

SUMMARY OF NOMINATION INFORMATION IN ONJH FILES

NAME South Park Presbyterian Church
 COUNTY Essex
 MUNICIPALITY Newark City

TYPE:
 Individual X
 Historic District
 Multiple Property
 Documentation Form

NOMINATION FORM

ONJH FILES

- Nomination form (If there are continuation sheets, please indicate number) ✓
- First page (#1-6) ✓ CS:
- Description (#7) ✓ CS: 1
- Significance (#8) ✓ CS:
- Last page (#9-11) ✓ CS:
- SHPO Signatures
- USGS Map ✓
- Site plan
- Tax map ✓
- Floorplan
- Photo index map
- Other maps
- Photographs (Indicate number) ✓
- Exterior 3 (plus 5 photocopied photos)
- Interior
- Streetscapes
- Outbuildings
- Historical
- Negatives
- Contact Sheet

DATE OF LISTING

State Register 4/29/72
 National Register 12/5/72

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

N.J.H.S.I. # ✓ 2004/100 Draft Nomination
 Newspaper/Magazine Articles Correspondence ✓
 HABS discussed Contextual Data
 Other (Please specify)

STAFF MEMBER Ben Johnston DATE 7/1/91
 UPDATES: STAFF DATE
 STAFF DATE

NEW JERSEY AND NATIONAL REGISTER FILE REORGANIZATION - 1980-1981
Summary Sheet

NAME South Park Presbyterian Church
MUNICIPALITY Newark COUNTY Essex Co.

Nomination Form:

Final Nomination Form Signed Unsigned
U.S.G.S. Map Photocopy
Other Maps Tax Maps
Plan(s): Site Floor plans & specs.

Photographs:

	<u>Identified</u>	<u>Unidentified</u>	<u>Inadequate Coverage</u>
Exterior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interior	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Streetscapes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outbuildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historical	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Negatives:

Same as prints Less than prints Additional Negatives

Slides: inadequate

Boundaries:

No precise boundaries Defined in nomination
Defined by map Latitude & longitude
U.T.M.'s Boundary justification

National Register notification of listing to SHPO:

Copies of final approved nomination:

Other: _____

SHPO Notification Letters:

Intent to nominate National Register State Register
Owner list

Supplemental Information:

N.J.H.S.I. Draft nomination
Newspaper/Magazine articles Recent correspondence
Local ordinance data Maps HABS
Other

Materials in Storage:

Public Meeting notification Draft nomination
Newspaper articles Correspondence
Historical information Other

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New Jersey	
COUNTY: Essex	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
South Park Calvary United Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
South Park Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1035 Broad Street, at Lincoln Park

CITY OR TOWN:
Newark

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE: 31

COUNTY:
Essex

CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture!	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational!	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
South Park Calvary United Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
1035 Broad Street, at Lincoln Park

CITY OR TOWN:
Newark

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
31

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Essex County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Newark

STATE:
New Jersey

CODE:
31

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
1964

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Library of Congress

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
District of Columbia

CODE:
11

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STATE: NEW JERSEY
COUNTY: ESSEX
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7. Description

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>Notations to above: Condition listed as good, however such protective renovation or restoration needed, notably and immediately to the north side windows which were vandalized and exposed by adjoining demolition. The interior is remarkably intact in its decor, but is faded and is in need of sensitive restorative redecoration.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the one notable major alteration to the church, otherwise remarkably intact, was the shortening of the 2 towers in the latter 1860's, and the lowering of the copper-caps of the cupola to cover more directly the circular "monocleral" colonnade, eliminating the stage featuring the relief work friezes in classical decor. No doubt this was occasioned by deterioration of the removed elements, maintenance problems and/or leaks. While it would be much preferable to restore the original eventually, there is no complete disaster architecturally without them. The First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, South Carolina, which is pictured on page 152 of the book, <u>The Church of God</u>, by Desider Holisher. The picture illustrates generally similar facade elements and proportions as South Park Church does at present.</p> <p>The description of the appearance of the church, outside and inside appears in section 6, under statement of significance.</p> <p>The Ionic 4-columned portico is large and is in Nova Scotia brownstone, (coffee with cream color) which covers the entire front, the towers, and the front portion of the sides. The balance of the building is in plain red brick.</p> <p>The main classical barrel-vault ceiling of the interior is pierced or intersected, perpendicularly by smaller but elaborate crossways barrel vaulting of the bays above the balcony which extends down both sides from the fine rear classical choir loft, as is characteristic of the meetinghouse style, notably in Newark. The detailed execution of this plan in this instance has no superior in the city of Newark.</p> <p>A broad massive classical marble pulpit stand is a handsome fixture in the front center.</p> <p>The cupola caps are elaborated in pale green oxidized copper. A wrought-iron fence encloses a small entrance yard.</p> <p>The parish hall is relatively undistinguished, and may be in part the addition of 1884.</p>						

