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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC



First Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

First United Presbyterian Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

401 Iowa Avenue

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Muscatine

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Muscatine

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT

 BUILDING(S)

___ STRUCTURE

___ SITE

___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC

 PRIVATE

___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS

___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

 RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

First United Presbyterian Church

STREET & NUMBER

401 Iowa Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Muscatine

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Muscatine County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Muscatine

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input checked="" 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 _____ |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This nomination includes two structures, connected by an entrance pavilion, the Presbyterian Church and an accompanying Sunday school building.

The church is a rectangular structure of red brick, early Gothic Revival in style, which exhibits Tudor influence in its details. It is 5 bays long and 3 wide. The shallow, gable roof has a narrow wood cornice and is covered with composition shingle. The central tower of the front, which houses entry below and belfry above, is divided into 3 stages, the two upper stages joined by the corner buttresses, and topped by a crenellated parapet. Corner buttresses (on the tower as well as the basilica) and wall buttresses are marked by white stone weatherings. There are pinnacles at each corner of the sanctuary. White stone is used for the water table, and in the sills and rectangular lintels of the small windows in the raised basement. The entrance is reached by a long flight of steps, and the door is deeply recessed within a wide, four-centered arch with a tracery-window transom.

On the north side of the church is a red brick "Sunday School" building, which is joined to the sanctuary by a hall and wide, gable-ended entrance pavilion, so that the whole forms a U-shaped complex. The plan and massing of the Sunday School (1912) is classical, but its Gothic details repeat those of the basilica in a remarkably harmonious fashion. It is two stories high on a raised basement, with a hip roof and 3-bay gabled pavilion at the front. Window treatment here is largely rectangular (square at the basement level), with much stained glass, except for the three second-floor windows of the central pavilion which have four-centered arches. There is extensive use of white trim around windows, and white stone for the water table, the gable end of the pavilion, the wide cornice, and the labelled stringcourse which separates the two stories of the central pavilion. There are two brick chimneys on the extreme north end of the roof.

The entrance pavilion (between church and Sunday School buildings) helps to bring the two sections together, visually. The stone trim and shape of the gable end here repeats that of the pavilion on the Sunday School building, while the wide Tudor-style arch entry with tracery panel echoes that of the sanctuary entrance.

The basement level of the church proper, and all floors of the Sunday School building, are broken up into a variety of offices, classrooms, etc., best described by reference to the enclosed floor plans. No alterations have been made in these interior room arrangements, nor to the exterior of either of the structures.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
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| <input 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 1856-9;

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Presbyterian Church in Muscatine is a simple, well-proportioned example of mid-19th century Gothic Revival architecture. It is particularly noteworthy for the remarkable harmony of the entire complex, the two parts of which were built nearly 50 years apart.

The church, built in the latter 1850's, was the home of the first Iowa Presbytery, organized in 1840. The first Iowa Synod was created here in 1852, and may have encouraged the erection of this substantial structure as a proper symbol of these early organizational efforts in Iowa.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Allbee, Gustavus. History of the First Presbyterian Church, Muscatine, Iowa, 1839-1842.
Hubbard, Joseph Welton. History of the Presbyterian Church in Iowa, 1837-1900. Cedar Rapids: Superior Press, 1907.
Richman, Irving B. History of Muscatine County, Vol. 1 (1911)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1

UTM REFERENCES

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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

Estelle H. Klein, Clerk of Session

ORGANIZATION

First United Presbyterian Church

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

401 Iowa Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Muscatine

STATE

Iowa

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

1/19/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

8/14/77

~~DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles W. ...

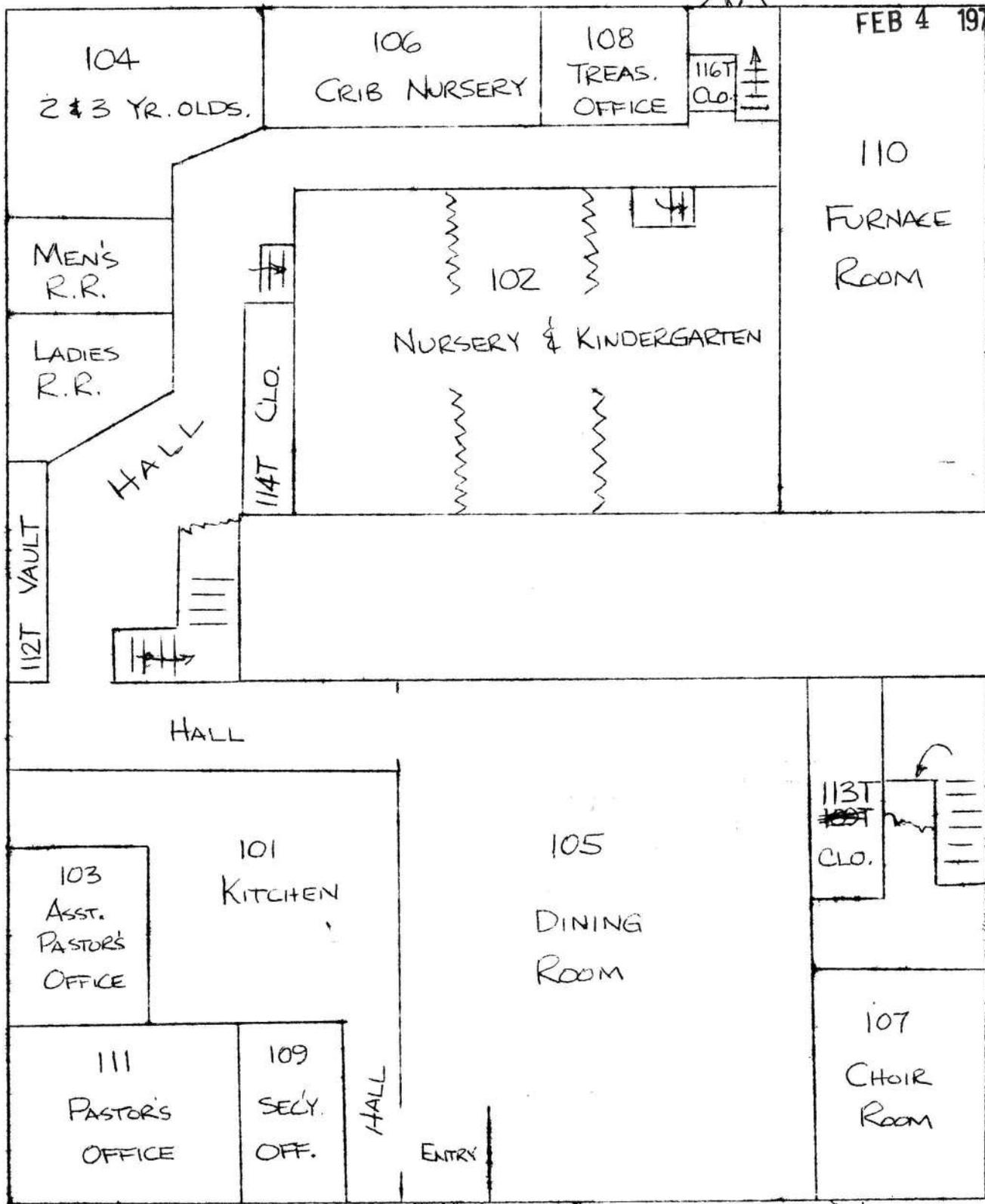
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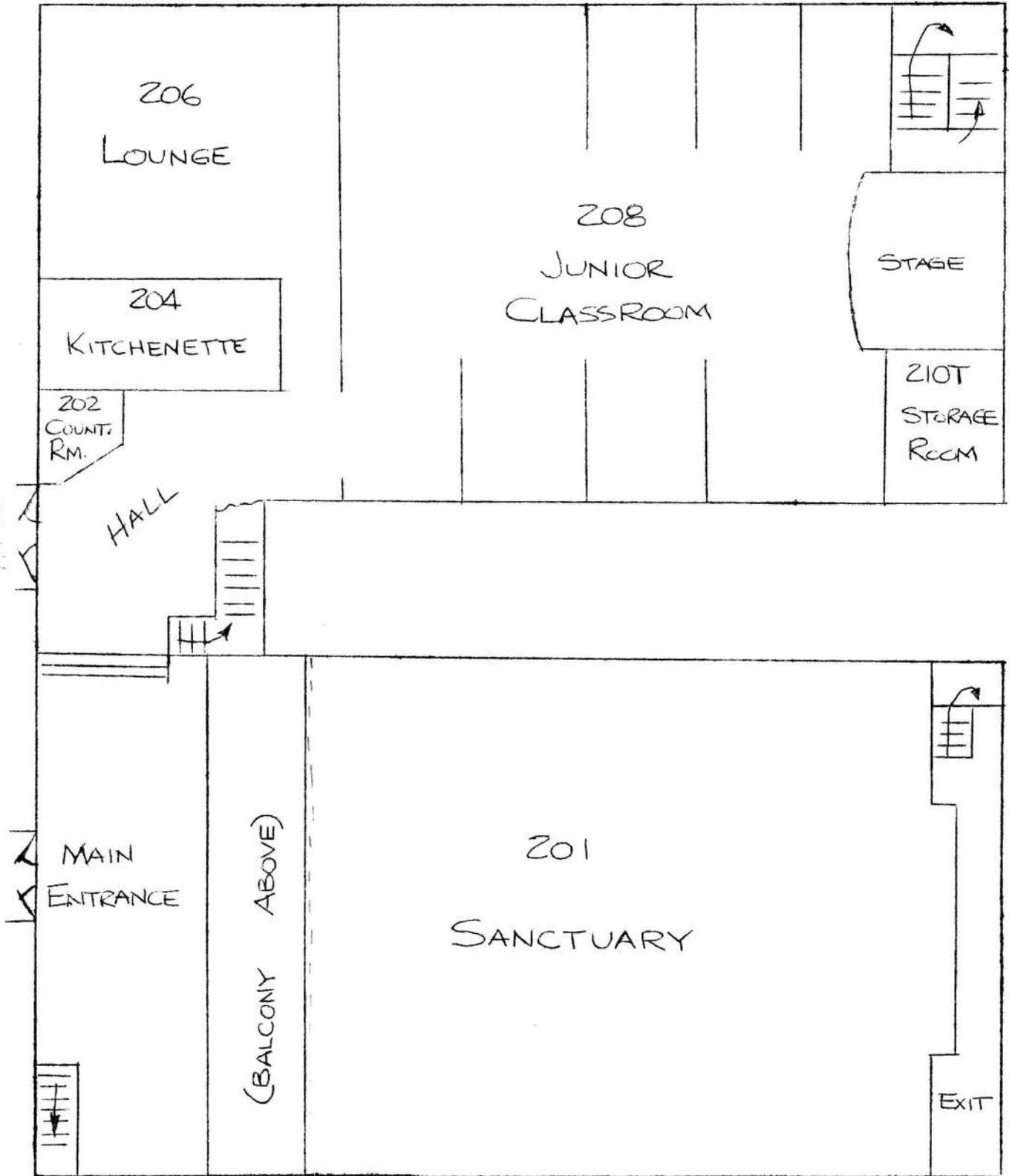
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEP 14 1977

