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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 601 MAIN

CITY, TOWN

ANACONDA

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

WESTERN

STATE

MONTANA

CODE

30

COUNTY

DEER LODGE

CODE

77

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME ST. MARK'S PARISH

STREET & NUMBER 601 MAIN

CITY, TOWN

ANACONDA

___ VICINITY OF

STATE
MONTANA

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, DEER LODGE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

ANACONDA

STATE
MONTANA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The buff colored stone for this Romanesque Revival church was quarried near Garrison, Montana. The church plan is that of a Latin Cross, but with a square entrance bell tower on the northwest corner of the building. The church is oriented on an east-west axis with the altar located in the squared apsidal east end. The stone employed is a rough-faced quarried sandstone. The thick bearing walls of the nave, transepts and bell tower are buttressed. Between the buttresses of the nave are tall narrow stained glass windows with semi-circular heads. There are four windows on the south wall of the nave between the buttresses and two similar windows in the south transept, one on the west and one on the south. The north transept has an oriel window on the north end and no window on the west.

The apsidal end has a shorter window similar to those of the north wall of the nave. On the east end of the nave, there are three equally spaced windows with circular heads. The central window portrays a biblical story and is taller than the others which have squared panels of stained glass in them. These windows are not visible inside the church. A screen (installed ca. 1958) hides them.

The oriel window in the north transept is covered by an elaborate pipe organ donated to the church in 1896 by Mrs. Marcus Daly, a member of the congregation. Marcus Daly was one of Montana's "Copper Kings." The organ, whose pipes are painted in pastel colors, is no longer operative. The large window in the west gable, divided into three panels with small circular windows above in a semi-circular headed frame, has handsome figures of Christ and angels.

The nave and transepts have steep gabled roofs covered by wood shingles. There is a steep pyramidal roof, also wood shingled, that caps the bell tower. This roof is flanked at the four corners of the tower by small projecting squared turrets with pyramidal roofs of stone slabs. There are two equally spaced openings having semi-circular heads on each face of the bell tower. At the peak of the west facade gable and on top of the pyramidal roof of the bell tower are copper crosses.

The two large entry doors to the entry bell tower are made of vertical planks fitted to the semi-circular arched opening. Both doors have elaborate cast iron strap hinges, ornate escutcheon plates, and rings for door handles. The doors from the vestibule into the nave are elaborately paneled hardwood. A hardwood wainscoting begins in the vestibule and carries over into the main nave. The arched ceiling of the nave is also of hardwood. The pews in the church are of a simple design and are built of oak.

Some changes have been made over the years, primarily to the interior. The placement of the organ in 1896, the screen placed behind the altar about 1958, and rearrangement of the area behind the choir rail have modified the original design. A red brick one storied flat-roofed addition has been constructed in the space just east of the south transept, squaring off the space between the transept and apse. This gives access to the rear of the church and to the basement.

A concrete apron or semi-foundation has been poured in recent years against the stone foundation walls. This apron, installed because of water problems eroding the soft sandstone foundation, forms a low profile around the church & contains the two steps up from the sidewalk to the main entry, now flanked on either side by cast iron handrails. There is some

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deterioration of both mortar and stone at the junction of the concrete apron or water will and the stone. Other than this, the building is in good condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1890-91 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Montana came to the attention of the rest of the country with the first big gold strike in 1862; hopeful miners flocked to the Territory. The Territory of Montana was carved out of Idaho Territory in 1864, cities sprang up and government was established. The town of Anaconda was a relative latecomer in the state. It was established by Marcus Daly one of the "Copper Kings" of Montana, in 1883 as a location for his smelter. The town grew quickly and within a few months boasted eight saloons, four grocery stores, six boarding houses, two clothing and variety shops and two blacksmith shops.

Early activities of Episcopalians in the Anaconda area depended on a ministry of priests located in Deer Lodge and Butte or on visits of Bishop Richmond Leigh Brewer who was located in Helena. According to early church records, the Rev. S. C. Blackiston, rector of St. John's in Butte, attended a picnic for Episcopalians in the Anaconda area in 1884. The next year, he conducted a marriage ceremony in April and a baptism in October. For the next few years, intermittent services were held first in the Methodist Episcopal Church South building and later in a room over Foskett's Saloon. On December 12, 1886, in the latter location, a service was being held by the Rev. A. B. Howard, vicar of St. James Church of Deer Lodge. He was preparing for a baptism and asked for some water. A young man brought it to him in a beer mug, compliments of the bartender, and the baptism was performed.

