

Christ Church NHL  
 (20 E. Edenton St.)

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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which Christ Episcopal Church stands was purchased from William Boylan in 1826. On this property the first church was built in 1829. As the congregation of Christ Church continued to grow, a larger and more permanent structure was planned. Richard Upjohn, architect of Trinity Church in New York, was invited to design the new building in 1848 (while in Raleigh, Upjohn was also asked to design the chapel at St. Mary's Junior College). The construction was carried out by three Raleigh stonemasons, James Puttlick, Robert Findlater, and James Martindale, assisted by slaves. The cornerstone was laid by Bishop Levi S. Ives on December 28, 1848; the building was completed in 1852. In January of 1853, the Church was consecrated by Bishop Thomas Atkinson. The granite used for the exterior walls was taken from a nearby quarry. The bell tower was begun in 1859 and completed in 1861. In 1869 a frame chapel and Sunday school combination was added to the church. This later building was demolished in 1913 for the purpose of building a new parish house and chapel, which were completed in 1921. The Parish House and the Chapel of the Annunciation were designed by Hobart Upjohn, grandson of the original architect. In the chapel is a copy of the painting, The Annunciation of the Incarnation, by the sixteenth-century Italian artist Guido Reni. This copy was made by one of Reni's students. In 1941-42 an addition was built on to the rear of the Parish House.

Christ Church is an important example of Richard Upjohn's Early Gothic Revival style. The early twentieth-century addition, by Upjohn's grandson, is interesting because it was not built in the mode of the then fashionable Late Gothic Revival but was carefully and skillfully designed to compliment the earlier building.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

CHRIST CHURCH (NHL)

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 ' "		35° 46' 59"	78° 38' 17"	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One and one-half 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:  
Jack Zehmer, Survey Specialist, and Sherry Ingram, Survey Assistant

ORGANIZATION: North Carolina Department of Archives and History      DATE: April 22, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
109 East Jones Street

CITY OR TOWN: Raleigh      STATE: North Carolina      CODE: 32

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 Dr. H. G. Jones  
Title Director, State Department of Archives and History

Date April 22, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

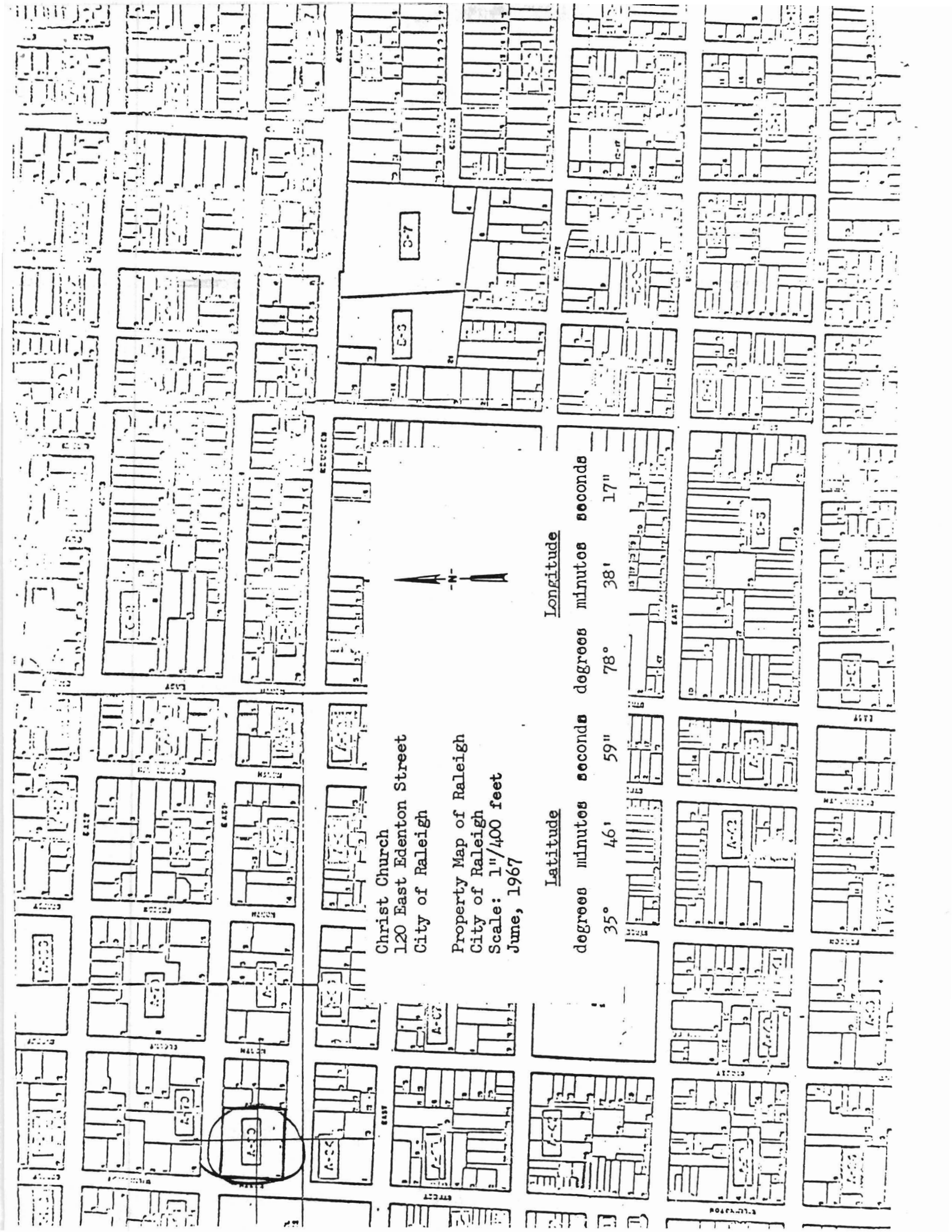
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ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



