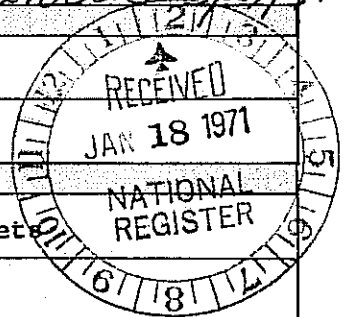


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Philadelphia	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Arch Street Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1726-32 Arch Street S. E. corner 18th and Arch Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Philadelphia

STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42** COUNTY: **Philadelphia** CODE: **101**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<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 	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
West Arch Street Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
1724 Arch Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Philadelphia** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
City Hall, Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Broad and Market Streets

CITY OR TOWN: **Philadelphia** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Philadelphia Historical Commission local survey

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Philadelphia Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
1313 City Hall Annex

CITY OR TOWN: **Philadelphia** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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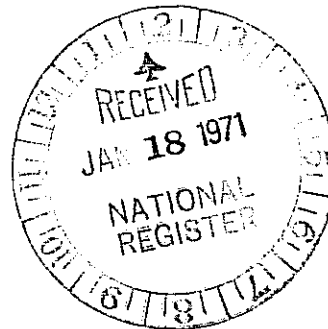
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Arch Street Presbyterian Church is a one-story Classical Revival building, complete with portico and coffered dome. The portico is supported on four giant Corinthian columns, and Corinthian pilasters embellish the walls.

The interior of the sanctuary is regarded by some architects as a masterpiece of the classical revival, mingling Greek and Roman elements. The Church was originally provided with Baroque angle turrets and dome lantern. The interior is extremely monumental with its coffered dome and lavish use of columns, suggestive in some ways of the Parthenon. The central pulpit desk is of marble and is fashioned after a Greek votive altar.

Present Appearance

The magnificent interiors of the church remain in excellent condition. No major alterations to the exterior have been made.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1855**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

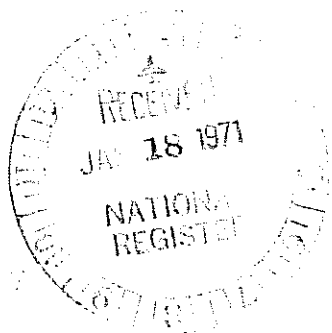
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architect of the Arch Street Presbyterian Church was Joseph C. Hoxie who was associated in the church's construction with his brother-in-law, Stephen Decatur Button. The building was dedicated in 1855. Some of the most notable examples of Greek architecture in the city are to be found in the sanctuary with its 16 Corinthian columns, 22 antae, a majestic dome and pulpit platform.

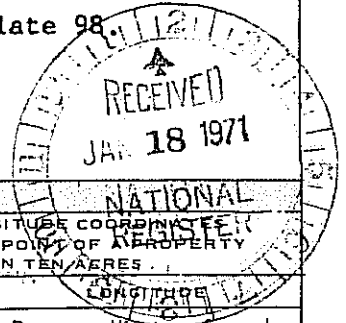
The Church has had many historic episodes, among them the visit of Emily Dickinson; King Edward VII, then (1860) Prince of Wales; the long service as Sunday School Supt. of the former governor of Pennsylvania, James Pollock, who as director of the Mint inscribed IN GOD WE TRUST on our coins; the address of William Jennings Bryan to a great throng.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Insurance Company of North America fire insurance policy no. 3022 (1872)
 Mutual Assurance policy no. 7775a, 1929 (photo attached).
 Philadelphia Contributionship insurance policy no. 25578a, 1926 survey.
 Philadelphia Historical Commission files.
 Tatum, George B. Penn's Great Town, Philadelphia, 1961, plate 98



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
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		75°	10'	11"
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY **Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

NAME AND TITLE:
Mary C. Means, Student Aide For ↑

ORGANIZATION: **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission** DATE: **7/6/70**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: **Harrisburg** STATE: **Pennsylvania** CODE: **42**

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 S.K.A.
State Liaison Officer
 Title **Executive Director**
Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date 1/14/71

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

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

MAY 27 1971

Date _____

ATTEST:

William M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **MAR 29 1971**

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