

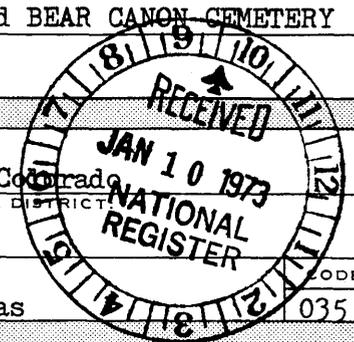
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado
 COUNTY: Douglas
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 ENTRY DATE: APR 11 1973



1. NAME

COMMON: THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP-IN-THE-FIELD and BEAR CANON CEMETERY
 AND/OR HISTORIC: same as above

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Highway 105 - 5 miles south of Sedalia, Colorado
 CITY OR TOWN: Sedalia
 STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Douglas CODE: 035

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> cemetery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Cemetery	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Church: The Bishop and Diocese of Colo. Cemetery: Bear Canon Cemetery Assn.
 STREET AND NUMBER: 727 East 16th St., P. O. Box M, Capitol Hill Station Sedalia,
 CITY OR TOWN: Denver, Colo. 80218 COLORADO CODE: 08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Courthouse of Douglas County
 STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse Square
 CITY OR TOWN: Castle Rock STATE: Colorado CODE: 80104 CODE: 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Survey of St. Philip's Church and Bear Canon Cemetery
 "Land deed to The Diocese from Rath Falck"
 DATE OF SURVEY: Feb. 2, 1965 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Christ Episcopal Church safe Cemetery: Bear Canon Cemetery Assn. Sedalia, Colorado 80135
 STREET AND NUMBER: 615 - Fourth Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Castle Rock STATE: Colorado CODE: 80104 CODE: 08

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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

St. Philip-in-the-Field Episcopal Church, five miles south of Sedalia, Colorado on Highway 105, is a white frame clapboard building. It faces the east with a range of the Rocky Mountains for a backdrop. The nave is 22 x 30 feet built in 1872 of rough lumber hauled from a mill in the nearby mountains. There are six Gothic style windows; three on the north and three on the south. The vestibule has inside and outside doors. The outside door has a Gothic transom. The inside doors have reversible hinges. The vestry is 9 x 9 feet and has a door into the nave and outside to the north; one window on the west. The outside walls of the nave, vestry and vestibule are covered with siding painted white. The roofs are all shingled with wooden shingles well cared for.

The inside walls and ceiling of the nave, vestibule and vestry are entirely ceiled in well kept Eastern ceiling. This was done in 1888. At this time the Church was handsomely furnished with pews, chancel, altar, font, rail, organ and the many small ornaments. A beautiful cross and candlesticks adorn the altar which is handcarved. Dark red carpeting covers the hardwood floors. Gas heat and electricity have been installed. A bronze and crystal chandelier hangs near the west end of the ceiling. Along with the old organ an electric organ was recently given.

The roadway leading to the Church has been blacktopped. It is lined on both sides with cedar trees which also line the cemetery. The Church is surrounded on the north, east and south by the cemetery. The Mission Center which was dedicated August 9, 1970, is back of the Church to the west.

Early day wagon trains left their loved ones here in Bear Canon Cemetery where simple wooden markers still remain. Here are buried five generations of some families and veterans of five wars.

A Celtic Cross rises aloft at the east peak of the Church. The Church has remained basically unaltered since construction.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

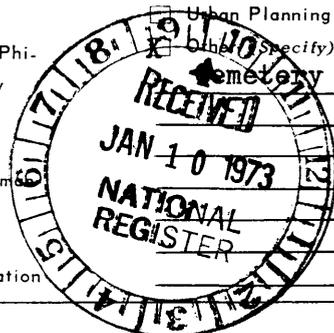
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The West Plum Creek Valley lies at the base of the foothills extending from where the East Plum Creek and the West Plum Creek meet near Sedalia, southward, to the Arkansas Divide. The first settlers came into this beautiful valley in the early 1860s. Many of these first families were English, Scotch, Welsh, and Irish.

One of the first settlers, Pete Brannan, built his first cabin a few hundred years north of where the Church was later built. This cabin was used for church and school. A mile east of this cabin was the Bear Canon Post Office (1863-1867), one of Douglas County's first post offices. The area was called Bear Canon because there were so many bears there.

The settlers early felt the need of a church. Without the help of any creed they began to build. The Church was built by the labor, love, and money of all. H. H. Curtis and sons with others brought the lumber from a nearby mill in the mountains over a most treacherous trail. N. S. Grout was hired to build the church. The outside was well finished (1872) and services were held. It was a church open to all faiths. The Methodist Circuit riders came. Bishop Spalding, Episcopal Bishop of Colorado, confirmed a class of nine in 1879.

A Church was formed--The Bear Canon M.E. Church. D. T. Wolfe gave three acres of land to this church; George S. Hill gave 1 33/40 acres to the Bear Canon Cemetery. A man named Lambert who passed himself off as a circuit rider urged the people to raise money and finish the inside of the church. When they had raised \$600, and were ready to finish the building, Lambert and the money vanished. The Methodists were so oversome they never did finish the inside. The pews were planks on nailkegs--the wind whistled through the cracks. A small group of Episcopalians led by Mrs. Dora Lapham were holding services in Sedalia. They moved to the Methodist's unfinished building. In 1888, Bishop Spalding traded a church in Bergen Park for the Bear Canon M.E. Church building. Through the indefatigable labors of Senior Warden Lapham and committeemen, C. W. Curtis and V. O. Penley funds were raised to pay for it. By the aid of generous relatives and friends in the "old country," of Bishop Spalding, Dean Hart, and others, the old building was completely renovated. The inside was ceiled through-out, walls and ceiling. The cross on top was Celtic. It was handsomely furnished with pews, chancel, altar, and organ. A brick chimney was built.

Bishop William Spalding consecrated the Church November 5, 1889, assisted by Father Byrne--rector in charge from Littleton, and named it St. Philip-in-the-Field Episcopal Church because it reminded him so much of the life of Saint Philip who met the Ethiopian Eunuch in the desert (Acts 6:5, Acts 8:26-40 and Acts 21:8.). (continued)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen DuPont Breck, The Episcopal Church in Colorado, 1860-1963.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
None			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Josephine L. Marr, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Douglas County Historical Society** DATE: **Dec. 19, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 909

CITY OR TOWN: **Castle Rock,** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **80104** CODE: **08**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u><i>Stephen H. Hart</i></u> Stephen H. Hart</p> <p>Title <u>Colo. State Liaison Officer</u></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u><i>Robert W. Utley</i></u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/11/73</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u><i>W.D. Mumford</i></u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>4 4 73</u></p>
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Historical Significance (continued)

St. Philip's Guild was organized almost as early as the Church. For years it was the sole support of the Church.

Some of the priests whose names live on forever are Father Byrne, 1886-1901, Rev. McLaughlin, 1906-1918, Rev. Robert Russell, 1928-1958. In 1958 the Rev. Charles Pitkin, Rector of Christ Church, Castle Rock, took charge. He brought a completely new life to the mission. There was Sunday School every Sunday, acolytes and choir were trained. A Bishop's Committee was formed and ground broken for a new Mission Center which was dedicated August 9, 1970. Father Donald White took charge in Sept. 1969. Church and Sunday School are held every Sunday and coffee hour is held in the present and original physical appearance.

Mission Center after services.

In 1935 the Bishop and Diocese of Colorado by quit claim deed, deeded all cemetery land within their jurisdiction to the Bear Canon Cemetery Association led by Andrew Nickson, W. L. Fales, Henry Curtis, and William T. Lambert. If any laws governing use of the land for a cemetery were violated, the land reverted back to the Bishop and Diocese. The cemetery has been surveyed into lots. Water from the well with electric pump is piped and available to all lots. At the last meeting May 1972 the price of \$100 per grave was decided.

A hundred years of worship under one roof and successive generations of family burial in the adjacent cemetery would be commonplace in Europe or in New England. St. Philip's Church and Bear Canon Cemetery represent in this relatively new section of our country a sense of continuity with the past and of hope for the future, without which human beings would not be truly human. St. Philip's is an emblem of the best features of pioneer life all over the world, a memorial to people determined to bring the best of their old life to a new and difficult one.

