

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Corinth Baptist Church
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number North Herndon Street not for publication
city, town Union vicinity
state South Carolina code SC county Union code 087 zip code 29379

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Resources of Union, SC, c. 1823 - c. 1940
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Mary W. Edmonds 5/10/89
Signature of certifying official Date
Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, SC Dept of Archives & History
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register. _____
- See continuation sheet. _____
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. _____
- determined not eligible for the National Register. _____
- removed from the National Register. _____
- other, (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Ethnic Heritage/Black

Period of Significance

1894 - c. 1940

Significant Dates

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This church was built in 1894 as the first separate building to house Corinth Baptist Church, which was the first black congregation in Union.(1) It is significant both for its association with the early black history of Union and as an example of an early vernacular interpretation of architectural styles common to religious buildings of the period. Corinth Baptist Church was established c. 1883 and had its first services in the old Union Methodist Church, which was located on North Enterprise (then Grog) Street, near the present location of Union Mill. In 1893 Thomas C. Duncan, owner of the new mill, intended to expand his operations and build a company store; he purchased the old building and lot from the congregation for \$600. The congregation purchased a lot on North Herndon (then Judgment) Street in January 1894 and began construction of a new church, which was completed by the end of the year.(2)

Although the Corinth Baptist Church is a religious property and the church has undergone several alterations in the twentieth century, its primary significance is for its association with the early black history of Union and it is eligible for the National Register under the theme of Ethnic Heritage/Black as well as under the theme of Architecture.

NOTES

(1) Preliminary Information Sheet for Corinth Baptist Church, National Register office files, South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History Columbia, S.C.; Bernice A. Thompson, "Corinth Baptist Church," in Mannie Lee Mabry, Editor, Union County Heritage - South Carolina (Winston-Salem, NC: Hunter Publishing Company for the Union County Heritage Committee, 1981), pp. 353-54. Allan D. Charles, Professor of History at the University of South Carolina-Union and author of a history of Union County, speculates that the Corinth congregation

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purchased an early nineteenth-century Presbyterian sanctuary, moved it to the present lot, and brick-veneered the form of the present church around the frame church. Allan D. Charles, The Narrative History of Union, South Carolina (Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, Publishers, for the Union County Historical Foundation and the Arthur State Bank, 1987), pp. 293, 345. Members of the congregation, however, state that the church was built as a completely new brick building in 1894; and physical evidence as well as an examination of the 1902, 1910, 1917, and 1926 Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps shows conclusively that the walls of the present church are load-bearing brick and not brick veneer over a earlier frame building.

(2) Ibid.

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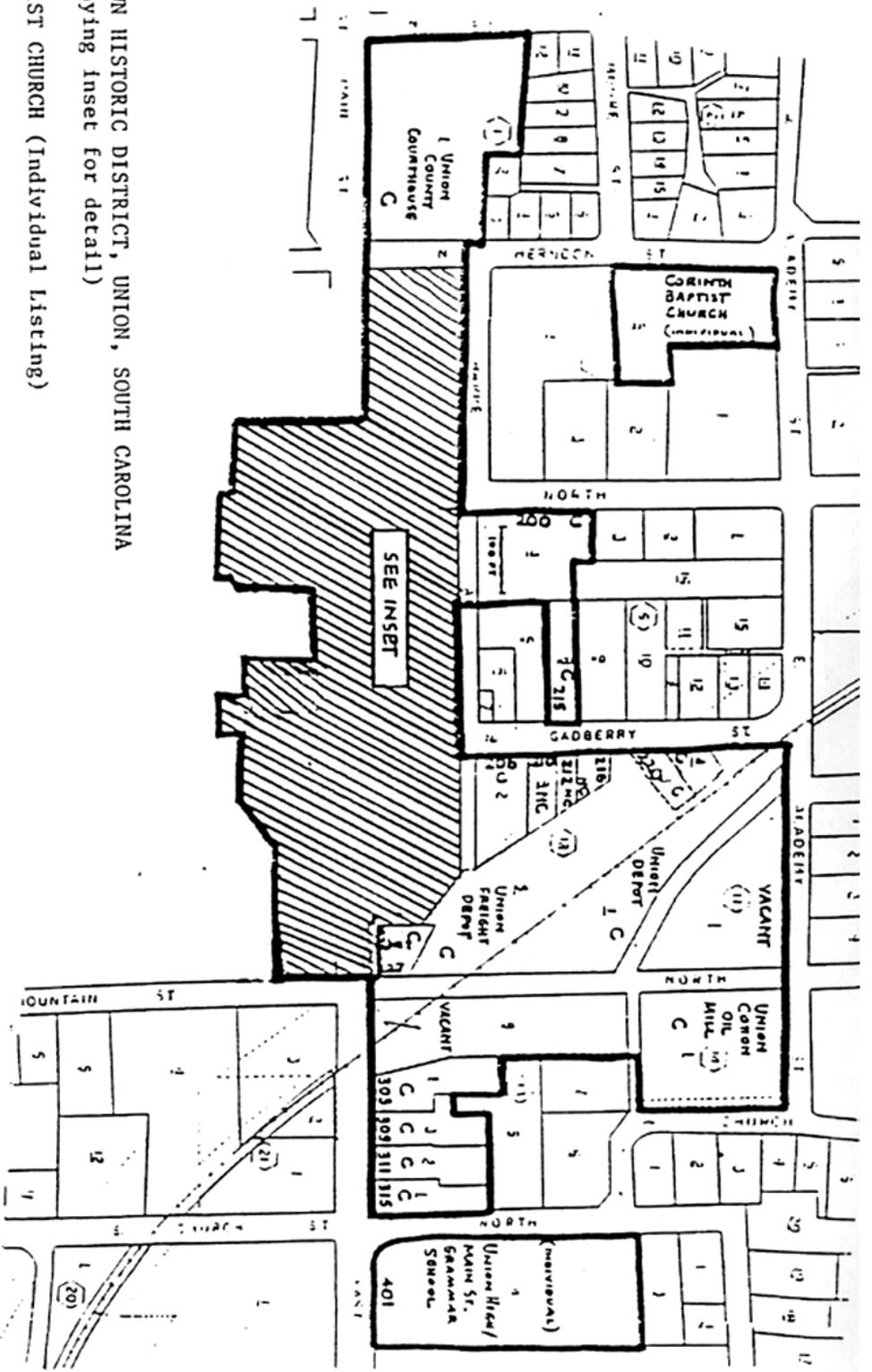
Section number _____ PHOTOGRAPHS
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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

