

LANDMARK



SURVEY

IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 1819 ~~East~~ Market Street
Map and Parcel: 55A-146
Census Tract & Block: 3-111
Present Owner: Trustees of the Union Chapel of Charlottesville Woolen Mills
Address: 1819 East Market St.
Present Use: Church
Original Owner: Trustees of Woolen Mills Chapel
Original Use: Church

BASE DATA

Historic Name: Woolen Mills Chapel (C.M.R.A.)
Date/Period: 1887
Style: Victorian
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 2 1/2
Present Zoning: R-2
Land Area (sq.ft.): 94 x 78.5
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 900 + 7,110 = 8,010

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Woolen Mills Chapel is a well-preserved example of late nineteenth century vernacular church construction, with its pointed, carpenter Gothic doors, windows, shutters, and steeply pitched gable roof. The building's most distinctive feature is the 50 foot high octagonal, green shingle-covered bell tower, which gradually tapers to a point. The original 1887 structure, a simple rectangular nave with the tower and vestibule at the south end, was more than doubled in size by the similarly-styled 1908 addition of Sunday School classrooms onto the west side. The structure is sheathed with white-painted horizontal weatherboards and a standing-seam tin roof. The interior walls and ceilings are finished in simple painted plaster; door and window openings are framed with simple architrave trim. The sturdy pews have slightly embellished end panels facing the aisle.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1886, the religious movement which swept through Charlottesville inspired the employees of the Charlottesville Woolen Mills to build a chapel for their community. On August 23, 1887, the lot was deeded to the Trustees of the Woolen Mills Chapel by H.C. Marchant, founder and president of the Woolen Mills, as a site for a non-denominational chapel for the Woolen Mills community. Construction of the Chapel, begun in 1887, was paid for by public subscription. The contractors were Boyd and Wash of Charlottesville, but much of the work was performed by the members of the immediate community. The Chapel was in use by Christmas 1887, and was consecrated on May 13, 1888. The adjoining lot was deeded to the Trustees in 1891, and became the site of the 1908 addition. No significant alterations have been made to the building since 1908. From 1956 to 1965 the Chapel was leased to the Pentecostal Holiness Congregation; since 1965, to the Calvary Baptist Church.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Woolen Mills Chapel was built by employees of the Charlottesville Woolen Mills on land donated by the company. The building has carpenter Gothic details and a particularly fine bell tower.

CONDITIONS

Good

UTM: 17/723260/4211080

SOURCES

The Woolen Mills Chapel, unpublished U.Va. Studies in Vernacular Architecture report, Nancy O. Elliot, T. Ricardo Quesada.
ACDB's 88, p. 258; 95, p. 87; 336, p. 95-97.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area

State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Carter-Gilmer House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Linda McClelland 10-20-82

Attest

- 22. Lewis Farm

Substantive Review

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23. Timberlake-Branham House

Substantive Review

Keeper

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24. Woolen Mills Chapel

Substantive Review

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25. Pireus Store

for Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83

Attest

26. Hawkins-Wondree House

Substantive Review

Keeper

Ret.

Attest

- 27. Hillcrest Apartments
Cottage

Substantive Review

Keeper

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28. King-Runkle House

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29. Peyton House - Hillcrest
Apartments

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X 30. McConnell-Neve House

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United States Department of the Interior
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Woolen Mills Chapel (Charlottesville MRA) VIRGINIA

Working No. 9/7/82-2438

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 10/7/82 - 10/22/82

Action: ACCEPT 10/24/82
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept C
Reviewer J. McClelland
Discipline A. Hist.
Date 10/20/82
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

*Architectural And Historic
Survey*



Graphics



Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000882