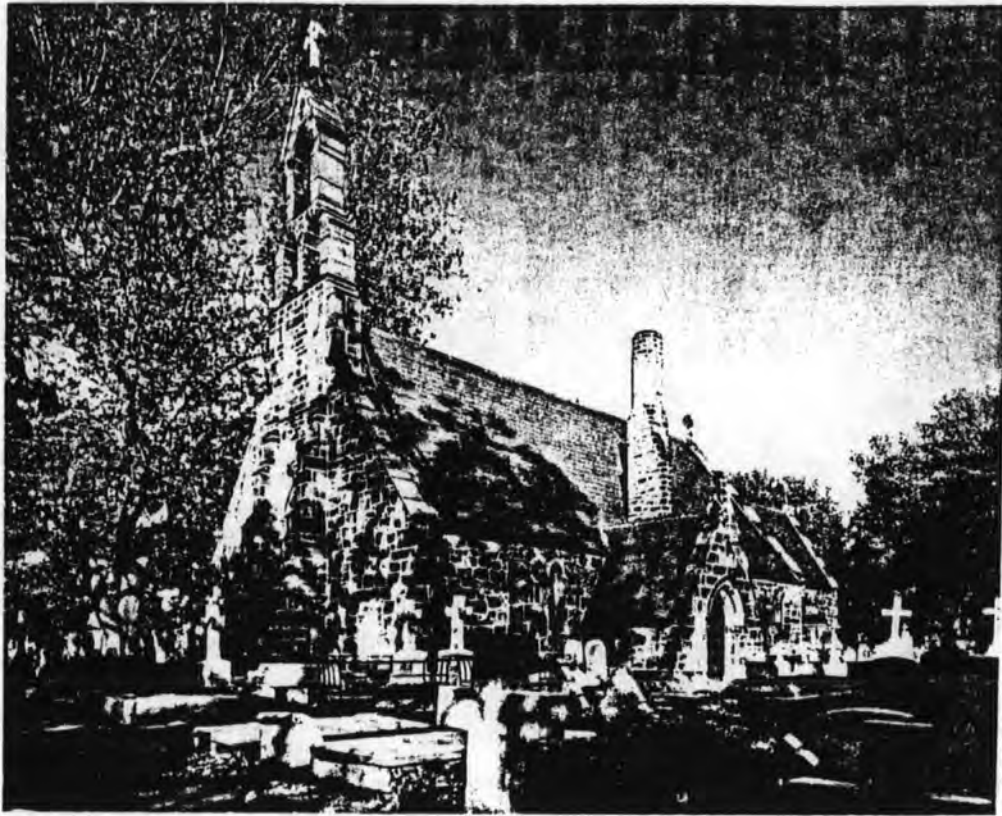


FIGURE 123. *St. James-the-Less, Philadelphia, Pa., 1846-48.*

William J. Pierson, American Buildings
and Their Architects



FIGURE 130. *Richard Upjohn. Chapel of St. Mary the Virgin at Nashotah Episcopal Theological Seminary, Nashotah, Wis., west façade, 1859-60.*



FIGURE 128. *Richard Upjohn. St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, Amenia Union, N.Y., 1849-51.*

Substantive Review
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

Property: Church of the New Jerusalem
(Cambridge Multiple Resource Area)
State, County: MA- Middlesex
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 11-14-80 - 2862
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4/17/82
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 4/23/82
 REJECT

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

photos _____
maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Needs a clear statement of architectural significance and a discussion of the architectural context

Recom. / Criteria Return
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 3/18/82
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category _____ Ownership _____ Status _____ Present Use _____
Public Acquisition _____ Accessible _____

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition _____ Check one _____ Check one _____
 excellent deteriorated unaltered original site
 good ruins altered moved date _____
 fair unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed Braham Date 4.13.83 Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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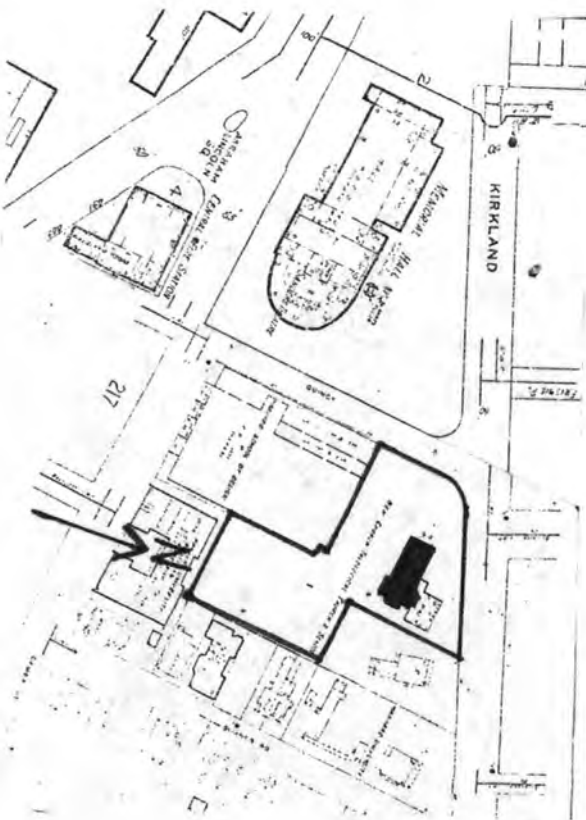
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Organization Cambridge Historical Comm.

