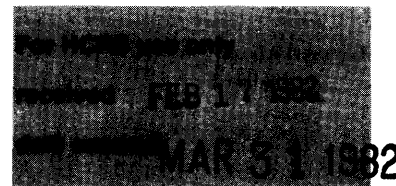


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 First United Methodist Church of Drumright

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 115 N. Pennsylvania Ave. N/A not for publication

city, town Drumright _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district No. 2

state Oklahoma code 40 county Creek code 037

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name First United Methodist Church of Drumright

street & number 115 N. Pennsylvania

city, town Drumright _____ vicinity of _____ state Oklahoma

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Creek County Courthouse

city, town Sapulpa _____ state Oklahoma

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Cushing Oil Field Project has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society

city, town Oklahoma City _____ state Oklahoma

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Drumright First United Methodist Church is a one-story building of English Gothic design. The building is approximately 35 feet wide by 100 feet long. A seventy-seven foot tower marks the entrance on the east end of the church. Gothic windows and Gothic architectural vocabulary applied on the tower gives the building a medieval appearance. Flying buttresses are used to support the masonry building along the north and south walls. The tower is also supported by flying buttresses. Roman arches are featured around a series of windows on the north side of the church. The doors are made of solid red oak. There has been no alterations to the building and it remains in its original condition.

The materials used in the masonry construction were roughly-hewn Arkansas sandstone and Bedford Indian limestone as specified by the architect, F.A. Duggan. Mr. Duggan designed several churches in the Tulsa area. All interior wood used in the building is red oak as also specified by Mr. Duggan.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1927 – present

Builder/Architect

F.A. Duggan

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Drumright Methodist Church is significant for two reasons: (1) it played an important role in establishing a moral code to follow in the lawless and vice-ridden oil boom town of Drumright, and (2) the elaborate nature of the church building which was erected in an era of primitive boom town conditions when most structures were temporary and built as inexpensively as possible.

Churches served as essential social institutions in the process of strengthening communities in the Cushing oil field towns. They were one of the first organizations established in the oil field towns. They provided a social outlet for oil field workers and their families as well as establishing morality in the boom towns where law enforcement and justice were scarce.

The elaborate features and amount of funds invested in the Drumright Methodist Church building reflected the newly-acquired wealth derived from oil field royalties. Aaron Drumright, co-founder of the town, contributed a large portion of the building costs totaling \$45,000. Drumright's wealth was attained through the sale of oil leases and townsite properties.

The church is the only English Gothic style building in the Cushing oil field area. The stained glass windows are unique because of the leaded diamond pane construction and the designs of the stained glass windows along the north and south sides of the sanctuary. There are five distinct pairs of window patterns, each matching on the north and south walls. The window patterns have no narrative content which is unusual for a religious structure of this scale. These ornate features were an attempt at sophistication for a small oil boom town in Oklahoma.

9. Major Bibliographical References ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Drumright Methodist Church Records
Interview: Mrs. W.J. Volok, April, 1980.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Under one acre

Quadrangle name Drumright, OK.

Quadrangle scale 7.5'

UMT References

A

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 Zone

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 Easting

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 Northing

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 Zone

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 Easting

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C

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 Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1-5, Block 48, M. Jones Addition, Drumright, Oklahoma

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kathy L. Morgan Directed by Dr. George O. Carney

organization Cushing Oil Field Historic Pres. Survey date 7/17/80

street & number Oklahoma State University telephone 405-624-6248

city or town Stillwater state Oklahoma

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *CM Metcalf* 2-2-82

title _____ date _____

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Bob Giverson date 9/31/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *[Signature]* date _____
Chief of Registration