

# DATA SHEET

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Michigan
COUNTY:	Wayne
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE:	MAR 19 1975

<b>1. NAME</b>	
COMMON:	Second Baptist Church of Detroit
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Second Baptist Church Society & Colored American Baptist

<b>2. LOCATION</b>	
STREET AND NUMBER: 441 Monroe <sup>St.</sup> at Beaubien	
CITY OR TOWN:	Detroit
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:	11 <sup>th</sup>
STATE:	Michigan
CODE:	026
COUNTY:	Wayne
CODE:	163

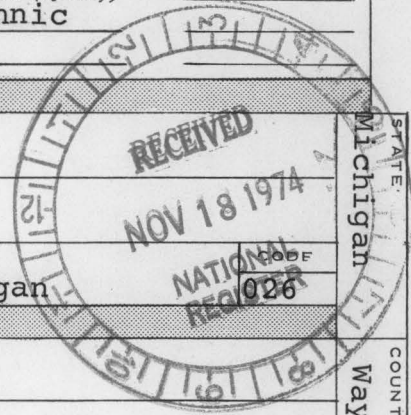
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 	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 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"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>ethnic</u>

<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>	
OWNER'S NAME: Second Baptist Church	
STREET AND NUMBER: 441 Monroe	
CITY OR TOWN:	Detroit
STATE:	Michigan

<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Register of Deeds, City-County Building	
STREET AND NUMBER: 2 Woodward Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN:	Detroit
STATE:	Michigan
CODE:	026

<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Registered 9/17/74 Michigan History Division, Registered Local Site No. 346	
DATE OF SURVEY: ongoing inventory <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Michigan History Division, Michigan Department of State	
STREET AND NUMBER: 208 N. Capitol	
CITY OR TOWN:	Lansing
STATE:	Michigan
CODE:	026

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COUNTY: Wayne  
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7. DESCRIPTION

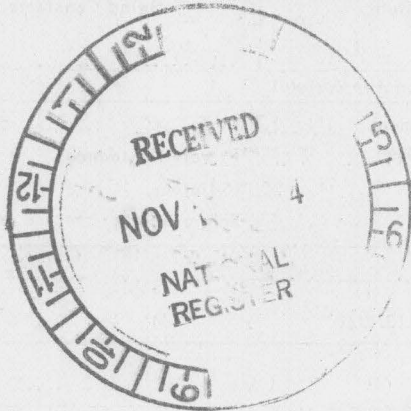
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Second Baptist Church is a three-story Gothic-type structure of red brick with a beige surface coating, and flat limestone trim around the windows and doors. In the main facade is a large recessed Gothic window with wooden tracery. Three rectangular openings with recessed Gothic windows are located in narrow, recessed sections to either side of the main section. Double Gothic doors separated by a pier, are in the center of the facade. The large wooden doors were replaced by contemporary glass doors. The gable roof is covered with rolled asphalt roofing material.

In 1880, the original one-story church was converted into a two-story building and an auditorium was added. In 1914, the church was almost destroyed by fire and a new structure was built around the old. In 1926, an activities building was constructed at the west of the church proper.

In 1968 an office and educational building was constructed to the east of the church proper. (This addition is not to be included as part of the designation.)



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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 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)

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input checked="" 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                        | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" 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

The Second Baptist Church was the first black congregation in Michigan and is <sup>one of</sup> the oldest and most distinguished black historical site in the city of Detroit. Since its organization, it has proven to be a highly influential force in the social, political and educational development of the black community.

Second Baptist was first organized in 1836 when thirteen former slaves decided to withdraw from the First Baptist Church of Detroit because of discriminatory regulations practiced there. These members then formed the "Society of the Second Baptist Church," also known as the "Colored American Baptist Church," which held most of its meetings in a small hall on Fort Street, between Beaubien and St. Antoine. In February of 1857, the society purchased the First German Reformed Zion Church, located on Croghan (now Monroe) which is the site of the present church.

