

Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	South Carolina
COUNTY:	
Greenville	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
71.5.45.0038	2/6/71

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Christ Church (Episcopal) and Churchyard (burial ground)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 10 North Church Street. Bounded north by East North Street; west by North Church Street; south by East Washington Street; east by private property.

CITY OR TOWN: Greenville

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
South Carolina	29600	Greenville	25 045

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Christ Church (Episcopal)

STREET AND NUMBER: 10 North Church Street

CITY OR TOWN: Greenville

STATE:	CODE
South Carolina	45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Greenville County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER: East North Street at North Church Street

CITY OR TOWN: Greenville

STATE	CODE
South Carolina	45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: South Carolina Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  Federal  State  County  Local

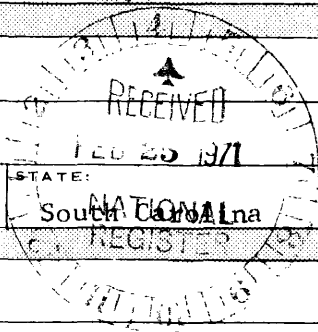
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia

STATE:	CODE
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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

The present building, for which the cornerstone was laid on May 29, 1852, replaced the original small church which was erected in 1825 on approximately the same site. The Reverend John DeWitt McCullough, D. D. is the credited architect. Consecration of the building took place September 29, 1854.

In January 1856, the new Christ Church was described in the Southern Episcopalian as "First Point Gothic, length 112 feet, five lancet windows, western end a pentaphlet and a circle with emblem of the Holy Trinity, triplet window in chancel, glass by Wills of New York, vestry in north transept, the tower is connected with the south porch, spire rising to 130 feet..."

Innovations have included addition of a gallery in the west end, 1875; addition of south transept and enlargement of chancel, 1830. In 1968, the fabric of the church was restored and the following additions made: extension of east sanctuary wall, addition of north transept, enlargement of balcony, construction of Galilee porch at north west corner, excavation for undercroft beneath entire church, fireproof flooring and remodeled entrances. Increased seating capacity from 350 to 650 achieved completion of the original cruciform design after 114 years without altering the over-all plan.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                        |                                       |                                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1852-54

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                                  |                                                            |                                                         |                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music                  |                                                         | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |                                                            |                                                         | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, Christ Church is Greenville's oldest organized religious body (1820) as well as the city's oldest church building (1852-54). It has traditionally been recognized as an outstanding example of Gothic architecture. Each addition has been in keeping with its style and original plan for a cruciform building. A magnificent stained glass window by Mayer of Germany is a memorial to Ellison Capers, rector of Christ Church (1866-88); bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina (1893-1908); and Confederate brigadier general.

In the churchyard (the burying ground) surrounding the building are buried former governor of South Carolina, Benjamin Franklin Perry; several Greenville mayors; many Confederate war dead and the first Greenville man lost in World War I. Also interred here are the parents and son of the first Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina; Vardry McBee, "Father of Greenville"; and many other church and civic leaders. A South Carolina historical marker was erected here in 1967.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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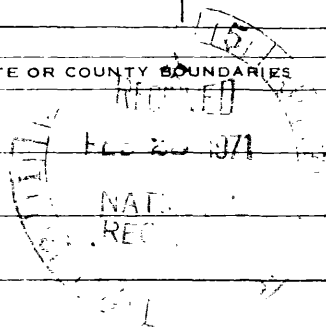
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 ' "	0 ' "		34° 51' 14"	82° 23' 39"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 7.36 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy R. Ruhf, Historical Resources Coordinator

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: 1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

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:

National  State  Local

Name Charles E. Lee

Title Director of South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Date 2/14/71

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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

Ernest A. Connelly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**MAY 6 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

William M. Neustadt  
 Keeper of the National Register

Date **APR 19 1971**