

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Trinity Church

and/or common St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

2. Location

street & number 525 29th Street ___ not for publication

city, town Oakland ___ vicinity of congressional district 8th

state California code 06 county Alameda code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Rector, Warden, and Vestry of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

street & number 525 29th Street

city, town Oakland ___ vicinity of state California 94609

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Alameda County Courthouse

street & number 1225 Fallon

city, town Oakland state California

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oakland Landmark has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records City Hall

city, town Oakland state California

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The church is a wood framed structure sheathed in drop siding and painted "brick red". It has a Latin cross plan with overall dimensions of about 55' x 70'. The main entrance is through the corner tower of the building at Telegraph Avenue and 29th Street.

A high-pitched gable roof covers the main part of the structure; the vestry and back entrance hall are separately roofed. The structure has a variety of wooden Gothic details with the principal areas of decoration around the major windows on the front and transept ends and the tower. The facade window occupies a large part of the wall; it has a transom section in which is inscribed a wheel pattern with a quatrefoil in the center and two small quatrefoils in the lower corners. The muntins are wooden. The lower section has six narrow lancet windows beneath an ornamental frieze. A continuous archivolt molding divides the wall at the level of the eaves. The transept windows are similar. All windows are set in pointed arch frames.

The tower is divided into two stages. The upper section, beneath the spire, has four lancet windows on each face; the lower has corner buttresses with gablets and is divided from the upper by a quatrefoil frieze band. The entrance on the front face is set in a gabled architrave. The doorway is a pointed arch with a transom section framed by tracery and double doors. The pointed spire is buttressed on each side by a gablet over a niche.

The other buildings in the church complex are also wood framed and painted red. Chapel Hall has three narrow lancet windows set together above the simple entrance. The roof has a gable brace and the ridge has a wooden cross at the gable end.

John Bakewell Memorial Hall, 1925, was clearly designed to conform to the Gothic Revival style of the church. Although minimal, the detail of the roof cornice molding and the drip moldings over the windows, as well as the pointed arch of the door and decorative motifs in the arch spandrels, are in the Gothic vocabulary.

The Parish House is a typical ca. 1900 two-and-one-half story house in a simplified Queen Anne style. The ground floor has a bay window set flush with the wall plane, but angled at either side; the entrance is off center. The front gable end has a raking cornice molding and infilling of fish-scale or imbricated shingles. The house rests on a raised basement or crawl space.

The walls of the redwood interior of the church are finished in horizontal board siding above a dado of vertical boards capped by a molding and decorative border of embossed leather at about four feet above the floor. A wooden truss system resembling an inverted ship's hull and also related to decorative vaulting systems in stone from the Gothic period supports the roof. The rafters are tied to pointed arches midway between top of the wall and the ridge. The arches are disengaged at their peak and at their springing where they form triangular braces with spacers in the form of rondels with inscribed quatrefoils. Other wooden tracery compositions occur at the crossing and at the chancel arch. The interior is elegant throughout and well integrated stylistically with the furnishings and with the stained window glass in the four gable ends.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1892-93 **Bulider/Architect** William H. Hamilton

Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)

St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, built in 1893 as Trinity Church is the second oldest Episcopal church in continuous use in Oakland, according to present information. It is an outstanding example of the late 19th century, vernacular version, in wood, of the Gothic Revival Style favored in ecclesiastical architecture throughout the country. Both exterior and interior have a high degree of architectural integrity and are unchanged except for moving the altar to accommodate modern liturgical practice. St Augustine's is also one of the few reminders of the early elegance and homogeneity of this area of Oakland, now largely commercial instead of residential.

Trinity Parish was formed in 1891 from two Episcopal missions, Grace Mission at Cleveland and 45th Street in North Temescal, organized in 1873, and the new Trinity Mission. The Rev. Hamilton Lee. Appointed as missionary to Alameda by Bishop Kip, first Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of California, was in charge of Grace Mission. The Rev. John Bakewell from Santa Barbara was pastor of the Trinity Mission. In 1886, a chapel was built for Grace Mission that was moved to the rear of the new property at Telegraph Avenue and 29th Street. The first parish service was held in this simple hall in the Gothic style, now called Chapel Hall, on Christmas Day, 1891.

Early in 1892, the church members began planning the new building. Dr. Bakewell donated property which he had acquired from the Steele family. Although the design and drawings were prepared by the San Francisco architect, William H. Hamilton, Dr. Bakewell had a strong influence on the design. One of his sons, architect John Bakewell, of the prominent San Francisco firm of Bakewell and Brown, remarked that Trinity Church was his father's idea of Gothic.

F. C. Bignani, Oakland contractor, built the church. It was consecrated on April 2, 1893, Easter Sunday, by Bishop Nichols. The total expenditure was \$7,979.91. The parish was formally admitted to the Diocese on November 27, 1894.

On July 13, 1912, the adjacent Needham property on 29th Street was purchased for a parish house. A ca. 1900 cottage close by on Telegraph Avenue was purchased and moved onto the site for this purpose.

The other building on the site, between the parish house and Chapel Hall, was built as a recreation hall in 1925. This is the John Bakewell Memorial Hall and was designed by R. L. Mills of Hutchison and Mills, and constructed by Wiley T. Vaughn, contractor.

