

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Richland	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.1.45.0001	DATE 1/25/71

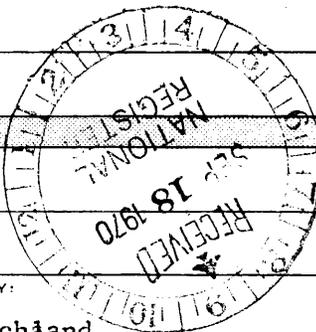
1. NAME

COMMON:
First Presbyterian Church
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1324 Marion Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia
STATE

CODE 45	COUNTY: Richland	CODE 40
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
First Presbyterian Church
STREET AND NUMBER:
1324 Marion Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia
STATE:
South Carolina
CODE
45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Richland County Courthouse
STREET AND NUMBER:
1508 Washington Street
CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia
STATE:
South Carolina
CODE
45

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Dept. of Archives and History
STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street PO Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29241
CITY OR TOWN:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

English Gothic structure of reddish-brown stucco-covered brick; second building erected on site. Central pinnacled steeple with entrance below flanked by pseudo-Corinthian columns below, shouldered buttresses, pinnacles also on corners and alongside of battlemented roof, stained glass windows.

First church on site built 1813 from materials of old Lexington County Courthouse at Granby. 1852-1853 this building moved to corner of Lady and Marion Streets. As built in 1854, new church was 58' x 78' and had 180-foot spire which was damaged by 1875 cyclone, rebuilt 1888, damaged by 1910 fire, rebuilt same year to present height of 188 feet.

Building was extensively remodeled in 1925--lengthened by 40 feet (three bays). New rostrum and choir behind which, facing congregation, is wood screen of Gothic tracery. Organ, brought from Grace Church in Charleston after Civil War, rebuilt behind screen. Classrooms built on either side of organ loft; gallery around three sides of church. Central main entrance retained but altered to fit new height of vestibule floor by construction of granite steps. Flanking front entrances closed and new ones built into side vestibules near west corners of north and south walls. New seating capacity: 1,250 (original capacity: 800).

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4. 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) **1854**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<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

Church is exceptionally fine example of early English Gothic architecture, characterized by vaulted ribbed ceiling. Its 188-foot spire is one of Columbia's most distinctive architectural features.

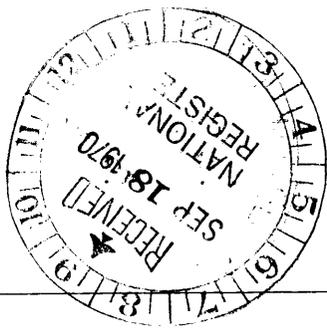
Its congregation was the first organized in Columbia (1795). After its founding, services were held in State House, then in the South Carolina College Chapel. Incorporated by 1813 South Carolina Legislature. According to tradition, the Presbyterian congregation drew lots with the Episcopal congregation, and won its present lot, which included the heretofore public non-denominational Columbia graveyard, dating from 1797. Buried here: Henry W. DeSaussure, first director of the U.S. Mint, Ann Pamela Cuningham, restorer of Mount Vernon, and Woodrow Wilson's parents.

Among church's famous members: scientist Dr. Joseph LeConte, Woodrow Wilson, Robert Mills (who was elder 1822-1830), and Col. Thomas Taylor (upon whose plantation part of Columbia was built).

Church has been closely associated with University of South Carolina (originally the South Carolina College). James Thornwell, professor and president of the college, was pastor 1840-1841, and 1855-1861. A number of other university presidents have served as elders or have been otherwise closely connected with the church.

The church has also had strong ties with Columbia Theological Seminary, located for many years in the historic Ainsley Hall House. Such noted Presbyterians as Drs. George Howe, B. M. Palmer, and J. L. Girardeau, as well as Dr. Thornwell were on the faculty of the seminary.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hennig, Helen K., Columbia:Capital City of South Carolina 1786-1936. Columbia, 1936.

Jones and Mills, History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina. Columbia, 1926.

WPA, South Carolina: a Guide to the Palmetto State. New York, 1941.

Julien and Hollis, Look to the Rock. Richmond, 1961.

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres

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:
Mary Schuette, Historic Resources Division

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: August 29, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street PO Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia STATE: South Carolina CODE: 45

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 Charles Lee

Title Director, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History

Date August 29, 1970

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

Ernest A. Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JAN 25 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Tompkins
Keeper of The National Register
DEC 1 1970

Date _____

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