

Nineteenth Century Churches of South Nashville Thematic Resources
Architectural and Historic Properties Inventory Form

IDENTIFICATION	Historic name: <u>St. Patrick's Catholic Church and</u> <u>Rectory</u>	STATUS	Open to public: <u>Yes X No Restricted X</u>
	Common name: <u>N/A</u>		Visible from road: <u>Yes X No</u>
	Address: <u>1219 Second Avenue South</u> <u>Nashville, Tennessee</u>		Occupied: <u>Yes X No</u>
	Owner's name: <u>St. Patrick's Catholic Church</u>		Present use: <u>Church</u>
	Owner's address: <u>1219 Second Avenue South</u> <u>Nashville, Tennessee 37210</u>		Current condition: <u>Good</u>
	Classification: <u>Building</u>		Alterations: <u>several windows of the stairway tower have been bricked in.</u>
	Tax map reference: <u>105-3-257</u>		Site features: <u>the church and rectory sit atop a hill, close to the street with a small front yard and iron fencing</u>
	Acreage: <u>.60 acres</u>		
UTM reference: <u>16/521220/3999760</u> <u>Nashville West, TN</u>			
HISTORY	Date of construction: <u>1890</u>	SOURCES	Bibliographical data: <u>See Nomination Form</u>
	Architect/builder: <u>unknown</u>		
	Original or previous owners: <u>N/A</u>		
	Original use: <u>Church</u>		Form prepared by: <u>Shain Dennison</u>
	Theme/s: Primary <u>Architecture</u>		Title: <u>Architectural Historian</u>
	Secondary <u>Religion</u>		Organization: <u>Metro Historical Commission</u>
Other <u>N/A</u>	<u>Nashville</u> Date: <u>11/83</u>		
DESCRIPTION	<p>St. Patrick's Catholic Church is a brick two-and-a-half-story Second Empire-style church building. It has a two-story ground floor sanctuary with balcony and has classrooms on the second floor. The building features a three-story octagonal corner tower and pyramidal spire, a three-bay wide square stairway tower with rounded buttresses, round-arched windows, brick pilasters, and a slate mansard roof. Like the exterior, the interior remains relatively unaltered. Its staircases; the wood columns, pews and molding of the rather plain sanctuary; and the second story classroom spaces and metal columns remain intact. The rectory is a typical late nineteenth century two-story brick house with a wrap-around corner porch, hip roof, stone foundation, rectangular windows, and double-leaf doorway.</p>		
SIGNIFICANCE	<p>St. Patrick's Catholic Church is architecturally significant as an example of a Second Empire-style church building, the only one in Nashville. The church building and its Victorian eclectic rectory are largely unaltered and are among the most visually imposing buildings in South Nashville. St. Patrick's is historically significant as the church of Nashville's Irish community and specifically as the home church for six itinerant family clans of Irish-Americans. These families, horse traders and house painters, returned to Nashville and St. Patrick's to bury their dead on the first Monday in May of each year from 1892 until the 1960s. Though most of the descendants of these families **</p>		

PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA

Photographer: John Compton

Date: November 1983

Negatives on file: Metro Historical Commission
Nashville, Tennessee

Photographer facing: W; W; N; interior; interior

Photograph number 22-27 of 27.

CONTINUATION

** have settled in permanent locations now, and the annual burial pilgrimage no longer occurs, some members of these families still bring their dead to Nashville for a funeral at St. Patrick's and burial at Calvary Cemetery.

SITE PLAN - Include North Arrow

Not drawn to scale

