

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Richland	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.12.45.0046	DATE 12/18/70

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Washington Street United Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1401 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Columbia

STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45      COUNTY: Richland      CODE: 40

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	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 type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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:  
Washington Street United Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1401 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Richland County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1508 Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

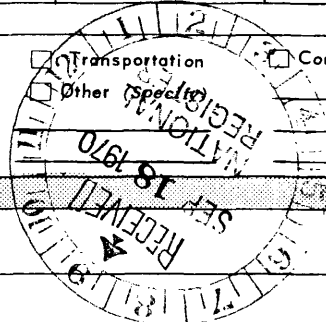
TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969       Federal       State       County       Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street PO Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45



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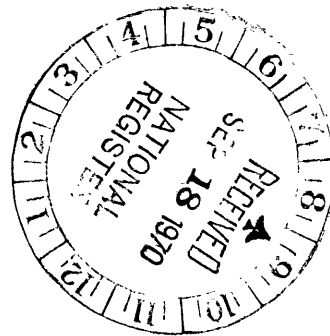
7. DESCRIPTION

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

Red brick Victorian Gothic church, completed 1872, has double-shouldered buttresses, large arched center entrance with double doors flanked by similar arched entrances. Above left entrance is a fully-developed tower with steeple; matching lines extend to the roofline on the right. On both towers are four pinnacles topped by unusual crown-shaped ornaments. Exterior displays much use of stonework and ornate brickwork; closely-spaced modillions support outside cornice. Stained glass windows; six on each side, one large <sup>at back of</sup> ~~above~~ sanctuary, one above each entrance, one small on either side of main doorway. Windows depict life of Christ without using human figures.

Inside: ceiling of church has exposed beams; unusual shouldered Gothic doors on either side of sanctuary. Balcony in rear features curving Gothic balustrade.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 | <i>and 1830s</i>                      |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) *1872 (replacing 1804 buildings on site)*

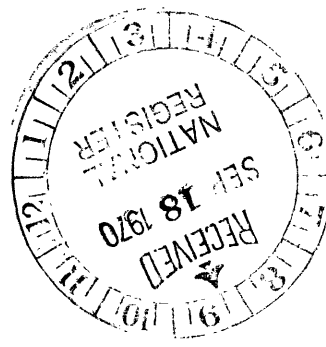
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of Columbia's four most historic churches; fine example of Victorian Gothic architecture. Unusual shape of pinnacles gives appearance of Islamic influence. Chancel chairs in sanctuary were gift of Gen. Wade Hampton III.

Congregation organized 1803; frame church, first house of worship in Columbia, built 1804 under direction of pastor John Harper, ordained by John Wesley. Famous Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury frequently visited church in early 1800s. William Capers appointed pastor 1831-- renowned preacher, much involved in education and ministry of slaves, first bishop elected by Methodist Episcopal Church, South, buried beneath altar of present church. Brick structure erected in 1830s burned 1865; according to legend Union soldiers looking for First Baptist Church, site of first meeting of South Carolina secession convention, were directed here by Baptist sexton. Small chapel built of brick salvaged from ruins and replaced 1872 by present church erected with funds collected throughout the nation.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hennig, Helen K., Columbia: Capital City of South Carolina 1786-1936. Columbia, 1936.

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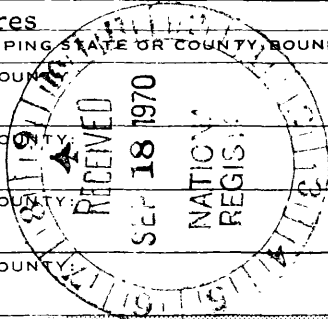
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Mary Schuette, Historic Resources Division

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History

DATE: August 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street PO Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 45

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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: Charles Lee *Charles S. Lee*

Title: Director, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History

Date: August 29, 1970

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

*Ernest A. Connolly*  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 18 1970

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

*William J. Mumford*  
Keeper of The National Register

DEC 15 1970

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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