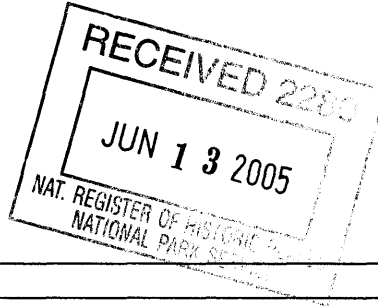


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Immanuel Episcopal Church  
other names/site number:

**2. Location**

street & number: 416 Summit Street not for publication \_\_\_  
city or town: Winona vicinity \_\_\_  
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Montgomery code: 097 zip code: 38967

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. (\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul JUNE 9, 2005  
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. (\_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

**4. National Park Service Certification**

I, hereby certify that this property is:  
   entered in the National Register,  
\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

   determined eligible for the  
National Register

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

   determined not eligible for the  
National Register

   removed from the National Register

   other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 7/27/05  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**5. Classification**

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**Ownership of Property:**  
Private

**Number of Resources within Property:**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

**Category of Property:**  
building

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	buildings sites structures objects
<hr/>	
1	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register**

N/A

0

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**6. Function or Use**

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**Historic Functions:**

Religious facility

**Current Functions:**

Religious facility

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification(s):**  
Gothic

**Materials:**

foundation: brick  
roof: slate  
walls: brick  
other

**Narrative Description:**

See Continuation Sheets

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**DESCRIPTION**

Immanuel Episcopal Church (now commonly referred to as simply Immanuel Church, without the denominational reference) is a one-story Gothic Revival church of brick construction, built in 1909. It is located at the northeast corner of Summit and Fairgrounds Streets in Winona, the county seat and major town of Montgomery County in north-central Mississippi. The building is set back slightly from the street on a grassy lot, shaded by trees on the north and east.

The church is essentially rectangular in shape, oriented along a north-south axis, and is covered by a steeply-pitched gabled roof. Small gable-roofed transepts extend from the east and west sides of the building, and a gabled chancel extends to the north, giving the building a generally cruciform floor plan. A tower, square in plan and surmounted by an octagonal spire, projects westward from the southwest corner of the nave.

The location of the building at the northeast corner of two major streets gives visual prominence to the corner tower. This tower consists of two parts – a lower section of brick construction and an upper section of wooden construction, separated by a band of roofing. The upper section is, in turn, surmounted by the octagonal spire. On the lower part of the south and west sides of the tower, set within pointed arches and flanked by sloped brick buttresses, are double-leaf doors which serve as the principal entrances into the church. Over each of these openings is a set of three small pointed-arched windows of stained glass. The upper, wooden section of the tower, above the band of roofing, has four identical faces, each consisting of a pair of pointed-arched openings surmounted by a panel containing a pair of quatrefoil moldings. Each face is bordered by fluted classical pilasters at the corners. These pilasters carry a denticulated classical entablature, which serves as a base for the spire.

Alongside the tower, completing the south façade of the building, is the brick gable-end wall of the nave. At the center of this wall is a large stained glass window. According to an article written by Frances Gardner in the *History of Montgomery County*, “The large south window in the present church is the chancel window of the original church built in 1875. It was made in Memphis in 1876 by a stained glass artisan, Mr. Hughes.”<sup>1</sup> The large window is flanked by two smaller pointed-arched stained-glass windows. In the upper part of the gable above the large central window is a quatrefoil-shaped window of stained glass. This window is surmounted by stickwork that adorns the peak of the gable.

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<sup>1</sup> Frances Gardner, “Immanuel Episcopal Church, Winona” in *History of Montgomery County*, Curtis Media Corporation, 1993.

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A row of pointed-arched stained-glass windows, matching the smaller windows on the south façade, extends along either side wall, consisting of five windows on the east and four on the west. Other matching windows pierce the north side of the tower and the north walls of the transepts. (The south wall of each transept contains an exterior door within a pointed arched opening.) The end wall of each transept has a larger stained glass window divided by tracery. Another large stained glass window illuminates the north end of the chancel, above the altar. Two small dormers, ornamented with stickwork, are set into either side of the main roof.

