

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: North Carolina	
COUNTY: Jones	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Grace Episcopal Church	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Lake View Drive and Weber Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Trenton (First Congressional District)			
STATE North Carolina	CODE 37	COUNTY: Jones	CODE 103

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☒ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Wardens of Grace Episcopal Church			
STREET AND NUMBER: Lake View Drive			
CITY OR TOWN: Trenton	STATE: North Carolina	CODE 37	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Jones County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Trenton	STATE: North Carolina	CODE 37	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Grace Episcopal Church, a small rectangular building, derives its distinctive charm not only from its setting among large oaks hung with Spanish moss, but also from the special inventiveness of its form and detail. The board-and-batten structure, which rests on a low brick foundation, has a gable roof topped by a steeple. The south (main) gable end contains a central entrance flanked by triangular-headed windows with diamond-paned stained glass. The entrance contains a diagonally sheathed double door surmounted by a blind triangular arch. In the center of the gable is a triangular-headed louvered vent. These, like all the triangular-headed openings throughout the church, are accented by molded hoods with scalloped bargeboards.

The east and west sides are three bays long, with each bay marked by a triangular-headed window. The scallop design is repeated on the heavy cornice which returns on the gables. Below the cornice is a wide frieze board in the form of a corbel table. It has tiny arches that connect the tops of the battens, forming a continuous concave scallop motif. The north (rear) gable contains a central triangular-headed stained glass window.

Above the south gable is a square board-and-batten steeple that rises in three distinct stages. The simple lowest level forms a base for the second, which features a small triangular-headed louvered opening on each face. Both levels have scalloped cornices and friezes like those of the main roof. Above the second level is a slightly splayed pyramidal spire covered with imbricated shingles and topped by a wooden cross.

On the interior Grace Church is quite plain, exhibiting a simple center-aisle plan. Above a vertically sheathed wainscot the walls are finished with a wide band of horizontal sheathing below one of vertical sheathing. The coved ceiling is horizontally sheathed. The north (chancel) end features a single stained glass window above the altar, which is enclosed by a rounded rail supported by heavy turned balusters. To the left of the chancel in the northwest corner a curved, vertically sheathed partition forms the sacristy.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1885

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☒ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☒ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In May, 1885, the Reverend Israel Harding of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kinston, reported that he had officiated at two services in Trenton, North Carolina, and that "there is a good prospect of building a church there." According to church records, the first of these services was held with four or five communicants on March 28, 1885. In a remarkably short time--less than two months--the nucleus of a congregation was formed and a lot for the building of a church provided. L. P. Brogden and his wife, Laura, deeded part of town lot 45 to Bishop A. A. Watson and trustees, on May 18, 1885. Bishop Watson laid the cornerstone of the church within a week of the transaction.

In the same year Bishop Watson participated in the first service held December 15, in Grace Episcopal Church, Trenton, where "scarcely ten months before this . . . the service of our Church was heard for the first time." When Grace Church was consecrated June 12, 1892, it had a congregation of about fifty souls.

This beautiful little church has been little altered since its construction, although a few minor repairs were made in 1966. It is distinguished by the particularly effective use of strict geometric massing in conjunction with the inherent verticality of board-and-batten walls and the repetition of scallop ornament.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jones County Records, Jones County Courthouse, Trenton, North Carolina,
Office of the Register of Deeds. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Jones County Records, State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh,
North Carolina. (Subgroups: Deeds, Wills).

Journal of the Second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church,
Diocese of East Carolina. Wilmington, North Carolina: DeRossett and
Meares, 1885.