The church's political involvement began as far back as 1841 when Second Baptist, then a station for the underground railroad, took the lead in the formation of the Amherstburg Baptist Association through which Baptist churches in Detroit and Canada sought to aid both spiritually and materially the ever increasing number of fugitive slaves from the south. Under the wise and spiritual leadership of Reverend William C. Monroe, Second Baptist also proved instrumental in the development of the Canadian Anti-Slavery Baptist Association in 1850. Both associations were of unquestionable value to fugitive slaves and to the abolitionist movement.

In its struggle to help secure political equality for black people, Second Baptist held a "State Convention of Colored Citizens" in 1843. The purpose of this meeting, which was the first of its type to be held, was to petition for Negro suffrage. In January of 1865, another state convention was held at Second Baptist for this same purpose.

Second Baptist's involvement in the struggle for equality is also strongly evidenced by its association with such prominent historical figures as Soujourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, John Brown, William Lambert, George DeBaptiste, Dr. Joseph Ferguson and others. On the eve of March 12, 1859, Frederick Douglass, after having met with black

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Burton, Clarence, ed., History of Wayne County and the City of Detroit, Michigan, S. J. Publishing Co., Detroit, Vol. I, p. 698-699.  
 Farmer, Silas, History of Detroit and Wayne County and Early Michigan, Silas Farmer and Co., Detroit, 1890, p. 607.  
 Katzman, David M., Before the Ghetto, University of Illinois Press, Chicago, 1973, pp. 18, 20-25, 38-39, 143-147, 163.  
Second Baptist Advocate, Silver Anniversary Edition, 1972, pp. 10, 18, 50. (Published by church)  
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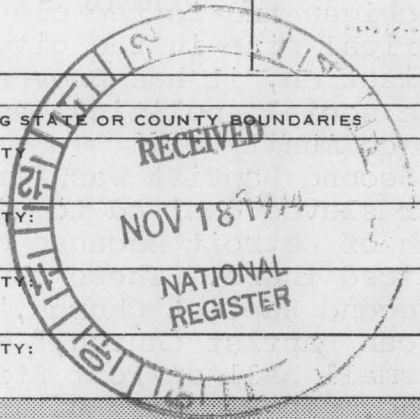
**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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
NW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		42°	20'	06"
NE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"		83°	02'	37"
SE	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				
SW	0' 0" 0"	0' 0" 0"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2

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:  
 Dolores Buckins, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Office of Councilman Ernest C. Browne, Jr. DATE: June 25, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 1340 City-County Building, 0

CITY OR TOWN: Detroit STATE: Michigan CODE: 026

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Samuel A. Milster</u></p> <p>Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>October 25, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. R. Mortensen</u>              Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>3/19/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Charles A. Henry</u>              Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>3.18.75</u></p>
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(Number all entries)

8.2 Significance (continued)

community leaders, at the William Webb house to discuss plans for abolishing slavery, delivered a message at the Second Baptist Church ~~as a means of~~ addressing the black citizens of Detroit. Years later, on January 6, 1863, blacks would gather at the Second Baptist Church for Detroit's first celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Located in the middle of Detroit's black community, Second Baptist has always contributed to its social and educational growth. It aided thousands of black migrants in securing homes and jobs. It also sponsored social affairs for the enjoyment of black citizens. From 1842 through 1846, Reverend William C. Monroe taught and directed a school for black children in the basement of the church.

The Second Baptist Church has always been a source of inspiration and encouragement for its members and for the black community. Among its distinguished adults have been Fannie Richards, Detroit's first black public school teacher, who attended Second Baptist, and the late Dr. Ralph Bunche, former Under-Secretary General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, who was baptized at Second Baptist in 1927. Recently in 1961, under the leadership of Dr. A. A. Banks, Second Baptist received local, state and national recognition for its distinguished history and achievements when a plaque, donated by the J. L. Hudson Company, was presented to the church by ~~Senator~~ George Romney and former Vice President Lyndon Johnson. later governor of Michigan

9. Major Bibliographical References

Ontario History, Ontario Historical Society, Toronto, Ontario, Vol. LVIII, June 1966, pp. 121-124.

11. Form Prepared By

Amy Hecker  
Michigan History Division, Michigan Department of State  
208 N. Capitol  
Lansing, Michigan 026



NAME OF PROPERTY

Second Baptist Church of Detroit STATE Michigan

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below. PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE NOMINATION IS RESUBMITTED.