Though differing in style, the complex of buildings is quite compatible in scale, siting, and pattern of use. Landscaping of mature trees and shrubs is also a unifying element.

9. Major Bibliographical References

D.O. Kelly, History of the Diocese of Oakland, Oakland Public Library
 Dedication Ceremony, Easter Day, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Archives
 Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Program, 1894-1919 (Gives early events)
 Newspaper Clippings file in Archives, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 0.195

Quadrangle name Oakland West

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification Assessor's Parcels 9-697-01 and 9-697-44.
 Beginning at the southwest corner of 29th and Telegraph Streets proceed westerly 196.21 feet
 along 29th Street, thence 100 feet southerly, thence 46.65 feet easterly, thence 10 feet
 northerly, thence 41.25 feet easterly, thence 20 feet northerly, thence (see Continuation Sheet)

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/c code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Sally B. Woodbridge

organization Private Individual date August 15, 1980

street & number 2273 Vine Street telephone (415) 848-4356

city or town Berkeley state California 94709

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *R. McEllan*

title date 12-22-81

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 2/4/82

for factory
Seloua Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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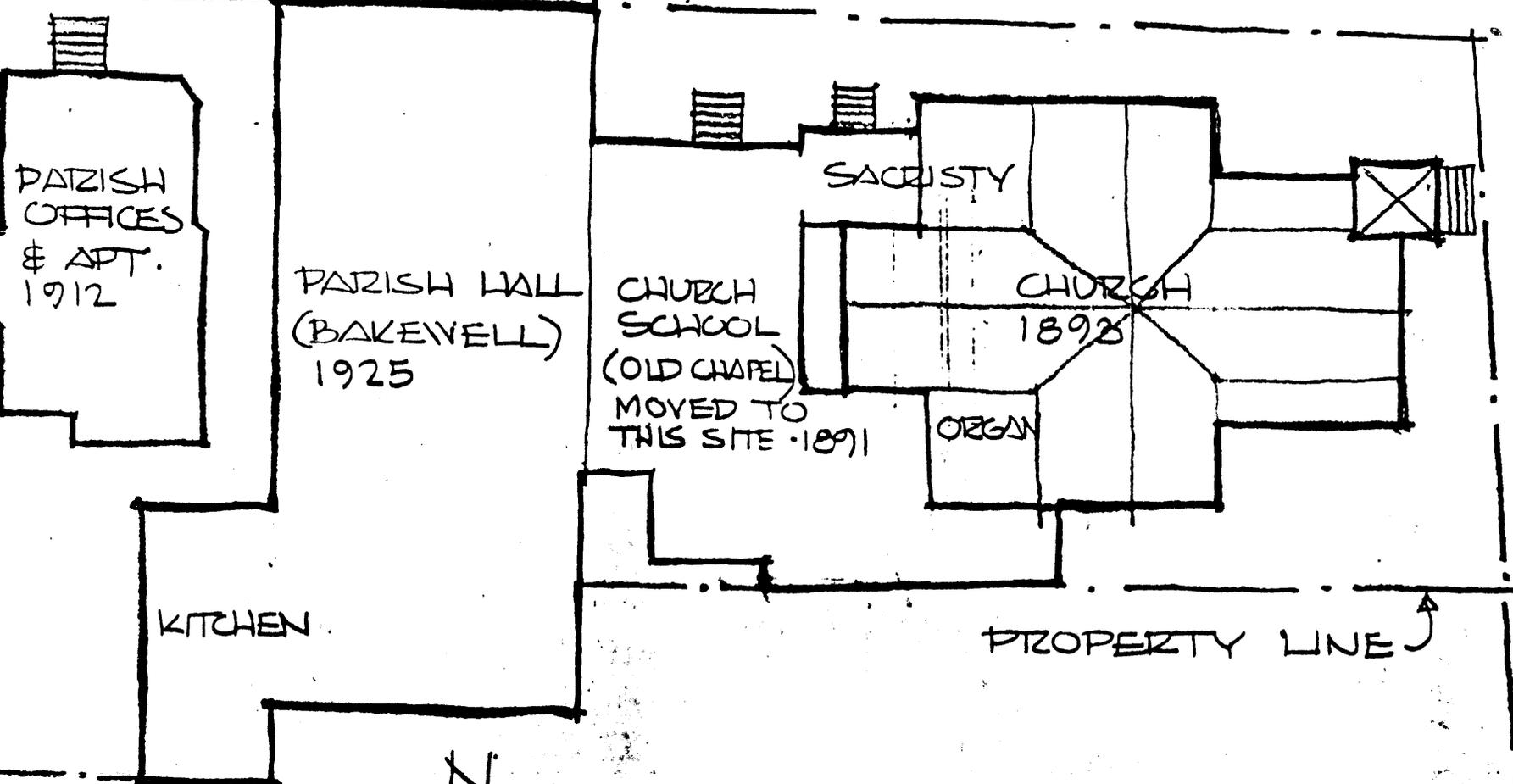
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NATIONAL REGISTER

29TH ST.

TELEGRAPH AVE



ST AUGUSTINE'S (OLD TRINITY) CHURCH
 OAKLAND CA.
 SITE PLAN 1" = 20'