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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Florida
COUNTY: Lake
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE DEC 27 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Spring Lake Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Fruitland Park

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Fourth

STATE:  
Florida

CODE:  
012

COUNTY:  
Lake

CODE:  
069

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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P.O. Box 435

CITY OR TOWN:  
Fruitland Park

STATE:  
Florida

CODE:  
012

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Tavares

STATE:  
Florida

CODE:  
012

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

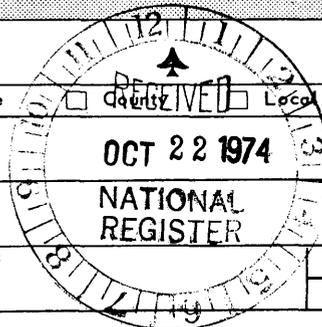
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
N/A

DATE OF SURVEY:  
 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
STATE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Holy Trinity Church is a small frame "Gothicized" building with steeply pitched roof. The exterior of the church is a four-part composition of fishscale shingles in the gable above bands of vertical board and batten and clapboards. There are three small porches (on the west, north and south) with steeply pitched hoods and an intricate system of grouped chamfered posts with bracketing. The west porch, being the main, is largest and has a lattice detail within the recessed gable and a Latin cross at the roof ridge. Directly behind this porch, in the principal gable is a rose window. Tall stained glass windows topped with equilateral arches surround the building.

The interior of the church is a simple longitudinal plan with a central aisle and seating for approximately two hundred persons. Beneath the high ceiling, exposed rafters can be seen. All wood in the building is pine, including interior appointments such as pews, pulpit, altar and flooring.

Holy Trinity occupies a beautiful tree-shaded and landscaped site just adjacent to the cemetery and church office. Entry to the grounds is gained through a lych gate which was built in 1889. Except for the addition of air-conditioning, the building is virtually unchanged since its construction and in excellent condition.



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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian;       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century  
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1888**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The town of Fruitland Park, founded in 1879, was a community of English settlers. A few years later the need for a church was referred to in the original vestry minute book: "The want of an Episcopal Church and clergyman in the English Colony...has been for some time felt, and a movement had been made to obtain subscriptions to erect a church in the colony." A general meeting of the colony was called on July 3, 1886, and the site was chosen on January 28, 1887. On an acre of land purchased from Sam Tanner, Holy Trinity Church was built in 1888 by the firm of E. Thompson of Savannah, Georgia. The plans were drawn by J. J. Nevitt and the total cost of the building was \$2,150. The first service was held on December 2, 1888 with the Rev. Joseph Julian officiating for a congregation of fifty people. The church was consecrated on July 12, 1889. In the same year the lych gate was donated to the church, a replica of those often found in Anglican churchyards.

Holy Trinity Church, has, since its organization, served Fruitland Park and other communities in the area as an integral part of both their religious and social lives. Constructed in a style that has come to be known as "Florida Gothic," the building survives unchanged as one of the finest examples of rural Anglican architecture in Florida.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE ATTACHED SHEET

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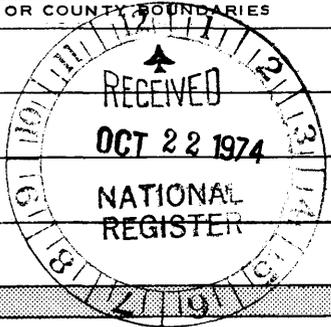
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than ten

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist**

ORGANIZATION: **Div. of Archives, History & Records Mgt.** DATE: **February, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Department of State, The Capitol**

CITY OR TOWN: **Tallahassee** STATE: **Florida** CODE: **012**

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: *Robert Williams*  
**Robert Williams**  
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: October 14, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

*A. R. ...*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 12/27/74

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
 Keeper, The National Register

Date: **DEC 26 1974**

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