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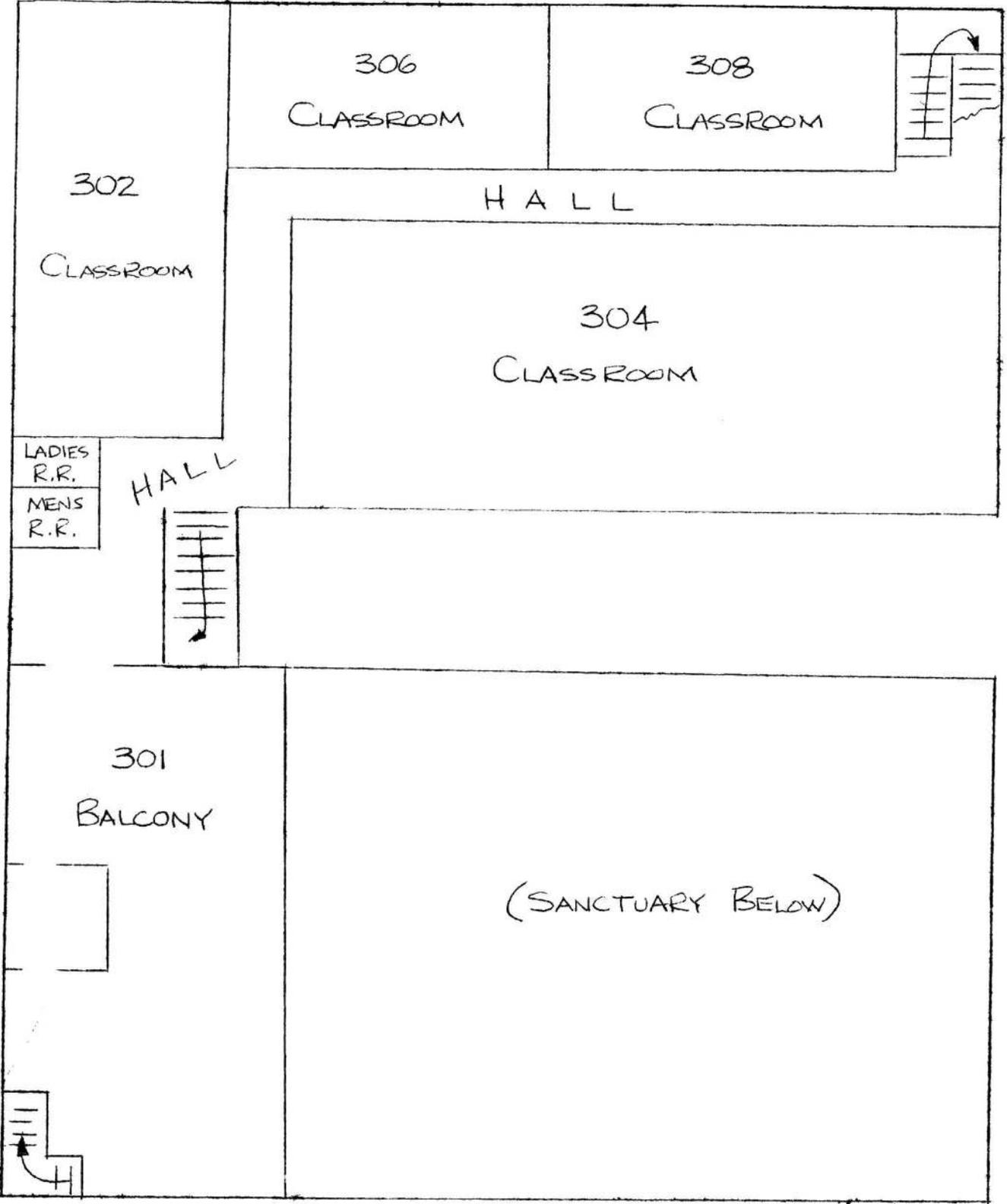


