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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
712 Farnham Street

CITY, TOWN
Harlan

STATE
Iowa

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY
Shelby

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
5

CODE
165

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Episcopal Corporation

STREET & NUMBER
225 37th Street

CITY, TOWN
Des Moines

STATE
Iowa 50312

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Shelby County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Harlan

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is cruciform in plan, 65' long from the high altar to the baptistry in the narthex, 33' wide at the transept. It is somewhat eclectic, combining Shingle Style and Gothic elements expressed through several different types of materials. The exterior is brick below window level, with narrow clapboarding above up to the impost of the lancet windows, and shingling from this point to the eaves. The roofscape is rather busy: the main roof is a high-pitched gable with small triangular dormers; the transepts are hipped-roofed, with small hipped-roof dormers. The gable roof of the narthex is at right angles to the main roof ridge, and has a hipped roof over the central bay containing the baptistry. Tracery windows in the nave and transepts are lancet; elsewhere the trefoil is found, along with a large recessed rose window at the back of the nave, and a tryptich window over the main altar. Entrances (at NW, SW, and SE corners) employ the pointed arch, and are recessed beneath bargeboarding with the same arch. Shingling is found again on the main gable ends and on the squat, square central tower. The tower has corner pinnacles and a high-peaked roof ending in a finial. Finials also sprout from most of the roof and dormer peaks.

Exterior changes have been minimal. Wooden steps to the main entrance are now concrete with handrails. Exterior clapboarding, once a muted shade, is now white, and the wooden doors are painted dark brown. Some detailing on the tower has been removed.

The sanctuary has a hammerbeam ceiling of oak, plaster walls, and wainscoting. The pointed arch is used at all openings.

The basement of the church was dug in 1950.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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		

SPECIFIC DATES b. 1899-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Proudfoot and Bird, Des Moines

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is an example of the work of Des Moines architects W.R. Proudfoot and G.W. Bird. It is a rather late expression of religious architecture in the Shingle idiom, incorporating archaeologizing detail from the English medieval. The small scale of the building is appropriate for a small town, yet detail is not in any way sacrificed. Of particular interest is the division of the exterior into horizontal zones of various materials (brick, clapboard, shingling). The tower, which is suggestively Richardsonian, is out of scale with the rest of the church: it is a rather "weighty" feature, in contrast to the overall effect of lightness and delicacy.

The Episcopal Church in Harlan was organized in 1881, but regular services were not established until 1896. From that year until the opening of this church in 1900, services were held in a rented room on the east side of Harlan's courthouse square.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of the Vestry, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harlan
 Bicentennial History of Shelby County, 1916-1976. Harlan: Shelby Co. Historical
 Society, 1976.
 "St. Paul's Episcopal Church: A Brief History", from The Iowa Churchman, May, 1963.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	15	307000	4613800	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 7, 8, and 9 in Block 71 of Long's Addition to the City of Harlan, Iowa,
 except therefrom the North 56 feet.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Norma Ruby

ORGANIZATION

Shelby County Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

1008 Durant St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Harlan

STATE

Iowa

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian B. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

17 Feb. 1978

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. M. ...

DATE

9-1-78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

W. M. ...

DATE

8-22-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER