

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

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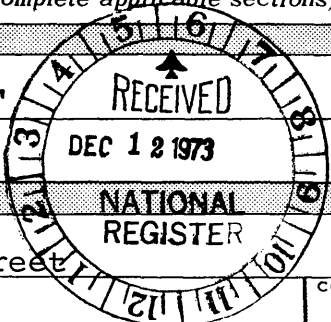
STATE:
Florida

COUNTY:
Escambia

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ENTRY DATE
MAY 3 1974

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1. NAME

COMMON:
"Old Christ Church"

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Christ Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
405 South Adams Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Pensacola

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
First District

STATE: Florida CODE: 12 COUNTY: Escambia CODE: 033

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"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Library of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	local history.	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ's Church in Pensacola

STREET AND NUMBER:
317 North Palafox Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Pensacola

STATE:
Florida

CODE:
12

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Palafox Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Pensacola

STATE:
Florida

CODE:
12

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1962 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(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

The original construction of "Old Christ Church" is documented in a contract dated April 29, 1830, between the Wardens and Vestrymen of the church and two carpenters, Benjamin Boyer and Edward W. Sewell:

The following is a specification of the Carpenters work to be done on the Episcopal Church in the City of Pensacola. The building to be of the following dimensions 52 by 38 feet the Belfry 14 feet square. One front door frame with Elliptic head 5½W by 8 feet high with a double door to be paneled 2 Inside frames or jamb casing with paneled doors 3W by 7½ high. 10 window frames to be made suitable for the sash, to be single hung with segment heads and centre for the same to be made complete for sash and shutters. One venetian frame for Belfry 6ft 8 I. wide by 8 ft high with Elliptic head 3 circular frames and centers for Belfry to be made for slats. The roof to be supported by four principle raftors and framed for coved ceiling, likewise to be sheeted and shingled 52 feet of plain cornice under each side of the roof with gutters in the same. One floor of joists and flooring for the same to be of wide boards plained, tongued, grooved and laid; joists and floor of the Belfry to be prepared as the above. The Belfry to be finished with cornice and covered with a flat roof.

At some time subsequent to original construction and before 1860 the flat-roofed bell tower was elaborated with two cube-like towers of wood, the bottom one covered with drop siding and the smaller top one with wood louvers. The two new towers and the older brick tower were "gothicized" with crenellated parapets and pyramidal corner spires. In 1879 remodelling and enlargement of the Church included extension of the main structure 20 feet to the west, raising the roof 8 feet to give steeper slopes, addition of two side entrance porches and two small side rooms at the west end, and carrying the bell tower some 20 feet higher in brick. The latter was crested with a pyramidal, standing-seam metal roof, each slope being interrupted by a narrow dormer.

The church building today stands largely as it was remodelled in 1879, except that the dormers have been removed from the tower roof and the stained glass windows of 1879 have been transferred (in 1902) to the "new" Christ Church on Palafox Street.

Overall measurements: main structure: 71'10" by 38'3"
 bell tower: 14'3 3/4" by 15'10"
 wings: 13'4" by 13'2"

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Old Christ Church" in Pensacola is the oldest building of worship in Northwest Florida. The Episcopalian residents of the city incorporated their congregation in 1829, began construction of the brick edifice in 1830, and held their first religious service in the new building in 1832. Bishop Jackson Kemper, Missionary Bishop of the Episcopal Church, consecrated Christ Church on March 4, 1838.

During its 140 years of service, the church building has had a variety of uses. From 1832 until 1903 "Old Christ Church" housed the Episcopal congregation of Pensacola. Many members of the Christ Church congregation went into "exile" in Alabama during the Civil War, and during their absence Union soldiers used the church first as a barracks and later as a military chapel. In 1865 the congregation returned to "Old Christ Church" and utilized the building until 1903 when they moved to "New Christ Church" on Palafox Street. A Negro congregation used "Old Christ Church" from 1903 until 1905 when St. Cyprian's Church was completed. "Old Christ Church" was then abandoned until 1933. The City of Pensacola acquired title to the building in 1936 with the stipulation that the old church be used as a museum or public library, and from 1937 until 1957 the Pensacola Public Library operated in the church. After a new library was erected, the Pensacola Historical Museum opened in "Old Christ Church" and, since 1960, some 200,000 visitors have viewed exhibits depicting local history.



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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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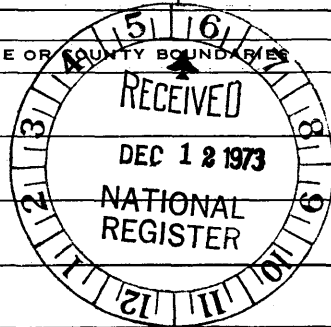
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SW	0	:	"	0	:	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard S. Hagen, Director of Research and Restoration
Linda V. Ellsworth, Assistant Historian

ORGANIZATION: Historic Pensacola Preservation Board DATE: 2/19/73

STREET AND NUMBER: 200 East Zaragoza Street

CITY OR TOWN: Pensacola STATE: Florida CODE: 12

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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*

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 12-5-73

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

W. R. ...
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/3/74

ATTEST:

Wm. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5-2-74

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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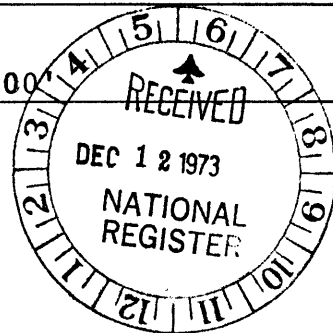
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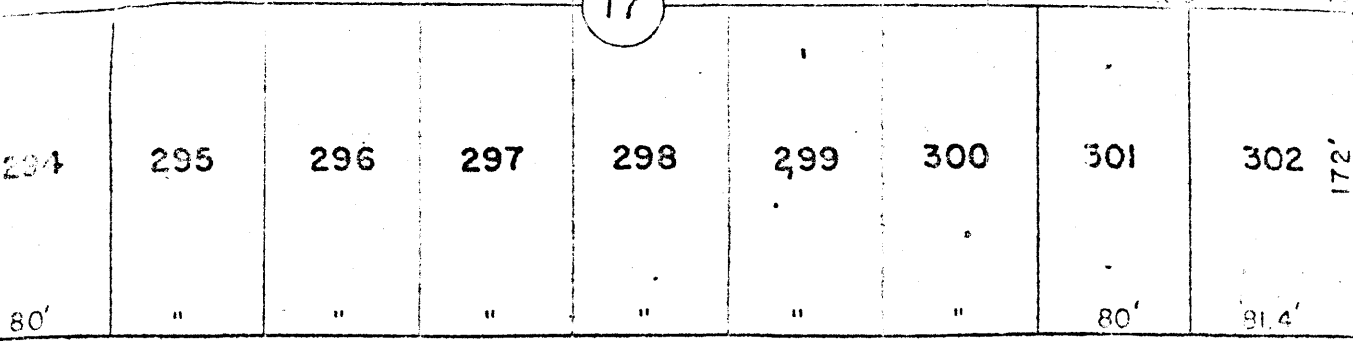
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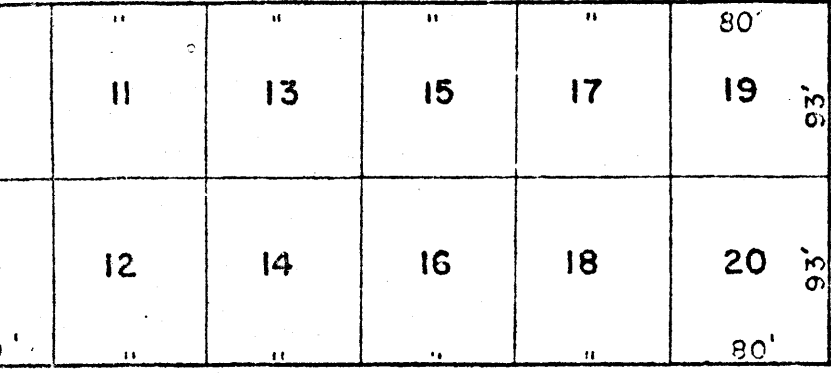
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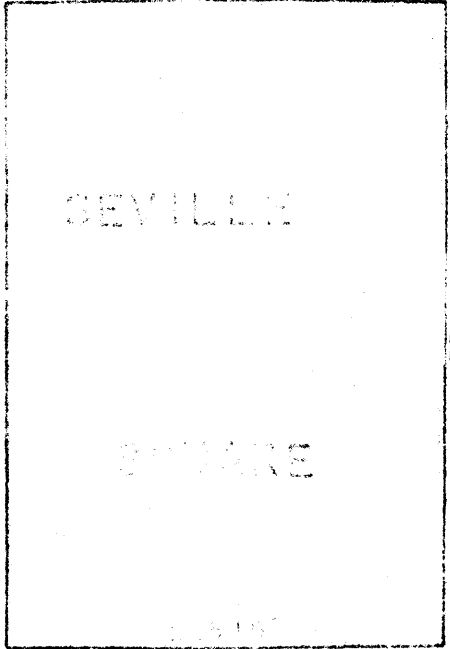
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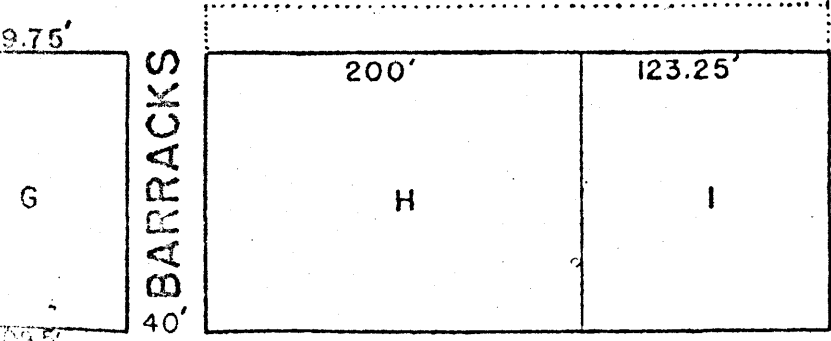
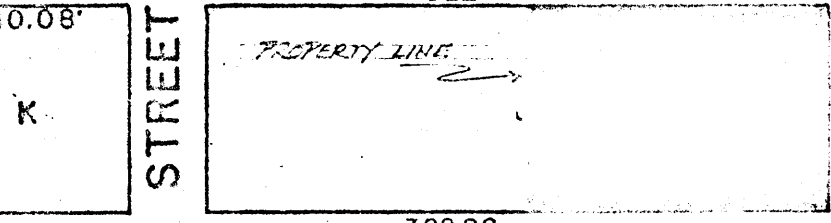
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