

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Bradford Springs
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Bradford Springs Road not for publication _____
city or town Dalzell vicinity X
state South Carolina code SC county Lee code 061 zip code 29040

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide X locally.
(____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds _____
Signature of certifying official Date 3/6/96

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SEPO, S.C. Department of Archives & History, Columbia, S.C.
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.
(____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- X entered in the National Register _____
_____ 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): _____

M. J. M. [Signature] _____
4/17/96

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION
FUNERARY

Sub: Church
Cemetery

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION
FUNERARY

Sub: Church
Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)
Mid-Nineteenth Century:
Gothic Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)
foundation Stone/Earth
roof Asphalt
walls Wood: Weatherboard
other Stucco

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Significant Dates

1840-41

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Period of Significance

1840-1945

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository: Sumter County Museum Archives

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 3.2 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	17	553020	3773680	3	17	552920 3773500
2	17	553020	3773560	4	17	552920 3773600

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Katherine H. Richardson
organization Heritage Preservation Associates date 30 March 1995
street & number 26 Harby Avenue telephone (803) 775-6682
city or town Sumter state SC zip code 29150

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name The Episcopal Diocese of Charleston/Bishop Edward L. Salmon, Jr.
street & number P.O. Box 20127 telephone (803) 722-4075
city or town Charleston state SC zip code 29413

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St. Philip's Episcopal Church
name of property
Lee County, South Carolina
county and State

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Bradford Springs, is located in the upper extremities of the High Hills of Santee near the Lee and Sumter County line. Its location, once in the midst of a thriving summer community, is now a remote rural area. The church, built in 1840, is a one-and-one-half story Gothic Revival church with a gable-front building clad in weatherboard. It rests on piers of native stone and clay mortar (those on the perimeter of the church are covered in stucco). The front facade is three-ranked with a centrally-placed door flanked by two windows. The double front door, and the 9/9 sash windows throughout the building as well, are capped by pointed arches. The lower portion of the windows excluding the arched sections are closed by wooden shutters.

In the gable is another pointed arch and atop the front elevation of the church stands a simple wooden cross. The double front doors each feature two panels. The front steps are a simple flight of straight concrete block steps with a handrail on one side.

The rear elevation of the church has a gable end addition used for robing. The original appearance of the rear elevation was three-ranked, with a slightly-elevated central window flanked by two lower windows, all above the interior altar. Evidence of the one original flanking window can be seen above the present interior door to the addition. The small vestibule is approached by a simple set of concrete block steps and has a window on the rear elevation.

The interior of the church is as simple in design as its exterior. The church is entered through a small narthex which has stairs leading to the small balcony. The sanctuary has a simple dado or horizontal boards and a plain painted plaster field. The chancel is enclosed by a simple square wooden baluster. The original pulpits and altar remain in the church. The original pews were given to St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Sumter after St. Philip's, Bradford Spring became inactive and still remain there. The balcony is adorned only by plain recessed panels and is supported by tapered wooden columns.

The cemetery adjoining the church dates to the founding of the congregation and is surrounded by a picket fence. The church and cemetery retain their historical integrity and are maintained by descendants of the original members of the congregation, though the church is presently inactive. The Diocese of Charleston, however, takes great interest in this historic church and provides appropriate support for its upkeep, as do the families associated with the church.

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St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Bradford Springs, built in 1840, is significant as an excellent example of vernacular Gothic Revival church architecture and for its association with the popular antebellum and postwar summer colony of Bradford Springs, then in Sumter District but now a part of Lee County. The church is a tangible link to the once-bustling, mid-19th century community of Bradford Springs, located in the "High Hills of the Santee."

This area was a summer resort for planters and their families seeking refuge from the heat and malaria of the South Carolina Lowcountry as well as the Midlands, and such families as the Sumters, Gaillards, Porchers, Stoneys, Frasers, Colcloughs, Capers, and Tates often spent from April to November here.

