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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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# NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC  
\* St. Mark's Church  
AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
South Carolina Secondary Road #51  
CITY, TOWN  
Pinewood  
STATE  
South Carolina

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
5th

VICINITY OF  
CODE  
045

COUNTY  
Sumter

CODE  
085

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Diocese of South Carolina

STREET & NUMBER  
Drawer 2121

CITY, TOWN  
Charleston

STATE  
South Carolina

VICINITY OF

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Sumter County Court House

STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street

CITY, TOWN  
Sumter

STATE  
South Carolina

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina

DATE  
1973

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN  
Columbia

STATE  
South Carolina

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                   UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated in rural Sumter County, South Carolina, St. Mark's Church was designed by Edward C. Jones and Francis D. Lee. The cornerstone was laid in February of 1854, and the church was consecrated on March 10, 1855.

Representative of the Gothic Revival style prevalent in the mid-19th Century, St. Mark's is approximately 40' wide and 120' long. The entire structure is constructed of hand-made brick which has been stuccoed and inscribed to resemble stone. In the Gothic tradition, the church is characterized by a molded water table, buttresses and a steeply pitched gable roof with carved wood bargeboard. The existing roof is of pressed tin.

The asymmetrical front facade is dominated by an extended spire with open belfry. The two lancet windows surmounted by a circular window feature stained glass.

Arched double doors provide access to the interior through two projecting vestibules on each side. All the windows along the sides are tall and narrow and are grouped in tripartite configurations. (These windows also feature stained glass but it is probably of a later period.) At the rear of the church is a gabled apse which has three lancet windows of stained glass. Attached to the left of the apse is a small vestry room which appears to date from a period later than the original construction.

Interior: The interior of St. Mark's is simple. The nave is characterized by a steeply pitched ceiling of beaded boards supported by exposed rafters with tie-beams, king-posts, arched braces, hammerbeams, and wall brackets. The walls are plaster and were originally inscribed to resemble stone (layers of paint, however, have diminished the effect). Wainscoting is of beaded boards--identical to those of the ceiling--although it has been painted as have the original pews. The pews feature carved fleur-de-lis finials. The arched entrance into the apse is the focal point of the nave and features a hood-mould supported by label-stops. The apse is characterized by a steeply pitched ceiling and three stained glass lancet windows above the altar.

The only major alteration to the structure has been the replacement of the original floor with a concrete floor which features ceramic tiles. The spire, roof, exterior walls, doors, and windows are in immediate need of restoration.

Surroundings: Included within the nominated acreage is the church cemetery.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Edward C. Jones/Francis D. Lee

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, built in 1855, is significant for its historical association with the development of Sumter and Clarendon Counties; for its architectural integrity representative of the Gothic Revival Style prevalent in the mid-19th Century; and for its association with individuals prominent in the history of South Carolina including six governors of the State. Established by the South Carolina House of Commons in 1757, St. Mark's Parish and its parish church were for many years significant in the settlement and development of this area.

The present church is the fourth structure to serve as St. Mark's Church. The original church of the parish was erected ca. 1767 (near the vicinity of the present structure) but was destroyed by the British during the Revolution. In 1819 a new church was built near this site, but this structure was replaced by yet another in 1830. After this building was destroyed by fire, the present church was built. The cornerstone was laid on February 25, 1854 with consecration taking place March 10, 1855. It was designed by the well-known architects Edward C. Jones and Francis D. Lee of Charleston.

Throughout its history, many individuals prominent in the public affairs of Sumter and Clarendon Counties and the State of South Carolina have worshipped at St. Mark's. These include the following governors of South Carolina: James B. Richardson (1802-1804); Richard I. Manning (1824-1826); John P. Richardson (1840-1842); John L. Manning (1852-1854); John P. Richardson, Jr. (1886-1890); and Richard I Manning (1915-1919). (Both James B. Richardson and John P. Richardson are buried in the St. Mark's graveyard.)

Additionally, the first rector of St. Mark's Parish was the Reverend Charles Woodmason, a spokesman for the Regulator movement, who served the parish from 1766 to ca. 1772. His journal, published by the Institute of Early American History and Culture of Williamsburg, Virginia, records much about life in the Carolina backcountry on the eve of the American Revolution. (This journal was written while Woodmason served St. Mark's parish.)

The church is currently supervised by the vestry of St. Mathias Church in Summerton, South Carolina. Services are held at St. Mark's monthly. Future plans for the structure call for its stabilization and restoration as funds become available.

Architecture: St. Mark's Church is one of the area's finest examples of Gothic Revival architecture. Although deteriorated, the church is structurally sound with all of the ornamentation and Gothic characteristics intact.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2

Latitude: 33° 44' 50"

UTM REFERENCES

Longitude: 80° 30' 40"

A 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING				

C 

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B 

ZONE			EASTING				NORTHING				

D 

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property nominated is a square containing two acres and bounded as follows: On the west by South Carolina Highway #51; on the north by a dirt road (farm road not numbered), the property measuring approximately 295 on each side.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kappy McNulty, Historic Preservation staff      W. Wayne Gray, Santee-Wateree Regional Council Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

DATE

June 7, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 11,669, Capitol Station

TELEPHONE

(803) 758-5816

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia,

STATE

South Carolina 29211

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

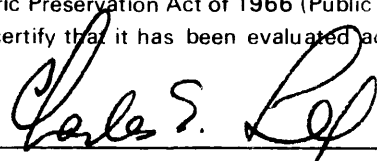
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

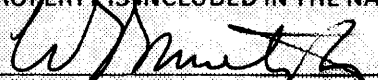


TITLE Charles E. Lee, State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 9/8/77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

  
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11-20-78  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:   
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 1-16-78

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