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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Trinity Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 130 North West Street

CITY, TOWN Wheaton VICINITY OF 14th

STATE Illinois CODE 17 COUNTY Du Page CODE 043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Bishop and Trustees, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

STREET & NUMBER 65 East Huron Street

CITY, TOWN Chicago VICINITY OF Illinois

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Recorder of Deeds, Du Page County

STREET & NUMBER 209 East Liberty Street

CITY, TOWN Wheaton Illinois

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is of frame construction, the roof being supported by wood hammer beam trusses bearing on side walls. Exterior is covered with beveled siding and interior is finished with matched and beaded wood laid diagonally in alternating panels. The building has been in continuous use since its construction in 1881 and is generally well maintained.

The only significant change in the outward appearance of the building is the substitution of asphalt shingles for original wood shingles. Electric lights were installed in 1894 to replace the original kerosene lamps. In 1926, the entire building was rewired and fixtures installed at that time are presently in place.

A small parish hall addition was added in 1893, and this was subsequently incorporated into the new church building which was constructed in 1956. The original building was not modified in this construction, to which it is attached at the rear.

A shallow basement was excavated under the building in 1894, and a furnace installed in the basement to replace the stove which had stood in the center of the nave. In 1955, the original foundations were reinforced and some structural repairs made. A horizontal steel tie rod was installed to reinforce the roof truss at the entrance to the chancel. A minor addition to the sacristy was made at that time.

In 1975, a major refurbishment program was initiated during which the exterior of the building was repainted, the interior wood walls were thoroughly cleaned and revarnished, and the pews which are integral to the building and provide a degree of bracing for the exterior walls were removed, repaired, and replaced. The wood floors were carpeted at that time. The original altar was moved out from the redos to permit use with contemporary liturgies, but the appearance of the sanctuary was unchanged by this modification.

Most of the original stained glass windows are still in place. The Great Window in the east wall was completely dismantled, rebuilt, and reinstalled during the 1975 rehabilitation. A protective glass has been installed on the exterior of this window. Windows in the sanctuary were extensively repaired and rehabilitated around 1966. Other windows have been maintained, but because of their small size major reconstruction has not been necessary.

In general, the integrity of the building has been maintained.

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7. Description

The interior walls and ceiling are entirely faced with matched-and-beaded fir boards with 3- $\frac{1}{4}$ " exposed face. The boards are placed diagonally and blind nailed to the supporting construction thus providing a diaphragm effect in stiffening both the walls and roof.

The pews are a structural element of the building in that they are attached rigidly to the side walls as well as the floor, thus providing additional stiffening to the wall construction. Backs of the pews are constructed of the same matched-and-beaded boards as those used on the walls and ceilings. Pew seats are constructed of individual pine boards which are 13- $\frac{3}{4}$ " in width and approximately $\frac{7}{8}$ " thick. Pew ends are oak. The altar and other chancel furniture are walnut or oak.

The finish of the entire interior is stain and varnish which, although darkening because of the age of the wood, still clearly shows the grain of the wood. The complete interior was carefully cleaned and re-varnished in 1976.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1881

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a remaining example of the small wooden churches with Gothic detailing which were found throughout the Midwest. The general design of the building has many characteristics of buildings erected from the plan books prepared for the Episcopal Church by architects in the late nineteenth century.

One of the stained glass windows has been identified as a product of the Tiffany Studios.

History

This building was built in 1881 at a recorded cost of \$3,763.35, and was dedicated on June 30, 1882. The building has been in continuous use from that time.

It is the oldest religious structure in the City of Wheaton, which was itself incorporated 117 years ago.

There are approximately thirty church or church organizations presently in the city, some of which held their early services in this building. This parish was also responsible for starting missions that resulted in the establishment of Episcopal churches in the adjacent communities of Glen Ellyn, West Chicago, and Lombard.

After the 1975 renovation the Western Communities Architects Association section of the Chicago Chapter AIA presented the parish with a special award for this effort.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Knoblauch, Marion (ed.), Du Page County Guide, (Wheaton, Ill.: 1950), pp. 163 & 179.
 Parish Records, Trinity Episcopal Church, Wheaton.
 Wheaton Daily Journal, February 25, 1973 (special supplement)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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 UTM REFERENCES

A	16	407720	4635260	B			
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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[Faint, illegible text, likely a description of the boundary]

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE Robert C. Taylor, AIA DATE 8 June 1976
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 CITY OR TOWN Oak Park STATE Illinois 60302

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

[Handwritten signature: David Kenner]

TITLE Director, Illinois Department of Conservation DATE June 16, 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE LISTINGS

Date Entered JAN 9 1976

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Trinity Episcopal Church	Wheaton Du Page County
Sugar Creek Covered Bridge	Chatham vicinity Langamon County

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