

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

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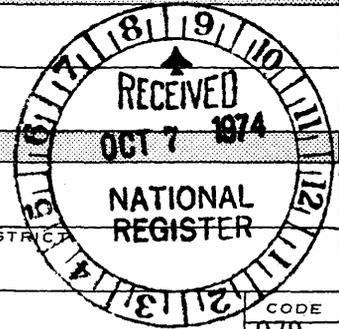
STATE:
Wisconsin

COUNTY:
Milwaukee

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ENTRY DATE

DEC 27 1974



1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
904 East Knapp Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Milwaukee

STATE:
Wisconsin

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
5th

COUNTY:
Milwaukee

CODE:
55

CODE:
079

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee

STREET AND NUMBER:
914 East Knapp Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Milwaukee

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
55

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Milwaukee County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
901 North Ninth Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Milwaukee

STATE:
Wisconsin

CODE:
55

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE:
11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Paul's is an imposing Richardsonian Romanesque church, with walls of rock-faced red Bass Island (Lake Superior) sandstone. It was planned by the popular Milwaukee architect Edward Townsend Mix, who based his design for the exterior on H. H. Richardson's project for Trinity Church in Buffalo, New York, which had been published in the July 1873 issue of the Architectural Sketch Book.

Located on the northeast corner of East Knapp and North Marshall Streets, the church is cruciform in plan and oriented north-south. At the southwest and southeast corners are massive towers. Portals in the towers and in the center of the facade (south elevation) open into the vestibules. Three doorways in the central vestibule give access to the nave, which is flanked by single aisles on east and west. The baptistery occupies the west transept, the morning chapel the east transept. A semi-circular chancel completes the church proper. Directly north of the chancel is a spacious assembly hall. Adjoining the northeast corner of the fabric is a two story parish hall containing church offices and library, meeting rooms and parlor, kitchen, church school rooms, and children's chapel.

Built in 1882-90 and consecrated in 1891, St. Paul's remained essentially unchanged until December 1950, when fire gutted the north end of the building and seriously damaged portions of the parish hall. The costly reconstruction and remodelling project began in 1951 and included redesign, rebuilding, and refurbishing of the chancel and alterations to the nave arcade, which was simplified and extended across the transepts to join the new chancel. Fortunately, the intricately beamed ceilings of nave and transepts escaped damage and were left intact. So, too, were the dazzling 19th century stained glass windows--several of them the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany's New York firm. St. Paul's reopened in January 1953. In recent years the exterior of the building and the stained glass have been cleaned and restored.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S



8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1882-90**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Designed for Milwaukee's pioneer Episcopal parish (organized in 1838) by the highly regarded local architect Edward Townsend Mix, St. Paul's is the community's outstanding Richardsonian Romanesque church. It is given further distinction by a collection of stained glass windows-- a number of them Tiffany designs--unrivalled in the city's churches. St. Paul's was documented for the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1969 and designated as a Milwaukee Landmark in 1972.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The HABS data-report incorporates a two and one-half page bibliography. Recent publications include:

Perrin, Richard W. E., The Architecture of Wisconsin, Madison, 1967, 95-97.

Perrin, Richard W. E., Milwaukee Landmarks, Milwaukee, 1968, 22-23.

Wietczykowski, Mary Ellen, "Three Episcopal Churches in Milwaukee," Historical Messenger of the Milwaukee County Historical Society, XXVI, June, 1970, 40-50.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.0

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mary Ellen Wietczykowski, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Milwaukee Landmarks Commission

DATE: Aug. 9, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
734 North Ninth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Milwaukee

STATE: Wisconsin

CODE: 55

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: James Morton Smith
James Morton Smith

Title: Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date: Oct. 1, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 12/27/74

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date: DEC 26 1974

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

6. Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Buildings and Sites (state)

1971

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

816 State Street

Madison

Wisconsin

Code: 55

11. Donald N. Anderson, Asst. Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

17 September 1974

816 State Street

Madison

Wisconsin

Code: 55