Date 1968

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
Staple to left side of form
Photo number 1109-14

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



ASSESSOR # 143-19

(over)

UTM - BOSTON NORTH
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Community	Form NO.
Mid Cambridge	MC II.C.10
Property Name: Church of the New Jerusalem	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

The Church of the New Jerusalem is situated diagonally across Quincy Street from the Victorian Gothic Memorial Hall (1870) and next to the modern Harvard Graduate School of Design (1972). Nearby is Yamasaki's William James Hall (1963). Thus, this Church is set in the midst of several important Harvard buildings that feature a variety of architectural styles.

The Church of the New Jerusalem is part of an architectural tradition of Gothic Chapels that stretches back to 1848 in the United States. In that year, St. James-the-Less was completed in Philadelphia, based on drawings provided by the Cambridge Camden Society in England. The Camden Society was part of an Anglican reform movement known as Ecclesiology which called for a return to traditional medieval forms both in ritual and church building. "St. James-the-Less is historically important . . . because it brought to the United States, with only minor alterations, a superb example of a small medieval English parish church. . . . More than that, it provided the most suitable prototype yet to appear in America for the countless suburban and rural Episcopal parishes which were coming into being as the country expanded." (William H. Pierson, Jr., American Buildings and their Architects: Technology and the Picturesque, pp. 185-186.) St. James-the-Less has a one-story nave, a steeply sloping roof, and a bell gable or bell cote rising from its west wall. The churches of Richard Upjohn carry on this English parish scheme. The architectural significance of the Church of the New Jerusalem lies in the direct relationship of its design to the churches of Upjohn, St. John-the-Less, and the English parish tradition.

The office wing on Kirkland Street, added in 1966, is noncontributing but does not detract from the architectural quality of the Church. The Church meets criterion C of the National Register of Historic Places.

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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cambridge Multiple Resource Area
State MA

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 91. *cummings, e. e., House* **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *Bruce H. 38 Doyle 6-30-82*
Attest _____
- 92. *owner objection withdrawn* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *Patrick Andrews 9/12/86*
Attest *Beth J. Savage 9/12/86*
- 93. *North Avenue Congregational Church* **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *Bruce H. 38 Doyle 6-30-82*
Attest _____
- 94. *Prospect Congregational Church* **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *William A. Brakham 4.13.82*
Attest _____
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- 96. *Old Cambridge Baptist Church* **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *William H. Brakham 4.13.82*
Attest _____
- 97. *Ware Hall* **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *Bruce H. 38 Doyle 6-30-82*
Attest _____
- 98. *Cambridge Public Library* **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *William H. Brakham 4.13.82*
Attest _____
- 99. *Church of the New Jerusalem* **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *Bruce H. 38 Doyle 6-30-82*
Attest _____
- 100. *Busch-Reischinger House* **DOE/OWNER OBJECTION** **Substantive Review** ✓ Keeper *Kit 6/10/82*
Attest *Hanard*

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

Church of the New Jerusalem (Cambridge MRA)
Middlesex County
MA

Working No. 11.14.80-2862
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 7/4/83
Action: ACCEPT 6/30/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria C/Accept
Reviewer Mac Devgan
Discipline A.H.
Date 6.30.83
see continuation sheet

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<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
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USGS References _____

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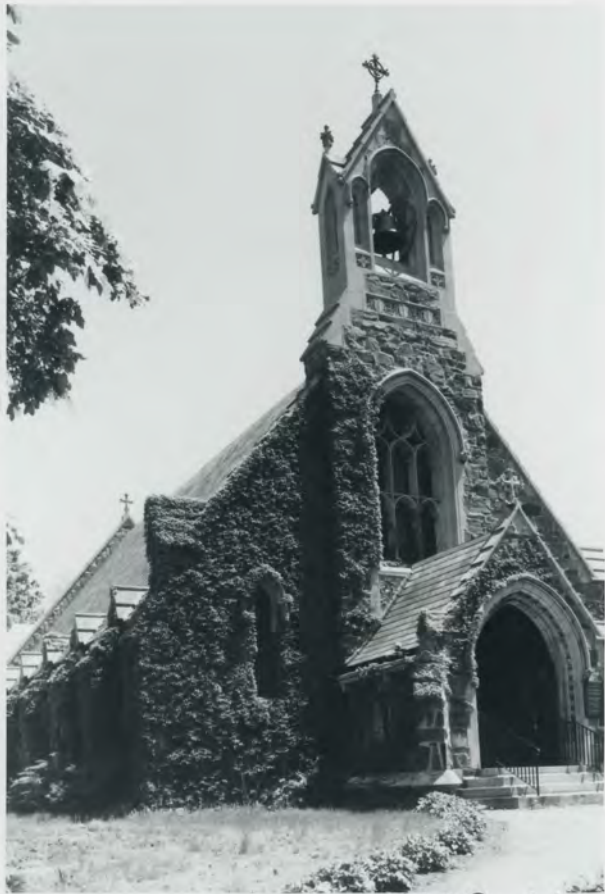
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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

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