7

Description: In the last paragraph just indicate that the new (1968) office and educational building is included in the nomination.

8

Statement of Significance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Bibliography: \_\_\_\_\_

10

Geographical Data -- Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM Reference(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Photographic Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Map Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to Edward A. Smith  
on the National Register staff, telephone 523-5483

Thank you for your attention to the above items.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Branch of Registration

INT:2105-74

Property Second Baptist Church of Detroit

State Michigan

Working Number 11.18.74.2017

Wayne

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 3  
Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK 12.3.74  
cm

we have the basic problem that only part of the building is being nominated. - I'm not sure on additions -  
- Important site.

**HISTORIAN**

Conference  
or  
Accept  
W. R. Cline  
1/28/75

Accept E. Smith 1-30-75

not nominated for architectural significance.  
Importance as site and building for black history  
is unaffected by additions.

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Accept  
Lebovich  
12-17-74

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

Amy Hecker of the state staff says the local people will approve of the new section being included if we decide to do so here.

**OTHER**

Conference  
E. Smith  
2-14-75

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Conference  
Accept 2-19-75

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

Accept  
Stamp  
In Museum  
3-18-75

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 5-6-75

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

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(7/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

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

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STREET AND NUMBER: 441 Monroe at Beaubien			
CITY OR TOWN: Detroit			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Michigan	26	Wayne	163
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>			
PHOTO CREDIT:	Public Information Department, City of Detroit		
DATE OF PHOTO:	June, 1974		
NEGATIVE FILED AT:	Public Information Department, City of Detroit		
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. South facade.  # 103			



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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

# 103

# EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION 1863

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN FORMALLY ISSUED HIS EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ON JANUARY 1, 1863. THE FIRST CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE EVENT IN DETROIT WAS HELD IN THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH ON JANUARY 6, 1863. THE NEGRO CITIZENS OF DETROIT RESOLVED THAT "WHEN IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS, THERE COMES A DAY WHICH IS DESTINED TO BE AN EVERLASTING BEACON LIGHT, MARKING A JOYFUL ERA IN THE PROGRESS OF A NATION AND THE HOPES OF A PEOPLE, IT SEEMS TO BE FITTING THE OCCASION THAT IT SHOULD NOT PASS UNNOTICED BY THOSE WHOSE HOPES IT COMES TO BRIGHTEN AND TO BLESS"...

PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF  
DETROIT BY THE J. L. HUDSON COMPANY  
JANUARY 6, 1963, CENTENNIAL OF THE  
MEETING.

Form No. 10-301a  
(7/72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE Michigan

COUNTY Wayne

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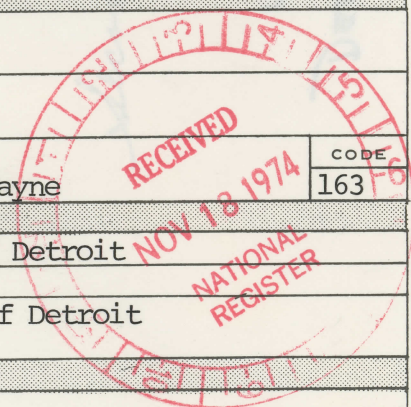
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Michigan		26	Wayne
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DATE OF PHOTO:		June, 1974	
NEGATIVE FILED AT:		Public Information Department, City of Detroit	
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
Two-post, standing marker "Emancipation Proclamation" on south (main) facade to the east of the main doors.			
#293			

church  
974



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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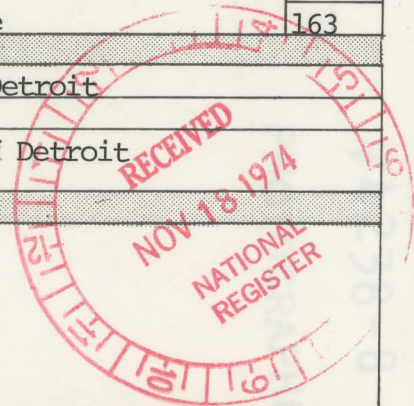
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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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Michigan	
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Detroit, Michigan

