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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties or districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classifications, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Calvary Episcopal Church
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number North Street [N/A] not for publication
city, town McDonough [N/A] vicinity
state New York code NY county Chenango code 017 zip code 13801

3. 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

J.W. Adams

10 Dec '97

Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation
Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is: Signature of keeper Date of Action

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:)

for
Edson H. Beall 2/20/98

Calvary Episcopal Church

Chenango County, New York

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (do not include previously listed resources in the count)		
		Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listings (enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)
 Historic Churches of the
Episcopal Diocese of Central New York

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Function (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
<u>RELIGION/religious facility</u>	<u>RELIGION/religious facility</u>
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7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
<u>Gothic Revival</u>	foundation <u>stone</u>
<u> </u>	walls <u>wood</u>
<u> </u>	roof <u>slate; asphalt</u>
<u> </u>	other <u> </u>

Narrative Description

(describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Calvary Episcopal Church is located on a small lot on the west side of Moon Hill Road in the hamlet of McDonough. McDonough is a small crossroads hamlet in the west central part of Chenango County. The community retains a great deal of historic integrity and has potential for historic district designation. Moon Hill Road is the major north-south route through the village; the church is located about one-half block north of the crossroads. The nominated lot is the property historically associated with the church. There are no other features on the site. Although there are two adjacent historic cemeteries immediately behind the church (in the wooded area up the hill to the west), neither is associated with this church historically and they are not included in this nomination.

Calvary Church is a small wood-frame chapel constructed in c1884 in the Carpenter Gothic style. The church is rectangular in form, three bays wide by four bays deep and approximately twenty-eight feet by sixty-four feet in size. The building sits on a stone foundation, features board and batten siding and is surmounted by a steep gable roof. The roof retains its original slate shingles on one side of the gable and has been covered with asbestos shingles on the other. The apex of the roof is crowned by a two-stage open wooden belfry; the bell tower was added in 1915. Fenestration is regular and consists of paired pointed-arched openings on the side elevations and single ones on the front and rear elevations. The facade is defined by a central entrance flanked by tall windows. A small open portico with a steep gable roof shelters the main entrance. The front gable ends on both the roof and the portico feature decorative stickwork. Entrance is through a narrow, single-leaf paneled wooden door. The rear elevation features three pointed-arch windows, a larger one in the center flanked by two smaller ones.

The interior of the church is a single open meeting space. Walls feature wooden wainscot on the lower third and plaster above. The roof is supported by exposed wooden rafters and scissor trusses with decorative brackets. Windows are recessed within wooden surrounds and feature original stained glass. There is a center aisle flanked by pews; these were installed in 1906, replacing rows of wooden chairs. The chancel, two steps up from the nave, is set between the sacristy and the organ. The latter two features were originally enclosed behind half-height partitions; these have since been extended to the ceiling. The rear wall over the altar features three stained-glass windows.

Other than the addition of the pews and the enclosure of the sacristy and organ, alterations include the addition of an organ (1924) and choir

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stalls (1932) and the finishing of the basement for use as a Sunday school (1952). The only significant change was the addition of a flat ceiling above the collar beams (1959), slightly changing the original configuration, which was open to the ridge line. However, despite these changes, the church retains a high degree of integrity to its date of construction.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark an in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property that embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history.

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

architecture

Period of Significance

1884-1915

Significant Dates

1884; 1915

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS): Primary location of additional data:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State historic preservation office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> previously listed in the National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Other State agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> previously determined eligible by the National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> designated a National Historic Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> Local government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> recorded by Historic American Building Survey # _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> University |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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Calvary Episcopal Church is significant as a representative intact example of a small, wood-frame Episcopal church in the Gothic Revival mode as it was adapted for small rural parishes in the second half of the nineteenth century. The so-called "Carpenter Gothic style" was intended to provide a way for small parishes, such as Calvary, to follow contemporary recommendations for church designs within their means and with available materials. Noted Gothicists such as Richard Upjohn provided model designs for small churches that were widely circulated, and local builders adapted them freely in their own work. In this example as in others, the design of the building is intended to illustrate and symbolize its structural form. Vertical siding was used to suggest the timber frame, while exposed rafters and trusses reveal the roof structure. Calvary parish was organized as a mission in the small hamlet of McDonough in 1882 and the church was constructed in 1884. Calvary was one of numerous missions established in the region after the Civil War, a period of growth for the Episcopal church. This church is one of few of this group to survive. Retaining a high level of design integrity, Calvary Episcopal Church has an important place in the history of McDonough and in the region.

