	MONTCLAIR, MRA, MONTCLAIR, ESSEX COUNTY, NJ (Churches) 7-219 Form DPF-054		
(609) 292-2023	NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY # 0713 7 5 2 INDIVIDUAL STRUCTURE SURVEY FORM		
	HISTORIC NAME: LOCATION: 46 Park Street		ral Presbyterian Church /04; 37-D/4
	MUNICIPALITY: Montclair USGS QUAD: Orange OWNER/ADDRESS: Central Presbyterian Church See above	COUNTY: UTM REFERENCES: Zo	one/Northing/Easting
	DESCRIPTION Construction Date: 1921	Source of Date:	Published References
	Architect: Carrére & Hastings/Shreve, Lamb & Harmon	Builder:	John Lowry, Inc. New York City
	Style: Georgian Revival	Form/Plan Type:	Cruxform
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625	Number of Stories: Two + steeple.		
	Foundation:		
	Exterior Wall Fabric: Brick (flemish bond) & wood.		
	Fenestration: 3 bays on entrance facade; the side facades are 6 bays wide.		
	Roof/Chimneys: Gable roof w/ parapet.		
	Additional Architectural Description:		
II	This handsome Georgian Revival church contains many of the features asso- ciated w/ this particular style.		
BUKEAU STREET.	Significant are the main portico w/ Doric columns, simple frieze & denti- culated cornice, the main & side entrances adorned w/ broken pediments, & the round arched windows which dominate the side elevations.		
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SITING, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION, AND RELATED STRUCTURES:

Lot size: 1.3 acres.

A church office building is located to the south of the church.

Urban [] Suburban [X] SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Scattered Buildings [] Open Space [] Woodland [] Residential [x] Agricultural [] Industrial [] Downtown Commercial [] Highway Commercial [] Other []

SIGNIFICANCE:

This church with its delicate spire was designed by the prestigious architectural firm, Carrère & Hastings. It is the only church in Montclair built in the Georgian Revival mode. Sixty-five sheets of drawings of this building are in the Avery Library, Columbia University.

The Presbyterian Church is the oldest congregation in the community. Its members originally attended church in other towns and are especially identified with the church in Bloomfield. In 1837 the "West Bloomfield Presbyterian Society" was formed. A remodeled school building at the intersection of Bloomfield Ave. and Church St. was dedicated as their church in 1838. A new edifice was erected on the site in 1856 and considered one of the largest and best-equipped in the area. This First Presbyterian Church became known as "Mother Church" because as the town grew, four other churches were formed from its congregation. One of these was the Trinity Presbyterian Church, organized in 1886. This church and Old First Church were joined in 1913 and the united congregation was called the Central Presbyterian Church. Needing a larger building for the increased membership, the historic site of the (continued under "Comments")

Church Church ORIGINAL USE: PRESENT USE: Excellent [X] PHYSICAL CONDITION: Good [] Fair [] Poor [] REGISTER ELIGIBILITY: Yes [x] Possible [] No [] Part of District [xx] THREATS TO SITE: Roads [] Development [] Zoning [] Deterioration [] No Threat [x] Other [] COMMENTS: "Old First" church was inadequate and that landmark was demolished (now location of the Hinck Building; see form on 3-31 Church St). This present Central

Presbyterian Church was built and dedicated in 1922.

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