June, 1974  
First Church

#3083

CITY OF DETROIT

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

*(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)*

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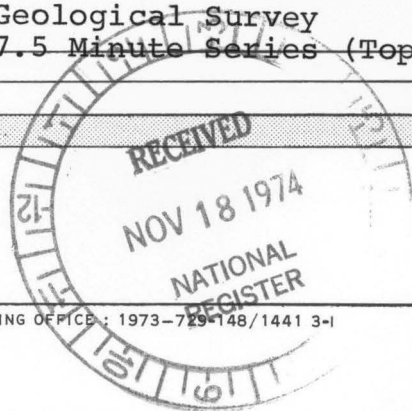
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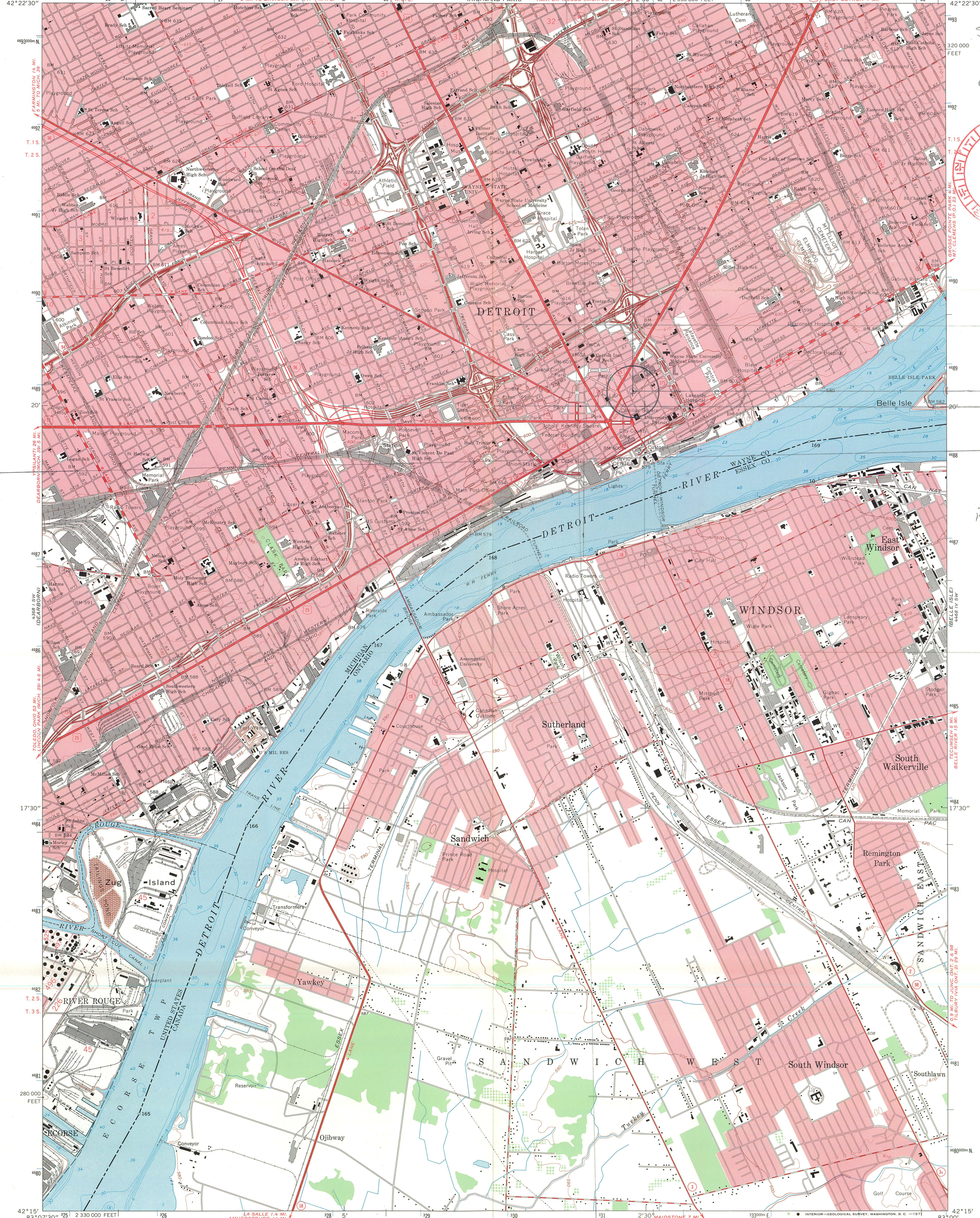
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- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
  2. North arrow.
  3. Latitude and longitude reference.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

