

HISTORIC RESOURCES OF COLUMBUS, MUSCOGEE COUNTY, GEORGIA  
 GEORGIA ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC PROPERTIES SURVEY-INVENTORY FORM

NO. 354

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| I. IDENTIFICATION | PROPERTY NAME: Trinity Episcopal Church of Columbus<br>STREET ADDRESS: 1130 First Avenue<br>PRESENT OWNER: Trinity Episcopal Church of Columbus<br>CITY: Col.s. ATTN: Minister<br>CURRENT USE: Church<br>U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Columbus, GA-AL<br>V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 4/13/8  | HISTORIC NAME: Trinity Episcopal Church of Columbus<br>CITY: Columbus COUNTY: Muscogee<br>MAILING ADDRESS: 1130 First Avenue<br>STATE: Georgia ZIP CODE: 31901<br>ACREAGE: Less than one acre<br>U.T.M. REFERENCE: 16-688755-3593830 |
| II. DESCRIPTION   | ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Gothic Revival; English brick bond construction with sandstone detailing. Church is of Gothic influence and is similar to an English Parish Church with tudor arches and square bell tower to rear, Gable end faces street and has large stained glass window. To the north of the window is the original entrance which is balanced on the south with a small stained glass window. Church has sandstone string course 1/3 of the way up the building. To the south is an addition which contains church classrooms. It maintains the same brick bonding pattern as the original building, same proportions and same general detailing. (CONT. ON BACK)  |  |
| III. HISTORY      | ORIGINAL OWNER: Trinity Episcopal Church of Columbus ORIGINAL USE: Church<br>ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Wheeler-Downing, Architects of Atlanta, built church in 1890; a "Mr. Smith" was the contractor.<br>DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1890 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: 1925-26 church was enlarged with addition of Parish House (T. F. Lockwood and Son, Architects); Murphey Pound, Architect (CONT.)<br>HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT):<br>The present Trinity Episcopal Church (at 1130 First Avenue) was constructed in 1890 as a replacement for the congregation's first church, which stood at 1140 First Avenue. This 146-year-old congregation has always worshipped in downtown Columbus and continues to do so. The church was enlarged with the addition of a Parish House (1925-26). During the late 1950's to mid-1960's, renovation and expansion took place. |  |
| IV. SIGNIFICANCE  | N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Religion, Architecture LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local<br>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): <u>Religion</u> - This church is significant as it serves the oldest and most influential Episcopalian congregation in Columbus. <u>Architecture</u> - This church is significant as the only Gothic Revival Church in Columbus. It is similar to the Church of the Holy Family in window forms, but has smaller proportioning reminiscent of the English countryside churches.   |  |
| V. SOURCES        | FORM PREPARED BY: a) Nancy Alexander Roger Harris ORGANIZATION: a) Lower Chattahoochee APDC<br>b) Janice P. Biggers b) Historic Columbus Foundation<br>ADDRESS: a) P. O. Box 1908, Col.s, GA 31994 TELEPHONE NUMBER: a) (404)324-4221<br>b) 700 Broadway, Col.s, GA 31901 b) (404)322-0756<br>REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: Historic Structures Field Survey: Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. 1976 state survey, Historic Preservation Section, DNR, Atlanta, Georgia.<br>SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Barbara Bogart and Margaret Laney Whitehead, City of Progress: A History of Columbus, Georgia. Columbus, Georgia: Columbus Office Supply Co., 1979., pp.  |  |

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: The interior continues the Gothic scheme with heavy dark beams supporting the slate roof. These beams are supported by heavy corner brackets which form decorative designs. Large stained glass windows break up white wall space.

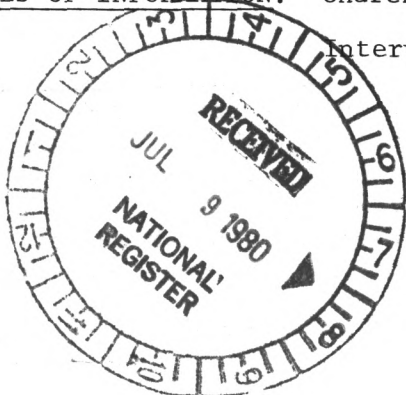
Landscaping consists of brick side walks, grass-covered lawns, a small brick and sculptured metal fountain and beds of boxwood and monkey grass.

To the West - large 1950's department store; To East - U. S. Post Office and small business; To North - parking lot; To South - First Presbyterian Church. Structure in good condition. Integrity is maintained.

DATE OF ALTERATIONS CONT.: renovated and expanded facilities (made roof connection from church to Parish House) during late 1950's to mid 1960's

SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Church cornerstone.

Interview with Loretto Lamar Chappell, Church historian, March 21, 1980.



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