

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91000929

Date Listed: 8/9/91

Church of Our Savior
Property Name

Tishomingo
County

MISSISSIPPI
State

Iuka MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews
for _____
Signature of the Keeper

8/9/91
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

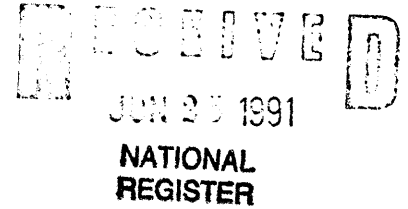
This nomination was amended to delete the evaluation of significance in a national context and to include significance claimed as architecture under Criterion C (replacing Criterion A).

These changes were confirmed by phone with the Mississippi SHPO (8/8/91).

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Church of Our Savior
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number E. Eastport St. n/a not for publication
city, town Iuka n/a vicinity
state Mississippi code MS county Tishomingo code 141 zip code 38852

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Historic Resources of Iuka
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Kenneth H. P'Pool June 12, 1991
Signature of certifying official Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrews 8/9/91
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain): _____

for) Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: religious structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Other: Community center and chapel

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Gothic

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick and concrete

walls wood - board & batten

roof metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Church of Our Savior is a small Carpenter Gothic church located on the north side of Eastport Street halfway between Main and Fulton Streets, facing south.

Resting on a foundation of brick piers (now infilled with concrete), the church is a rectangular wood building with board-and-batten siding and a steep gabled roof. Projecting from the gabled south front façade is a partially enclosed porch with its own steep gabled roof. The porch, entered through a Gothic-arched portal, shelters the entrance to the church, a Gothic-arched double-leaf door. Each leaf of the door has a single panel of diagonal boards within a border shaped to fit the arch of the opening. The wall within the porch is surfaced with horizontal flush boards. On the wall above the porch are a Celtic cross and a trefoil of sawn wood. The eaves of both the porch and the main gable have simple raked cornice boards and vergeboards. At the peak of the gable is a small, square belfry with a gabled cap and louvred openings on all sides.

The side walls of the church each have four tall, narrow double-hung nine-over-nine windows surmounted by Gothic arches filled with fixed sash and muntins in a Gothic-arch pattern. A small vestry projects from the northwest rear corner of the church. The church building, including the belfry, porch, and vestry, is roofed with pressed metal.

The interior of the church features a simple Gothic-arched rood screen separating the chancel from the open, rectangular nave. Above the altar is a triple-lancet window, containing late-Victorian stained glass memorials to the Brinkley family. The interior walls are clad in horizontal flush boards. The pews are original to the building.

The building was completely restored in 1990-91.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1873

Significant Dates

1873

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Cook, James B., of Memphis, TN

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The former Episcopal Church of Our Savior is a locally significant example of the "Carpenter Gothic" religious architecture of the latter half of the nineteenth century. It is a very intact and representative example of the small board-and-batten Carpenter Gothic churches erected in small towns throughout the United States in the 1860s and 70s, and is one of only four surviving board-and-batten Gothic Revival churches in Mississippi. The earliest of these is Grace Episcopal Church in Canton, a towered building built in 1853 after a design by Frank Wills. The most elaborate is Sacred Heart Catholic Church (1867-68, listed on the National Register in 1973 and relisted in 1987), originally in Rodney but now located at Grand Gulf. The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Terry (1860) and the Episcopal Church of Our Savior in Iuka (1873) are simpler rectangular buildings that have projecting gable-end porches but no towers. The other Carpenter Gothic churches of this period in Mississippi do not have the board-and-batten siding so characteristic of the style.

The congregation of the Church of Our Savior was organized in 1866. Fundraising for a building began in 1868. In 1870 Col. R.W. Price donated land for the building, and "Mr. Cook, an architect of Memphis, gave the plan and Gothic door." (Parish Register) The church was consecrated in 1873.

James B. Cook (1826-1909), an English-born architect who moved to Memphis in 1854 (Withey, Biographical Dictionary of American Architects, p. 135.), also provided the plans for the Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Como, Mississippi, a more eclectic Carpenter Gothic church built in 1873 and listed on the National Register in 1987.

By 1984 the congregation had become inactive, and the diocese intended to move the building to another community. Local citizens blocked plans to move the church from Iuka and purchased the building from the diocese. The community organization that now owns the building has recently completely restored the building, which is to be used as a chapel and community meeting hall.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See main Bibliography.

Also:

Church of Our Savior, Iuka, Miss. Parish Register.

Withey, Henry F., and Elise Rathburn Withey. Biographical Dictionary of American Architects (Deceased). Los Angeles: Hennessey & Ingalls, 1970.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 16 | 3911 | 1910 | 3852 | 6440
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

B _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____

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Verbal Boundary Description

Tax Assessor's Map 1704, Section 15, Subdivision 18, Parcel 061

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the lot on which the church was built.

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11. Form Prepared By

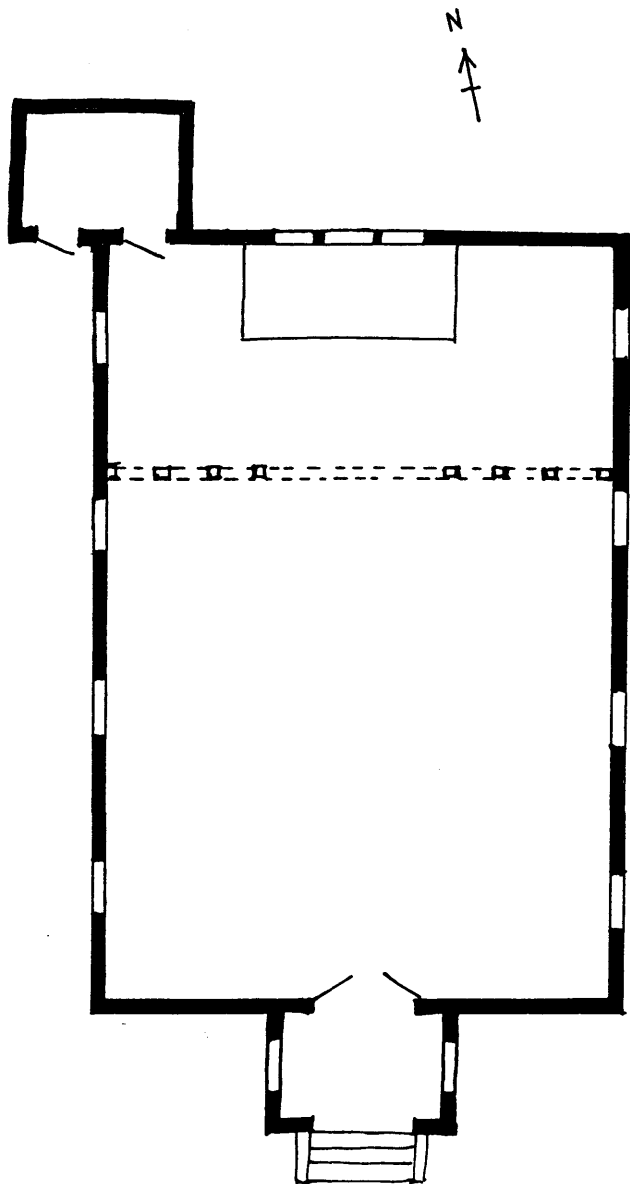
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Episcopal Church of Our Savior, Iuka, Tishomingo County, Mississippi



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17 June 1971*