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 Church of the Advent (Episcopal)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 412 Oak Street

not for publication

city, town Farmington

vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Dakota code 037

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use

X district public X occupied agriculture

X building(s) private X unoccupied commercial

X both work in progress educational

X site Public Acquisition entertainment

X object in process government

X site Public Acquisition being considered industrial

3. Classification

Accessible

X yes: restricted museum

X yes: unrestricted park

X no private residence

Present Use

religious

X park

Other:

military

4. Owner of Property

name Church of the Advent

street & number 412 Oak Street

city, town Farmington

vicinity of state Minnesota 55024

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dakota County Government Center

street & number 1560 West Highway 55

city, town Hastings state Minnesota 55033

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources

has this property been determined eligible? X yes ___ no

date 1979

X federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102
7. Description

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Church of the Advent is located on a spacious lot near the center of Farmington. Built according to plans adapted from Richard Upjohn's book *Upjohn's Rural Architecture* in 1872, it is a rectangular wood frame structure 18 feet wide and 30 feet long with a chancel 10 feet by 12 feet. The exterior has board and batten siding and is painted white. The roof is a steeply-pitched gable with a cross-gable belfry. There is a small vestibule with a Gothic-arched door. Six lancet windows, three on each side of the church, are another Gothic Revival feature. Two of the windows are stained glass memorials installed when the church was built; the others were originally painted glass and have been replaced by memorial windows over the years. The lancet in the chancel was supplanted by a round window in 1916. In the front gable is a small trefoil window of painted glass. A concrete block foundation has replaced the original stone one. The small vestry adjoining the chancel was enlarged to form a guild hall in 1905; a larger addition was built in 1975. These are attached to the sanctuary by a single doorway entering the chancel, and do not detract from the integrity of the church itself.

The interior is paneled with dark wood incised with Gothic arches to suggest a blind arcade. The ceiling has exposed beams. Pew-ends are surmounted by trefoils as shown in *Upjohn's Rural Architecture*. Many of the other furnishings are also original.
8. Significance

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Areas of Significance—Check and justify below
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- military
- architecture
- engineering
- music
- humanitarian
- art
- exploration/settlement
- philosophy
- science
- commerce
- industry
- social/
- communications
- invention
- philanthropy
- other (specify)

Specific dates 1872

Builder/Architect John H. Thurston (after Richard Upjohn)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Church of the Advent is significant historically and architecturally as one of a group of small Gothic Revival churches built in Minnesota under the auspices of Bishop Henry Whipple, apparently using a modified version of the plans illustrated in Richard Upjohn's 1852 book, *Upjohn's Rural Architecture, Designs, Working Drawings, and other Specifications for a Wooden Church and other Rural Structures*. This volume was suggested to the congregation by Bishop Whipple, pioneer Episcopal churchman, who was undoubtedly familiar with the prominent New York architect's Episcopal church designs. Much of the church's millwork -- pew ends, font, window frames--is patterned directly after Upjohn's drawings. The parish was formed in 1871 and the building completed in 1872 under the supervision of John H. Thurston, a member of the congregation. The following year it was consecrated by Bishop Whipple. Despite minor alterations over the years the sanctuary has retained its original character and architectural integrity, and remains an excellent example of Upjohn's American Gothic style.
9. Major Bibliographical References


10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1
Quadrangle name Farmington

UMT References

Quadrangle scale 7.5

Zone Easting Northing
A 41,5 48,8 7,4,0 4,9,4,2,6,4,0
B
C
D
E
F
G
H

Verbal boundary description and justification
Lots 2 and 3, Block 21
Original Town of Farmington

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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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
Russell W. Fridley
title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 11/1/79

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date 12/31/79

Keeper of the National Register

Attent: \[Signature\] date 12/31/79

Chief of Registration