

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado
COUNTY: Boulder
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ENTRY DATE FEB 24 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1881
AND/OR HISTORIC: St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1881

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 470 Main Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Longmont		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	
STATE Colorado	CODE 08	COUNTY: Boulder	CODE 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mr. Paul Heffron, Real Estate Services Corporation		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1966 13th Street		
CITY OR TOWN: Boulder	STATE: Colorado	CODE 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

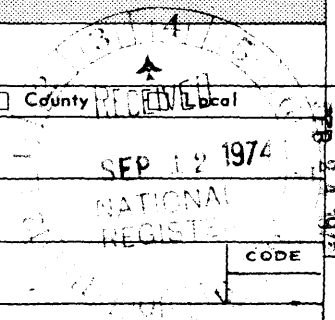
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Boulder County Court House		
STREET AND NUMBER: Pearl Street at 13th St.		
CITY OR TOWN: Boulder	STATE Colorado	CODE 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:		
DATE OF SURVEY:	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input 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 rectangular in shape. It is constructed of red brick which is now painted white. The roof is a steep gable and the roofing material is metal with standing seams. There is a small gabled narthex which appears to have been added at a later date. There are crosses at the tops of the narthex gable and of the main gable. There is a bargeboard, unadorned and wooden which is angled from the face of the building to meet the eaves. A stone reading, "St. Stephen's Church 1881" is set into the front gable.

The foundation is of rubble stone with a projecting belt course. There are brick buttresses at 45 degree angles on both of the front corners and three buttresses evenly spaced and at right angles on each side.

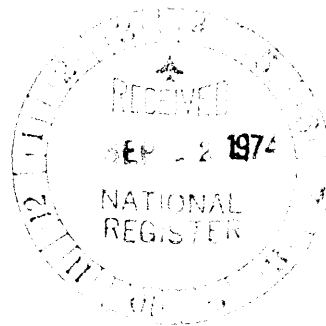
There are three windows along each side. The tops of the windows are lancet shaped with dressed stone heads and sills. The door of the narthex has a Gothic or lancet shaped dressed stone header. The door is of vertical wooden panels with iron strap hinges. There are narrow windows, also lancet shaped, on each side of the narthex.

The chancel appears to have been added. The chancel window is a lancet shaped arch with tracery forming smaller lancet shaped arches within the larger arch.

The ceiling of the nave has exposed beams with dropped finials at the center. The ceiling is all that remains original in appearance. The upper half of the walls are wall papered and the lower half have a painted wainscot. The original floor has been covered with asphalt tile.

On the exterior on the southside at the rear of the church a rectory of newer construction is connected to it. At the extreme rear is a Fellowship Hall which appears to have been constructed at the same time as the chancel. These two additions are presently occupied by a furniture company.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | osophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Colorado, at the close of the Civil War, was the center of the Episcopal Missionary District of the Northwest, 1859. By 1870, one of the founders of the Chicago Colony had established a Sunday school but a regular service was not possible due to a lack of clergy. St. Stephen's Parish was organized during the following decade of irregular missionary visits.

The first Episcopal service was held in 1868 in the tiny town of Eurlington, Colorado which was one half mile south of the present city of Longmont. This service was conducted by a visiting clergyman, Reverend Francis Byrne. It was not until January 23, 1881 that a mission was organized. Up to that time there were only occasional visits from the neighboring clergy.

The early days of the Episcopal Church in Longmont were continually plagued by an inability to retain clergy in the area. By virtue of a special request in 1879 from the congregation Bishop Spalding sent the Rev. Thomas V. Wilson from Boulder. The mission was formally organized and a brick church erected in 1881.

The land for the building was acquired in mid-spring of 1881 and the cornerstone was laid in December of that year. The church operated with scanty and borrowed furnishings for the first year after it's dedication by Bishop Spalding. No heating, save an old stove, was available that first winter. The congregation struggled under the heavy debt all through the 1880's. In 1889 Longmont suffered under a plague of black dyphtheria and the congregation struggled under this new blow.

The most difficult years spanned the turn of the century. Furnishings were still sparse and fund raising more difficult. But in 1902 a new rectory house was built, with an encumbrance of a new debt. It wasn't until 1920 that the church finally was able to afford an organ. By virtue of a persistent spirit the congregation managed to survive and grow.

St. Stephens Church has played an important role in the history of Longmont's development. The first episcopal service had been held five years before the town of Longmont was incorporated in 1873. It could be said that St. Stephen's Church is one of the "Small White Churches of the Plains." When it was built the adjacent areas were relatively undeveloped,

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The St. Vrain Valley....It's early history, by B. Eoyles, 1967. Chapter 8, pp's 75-76
They Came to Stay....Longmont 1871-1971, by Seletha Brown, Editor.

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Pageant Servicescript by Anne Matlock, 1968
 Allen Breck, the Episcopal Church in Colorado, 1860-1913 (see enclosed)
 The Longmont Ledger of April 7, 1882, April 2, 1882, January 23, 1881
 Hall, Frank, History of the State of Colorado, Vol. 3, p. 302

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 1/8th Acre

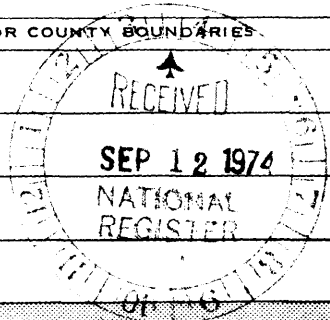
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/8

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Anne Matlock, Member and Chairman 1973

ORGANIZATION: Historic Landmarks Commission DATE: Sept. 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:
City Hall, Longmont, at 4th Ave. & Kimbark St.

CITY OR TOWN: Longmont 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 A. Long*

Title *Color Hist Pres Officer*

Date *9/9/74*

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

AB Montrose
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date *2/24/75*

ATTEST:
George T. Emery
 Keeper of The National Register

Date *Feb 20, 1975*

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and it was an important visual element as the town developed. The church sits in a grove of spruce and pine trees which is a restful green area in contrast to the adjacent commercial buildings of downtown Longmont.