The church is entered through the doors at the base of the tower. Within the tower is a small vestibule, which opens into the southwest corner of the nave. The nave is rectangular in plan, with straight wooden pews, which are original to the building, arranged on either side of a wide center aisle. At the south end of the aisle is a stone baptismal font. The nave has a steep pitched ceiling, surfaced with varnished wood, with exposed scissor trusses.

At the north end of the nave is a raised chancel formed by the intersecting walls of the transepts, but the externally-projecting portions of the transepts themselves are walled off as separate rooms, instead of being open to the nave. The intersection of the nave and the transepts is articulated by a wide chancel arch, flanked by two smaller arches, which are carried by two Gothic columns with matching engaged columns along the side walls. A rectangular recess containing the altar extends northward from the chancel. The litany desk was brought from the 1875 church. To the west of the chancel is a pipe organ, which was installed in 1910.<sup>2</sup>

The church retains a very high degree of integrity throughout, including all of its original furniture and fixtures.

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<sup>2</sup> The Friends of Immanuel organization has a copy of the specifications and contract with the organ builder dated from September 18, 1909.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

Architecture

**Period of Significance**

1909

**Significant Dates**

1909

**Criteria Considerations:**

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Significant Person(s)**

**Cultural Affiliation(s)**

**Architect/Builder**  
unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance:** See continuation sheets.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** See continuation sheet.

**Previous documentation on file (NPS)**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey  
# \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record  
# \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Location of Additional Data**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Immanuel Episcopal Church is significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture because it is an accomplished and very well preserved example of a small-town Gothic Revival church from the first decade of the twentieth century. Built in 1909, the building retains all of its original brick structure, windows, and interior fittings including woodwork, floors, pews, organ, and altar furniture.

Immanuel Episcopal Church of Winona, Mississippi, began as a mission of All Saints Parish of Grenada, Mississippi, in 1873. The first church building was constructed in 1875 on the south side of Summit Street, between Academy and Church Streets. Immanuel Church was formally organized the next year, with the Reverend V.N Shields serving as minister.

The present Immanuel Church building was built on the corner of Summit and Fairgrounds Streets in 1909 on a lot donated by Mrs. T. U. Sisson. The building was provided as a gift to the church by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Purnell. Mr. Purnell was a noted philanthropist in the community who is also recorded as donating an elementary school and the Confederate Monument. (His home was listed on the National Register in 1990.)

The architect and builder of Immanuel Church have not yet been identified, but the architect must have also designed the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in nearby Greenwood, Mississippi, built in 1902. The Church of the Nativity is an almost exact mirror-image of Immanuel Church, with almost identical detailing. A third church from this period, St. George's in Clarksdale, Mississippi, built in 1904, is also quite similar, and appears to have been based upon the same plans, but it has a shorter and simpler tower.

Immanuel Church served as an active Episcopal church until approximately the fall of 1991 when the congregation was transferred to the Grenada parish. A non-profit organization, the Friends of Immanuel, was organized about that time and assumed the responsibility of operation and maintenance until the Episcopal Diocese eventually sold the building to the Friends of Immanuel in July of 1997. The organization holds ecumenical services once a month in the church and makes it available for weddings and other special events.

**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References:	<u>Zone</u>	<u>Easting</u>	<u>Northing</u>
	16	245980	3707950

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town:	Jackson	state: MS

From a preliminary draft prepared by Henry G. Laird, Laird & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 1666, Oxford, MS 38655 (telephone 662-234-8999) in July 2001.