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8. Significance

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" 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) Built in 1873 and dedicated 2/15/1875			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Multi-purpose</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p> Unquestionably of national significance, architecturally, with exterior of William Strickland type, Greek Revival Architecture, also with an extraordinarily elaborated many barrel vaulted interior to be compared with the best London churches, by noted architect John Welch, an AIA founder, who began in Newark. This may be New Jersey's most notable and best elaborated church in the Greek Revival style. </p> <p> It has a commanding location of various excellent vistas, i.e., Broad Street, Chestnut Street and Lincoln Park. </p> <p> The Nova Scotia brownstone, (coffee with cream color), is a slight variation from the popular local brownstone. </p> <p> In Kenneth Schnell's Thesis on 19th century churches of Newark, New Jersey, he states that of all the Classical Revival Churches, South Park Calvary United Presbyterian Church most clearly reflects the Greek Revival Style. </p> <p> It features handsome large 4-column Ionic portico entrance, and twin circular colonnaded "peristyle" or "monopteral" towers, after famed precedents including Choragic Monument of Lysicrates, ancient Greece. These features rank it, nationally with comparable works by famed architects Strickland, Latrobe, Mills, Walter and Haviland. Most specifically Strickland in his Philadelphia works, Merchants Exchange, and even his nominally Gothic St. Stephen's with twin towers. Also in his Nashville works of the State Capitol 1824-27, the First Presbyterian Church 1828, St. Mary's Church 1825-53, and Latrobe in his very similar porticoed, twin-towered similar colored stone old Baltimore Cathedral. As recently altered, it is reminiscent of the First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina, built in 1814. </p> <p> Architect John Welch, an AIA founder variously associated with Upjohn, according to the <u>Brooklyn Eagle</u> obituary, Welch had a national reputation as a specialist in ecclesiastical-architecture. He had built churches in nearly every city of importance in the country. </p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brooklyn Eagle, November 22, 1924. Obituary of John Welch.
 Blair, Joseph W. A paper entitled "The Significance of South Park Church of Newark, to the Greek Revival Period". Newark, August 18, 1968. On file in Newark Public Library, Newark, New Jersey.
 New York Times, November 22, 1924. Obituary of John Welch.
 Schnell, Kenneth. A Thesis, "19th Century Churches of Newark", on file in Newark Public Library, Newark, New Jersey.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				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	'	"	76	0	13	39	76	0	10	39
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"								
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"								
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"								

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.6099

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Donald W. Geyer, Inc. "professional planner" & architect/historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

6/10/71

STREET AND NUMBER:

351 Grand Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Newark

STATE

New Jersey

CODE

21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Richard J. Sullivan

Title Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection

Date

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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New Jersey	
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Essex	
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(Number all entries)

South Park Calvary United Presbyterian Church
New Jersey Code: 34
Essex Co. Code: 013

Section 6. Representation in existing surveys:
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory, 2186.13
Cir. 1961 State
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Parks & Forestry
Bureau of Parks, P.O. Box 1120
Historic Sites Section
Trenton, New Jersey Code: 34
08625

Congressional Representation

Joseph G. Minish, Congressman (11th District)
Clifford P. Case, U. S. Senator
Harrison A. Williams, U. S. Senator

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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COUNTY	
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Newark			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
New Jersey	31	Essex	013
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Donald W. Geyer			
DATE OF PHOTO: 10/71			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
With conciler Geyer			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Front, slight right diagonal, from east, across Broad Street near corner of Chestnut Street (vista) After the tower shortening of the late 1960's			

