

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Church of the Holy Cross COUNTY: Rice
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: Dundas
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 8, 9, 10; Block 5, Original Plat of City of Dundas. ADDRESS: Second Street

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Settlement</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Architecture</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others <u>Religion</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No ___ Restricted X PRESENT USE: Church
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No ___
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No ___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1868 ORIGINAL USE: Church
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Church of the Holy Cross ARCHITECT/BUILDER: E.C. Goodman, mason
 Wm. C. Cleland, contractor

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Congregation Holy Cross Episcopal Church Dundas, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Rice County Historical Society, P.O. Box 5, Faribault, MN 55021	UTM REFERENCE: Northfield Quad. 7.5 15 / 483790 / 4918960
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DATE: February 1981	

DESCRIPTION:

The Church of the Holy Cross is located on Second Street on a slight rise at the southeast edge of Dundas. The building is surrounded by an ample churchyard which is attractively landscaped and includes some fine examples of Victorian cemetery art.

The Gothic styled church was constructed in 1868 of locally quarried stone and consists of a rectangular nave, a chancel extending from the east end of the nave, a two chambered vestry (1900) extending from the southeast corner of the nave, and a steeple that rises from the northeast corner of the nave. Four stained glass lancet windows are located on each long side of the nave, and two similar windows flank the vestibule on the west end. The vestibule entrance features a large pointed arch motif. The chancel end (east) features a large triplet window of stained glass. A gabled roof with crosses at the west ends of the nave and vestry roofs caps the building. An open wooden belfry on the west end of the nave was removed in 1874 when the tower was built at the northeast corner. The tower consists of a lower portion featuring narrow lancet windows and an upper portion dominated on each side by an elaborate wooden louvre in the style of plate tracery. An octagonal spire with patterned shingles tops the tower and terminates in a cross. The parish hall attached to the south side of the vestry was added in 1964; the similarity in materials and scale make it a sympathetic addition to the building.

The integrity of the church's interior as well as its exterior is outstanding. Interior features include the original stained natural woodwork, a large pointed masonry arch opening to the chancel, paneled doors with pointed arch motifs, and the original English imported furniture. The large stained glass window, the bell, and the altar were also imported from England.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Dundas' Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross is significant both for its close association with the early history of Dundas and as a reflection of one man's position of prominence in the town. The church is architecturally significant as a fine example of the Whipple churches inspired by "A Model for a Parish Church" published in Richard Upjohn's Rural Architecture in 1852. The man responsible for platting Dundas and for the town's early prominence as a Minnesota milling center, John Sidney Archibald, was the driving force behind the formation of the Episcopal congregation and the construction of the Church of the Holy Cross. Episcopal services were held in Archibald's mill as early as 1864, Bishop Henry Whipple conducting the first service. In 1868, John Archibald donated land for the church and bore most of the cost of the building erected in the same year. Holy

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Cross was largely the result of Archibald's desire to provide "his" town with a "proper" place to worship. The wealth and position of its prime benefactor are reflected in the building's masonry construction, imported furniture, and careful attention to design.

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**Note: These changes apply to
Church of the Holy Cross in
Rice County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82003005

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Rice

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Church of the Holy Cross (Episcopal)

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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Date