

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

PH0022659

STATE:  
Florida

COUNTY:  
Putnam

FOR NPS USE ONLY

ENTRY DATE: MAY 9 1973



**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
St. Marks Episcopal Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Corner of Second and Main Streets

CITY OR TOWN:  
Palatka

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Second District

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Putnam CODE: 107

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Episcopal Diocese of Florida

STREET AND NUMBER:  
325 Market Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Jacksonville

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Putnam County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Palatka

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
None

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Palatka

STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Begun in 1854, this tiny frame building has been enlarged a number of times to house an ever increasing congregation. The building is a Latin cross in plan with a steeply pitched roof. On the interior the rafters are exposed and tie beams connect the principal rafters. The apsidal end of the church is clearly separated from the nave by a partition with an arched opening cut into it.

The exterior fabric of the building is frame, laid vertically. The building is pierced along both sides and twice at the front by elongated, pointed openings glazed with colored glass. A rose window is located over the main entrance to the church. What was a hooded entry originally, is now an enclosed structure attached to the building and functioning as a vestibule since there is none on the interior. Rather, upon entering the church, one steps directly into the back of the main aisle.

A bell tower, very tall in proportion to the rest of the building and not original to it, is located on its east side. The tower is square in section, and is pierced and louvered at the top around the portion which houses the bell. An Episcopal cross projects from the spire. The tower is buttressed at its base for additional support.

The building is presently in very good condition. It sits on a corner lot which is very well maintained. There is a certified historical marker on the south side of the building at the road.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

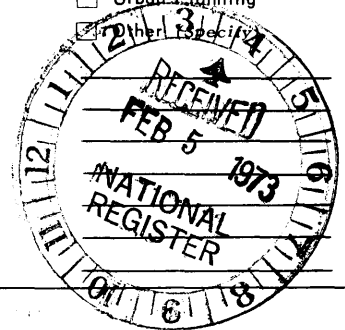
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian!       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1854**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation           |   |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church was organized December 12, 1853, by The Rev. Henry B. Whipple, with Judge Issac H. Bronson as the first chairman and Judge James Purt as the first secretary-treasurer. In the beginning, services were held in the courthouse, but in the spring of 1854, work commenced on the construction of a suitable house of worship. That building, although altered many times to house an ever-increasing congregation, remains as the core of the present church. The little white frame building was consecrated on April 26, 1857, by the Right Reverend Francis H. Rutledge, Bishop of the Diocese.

During the Civil War, the church served primarily as a meeting place and at the close of the war the deteriorated building with its rotting belfry made worship there unsafe. The church reopened in 1866, however, and by 1870, the Rev. Mr. Quimby reported that "St. Mark's had over twenty families or ninety-three persons connected with the parish, a strong Sunday School, and that total contributions to the church exceeded \$1,118, an extraordinary amount when the size of the town and its economic condition are considered."

In 1882, St. Mark's Academy was established as an institution for learning. The Academy lasted only a few years, unfortunately, and rarely had an enrollment of more than twenty-five. The buildings which the Academy occupied are now used as guild hall and rectory.

Since the organization of St. Mark's in 1853, the tiny church has grown and expanded just as the City of Palatka has. This church has served the population of Palatka almost continuously for 119 years with war being the only interruption in services. Architecturally, the integrity of the building has been retained despite its several enlargements.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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 Cushman, Joseph. A Goodly Heritage. Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 1965.  
Diocese of Florida: Convention Journal. Tallahassee: Office of the Florida Sentinel, 1854.  
 Pennington, Edgar L. The Episcopal Church in Florida, 1763-1892. Historical Magazine of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Vol. II, March 1938.

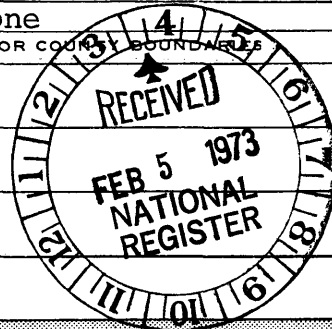
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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:  
Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History, & Records Mgt. DATE: August, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Department of State - The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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: Robert William  
 Title: State Liaison Officer  
 Date: 1/3/73

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Robert M. Wiley  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/9/73

ATTEST:  
W. M. [Signature]  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5 4 73

Form 10-301  
(July 1969)

