

DATA SHEET

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Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: California
COUNTY: Napa
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE: JUN 5 1975

1. NAME

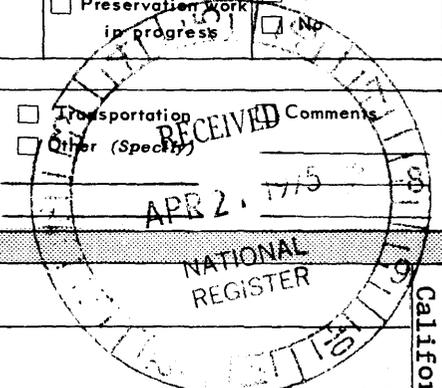
COMMON: First Presbyterian Church
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 1333 Third Street	
CITY OR TOWN: Napa	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2
STATE: California	CODE: 06
COUNTY: Napa	CODE: 055

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input 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	<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"/> 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)



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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: First Presbyterian Church		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1333 Third St.		
CITY OR TOWN: Napa	STATE: California	CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Napa County Courthouse		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: Napa	STATE: California	CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Surveyed by Geo. G. Lyman, Surveyor			
DATE OF SURVEY: July 10-21, 1874	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input type="checkbox"/> County
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Napa Co. Recorder			
STREET AND NUMBER: 3rd & Main			
CITY OR TOWN: Napa	STATE: California	CODE: 06	

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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		

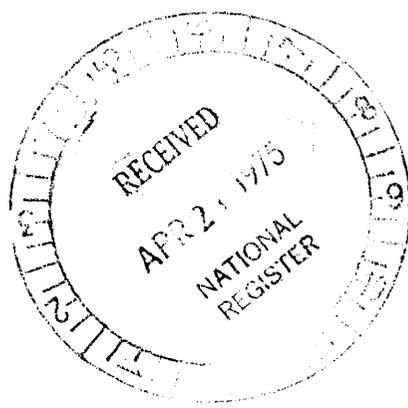
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Napa Presbyterian Church stands on the southwest corner of Third and Randolph Streets in the City of Napa. Located on the edge of the commercial core of the city, the original residential character of its neighborhood has given way to more modern commercial structures. The building faces an area which has been cleared for the new Napa County Building complex. With its tall corner spire, the building has stood as a dominant landmark in the Napa cityscape for the last 100 years.

Constructed in 1874, the wooden frame church is a very refined example of late Victorian Gothic architecture. The T-shaped ground plan includes the original 1874 structure and the 1890 chapel wing at the rear. The original building has had only minor changes since its construction. It once had a decorative iron cresting along the peak of the roof, and a row of louvered dormer vents along the slope of the roof on each side just below the ridge-line. Large pinnacles once stood at the corners of the tower, at the point where the spire rises above the tower structure. Another such pinnacle also rose above the roofline from a pier at the southeast corner of the building. These pinnacles have long since disappeared. In 1890 the old lecture room was torn down and a new chapel was added. In 1911 the church was improved by the addition of electric lights, retaining the original gaslight fixtures and converting them to electricity. These fixtures are still in use today.

In 1939 financial difficulties had left the structure in need of major repairs, and it was clear the building would have to be restored or disposed of. The congregation felt the building was too rich in history, and too important as an outstanding landmark in the Napa Valley to be abandoned. Funds were raised by members and friends of the church, and in 1941, repairs were begun. The foundations were strengthened, a new roof was added, and damaged boards were replaced. \$15,000 was spent on the restoration. Additional restoration work was undertaken in 1953. Two additions, a Sunday School addition to the south and a gymnasium-assembly hall complex have been added on the west within the last 10 years. These units are not physically attached to the original structure and are not included in this application for registration.

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6. 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) 1874

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<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 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

In April 1853, Reverend J. C. Herron was sent by the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia, to establish a church in the Napa Valley. At first the congregation met in a private home and then held services in the Napa County Courthouse. By the fall of 1855 the little congregation felt sufficiently established to begin planning for a regular house of worship. Mr. Nathan Coombs donated a lot at 3rd and Randolph Streets "for church purposes". By January of 1857 the first church building was completed. The congregation continued to grow and prosper until by 1869 the church building was no longer adequate for the increased attendance. A contract was then made to enlarge and redecorate the building. In April of 1874, the growing congregation voted to become formally incorporated under the laws of California. The matter of incorporation having been completed, plans for building a new church were seriously undertaken. A committee was sent to San Francisco and vicinity to compare various styles of architecture, costs, etc. Daley and Eisen, architects of Napa, asked to be allowed to submit plans for the building - no charge to be made if their plans were not accepted, a \$200 fee if used. After discussing various plans offered, those drawn by Daley and Eisen were found most acceptable and were adopted on May 30, 1874.

On July 9, the contract to build was awarded to J. W. Batchelor of Vallejo. The cost to be \$17,375. The painting contract was given to E. Schultis for \$1,875. The old church building was sold and removed. The cornerstone was laid for the new church at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 1874. It was the same stone used in the original church building, reinscribed to read "Laid 1854, Relaid 1874". The construction of the building proceeded in good order and in December a new pipe organ was ordered from San Francisco and shipped by river steamer to Napa. On February 7, 1875 the congregation worshipped for the first time in the lecture room of the new church.

The architectural styling of the building is late Victorian Gothic. The building exhibits a feeling of confidence and sophistication in its design and represents a high degree of refinement and quality workmanship when compared to the earlier Gothic Revival churches of pioneer California. It stands today in a very good state of preservation, and is one of the finest remaining examples of Victorian Gothic church architecture in the region. It is an excellent statement of its type and period, with very few alterations to the original building.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Palmer
 Napa Presbyterian Centennial Book 1953
 Files and records of church (now being displayed for our church history.)
 Original contracts, articles of incorporation 1874, etc.

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE			LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

UTM Reference:
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **0.17**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
W. Harold Reames, Centennial Historical Com.

ORGANIZATION: **First Presbyterian Church** DATE: **June 24, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1333 Third St.

CITY OR TOWN: **Napa** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

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 *[Signature]*
 Title **State Historic Preservation Officer**
 Date **SEP 30 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 **6/5/75**

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
JUN 4 1975
 Date _____

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