In March, 1889, the first priest-in-charge, the Rev. William E. Nies, was appointed and plans were made for construction of the church building. The site on the corner of Sixth and Main was purchased by Bishop Brewer on behalf of the Missionary District of Montana. The cornerstone for St. Mark's was laid on October 21, 1890. The dedication took place in February, 1891. The cost of construction was around \$10,000. Stone for the structure came from a quarry near Garrison, Montana, about 35 miles N. of Anaconda.

The new church struggled to survive. In 1892, the church was closed due to a smelter shut-down; the rector moved to Nebraska after three payless months. A year later, a new rector was called and the congregation began a new life.

Mrs. Marcus Daly was a member of St. Mark's. She donated the large pipe organ that was installed in 1896. Two Daly children were baptized and confirmed here.

St Mark's Episcopal Church stands today, not as a monument to the past, but as a doorway to the future. It's history is part of the tradition and history of the town of Anaconda which it is still serving.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anaconda Standard (newspaper), Anaconda, Montana, October 2, 1890;
February 23, 1891; June 24, 1891

Under the Shadow of Mt. Haggin, Deer Lodge History Group, 1975,
p. 223, "St. Mark's Episcopal Church", written by Rev. John Caton

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.08 Acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Anaconda, Montana

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:62,500

UTM REFERENCES

A 12 | 349050 | 5109
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B [] | [] | []
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C [] | [] | []

D [] | [] | []

E [] | [] | []

F [] | [] | []

G [] | [] | []

H [] | [] | []

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The W 1/2 of Lot 12, Block 102, Original Townsite of Anaconda

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

JOHN N. DeHAAS, JR., ARCHITECT

ORGANIZATION

DATE

JUNE 25, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

1021 S. TRACY

TELEPHONE

406-586-2276

CITY OR TOWN

BOZEMAN,

STATE

MONTANA 59601

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XXXX

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE 11-17-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/29/78

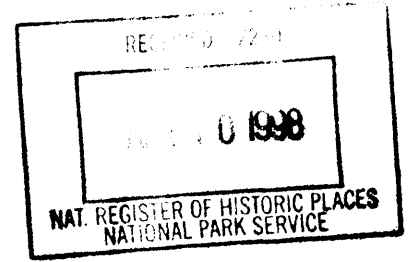
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: William H. Graham 12-28-78

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



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1. Name of Property

historic name: St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Amendment)

other name/site number: None

2. Location

street & number: 601 Main Street

not for publication: n/a

vicinity: n/a

city/town: Anaconda

state: Montana

code: MT

county: Deer Lodge

code: 023

zip code: 59711

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

3-23-98

Montana State Historic Preservation Office

State or Federal agency or bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

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:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

entered in the National Register
 see continuation sheet

determined eligible for the
National Register

see continuation sheet
 determined not eligible for the
National Register

see continuation sheet
 removed from the National Register
 see continuation sheet

other (explain):

Additional Documentation Accepted

Edward H. Beall 5/20/98

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Amendment)
601 Main Street
Anaconda, Deer Lodge County, Montana

This amendment to the 1977 St. Mark's Episcopal Church National Register Nomination provides the name of the architect and adds Criterion C as an area of significance.

8. Statement of Significance (Amended)

In addition to Religion, cited in the original 1977 nomination, St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Anaconda derives significance under Criterion C for its rich architecture. The building also meets Criteria consideration A as a religious property because the building is significant for its architecture and historical associations.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is one of the most decorated churches in Anaconda. A masterful Romanesque Revival Style building, it exemplifies many key elements of the style, including the use of cut, rough-faced stone to achieve a massive feeling; deeply set, paired, round stone arches, and a pronounced square tower which dominates the design. St. Mark's is one of the few buildings in Anaconda built entirely of stone. While many buildings in town incorporate some stone work in their designs, few employ it as the main building material.

The architect of this building, George Hancock, came to Montana in early 1890, opening a branch of his Fargo, North Dakota architectural firm, Hancock Brothers, Architects in Bozeman. Hancock and his brother, Walter Hancock, designed at least three other Episcopal churches in Montana besides St. Mark's, and they commonly use sandstone in their designs. George Hancock's most well-known projects, in addition to St. Mark's in Anaconda, include St. James' Episcopal Church in Bozeman, the Big Timber Episcopal Church, the Sheridan Episcopal Church, the Bozeman Hotel, the Spofford Hotel in Red Lodge, and the Bozeman City High School. Of these buildings, four are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. George Hancock closed his Montana office about 1895.

9. Bibliography (Amended)

Anaconda Standard, October 18, 1890.

11. Form Prepared By (Amended)

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