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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One Acre

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <u>Survey and Planning Unit, John B. Wells, III, Supervisor</u>		
ORGANIZATION <u>State Department of Archives and History</u>	DATE <u>May 18, 1971</u>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>109 East Jones Street</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Raleigh</u>	STATE <u>North Carolina</u>	CODE <u>37</u>

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Na-
tional 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

H. G. Jones

Title Director, State Department of
Archives and History

Date May 18, 1971

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date

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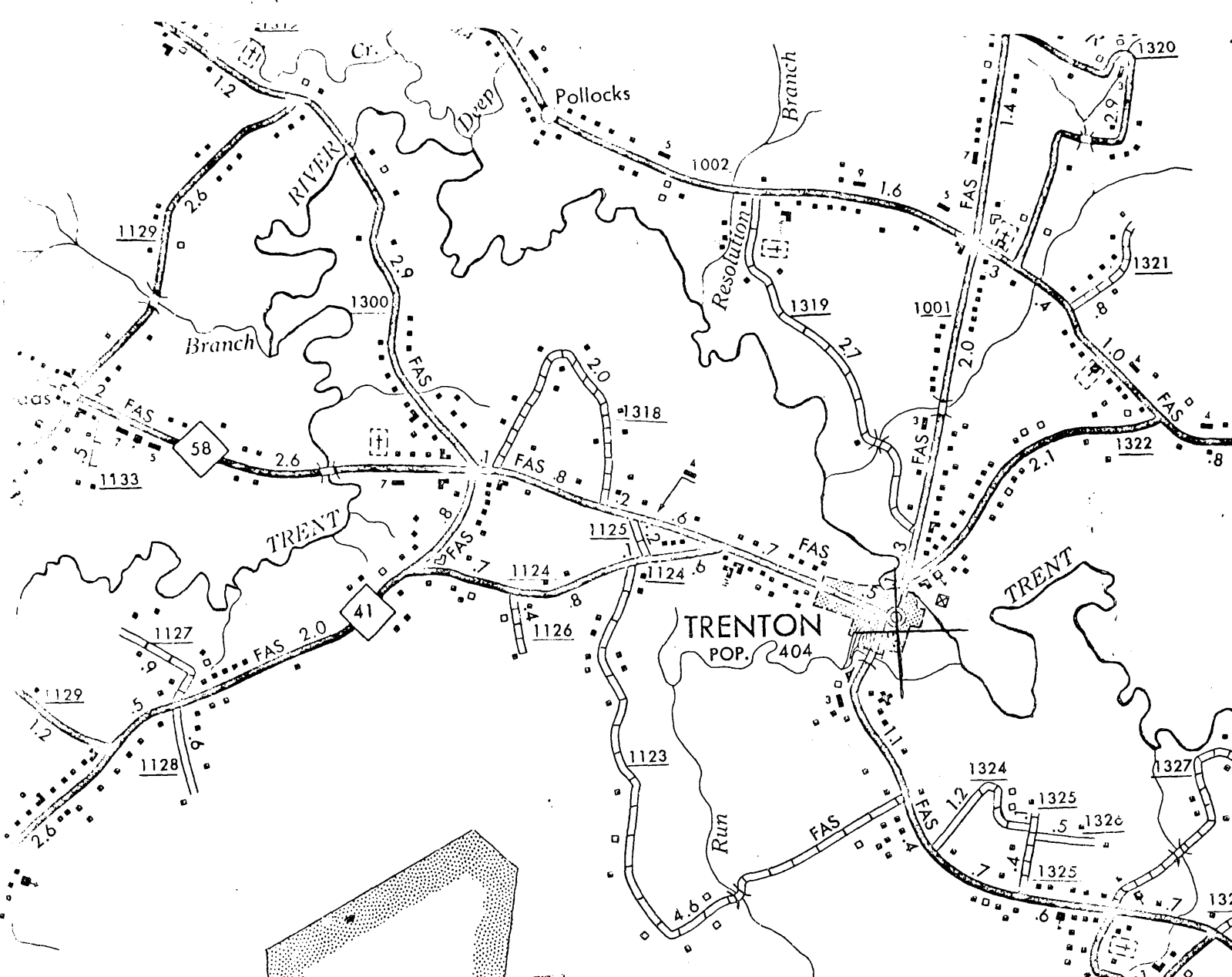
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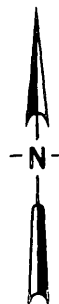
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State Highway Commission
 Scale: 1"/1 mile
 July 1, 1967

Latitude			Longitude		
degrees	minutes	seconds	degrees	minutes	seconds
35°	03'	43"	77°	21'	14"



Oliver Cross

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