

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Denver	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.7.05.0008	DATE 7/25/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Trinity United Methodist Church

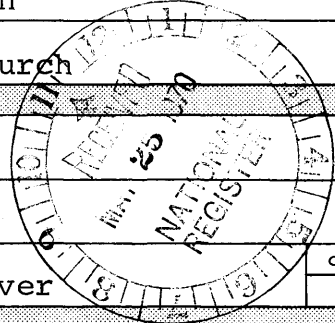
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
18th and Broadway Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE: Colorado CODE: 05 COUNTY: Denver CODE: 031



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Trinity Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
18th and Broadway Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Tax Assessor's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
City and County Building

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
J. L. Adams (physical survey) / Junior League Survey of Denver

DATE OF SURVEY: 12/20/63 & 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Denver U.S. National Bank // State Museum Library

STREET AND NUMBER:
17th and Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The corner stone of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church was laid September 5, 1887. The architect of the predominantly gothic structure was Robert S. Roeschlamb. Supervising the construction was Henry Augustus Buchtel, later pastor, Chancellor of the University of Denver and Governor of Colorado. Completion was in December of 1888.

The church was designed with a second floor sanctuary with a balcony on two sides and the rear. Altogether, the auditorium seats between 1200 to 1300 people. At the time, it was Denver's largest and was used for lectures, concerts, etc. The ground plan is that of the cross, with the altar at the east end.

The exterior of the church is a pale pink and gray sandstone. The distinctive spire rises 181 feet, 7½ inches above the sidewalk. It is constructed of the same sandstone and is hollow and without any cross bracing of any kind.

The interior contains several outstanding features. One is the large pipe organ designed by G. A. Audsley of London and built by Hilborne Roosevelt of New York. The organ possesses 4,290 pipes ranging in height from 32 ft. to 3/8 of an inch. Originally, there were only 12 known Roosevelt pipe organs known to exist in the U.S.

Other outstanding features are the bronze and oak pulpit designed by Buchtel and the stained glass Tiffany window on the west wall. Ajoining the Trinity Church is the newer Trinity Building which was added in 1926. Like the church, it is constructed of pink sandstone.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1887-1888

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

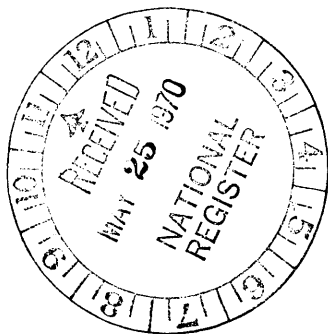
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The congregation which built the Trinity Methodist Church is reputedly Denver's oldest, having organized in 1859; the same year in which Denver was founded. Built in 1887-88, the Trinity Church was one of Denver's early architectural landmarks. Today, it stands in the middle of the city's business district.

Much of Trinity's significance lies with its unique interior, although the exterior is an example of the neo-Gothic period in America's architecture. The large pipe organ, the pulpit of bronze and oak, and the Tiffany stained glass entitled "Resurrection" are singularly unique to Trinity. Trinity United Methodist Church still functions today and represents a continuum of Denver's religious life.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Junior League Survey of Historic Denver Structures - 1967

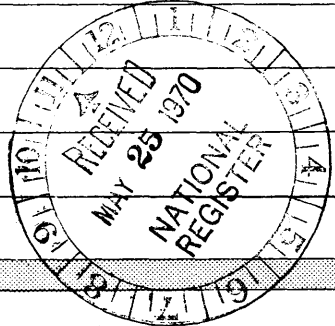
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Robert Fink, Assistant to the Director

ORGANIZATION: State Historical Society of Colorado DATE: 3/10/70

STREET AND NUMBER: 200 Fourteenth Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 05

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Stephen H. Hart
 Title: State Liaison Officer of Colorado
 Date: 3/13/70

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

Ernest Allen Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUL 28 1970

ATTEST:
William J. Mumtegh
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: JUN 23 1970

19th Avenue

Broadway

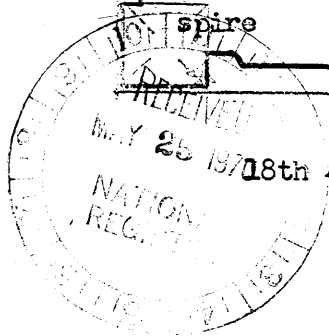
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Trinity Methodist Church