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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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**Property Owner(s)**

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name:	Friends of Immanuel	telephone: 662-283-5081
street & number:	P.O. Box 109	zip code: 38967
city or town:	Winona	state: MS

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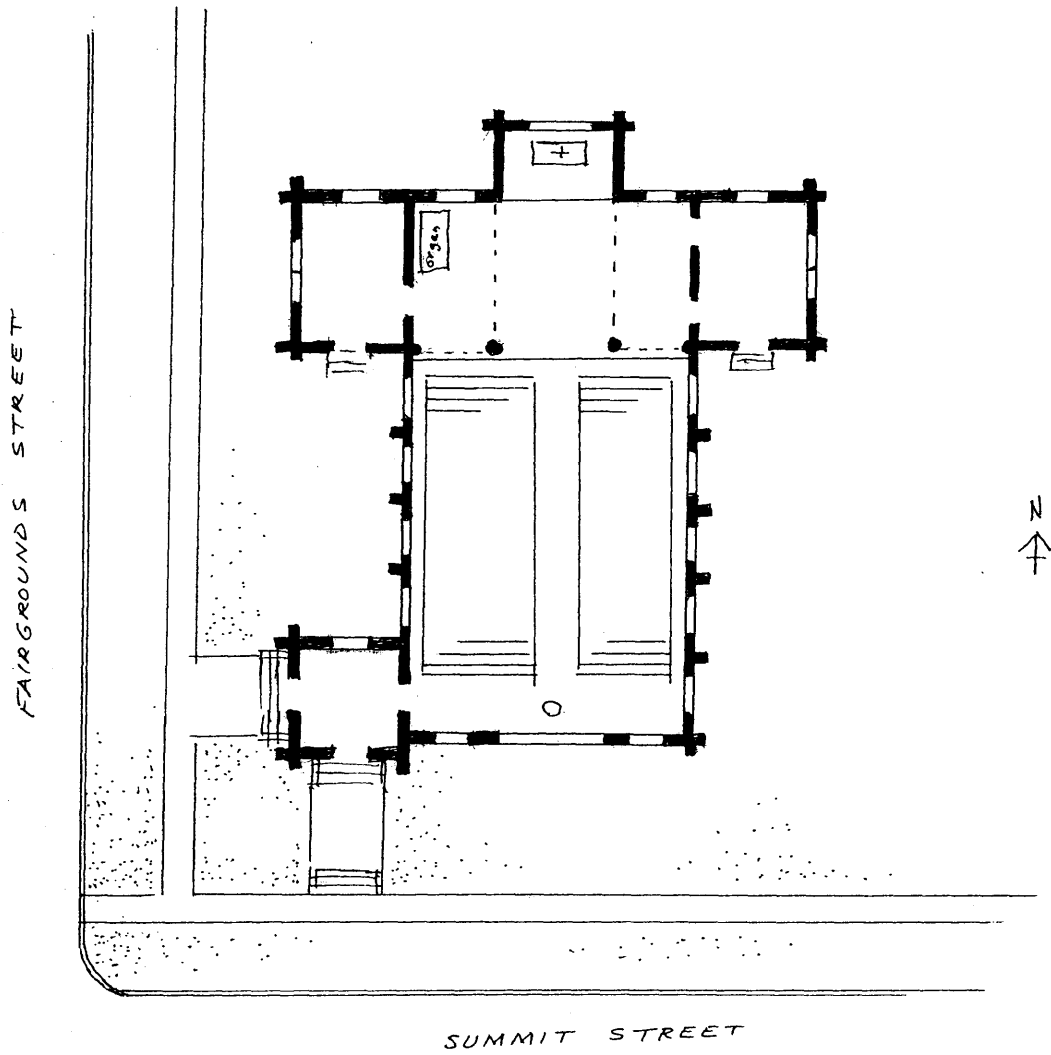
**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

A part of lot 148 West of the IC Railroad according to the Map of plat of the City of Winona made by J.W. Mercer in 1894, and being more particularly described as beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 148 at the intersection of the North boundary line of Summit Street and the East boundary line of Fairground Street as the Point of Beginning and running thence North along the East boundary line of Fairground Street 150 feet to a point; thence Easterly parallel with the North boundary line of Summit Street 80 feet to a point; thence South parallel with the East boundary line of Fairground Street 150 feet to a point on the North boundary of Summit Street; thence West along the North boundary of Summit Street to the Point of Beginning.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

This is the city lot historically occupied by the building.





IMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Winona, Montgomery County, Mississippi  
Approximate plan  
Not to scale