Name of property: Corinth Baptist Church (Historic Resources of
Union multiple property submission)
Location of property: Union County, South Carolina
Photographer: Reverend Archie P. Calhoun, Corinth Baptist Church
Location of negative: Corinth Baptist Church
Date: 1986

Additional information for each photograph follows:

1. Facade
2. Facade detail
3. Left elevation



UNION DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT, UNION, SOUTH CAROLINA
 (See accompanying inset for detail)

CORINTH BAPTIST CHURCH (Individual Listing)

UNION HIGH SCHOOL/MAIN STREET GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Individual Listing)

SCALE: 1"=100'

UNION WEST QUADRANGLE
SOUTH CAROLINA—UNION CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SCALE 1:50,000

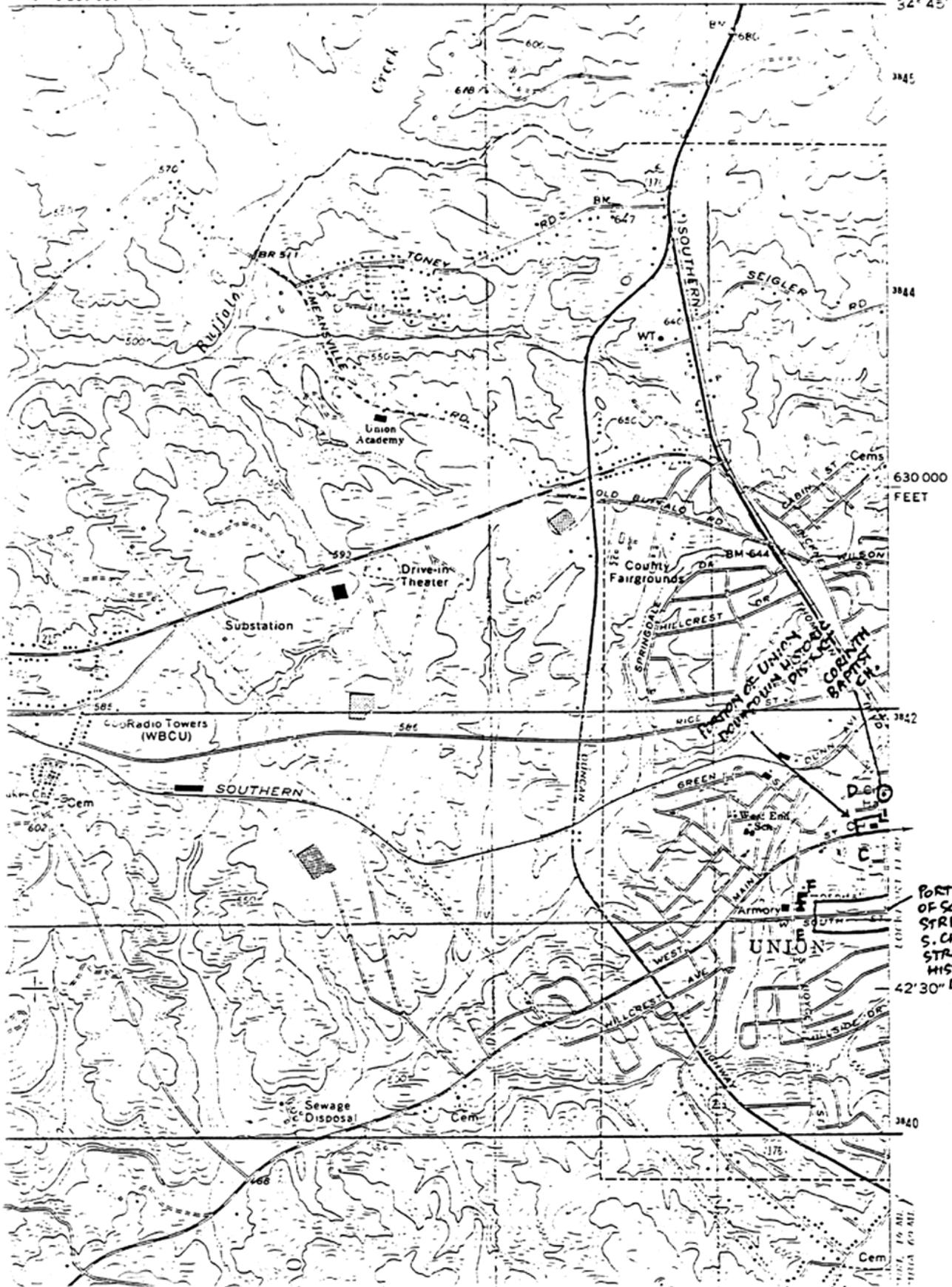
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44'

44'

SCALE 1:50,000

81° 37' 30" 34' 45"



PORTION OF SOUTH STREET / S. CHURCH STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT
42'30" DISTRICT