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Title: Historic Resources of Williamson County

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Historic Name: Trinity United Methodist Church (WM-932)

Common Name: Trinity United Methodist Church

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Classification: Building

Owner: Trinity United Methodist Church, Tr., Route # 5, Franklin, TN 37064

Location: On Wilson Pike one and one-half mile south of Clovercroft Road.

Contributing:

Buildings 1
Structures 1
Sites 0

Non-Contributing:

Buildings 0
Structures 0
Sites 0

Total: 2

Total: 0

Description:

The Trinity United Methodist Church is a one-story brick Victorian Romanesque Church built in 1897. On the main (south) facade is a two-story square bell tower which contains the main entrance consisting of original double doors of six panel frame. Over the doors is a transom bar with dentils. Above the transom bar is a stained glass transom inscribed "Trinity 1865, 1897, 1909". Over the transom is stone arching with shoulders in floral designs. In the second story of the tower are arched windows with louvered vents. Dividing the two sections is a stone beltcourse and above the vent windows is rope molding. At the roofline is a pyramidal roof and a finial.

Windows in the building are both original 1897 designs and replacements added after the storm of 1909. The windows are arched with stone banding and contain stained glass designs. The stone banding has similar floral decoration as that of the stone arching over the transom. In the gable field of the east and west facades are small terra cotta panels. The building was constructed in seven-course common bond with a stone foundation and gable roof of composition shingles. At the northwest corner is a 1956 one-story brick addition. In front of the church is the original 1897 cast iron hoop and dart fence made by Stewart Ironworks of Cincinnati. This fence is included as a contributing structure to the site. The interior has the original pews, altar, tongue and groove paneled ceiling, light fixtures and wainscoting. The church sits on a rural lot on Wilson Pike.

Period of Significance: 1897; 1909

Area of Significance: Architecture

Criterion: C

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Statement of Significance:

The Trinity United Methodist Church is the county's only example of the Victorian Romanesque style outside of Franklin. The church was organized in 1865 and a one-story brick building was erected soon after. This building was destroyed in 1897 by a tornado and the present church was built later that year. The church is a fine example of the Victorian Romanesque style and features a prominent bell tower on the main facade and large rounded arch stained glass windows. A second tornado in 1909 caused damage to the east and north facades but this damage was repaired to match the original structure.

The only major alteration to the building since 1909 was the addition of a one-story brick wing at the rear of the structure in 1956. The original design of the church is visible on its three major facades and it retains its site and setting. The church remains one of the best rural church buildings in the county.

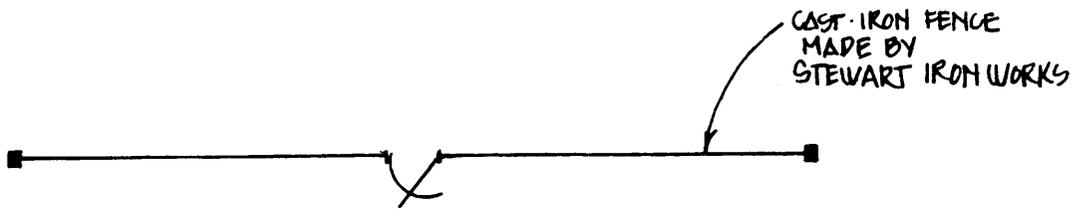
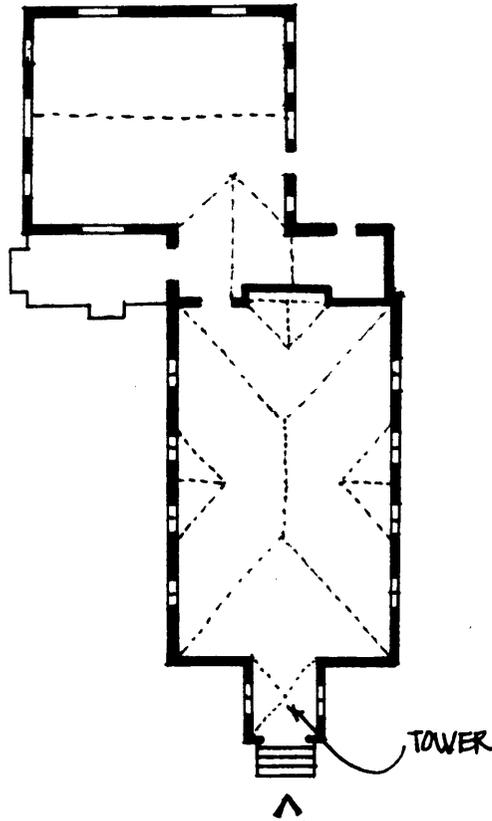
Acreage: 1 acre

UTM References: Franklin Quad/16/522280/3973860

Verbal Boundary and Justification: The boundary for the Trinity Church is illustrated on accompanying Williamson County tax map # 81, lot 43. The boundary is drawn to include the lot and property historically associated with the church.

Supplemental Bibliographical References:

#932 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CLOVERCROFT ROAD

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