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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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STATE: Colorado	
COUNTY: Clear Creek	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Grace Episcopal Church

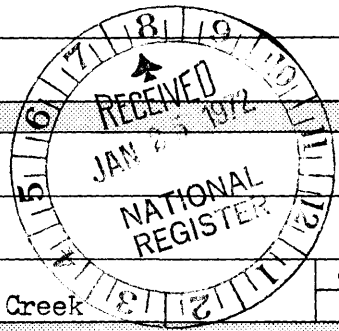
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Taos Street (between Fourth and Fifth Streets)

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown

STATE Colorado	CODE 08	COUNTY: Clear Creek	CODE 019
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Episcopal Diocese of Colorado

STREET AND NUMBER:
Diocesan Center, Sixteenth and Clarkson

CITY OR TOWN:
Denver

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Clear Creek County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
415 Argentine Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Georgetown Society Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Town Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Georgetown

STATE:
Colorado

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church is a wood frame rectangular structure with a high pitched single gable roof. The structure as it stands today was built in 1869-70. The original structure was built with the bell tower on top, however wind and weather caused the tower to collapse and the structure was rebuilt with the bell tower as a separate structure on the northeast corner on the building. The facade of the church has no windows. The portal has its own gable roof covering the double door with its lancet fanlight. The fanlight is set off by molding. In 1964 a coal shed room to the right of the portal was removed and the organ blower housed there was moved to the nave. Above the portal is an ornamental quartefoil. The two sides of the building are marked symmetrically by double-paned lancet windows, with squeezed diamond top panes. A plain squared off molding sets off all these windows. The rear of the church is marked by a central lancet window with three lancet panes and three small squeezed diamond panes at the top. The three lancet panes are painted--the only decorated windows in the church. This window is also set off by plain molding squared off at the bottom. On the southeast corner the priest's room forms an el to the building. It has a gable roof and is marked by a plain door on the north side and a window in the rear (east). The whole structure is sided with 4" clapboard (ship lap). The interior of the church has a curved stairway in the nave leading to the choir loft. The choir balcony has a balustrade with flat carved wooden balusters. The ceiling of the sanctuary is the shape of the roof with open beams. The church was refurbished in 1964 with a new roof and floor and a complete paint job inside and out. The church walls were bowing out so tie rods were used under the floor and in the ceiling to hold the walls together and a retaining wall was erected on the north side for additional support. The pews are solid walnut. The altar, lectern and prayer desk are the original.

The bell tower is a separate structure. The base of the tower is plain board laid diagonally. The open tapered tower is supported by four corner posts and crossed diagonal braces on each side topped by a cross bar. The bell section is open except for the corner posts supporting the pinnacle roof which is topped by a turned finial. The wooden braces at the top of the corner posts are elaborately carved. The inscribed bell hanging from the top of the tower is still rung on Sunday mornings with the rope from below.

The tower is short. The pinnacle roof is only slightly above the base of the gable roof of the church.

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SIGNIFICANCE

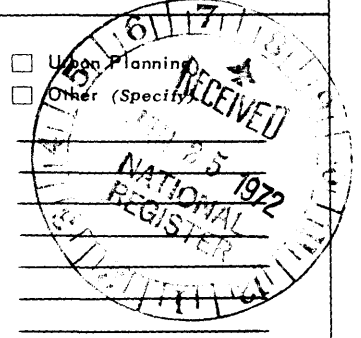
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1869 - present

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1866 the first Episcopal missionary bishop to the Colorado Territory, the Right Reverend George Maxwell Randall, visited the boom mining town of Georgetown. In the following months he established here the first Episcopal congregation in the Territory. In 1867 he obtained two lots and several hundred dollars toward the construction of the first Episcopal church in the state. (Grace Church is still the oldest Episcopal Church in Colorado still in use.)

For the next two years, while planning and construction were underway, services were conducted by the Reverend Frank W. Winslow, in a hall.

In 1869 the church was enclosed and the first services were held here. However, on Thanksgiving Day of the same year a strong wind blew the building over on its side. The building was righted and the bell tower was placed beside the church to protect it.

The restoration was done under the direction of the Reverend Courtland Whitehead who brought to Georgetown the alter, prayer desk, lectern, altar hangings and the bell, all originally intended for a church at Blackhawk, near Central City, Colorado. The bell still bears the inscription "St. Mark's, Blackhawk, Colorado."

The church was named Grace by a lady in the congregation who had been from the Grace Church in New York City and had donated \$1,500.00 toward the construction of the church in Georgetown.

According to the church records, "On Thursday, May 9, 1872, being the Feast of the Ascension of Our Blessed Lord, Grace Church was consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, by the Rt. Rev. George Maxwell Randall, D.D., Missionary Bishop of Colorado."

In 1877 an organ made by "C. Anderson" of Denver was placed in the church. The same organ is still used today and is said to be the first pipe organ in Colorado still in continuous use. (C. Anderson built the organ for the Asbury Methodist Church in Denver and Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.)

Although the church went through some lean years and is still operated on a mission basis, it has always been maintained as a church, and has held fairly regular services over the years.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History compiled on our hundredth anniversary 1968: Grace Episcopal Church (written from Diocese records) in Georgetown and Denver--unpublished research.

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: About 1/2 acre.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Cynthia Wadsworth

ORGANIZATION: The Georgetown Society, Inc. DATE: Nov. 22, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 657

CITY OR TOWN: Georgetown STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: Stephen H. Hart

Title: Colorado State Liaison Officer

Date: December 27, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 8/14/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 8-2-73

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In 1964 the church was refurbished. The coal shed was removed and a walnut cabinet was built for the organ blower in the nave of the church. At that time the church acquired its red carpet for the center aisle and sanctuary spotlight fixture (designed by the late Stig Gusterman) in the form of a Bishop's miter. The church holds regular services at this time and is always open to the public.

Although quaint, the architecture of Grace Episcopal Church is perhaps more typical of church architecture in Western mining towns, than unique. However, the fact that the roof is steeper than most and the bell tower is at the side of the church instead of on the steep roof does help to set it apart.

