

LANDMARK



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IDENTIFICATION

Street Address: 116 West High Street
Map and Parcel: 33-184
Census Track & Block: 1-315
Present Owner: Christ Episcopal Church
Address: 116 West High Street
Present Use: Church
Original Owner: Episcopal Church
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BASE DATA

Historic Name: Christ Episcopal Church
Date/Period: 1895-98
Style: Late Gothic Revival
Height to Cornice:
Height in Stories: 2 with tower
Present Zoning: B-1
Land Area (sq.ft.): 120 x 107
Assessed Value (land + imp.): 26,620 + 253,650 = 280,270

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This church is a fine example of the late Gothic Revival design, which was based on English precedent. The building is constructed of coursed rusticated granite quaried in Richmond. A large rose window, flat buttresses, entrance portal, and two square towers of different heights are featured on the facade. The ridge of the roof is marked by iron cresting designed with crenelations. The interior of the church has beautiful stained glass windows, some of which were bought from the studio of L. C. Tiffany. The ceiling is supported by a series of splendid hammer beams.

HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION

The present structure replaced a Neo-Classical one designed by Thomas Jefferson, which was erected 1824-25, and demolished in 1895. At that time the present church was begun. Although the building was largely completed by 1898, a 1906 reference refers to it as still unfinished.

GRAPHICS

CONDITIONS

Good

SOURCES

Alexander's Recollections, p. 49.
Daily Progress, "Illustrated Ed.", 1906.

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