MAIN LEVEL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEP 14 1977

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UPPER LEVEL
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEP 14 1977

Property First Presbyterian Church

77000544
Muscatine

State Iowa

Working Number 2.4.77.202

TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1, 3 Plans

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Federal Register Entry 10-4-77

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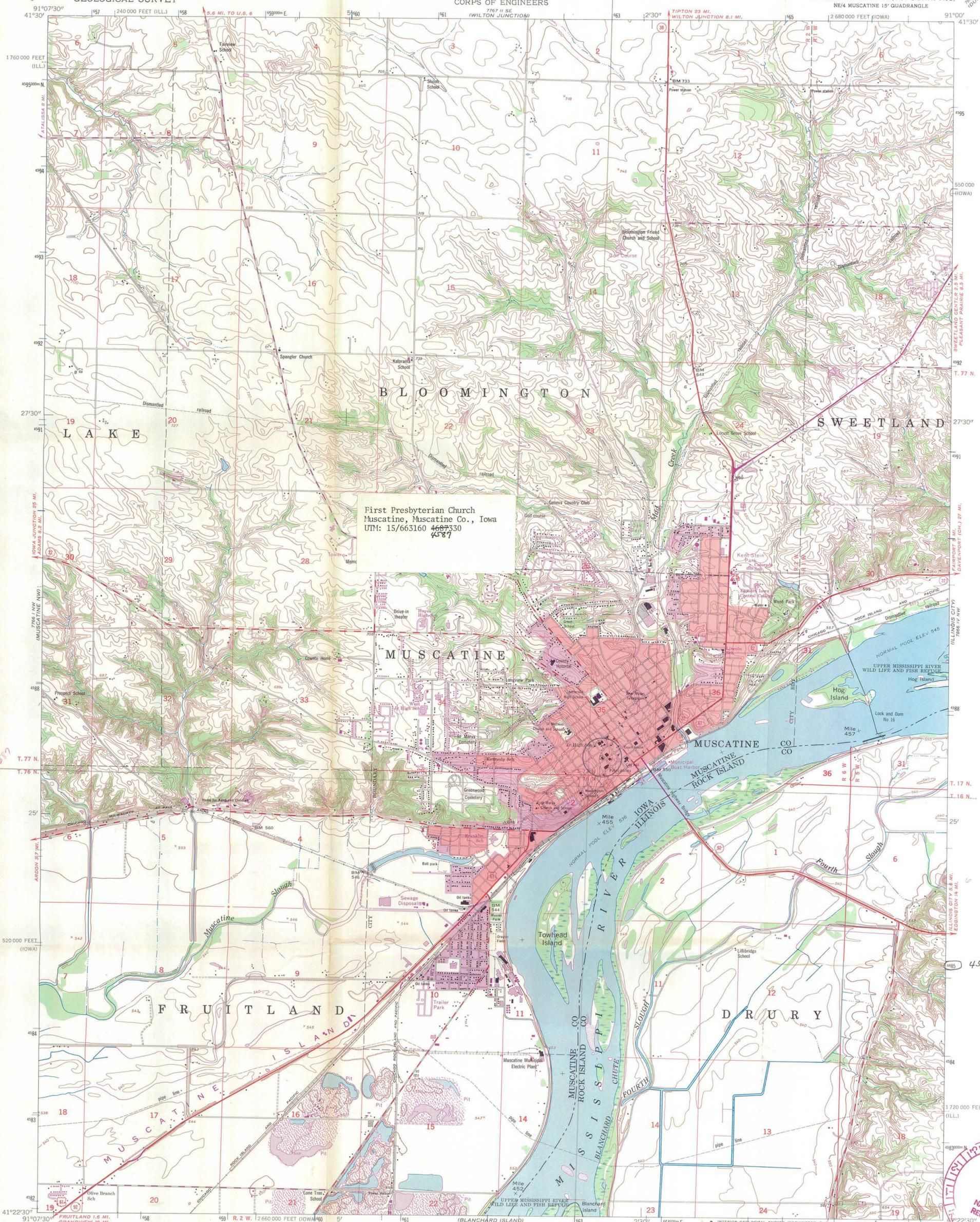
First Presbyterian Church
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa
Credit: First United Pres. Church
Neg. at: 401 Iowa Ave, Muscatine
Date: June 1975
View: from southwest

