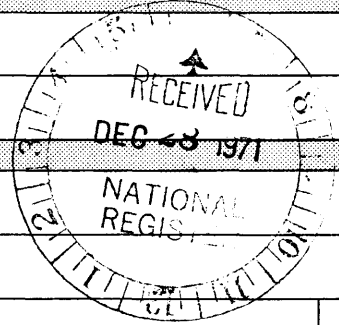


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Tennessee	
COUNTY: Fayette	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Immanuel Church (Episcopal)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2nd and Chestnut Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
LaGrange

STATE Tennessee	CODE 47	COUNTY: Fayette	CODE 047
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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"/> Both	<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<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) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Tennessee

STREET AND NUMBER:
692 Poplar Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Memphis

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Fayette County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House

CITY OR TOWN:
Somerville

STATE:
Tennessee

CODE:
47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present appearance is almost identical to the original physical appearance. The church is built of brick, hand-made by the slaves on the plantation of Mrs. Mary Hayes Willis Gloster in 1843. The front of the building is covered with stucco, applied at some later date. The entrance has the original brick steps, and the original old wooden doors. Inside, the floors are of pine, just as they were laid by slave-labor in the beginning. The original lighting fixtures are on the walls, wired now for electricity. The altar is the same, and the original wooden cross stands on the altar. There is a slave gallery overhanging the entrance doorway. The pews are copies of the original pews, which were torn out and used to make coffins by Union soldiers during the War between the States, when the building was used as an armory and hospital by Union troops. The lancet windows have been restored, and are replicas of the original windows.

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8. 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	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Present structure was consecrated in 1843.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
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<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

Immanuel Church was organized in 1832, after Mary Hayes Willis Gloster, a widow of 52, rode horseback from LaGrange to Franklin, Tennessee, to seek the help of the Rev. James Hervey Otey (her Godson) in organizing an Episcopal Church in LaGrange. The Rev. Thomas Wright was sent to LaGrange as missionary priest for the District of West Tennessee, and through his efforts five Episcopal churches were organized within a year. In addition to Immanuel they were: St. Luke's, Jackson; Christ Church, Brownsville; Calvary Church, Memphis; St. Paul's, Randolph. But Immanuel Church was the first.

By 1843 the present church building had been erected and Immanuel Church was consecrated. During the Civil War, it was used as an armory and hospital for Union troops. The pews were ripped out and used as coffins for the Union dead, walls were defaced by vandals, shutters torn away and windows broken. In 1900, a cyclone stormed through LaGrange and razed every other church, but Immanuel stood. In recent years, many improvements and repairs have been made, while leaving as much as possible the way it was originally. Fixtures have been wired for electricity; a central heating and cooling system has replaced the pot-bellied stoves; plumbing and a restroom have been installed; and the windows, which had been boarded up since the Civil War, have been replaced by new windows which are replicas of the original windows.

The unique place Immanuel Church holds in the history of the Episcopal Church in West Tennessee accounts for the keen interest taken by so many in its restoration and preservation through the years. Services are held regularly at Immanuel Church on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of each month at 11 a.m. This landmark is a valuable part of our heritage.

The distinctive architecture, together with the fine interior woodwork, makes Immanuel Church unique in the area, and worthy of preservation.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

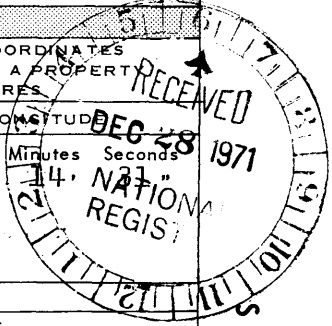
"History of The Church in the Diocese of Tennessee" by the Rev. Arthur Howard Noll, Historiographer of The Diocese of Tennessee; Corresponding Member of the New Jersey Historical Society.

"Romance of The Episcopal Church in West Tennessee" by Ellen Davies Rodgers.

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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				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	0		"	0		"	89	0	14
SE	0		"	0		"			
SW	0		"	0		"			



APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2

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: Immanuel Church, LaGrange
The Reverend Robertson Eppes, Jr., Rector and Priest-in-charge of

ORGANIZATION: All Saints' Church (Episcopal) DATE: December 2, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 1508 S. White Station Road

CITY OR TOWN: Memphis STATE: Tennessee CODE: 47

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 Herbert L. Harper
 Title Director of Field Services
Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date 12/14/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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

Date 4/14/72

ATTEST: William H. Bennett
 Keeper of The National Register

Date APR 14 1972