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NOMINATION FORM

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Name Historic St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church
Common
Location Corner of Pendleton and Richland Streets
Classification Building

Owner Rev. Robert Shahan
Box 623
Aiken, SC 29801

Representation in Existing Surveys

South Carolina Inventory of Historic Places

Description

St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Pendleton and Richland Streets in Aiken, was constructed ca. 1842. In 1926 the church was extensively remodeled according to the design of Albert Simons of Charleston. Originally a simple frame, weatherboarded building, St. Thaddeus is now stuccoed and has Greek Revival proportions. The three-bay facade features a pedimented Doric portico which shelters the central, double-door entrance. The entrance features a transom and shelf architrave and is flanked by secondary entrances with transoms and similar architraves. The church has a gable roof surmounted by a one-stage, inset steeple with spire and cross. The nominated property includes the church cemetery.

Significance

Although St. Thaddeus has been important in the history of the town of Aiken since its construction ca. 1842, it is also important in association with the Aiken Winter Colony. Many of the Winter Colonists belonged to the congregation of St. Thaddeus and contributed generously to its "restoration" in 1926. The changes made to St. Thaddeus reflect the wealth and sophistication of its congregation during the Winter Colony era and illustrate the impact of the Winter Colony on the community.

Acreage 2.2 acres

Verbal Boundary Description The boundary of St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church is shown as the black line on the accompanying Aiken County Tax Map #30-046, drawn at a scale of 1 inch equals 50 feet. It includes the church and its setting and the church cemetery.

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Other Information

Although St. Thaddeus is a religious property, it should be considered eligible for the National Register because it is an important example of the impact of the Winter Colony on different facets of life in Aiken.