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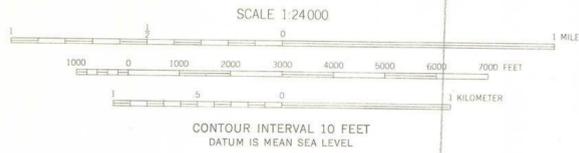
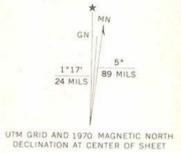
PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



First Presbyterian Church
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa
UTM: 15/663160 4667330
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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
Aerial photographs taken 1952-1953. Field check 1953
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grids based on Iowa coordinate system, south zone
and Illinois coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
aerial photographs taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225 OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242,
IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240,
AND STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, URBANA, ILLINOIS 61801
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

MUSCATINE, IOWA-ILL.
NE 1/4 MUSCATINE 15' QUADRANGLE
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Davenport

STATE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT OF IOWA
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ADRIAN D. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Date: 1 February 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



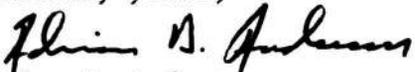
Subject: First Presbyterian Church

Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa

Dear Sir:

The property listed above has received approval from Iowa's National Register Nominations Review Committee, and is now submitted to your office for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places. Procedures used by this office to meet requirements pertaining to public notification and comment have been approved by, and are on file in, your office.

Sincerely yours,


Adrian D. Anderson
Historic Preservation Officer

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE IOWA

Date Entered SEP 14 1977

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Snowden House | Waterloo Black Hawk County |
| First Presbyterian Church | Muscatine Muscatine County |

Also Notified

Hon. Dick Clark
Hon. John C. Culver
Hon. Charles E. Grassley
Hon. James A. S. Leach

Regional Director, Midwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Adrian Anderson
Director, Iowa State Historical Department
Division of Historic Preservation
26 East Market Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

NR Data Sheet

DATE: April 21, 1977
 Reviewer: Lebovich
 INITIALS: LE
 DOE SEP 14 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: First Presbyterian Church
 OTHER NAMES: First United Presbyterian Church

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 401 Iowa Ave.
 CITY, TOWN Muscatine CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st
 STATE Iowa 19 VICINITY OF COUNTY Muscatine code 139

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
 NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
 SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

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| WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? | YES | | NO |
| IF YES, NAME: | | | |
| WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? | YES | | NO |
| IF YES, NAME: | | | |

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)
 then- religious
 now- religion

SIGNIFICANCE:

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Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Gothic Revival

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): 1856-9, 1912

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

~ 1 acre

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Basic two part complex consisting of rectangular, gabled church with buttresses and central crenellated square tower joined by hyphen to rectangular two story parochial school, hipped with central gable

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Well-proportional example of mid-19th Gothic Revival architecture with sympathetic academic building of 50 years later.