The springs themselves were granted to Nathaniel Bradford by 1785, when he owned 600 acres in the immediate vicinity. When Bradford sold an acre to John Smyth Richardson in 1806 and four acres to Dr. James Hartley they both retained privileges of using the mineral springs; by 1817 Benjamin Pierson had established a boarding house at the springs complete with bathing houses so that visitors could benefit from the supposed healing qualities of the waters. Springs were also common sites for academies, and a Dr. Patterson established an academy nearby which lasted only a short time before it failed. Reverend R.W. Bailey, however, founded an academy near Bradford Springs with more success; his institution flourished until about ca. 1850. In 1816, a Mrs. Campbell established a ladies' school at the springs, one which was apparently superceded by the Reverend Julius J. DuBose's Bradford Springs Female Academy between ca. 1835 and ca. 1848. When Dr. DuBose advertised the school for sale in 1848, it was described in detail. The main school building was 120 feet long with 25 to 30 rooms; two five-room cabins and a house adjoined the school. The school, later purchased by a group of local residents, became Harmony Female College and operated here until the Civil War.¹

In 1825 Robert Mills described Bradford Springs: "The neighborhood of Bradford's springs is dry and elevated, and considered most healthy . . . The waters are chalybeate [containing salts of iron], with a little sulphur, and prove

¹Anne King Gregorie, History of Sumter County, South Carolina (Sumter: Library Board of Sumter County, 1954), pp. 180-84.

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highly tonic when drank freely."² The springs became the location of a post office on the Sumter-to-Camden Road by 1816 and boasted two taverns by 1825.³ The neighborhood there was composed of primarily summer homes including Helicon, MacDonald, Hominy Hill, Summer Home, Leamington, the Tate House, Spring Hill, Orange Grove, the Williamson House, and General Thomas Sumter's South Mount of Sumter's Mount, where he lived until his death in 1832.⁴

It was in this thriving neighborhood that St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Bradford Springs, was founded in 1840. In that year Henry Britton deeded a two-acre tract to the trustees of the church: Peter W. Frasier, John A. Colclough, Alexander S. Tate, and James Gaillard. The land was located on the Bradford Springs Road and adjacent to the springs.⁵ The church was consecrated in services led by Bishop Gadsden and the Reverend Edward Philips of Camden on June 9, 1841. The first rector of the church was the Reverend Charles Pinckney Elliott, who was called to serve St. Philip's in 1846. Elliott was killed in a freak accident in 1851 when a tree fell on him during a tornado as he was on his way to services. The congregation of St. Philip's placed a marble obelisk in front of the church in Elliott's memory. The church had a succession of rectors after Elliott's death and was without a regular rector at several intervals throughout its subsequent history. The church is now an inactive congregation, but services are still occasionally held there.⁶

The Civil War interrupted the seasonal migration of Lowcountry residents to the springs and after 1865 the neighborhood was composed primarily of local residents.

²Robert Mills, Statistics of South Carolina, reprint of 1825 ed. (Spartanburg: The Reprint Company, 1972), pp. 748, 752.

³Gregorie, pp. 122, 124.

⁴Porcher G. Rembert, "The Bradford Springs," collections of the Sumter County Museum Archives, Sumter, S.C.

⁵Sumter County Deeds, vol. 2-K, pp. 238-9, Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, S.C.

⁶Robert Raymond, "Weathered Episcopal Sanctuary Faces Famous Stagecoach Road," Sumter Daily Item, August 12, 1964; Mrs. W.B. Colclough, "History of St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs," in The Parish Program, vol. 4, no. 4, 1936, Collections of the Sumter County Museum Archives, Sumter, S.C.

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Through the years, the church and grounds were maintained by faithful members, notably Mrs. Eliza McDonald Colclough in the late 19th-century and Colonel Clark Williams in the 1920s and 1930s. In recent years, the church has been preserved by efforts of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Dawson of Sumter and their relatives.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property is the 3.2 acres labelled "St. Philip's Bradford Springs" as shown on Parcel 42, Lee County Tax 047, drawn at a scale of 1"=400'.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the church and its historic settings and is the same acreage originally deeded to the church in 1840.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of Property:	St. Philip's Episcopal Church
Location of Property:	Bradford Springs Road, Dalzell vicinity Lee County, South Carolina
Name of Photographer:	Katherine H. Richardson
Date of Photographs:	April 1995
Location of Original	Katherine H. Richardson
Negatives:	Heritage Preservation Associates Sumter, S.C.

1. Facade
2. Facade and Right Elevation
3. Rear Elevation
4. Rear and Left Elevations
5. Piers
6. Facade entrance
7. Altar and Pulpit
8. Balcony
9. Detail of Balcony Column
10. Monument to Rev. Charles Pinckney Elliott

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 96000406


Date Listed: 4/17/96

St. Philip's Episcopal Church,
Bradford Springs
Property Name

Lee South Carolina
County State

N/A
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.


Signature of the Keeper

5/6/96
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 8

This nomination is amended to remove Criterion A. Significance is being claimed only under Criterion C, for architecture.

This change has been confirmed by phone with the South Carolina SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:

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