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

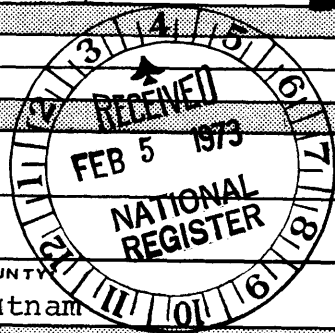
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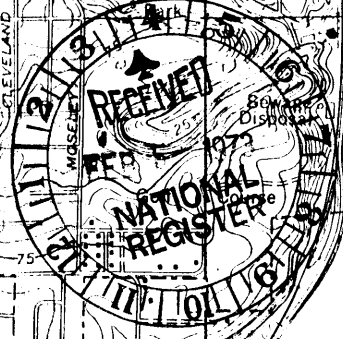
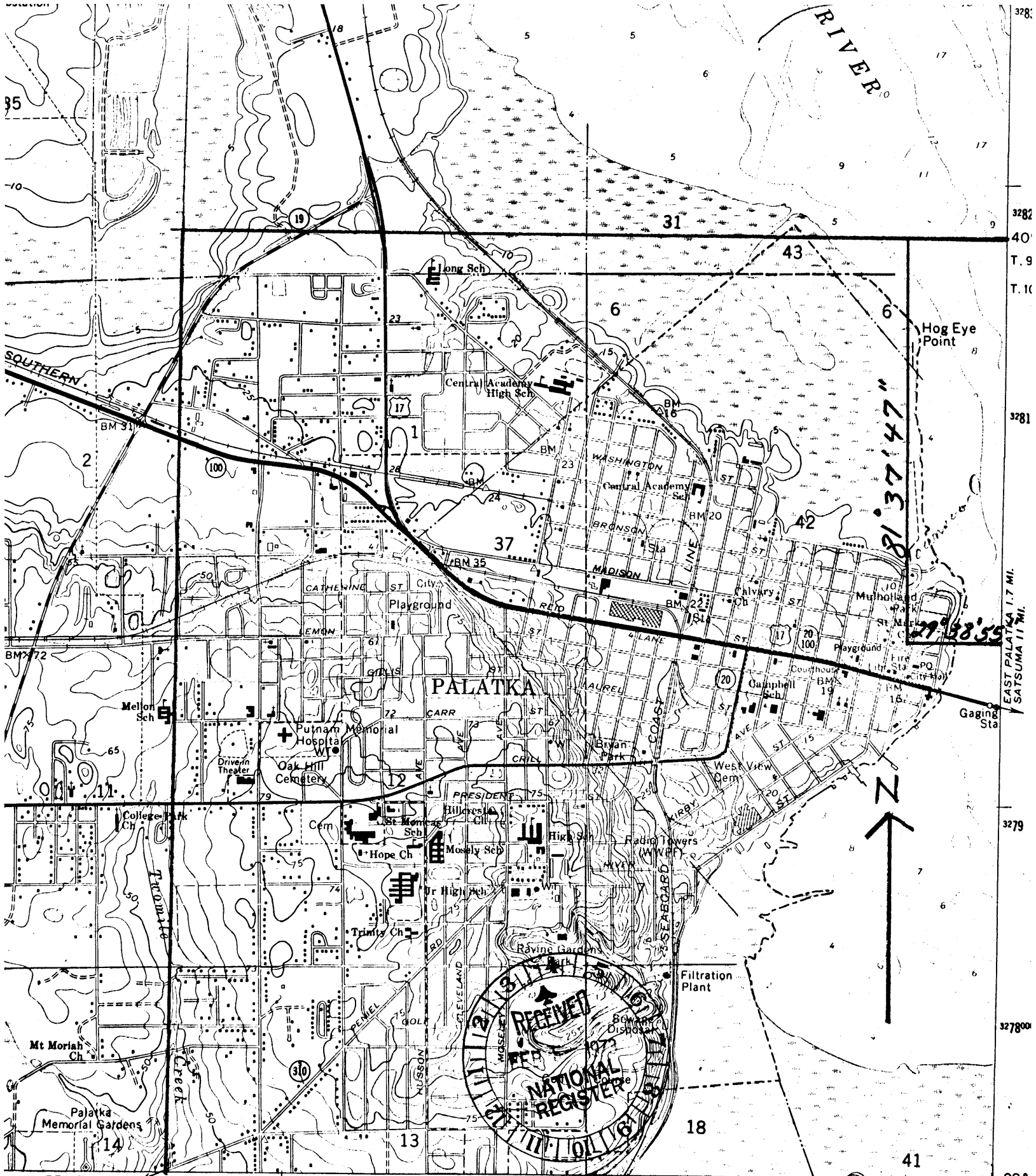
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS Palatka Quad.			
SCALE: 7.5" 1:24000			
DATE: 1968			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



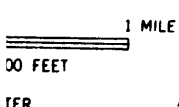


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**ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CH.**  
**POTNAM**

**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**  
 Primary highway, all weather, hard surface \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface \_\_\_\_\_  
 Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface \_\_\_\_\_  
 Unimproved road, fair or dry weather \_\_\_\_\_