DETROIT QUADRANGLE  
MICHIGAN-ONTARIO  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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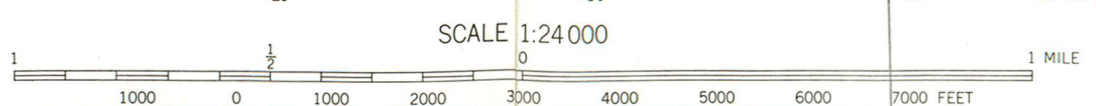
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BAPTIST  
CHURCH



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10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 17, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET IN THE UNITED STATES AND 10 FEET IN CANADA  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS RIVER SURFACE AT FOLLOWING STAGES: LAKE ST. CLAIR-571.7 AND LAKE ERIE-568.6

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, all weather, hard surface	Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface	Unimproved road, fair or dry weather

Interstate Route  
 U. S. Route  
 State Route

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Second Baptist Church  
441 Monroe  
Detroit, MICHIGAN  
Wayne County

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered MAR 19 1975

Name

Location

Second Baptist Church of Detroit

Detroit  
Wayne County

Also Notified

Hon. Philip A. Hart  
Hon. Robert P. Griffin  
Hon. Philip E. Ruppe

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Dr. Martha Bigelow, Director  
Michigan History Division  
Department of State  
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Regional Director, Mid West  
Region

# NR Data Sheet

DATE: 3/28/77  
Reviewer: DNY  
INITIALS: DNY  
NR DOE March 19, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: <sup>(1)</sup> Second Baptist Church of Detroit

OTHER NAMES: Second baptist Church Society, <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ Colored American Baptist, Church

## LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 441 Monroe Street

CITY, TOWN Detroit

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11th

STATE Michigan

VICINITY OF

COUNTY Wayne code 163

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:

<u>INTERIOR</u>	<u>EXTERIOR</u>	<u>ENVIRONS</u>
-- Substantially intact-1	-- Substantially intact-2	-- Substantially intact-3
-- unknown - 4	-- unknown -5	-- unknown -6
-- not applicable - 7	-- not applicable - 8	-- Not applicable-9

-- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

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<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	<input type="checkbox"/> Reconstructed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexcavated	<input type="checkbox"/> Excavated	

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

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- church  
now- church

## SIGNIFICANCE:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION -22	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION -10	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN -24	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement
<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	<input type="checkbox"/> socio/cultural
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/> urban & commun
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT		<input type="checkbox"/> planning

## Claims

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

32(10) Black history

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

Jacobethan Revival elements

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP: Black

NAMES:

personal

Rev. Wm C. Monroe - Church leader, mid 19<sup>th</sup> c.

(label role

Frederick Douglass - met w/ community leaders & spoke here, 3/11/1857

& appropriate date)

Ralph Bunche - member

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

Original structure Pre-1857

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

1880, 1926, 1968

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

held "State Convention of Colored Citizens", 1843;

Jan. 6, 1863 - celebration of Emancipation Proclamation

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

1/2

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Brick, sandstone trim; 2 stories, modified rectangle, gabled roof with high parapets, twin recessed Tudor-arched double-door entrances surmounted by large 6-part Tudor window with Gothic stone tracery; interior with semicircular pew arrangement, heavy wood paneling, and rose window; West wing added, 1926; East wing, 1968. Jacobethan

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

oldest black congregation, organized 1836; instrumental in formation of Amherstburg Baptist Association and development of Canadian Anti-Slavery Baptist Association for the purpose of aiding fugitive slaves in abolitionist movement, and promoting the abolitionist movement.

original (pre-1857) structure rebuilt after fire;

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Revival elements.

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