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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Christ Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

Scott Methodist Episcopal Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2201 Ogden Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Denver

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

1

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Denver

CODE

031

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jerusalem Church of God.

STREET & NUMBER

2201 Ogden

CITY, TOWN

Denver

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

City and County Building

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1-20-76

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Colorado - 200 E. 14th Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The two storey building is 74' x 90', a Gothic expression of late 19th century eclecticism. The church is built of gray lavastone, possibly quarried from nearby Castle Rock, Colorado; the door frames and window sills are of red sandstone. The building, compactly massed, is dignified yet exciting to the eye with these checkered panels and band courses of colored stone. The wooden spire originally measured 90' in height - once the tallest spire in Denver - but the top of the spire was removed after a severe fire weakened the steeple in 1949. There are three rose windows in the sanctuary, of an original floral and geometric design, with backgrounds of orange and lavender.

The city of Denver insists that the spire be either removed or replaced and Bishop Kelly is complying with this request. As it is cheaper to replace the spire with a flat roof, he is now accepting bids on this job. Except for loose stone around the spire, the exterior is in good shape. (A structural engineer from Reliance Insurance Exchange of Denver has just verified the soundness of the building).

The main public entrance is on the east (facing Ogden Street) and it leads into a winding stairway to the second floor where the main wooden floored meeting hall is located. The meeting hall is nearly square and slopes gently down to the platformed altar at the west end. Between the balcony at the east end of this hall, and the pews in front of the altar, the room seats 750 people, although 1000 have fitted in on special occasion. The woodwork is handsome.

The ground floor contains offices, a classroom, a nursery, a kitchen and a large room used for school purposes.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1889 (built)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Frank Eugene Kidder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Brief History. On July 3, 1859 the first Methodist church service was held in Denver, then called Auraria. The church was known as the Lawrence Street Church. In 1871, 16 people from the Lawrence Street Church organized a new church under the name of California Street Methodist Episcopal Church (which later became Christ Methodist Church). By the 1880's, Auraria had lost many residents to Denver which was rapidly growing, and church membership was drastically reduced. Thus, in 1889, to gain members the California Street Methodist Church bought ground at East 22nd and Ogden Streets, an attractive white residential area in Denver, and by Christmas, the basement was ready for services in this building, named Christ Methodist Episcopal Church.

Frank Eugene Kidder designed the church, and E. Ackroyd built the church. Kidder, born in 1859 in Bangor, Maine moved to Denver in 1888 to convalesce from tuberculosis. He designed many buildings in Denver, but perhaps is more famous for his writing. His Architects and Builders Handbook and Strength of Beams, Floors, Roofs are still standard texts in architecture courses today.

The church became a focal point not only for the Methodists (who in 1903 had their annual conference with over 1000 people in attendance), but also for other denominations who held services in the church. By 1921, the neighborhood had changed and many of the single family residences had been turned into apartments owned by Blacks. Responding to the altered neighborhood, Christ Church sold the property in 1927 and the church was soon renamed Scott Methodist Church after the first Negro to be elected Bishop of Liberia, Isaiah B. Scott. It has remained one of the leading Black churches in Denver. In 1969, Elder Henry F. Kelly purchased the building, and since that time, he has worked diligently to make the church a responsible part of the community. Youth programs, including a youth band, visits to penal institutions and hospitals, and a Head Start program are some of the projects he has organized and carried out. The church is indeed an important rallying point for the Black community; many of the Blacks come from miles away (as far away as Greeley, Colorado) to participate in the various functions of the church, now called Jerusalem Church of God in Christ.

The church commands one's attention. It is the tallest building in the area, and its colorful facade and rose windows are noteworthy. It is believed that if this church could be renovated, the surrounding neighborhood would have a better chance of surviving and the Black people would continue to be involved in the area and in Denver as a whole.

(see continuation sheet)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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special thanks to Dr. J. Alton Templin, from the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado for lending me his notes on Methodist Churches in Colorado.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY under one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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| A | 1,3 | 50,220,0 | 4,319,978,0 | B | | | |
| | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING | | ZONE | EASTING | NORTHING |
| C | | | | D | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| | | | |
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Libby Kirkpatrick

ORGANIZATION

Historic Denver, Incorporated

STREET & NUMBER

1015 9th Street

CITY OR TOWN

Denver

1-20-76

DATE

303 825-8455

TELEPHONE

STATE

Colorado

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Stephen V. Hunt

TITLE SHPO

DATE

4/1/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

James D. Boy
Charles D. ...

DATE

11/7/96

DATE

11.3.76

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CONTINUATION SHEET Statement of ITEM NUMBER 8 PAGE 2
Significance

It has been closed down within the past 3 months because stones around the spire were falling onto the sidewalk. Nevertheless, the neighbors are trying, with virtually no financial assistance to fix up the building as best they can, because they believe in the building and particularly, in Bishop Henry Kelly.