

# LANDMARK



# SURVEY

## IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 1819 ~~East~~ Market Street  
Map and Parcel: 55A-146  
Census Tract & Block: 3-111  
Present Owner: Trustees of the Union Chapel of Charlottesville Woolen Mills  
Address: 1819 East Market St.  
Present Use: Church  
Original Owner: Trustees of Woolen Mills Chapel  
Original Use: Church

## BASE DATA

Historic Name: Woolen Mills Chapel (C.M.R.A.)  
Date/Period: 1887  
Style: Victorian  
Height to Cornice:  
Height in Stories: 2 1/2  
Present Zoning: R-2  
Land Area (sq.ft.): 94 x 78.5  
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 900 + 7,110 = 8,010

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Woolen Mills Chapel is a well-preserved example of late nineteenth century vernacular church construction, with its pointed, carpenter Gothic doors, windows, shutters, and steeply pitched gable roof. The building's most distinctive feature is the 50 foot high octagonal, green shingle-covered bell tower, which gradually tapers to a point. The original 1887 structure, a simple rectangular nave with the tower and vestibule at the south end, was more than doubled in size by the similarly-styled 1908 addition of Sunday School classrooms onto the west side. The structure is sheathed with white-painted horizontal weatherboards and a standing-seam tin roof. The interior walls and ceilings are finished in simple painted plaster; door and window openings are framed with simple architrave trim. The sturdy pews have slightly embellished end panels facing the aisle.

## HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

In 1886, the religious movement which swept through Charlottesville inspired the employees of the Charlottesville Woolen Mills to build a chapel for their community. On August 23, 1887, the lot was deeded to the Trustees of the Woolen Mills Chapel by H.C. Marchant, founder and president of the Woolen Mills, as a site for a non-denominational chapel for the Woolen Mills community. Construction of the Chapel, begun in 1887, was paid for by public subscription. The contractors were Boyd and Wash of Charlottesville, but much of the work was performed by the members of the immediate community. The Chapel was in use by Christmas 1887, and was consecrated on May 13, 1888. The adjoining lot was deeded to the Trustees in 1891, and became the site of the 1908 addition. No significant alterations have been made to the building since 1908. From 1956 to 1965 the Chapel was leased to the Pentecostal Holiness Congregation; since 1965, to the Calvary Baptist Church.

## SIGNIFICANCE

The Woolen Mills Chapel was built by employees of the Charlottesville Woolen Mills on land donated by the company. The building has carpenter Gothic details and a particularly fine bell tower.

## CONDITIONS

Good

UTM: 17/723260/4211080

## SOURCES

The Woolen Mills Chapel, unpublished U.Va. Studies in Vernacular Architecture report, Nancy O. Elliot, T. Ricardo Quesada.  
ACDB's 88, p. 258; 95, p. 87; 336, p. 95-97.

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Inventory—Nomination Form

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Charlottesville Multiple Resource Area  
State Virginia

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 21. Carter-Gilmer House Substantive Review Keeper Linda McClelland 10-20-82  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 22. Lewis Farm Substantive Review Keeper Linda McClelland 10-20-82  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- Result*  
23. Timberlake-Branham House Substantive Review Keeper accept Curt Dinkie 1/10/1984  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 24. **Woolen Mills Chapel** Substantive Review Keeper Linda McClelland 10-20-82  
Substantive Review Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 25. Pireus Store Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 26. Hawkins-Wondree House Substantive Review Keeper Ret.  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. Hillcrest Apartments  
Cottage Substantive Review Keeper Ret.  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 28. King-Runkle House Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 29. Peyton House - Hillcrest  
Apartments Substantive Review Keeper Ret.  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- X 30. McConnell-Neve House Substantive Review *for* Keeper accept Patrick Andrews 8/10/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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Woolen Mills Chapel (Charlottesville MRA) VIRGINIA

Working No. 9/7/82-2438

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 10/7/82 - 10/22/82

Action:  ACCEPT 10/24/82  
 RETURN  
 REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria Accept C  
Reviewer J. McClelland  
Discipline A. Hist.  
Date 10/20/82  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

**1. Name**

**2. Location**

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

**4. Owner of Property**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

**7. Description**

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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## **8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

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## **9. Major Bibliographical References**

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### **10. Geographical Data**

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

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### **11. Form Prepared By**

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### **12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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### **13. Other**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet