United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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1. Nam	le			
historic St.	Andrew's Episcopal	Church		
and/or common	N/A			
2. Loca	ation		_	
street & number	4th and Poplar St	reet		N/Anot for publication
city, town Sco	tland	N/Avicinity of	congressional district	Second
state South I	Dakota cod	e 46 county	Bon Homme	code 009
3. Clas	sification			
Category districtX building(s) structure site object	Ownership public private both Public Acquisition in process N/A being considered	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted X yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence X religious scientific transportation other:
4. Own	er of Prope	rty		
name South	Dakota Episcopal D	iocese		
street & number	Box 517		77	
city, town Sjot	ux Falls	N/A vicinity of	state	South Dakota
5. Loca	ation of Leg	al Descripti	on	
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc. Reg	ister of Deeds		
street & number	Bon Homme County			
city, town Tyl	ndall		state	South Dakota
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title N/A		has this pro	operty been determined e	legible? yes X no
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Condition		Check one	Check one	
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fair	unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

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The church is a frame construction with brick veneer formed in the shape of a Greek Cross with a tower in both the northeast and northwest corners. Resting on a low watertable, the body of the church is one tall story, while the northwest tower is one story high below the roofline and the northeast tower rises in three lofty stories. Gable roofs cover each arm of the cross; each tower is capped with an elongated pyramid roof. The chancel lies between the towers, one of which serves as an entrance and the other as the sacristy. Three lancets under a small rose window on the wall above the altar light the chancel; facing it are the trancepts which have two lancets under a small rose window on their end walls. The stubby nave has one lancet on each side wall. The south wall of the nave has a double door under a fourth rose window. Serving as a sacristy, the short northwest tower has two lancets facing north, an exterior door facing west and an interior door into the west transept on the south. Standing as a focal point on the corner of Fourth and Poplar the northeast tower has double entrance doors facing east, two lancets facing north and on the interior a double door on the south which opens into the east transept. The second stage of the tower has thin lancets on the east and north. On the third stage. sills are cut into a strong beltcourse, and two lancets on each face. Ornamentation is simple: voussoirs of the lancets and around the rose windows are painted cream to contrast with the red brick. On all but the towers a painted beltcourse encircles the structure from the head of the arches. Large arches group the lancets and rose windows together on the north, east and west facades, and over the south and east entrances and the north lancets of the main tower. Arches are stacked two high, joined together, and paint-At the top of the northeast tower and in the gable of the south facade, crosses are picked out in slight relief and paint. Additional crosses decorate the crossing and sacristy tower. The finial of the northeast tower was blown off in a windstorm but has been saved in the event it can be replaced. A chimney on the south wall of each transept Martin to the second of the second of the second is provided for stoves inside. · 41:

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799X 1800–1899 1900–	Areas of Significance—C — archeology-prehistoric — archeology-historic — agriculture _X architecture — art — commerce — communications	community plans conservation economics education engineering	A -	science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation
Specific dates	1886-7		A CHITET - UNKNOWN	Sc

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built six years after the town was founded, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is significant in the areas of religion and architecture.

An ambitious project undertaken in the fledgling years of the community, St. Andrew's exemplifies the dreams and optimism early settlers in Dakota Territory brought with them. It stands as one of the most ambitious buildings erected by the Episcopal Diocese during the early years of settlement and few other denominations erected buildings to match the sophisticated design of St. Andrew's. The Episcopalians built mainly small board and batten churches of Gothic design, while Catholics and Lutherans in the 1880's constructed small frame churches with sparce ornament and simple towers following vernacular traditions. Baptists built several fairly ambitious churches in larger towns from a popular pattern, and the Methodists built hundreds of churches in the 1880 s from stock patterns provided by a Church Extension Society and drawn by Benjamin Price of Philadephia, with one pattern for smaller towns and another for larger. Records do not contain the name of the architect for St. Andrew's, but tradition maintains that money for the church came from New York and it is probable the design came from New York also. Although it is relatively small in size, the proportions are handled masterfully and forms and ornamentation common to the High Victorian Gothic style are utilized. Contrasting colors of brick were called for in the design, but because of the lack of two colors the ornament intended to be light was painted to contrast with the red brick, and this paint has been maintained. Of further significance is the pristine condition the interior woodwork and furnishings which have survived.

This small church has remained a mission church throughout its history. The Episcopal society or congregation was formed in 1884 by Reverend Melancthon Hoyt. Three years later, twelve residents of Scotland appealed to the Missionary Bishop of the territory and requested permission to establish the church of St. Andrew. Granted Bishop W. H. Hare's approval, the congregation began construction.

Reverend Hoyt, the first priest of St. Andrew's, was a pioneer Episcopal missionary who worked in the area east of the Missouri River. He came to Dakota Territory on the first missionary effort in 1860. In 1875 he was appointed general missionary, and held this post until 1888, when he died in Scotland.

Reverend William Pond became the first and only resident minister in 1894. Since then all priests have been missionaries, and the church receives mission funds to help maintain the congregation.

Chief of Registration