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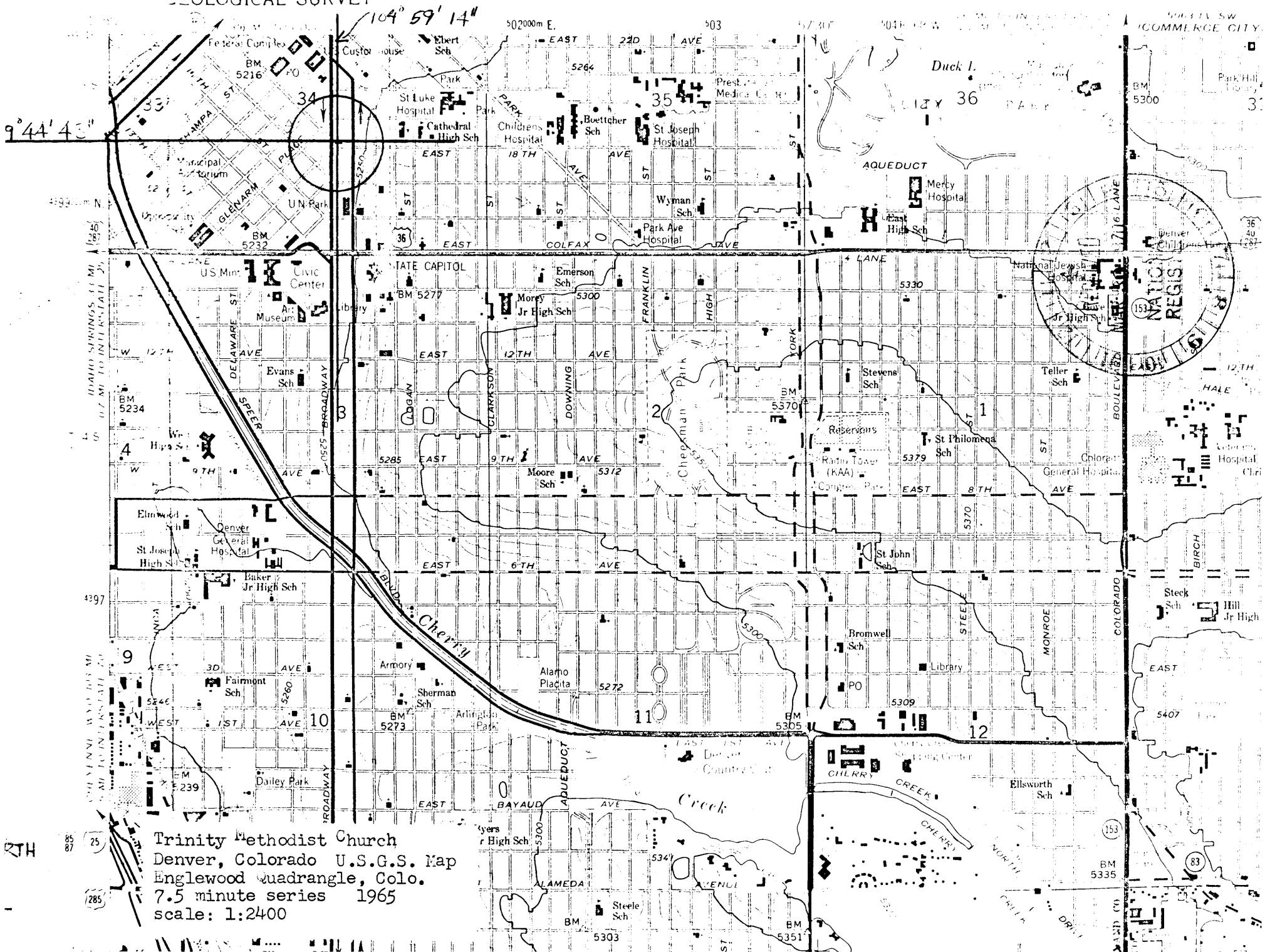
North



18th Avenue

Trinity U. Methodist Church,
Denver
Map from Sanborn Insurance Maps
of Denver, volumel., 1929
Scale: 1" = 50'

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



Trinity Methodist Church
Denver, Colorado U.S.G.S. Map
Englewood quadrangle, Colo.
7.5 minute series 1965
scale: 1:2400

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