Christ Church  
 120 East Edenton Street  
 City of Raleigh

Property Map of Raleigh  
 City of Raleigh  
 Scale: 1"/400 feet  
 June, 1967

Latitude

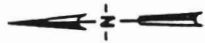
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Longitude

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ORDINANCE NO. 813

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PROPERTY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - THE REVEREND B. DANIEL SAPP, RECTOR, LOCATED AT NORTH WILMINGTON STREET AT EAST EDENTON STREET, IN THE CITY OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, A HISTORIC SITE.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina authorized the creation of a Historic Sites Commission for the City of Raleigh and otherwise provided for the preservation of certain historic sites and buildings by the passage of Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Raleigh Historic Sites Commission has made an investigation and recommended the following property be designated a Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina State Department of Archives and History has made an analysis and recommendation that the following property be designated a historic site; and

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of April, 1968, a joint public hearing was held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, by the Historic Sites Commission and the City Council of the City of Raleigh to determine whether the hereinafter described property should be designated a historic site; and

WHEREAS, said hearing was advertised and the property owners of the property hereinafter described were notified by certified mail of the date and purpose of said public hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the hearing; and

WHEREAS, all requirements of Chapter 1048 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina, preceding the adoption of this ordinance, have been complied with.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RALEIGH THAT:

Section 1. The Property of Christ Episcopal Church located at North Wilmington Street at East Edenton Street in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, be and is hereby declared a historic site. Said property being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the corner of lots now owned by Christ Church on New Bern Street running thence along New Bern Street East to Blount Street, turn along Blount Street North to Edenton Street, thence along Edenton Street, West to the corner of the said lots now owned by Christ Church, thence along the line of said lot South to the beginning, containing the whole of lot No. 192 and part of lot No. 193 in the Plan of the City of Raleigh.

Section 2. No building or structure located on the hereinbefore described site may be demolished or materially altered unless and until a sixty-day (60) written notice to the Historic Sites Commission of the intent to demolish or materially alter said structure, and the elapsing of said sixty-day period.

Section 3. That all owners and occupants of the property hereinabove described, whose identity and addresses can be ascertained by the exercise of due diligence be sent by certified mail a copy of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be indexed under the property owner's name in the grantor index in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wake County as provided by Chapter 1058 of the 1967 Session Laws of North Carolina.

Section 5. City administration and the Historic Sites Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have erected an appropriate sign on the site hereinabove described setting forth the fact that said site has been designated a historic site by action of the Historic Sites Commission and the City Council of the City of Raleigh provided, should the owners of the hereinabove described property not consent to the erection of said sign on the described premises, City administration and the Historic Sites Commission are hereby authorized and directed to have said sign located on the public right of way adjacent to said property.

Section 6. Any violation of this ordinance shall be unlawful as by law provided.



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Raleigh - Christ Church

Service Commemorating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone...  
Raleigh, December 12, 1948 (27 pp., illus.)

p.21 ". . . 1848 . . . Work began in the spring. . . . By December the granite walls had risen to the height of a worker's waist, and plans were made to lay the cornerstone beneath the altar, outside. Upon the heavy granite stone was carved the date, 12th December, 1848, and it was swung into place. The actual ceremony took place on December 28 . . . .

Work continued for more than five years, but it was not work done without its difficulties and discouragements. Three years after the laying of the cornerstone, funds were lacking to finish the structure. Once it seemed that one of Upjohn's masterpieces would be left unfinished and that the dreams of those who laid the cornerstone would languish in unfulfillment.

It was at this time that courageous persons came to the aid of the church. Under the leadership of Dr. Thomas D. Hogg and Edmund B. Freeman, the wardens, and the vestry, financial arrangements were made to finish the structure, and the work was continued. The people of the congregation made the necessary sacrifices; their vision was not bedimmed by the impact of difficulties. On January 5, 1854, barely five years after the laying of the cornerstone, this magnificent edifice was consecrated and set apart for Divine worship . . . ."

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Raleigh Register (weekly)

Wednesday, December 14, 1853 p2c5 "The Rt. Rev. Bishop Atkinson preached in this City, on Sabbath morning last, and administered the holy rite of Confirmation to several persons.

The new Episcopal Church will be consecrated on Thursday, the 22d. inst., by Divine permission. The attendance of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, and of the Public generally, is respectfully requested."

\*\*\*\*\*[Sis: Note that a December date was first chosen for the dedication; thus, the building was probably complete by this time in 1853. Score one, at least, for Dan Sapp! But I still don't think we're off more than a month. Elizabeth Reid.]

Raleigh Register (weekly)

Wednesday, December 21, 1853 p2c5 "In consequence of the necessary absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, the consecration of the new Episcopal Church in this city will be deferred until further notice."

Wednesday, January 4, 1854 p2c6 "By Divine permission, the new Episcopal Church, in this city, will be consecrated by Bishop Atkinson, on Thursday, the 5th inst."

Saturday, January 7, 1854 p3c1 "INTERESTING CEREMONY. The new Episcopal Church in this city was consecrated on Thursday last . . . .

The services upon the occasion were highly imposing and impressive. . . . A large number of persons were in attendance."

North Carolina Standard (semi-weekly)

Saturday, January 7, 1854 p3c2 "The new Episcopal Church in this City was consecrated on Thursday last by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Atkinson. Several Ministers from a distance were in attendance."

[Sis: Elizabeth Norris, as of this date, June 18, 1973, has found nothing more on completion date. Neither of us, however, has read the local papers for the several months preceding December, 1853, but plan to shortly. We'll keep our eyes open. Best love, ER]