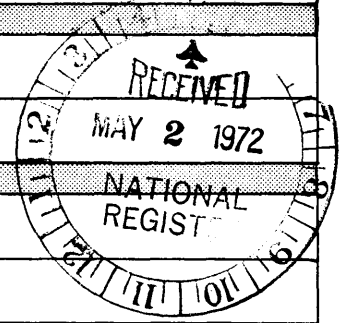


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Essex	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
South Park Calvary United Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
South Park Church

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1035 Broad Street, at Lincoln Park

CITY OR TOWN:  
Newark

STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34      COUNTY: Essex      CODE: 013

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <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:  
South Park Calvary United Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1035 Broad Street, at Lincoln Park

CITY OR TOWN: Newark      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Essex County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:  
High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark      STATE: New Jersey      CODE: 34

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Washington      STATE: District of Columbia      CODE: 11

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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	<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						
<p>Notations to above: Condition listed as good, however much protective renovation of restoration needed, notably and immediately to the north side windows which were vandalized and exposed by adjoining demolition. The interior is remarkably intact in its decor, but is faded and is in need of sensitive restorative redecoration.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the one notable major alteration to the church, otherwise remarkably intact, was the shortening of the 2 towers in the latter 1960's, and the lowering of the copper-caps of the cupola to cover more directly the <u>circular "monopteral" colonnade</u>, eliminating the stage featuring the relief work friezes in classical decor. No doubt this was occasioned by deterioration of the removed elements, maintenance problems and/or leaks. While it would be much preferable to restore the original eventually, there is no complete disaster architecturally without them. The First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, South Carolina, which is pictured on page 152 of the book, <u>The Church of God</u>, by Desider Holisher. The picture illustrates generally similar facade elements and proportions as South Park Church does at present. The description of the appearance of the church, outside and inside appears in section 8, under statement of significance.</p> <p>The Ionic 4-columned portico is large and is in Nova Scotia brownstone, (coffee with cream color) which covers the entire front, the towers, and the front portion of the sides. The balance of the building is in plain red brick.</p> <p>The main classical barrel-vault ceiling of the interior is pierced or intersected, perpendicularly by smaller but elaborate crossways barrel vaulting of the bays above the balcony which extends down both sides from the fine rear classical choir loft, as is characteristic of the meetinghouse style, notably in Newark. The detailed execution of this plan in this instance has no superior in the city of Newark.</p> <p>A broad massive classical marble pulpit stand is a handsome fixture in the front center.</p> <p>The cupola caps are elaborated in pale green oxidized copper. A wrought-iron fence encloses a small entrance yard.</p> <p>The parish hall is relatively undistinguished, and may be in part the addition of <u>1884</u>.</p>						

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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

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**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** Built in 1853 and dedicated 2/15/1855

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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Unquestionably of national significance, architecturally, with exterior of William Strickland type, Greek Revival Architecture, also with an extraordinarily elaborated many barrel vaulted interior to be compared with the best London churches, by noted architect John Welch, an AIA founder, who began in Newark. This may be New Jersey's most notable and best elaborated church in the Greek Revival style.

It has a commanding location of various excellent vistas, i.e., Broad Street, Chestnut Street and Lincoln Park.

The Nova Scotia brownstone, (coffee with cream color), is a slight variation from the popular local brownstone.

In Kenneth Schnall's Thesis on 19th century churches of Newark, New Jersey, he states that of all the Classical Revival Churches, South Park Calvary United Presbyterian Church most clearly reflects the Greek Revival Style.

It features handsome large 4-column Ionic portico entrance, and twin circular colonnaded "peristyle" or "monopteral" towers, after famed precedents including Choragic-Monument of Lysicrates, ancient Greece. These features rank it, nationally with comparable works by famed architects Strickland, Latrobe, Mills, Walter and Haviland. Most specifically Strickland in his Philadelphia works, Merchants Exchange, and even his nominally Gothic St. Stephen's with twin towers. Also in his Nashville works of the State Capitol 1844-47, the First Presbyterian Church 1848, St. Mary's Church 1845-53, and Latrobe in his ver similar porticoed, twin-towered similar colored stone old Baltimore Cathedral. As recently altered, it is reminiscent of the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina, built in 1814.

Architect John Welch, an AIA founder variously associated with Upjohn, according to the Brooklyn Eagle obituary, Welch had a national reputation as a specialist in ecclesiastical-architecture. He had built churches in nearly every city of importance in the country.

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13 More  
Peristyle Towers



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Donald W. Geyer, Lic. "professional planner" & architect historian

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 6/10/71

STREET AND NUMBER:  
351 Broad Street

CITY OR TOWN: Newark STATE New Jersey CODE 31

**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 Richard J. Sullivan  
 Title Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection  
 Date April 25, 1972

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

Robert Van Utter  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/5/72

ATTEST:  
William H. Hunt  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 12-4-72

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Section 6. Representation in existing surveys:  
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory #2186.13  
Circ. 1961 State  
Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Parks & Forestry  
Bureau of Parks, P.O. Box 1420  
Historic Sites Section  
Trenton, New Jersey Code: 34  
08625

Congressional Representation

Joseph G. Minish, Congressman (11th District)  
Clifford P. Case, U. S. Senator  
Harrison A. Williams, U. S. Senator

