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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.

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2. Location						
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city, town	Rock Hil	339 West Black Street		vicinity		
stateSouth Carolina			York	code 091	zip code 29730	
3. Classification		<u> </u>				
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6. Function or Use			
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)		
Religion: religious structure	Religio	n: religious structure	
7. Description			
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)		
	foundation	Brick	
Romanesque Revival	walls	Brick	
	roof	Asphalt	
	other	Stone	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Mount Prospect Baptist Church, built in 1915, is a rectangular building with gable roof and a two-story square tower at the right of the facade. Each of the tower's facades features tall multi-light paired windows surmounted by louvered vents in arched openings. The tower is surmounted by stepped parapets with corner piers, giving a battlement effect. The first level of the tower has windows with two-over-two lights and arched single-light transoms. The facade has an entry porch with large arches, topped by rounded-arch window divided into three sections by vertical There is a round, louvered attic vent in the gable end. brick mullions. The side elevations each have six large rounded-arch windows with colored glass above grouped one-over-one light basement level windows. Each bay is separated by brick wall buttresses with concrete caps. The The church has a small one-story section to the rear with a hip roof. interior of the sanctuary has exposed beams and metal ceiling with coffered design. Alterations include a stone bulkhead and glass within the front arches, stone at the end of the front porch, and double glass There is a metal ramp at the front steps for handicapped access. doors.

8. Statement of Significance		
Certifying official has considered the significance of this pro	operty in relation to other properties:	
Applicable National Register Criteria A B C	C 🔲 D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	C _ D _ E _ F _ G	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) Ethnic Heritage: Black Architecture	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
	Cultural Affiliation	
Significant Person	Architect/Builder Unknown	

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

Mount Prospect Baptist Church has significnace for its role in the development of the ethnic heritage of the city's black community and for its status as a largely intact example of church architecture.

Black Baptists began meeting as a group in homes in Rock Hill in 1883.<sup>1</sup> The members of the first group had been members of Baptist churches in Rock Hill and other locations before the Civil War, and desired their own church. The congregation grew and was organized in 1885, when the first building was constructed. It was originally known as First Baptist Church, Colored.<sup>2</sup> The first pastor, Rev. T. S. Gilmore, served the church from 1885 to 1935. The first church was destroyed by fire and a new building was constructed in 1900. This building was also destroyed by fire in 1914, and the present brick sanctuary was completed in 1915. The church, under the leadership of Rev. Gilmore, became a leading institution in the black community.

Mount Prospect Baptist Church has had a significant impact on the development of the ethnic heritage of Rock Hill's black community. On October 12, 1891, a school was opened in the church building. Led by Rev. M. P. Hall and supported by the Sunday School Convention of the black Baptist churches in Chester and York Counties, it began By 1908, Friendship School had received a state with eleven students. Nine acres on Allen Street behind the church were acquired, charter. and school buildings were built by 1910. Friendship School was important to the black community, as it provided an education for black children Eriendship long before public schools were opened for blacks in 1921. was gradually transformed into a junior college in the 1940s. It was an important institution in the black community until it was closed in the 1980s.

Mount Prospect also has significance because of its architecture. Designed with elements of the Romanesque Revival style, it provides an example of an early-twentieth century church structure which has architectural distinction and is relatively intact.

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organization Paul M. Gettys Associates	date <u>28 September 1990</u> telephone (803) 329-3567
name/titie Paul M. Gettys	
11. Form Prepared By	
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Boundary Justification	
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Parcel 598-13-07-031 as described	
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UTM References A 1, 7 49,67,60 3,86,50,00 Zone Easting Northing C	B    L   L     Zone   Easting   Northing     D    L
Acreage of property less than 1 acre	
10. Geographical Data	
recorded by Historic American Engineering     Record #	Specify repository: S. C. Department of Archives and History, columbia, S.C.
recorded by Historic American Buildings	University Other
previously letermined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark	Federal agency
has been requested previously listed in the National Register	State historic preservation office
Previous documentation on file (NPS):	See continuation sheet Primary location of additional data:
Killian, Dorothy. Rock Hill, S. C. In	terview, 12 June 1990.
<u>Herald</u> (Rock Hill, S. C.), 3 May 1952	
submission, Historic Properties of Ro pertain to this individual nomination	
See full list of bibliographical refe	rences in the Multiple Property

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FOOTNOTES

 $\frac{1}{\text{Herald}} \text{ (Rock Hill, S. C.), 3 March 1990.}$   $\frac{2}{\text{Plaque on facade of Mount Prospect Church.}}$   $\frac{3}{\text{Herald}} \text{ (Rock Hill, S. C.), 3 March 1990.}$   $\frac{4}{\text{Herald}} \text{ (Rock Hill, S. C.), 3 May 1952.}$   $\frac{5}{\text{Herald}} \text{ (Rock Hill, S. C.), 19 August 1964.}$   $\frac{6}{\text{Herald}} \text{ (Rock Hill, S. C.), 3 May 1952.}$   $\frac{7}{\text{Herald}} \text{ (Rock Hill, S. C.), 19 August 1964.}$ 

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Name of Property:Mount Prospect Baptist Church<br/>Historic Properties of Rock Hill<br/>multiple property submission<br/>York County, South Carolina<br/>Paul M. Gettys<br/>Paul M. Gettys Associates, 4180 Cureton<br/>Ferry Road, Catawba, S.C. 29704Date:September 1990

Photograph # 2: Facade and right elevation, W