McDonough

The town of McDonough lies in the southwest quadrant of Chenango County. The town is quite hilly, broken in places by deep ravines, sharp ridges and numerous streams. Genegantslet Lake, a mile long and half a mile wide, furnished valuable millsites. Many quarries were opened, with flagging stone of excellent quality. Today much of the town is characterized by reforested preserves.

The town was settled in the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century by New Englanders. Much of its early development relied on various industrial concerns, such as saw mills and quarries. The township was formed in 1816, becoming the thirteenth of Chenango County's twenty towns.

The hamlet of McDonough was settled in 1805. The village was a crossroads community serving the surrounding area; however, with its location along the creek, it also supported a number of industries. By 1868, McDonough had schools, churches, five stores, two tanneries, two sawmills, a gristmill, woolen mill, four blacksmith shops, a harness shop, wagon shop, paper mill, fork and tool factory and two cooper shops.

In 1869, all of the mills and factories along the stream were destroyed in a flood. In the late nineteenth century, dairying

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thrived in the town, and there were several creameries. For most of the twentieth century (1919-1979), the hamlet's chief industry was a lumber mill owned by Ivan Ford. Ford became one of the earliest manufacturers of prefabricated buildings in the country. "Ford Homes" were sold through New York and many other states until 1979, when the business failed. Today, McDonough is largely a bedroom community. Although the mills are gone, much of the village's nineteenth-century plan and fabric remain.

Calvary Episcopal Church

Calvary Episcopal Parish was organized during a period of growth for the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York. The fourteen county central diocese had been established in 1868, and under the leadership of its first bishop, Frederic Dan Huntington, numerous missions and parishes were established in villages and hamlets throughout the rural areas served by the new diocese.

The first Episcopal services in McDonough were conducted in the 1870s. At that time, a priest from nearby Oxford was invited to conduct a service in the Methodist Church to accommodate four Episcopalians who were then residing in the community.

Calvary Episcopal Parish originated from a Union Sunday School that was made up of former members of the Methodist Church who were dissatisfied with the Methodists refusal to recognize Dr. E. L. Ensign, who had formerly supervised the Baptist Sunday School, as leader of the Union group. In 1882, the Rev. J.M.C. Fulton, rector of St. Paul's Church in Oxford, suggested that the group found an Episcopal mission in McDonough. The congregation met regularly for two years and in April 1884, members held a parish organizational meeting; a board of trustees was elected in June of that year and the name Calvary Church of McDonough, New York was selected in July. A few months later, on 14 October 1884, Father Fulton, the pastors of Episcopal churches from several other villages in the region and Bishop Huntington arrived to lay the cornerstone. They were greeted by a congregation of two hundred.

The site of the new church was secured through the gift of a prominent local citizen. Money for construction was raised through subscriptions, and a number of furnishings were received as gifts; however, the parish ran into a number of financial problems in finishing the building. During the construction period, the trustees sought aid from the Van Wagemen Fund, an endowment established to serve five mission churches in Chenango and Madison counties. Although the church was opened for services in January

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1885, financial problems continued. Finally, in April 1886, the trustees voted to request the members of the Ladies Aid Society to make a substantial contribution to the church debt. During the next five years, the building was completed, the debts were paid and the church was consecrated by Bishop Huntington on 18 June 1889.

Architecture

In the period after the Civil War, Episcopal churches constructed throughout the central New York region continued to rely on the Gothic Revival for inspiration. Many of their designs reflected the influence of the Ecclesiologists, who promoted the ideas that honesty of structure and materials were expressions of morality. These Ecclesiological churches were generally executed in stone or brick where funds permitted. In the small hamlets of rural New York, however, stone and brick were expensive, while wood was plentiful and cheap.

In McDonough, where the parish had trouble even raising funds to complete construction, wood was the material of choice, if not necessity. In this community, as in numerous others, the new church was constructed in the Carpenter Gothic style, an American adaptation of the Gothic Revival in which vertical, board and batten siding was used to convey visually the "honesty" of timber frame construction. On this example, the stickwork in the front gables also serves as an exterior reference to the roof framing system, defined by exposed rafters and scissor trusses. The Carpenter Gothic style proved especially popular for the small mission churches established throughout central New York under Bishop Huntington's tenure. Designs could be easily obtained from pattern books and periodicals and interpreted by local builders. Many of these mission churches did not survive, making Calvary a rather rare extant example of this mode in the diocese.

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Calvary Episcopal Church

Chenango County, New York

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Verbal Boundary Description

(Explain the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Episcopal Diocese of Central New York
street & number 3190 Montgomery Street
city or town Syracuse state New York zip code 13202

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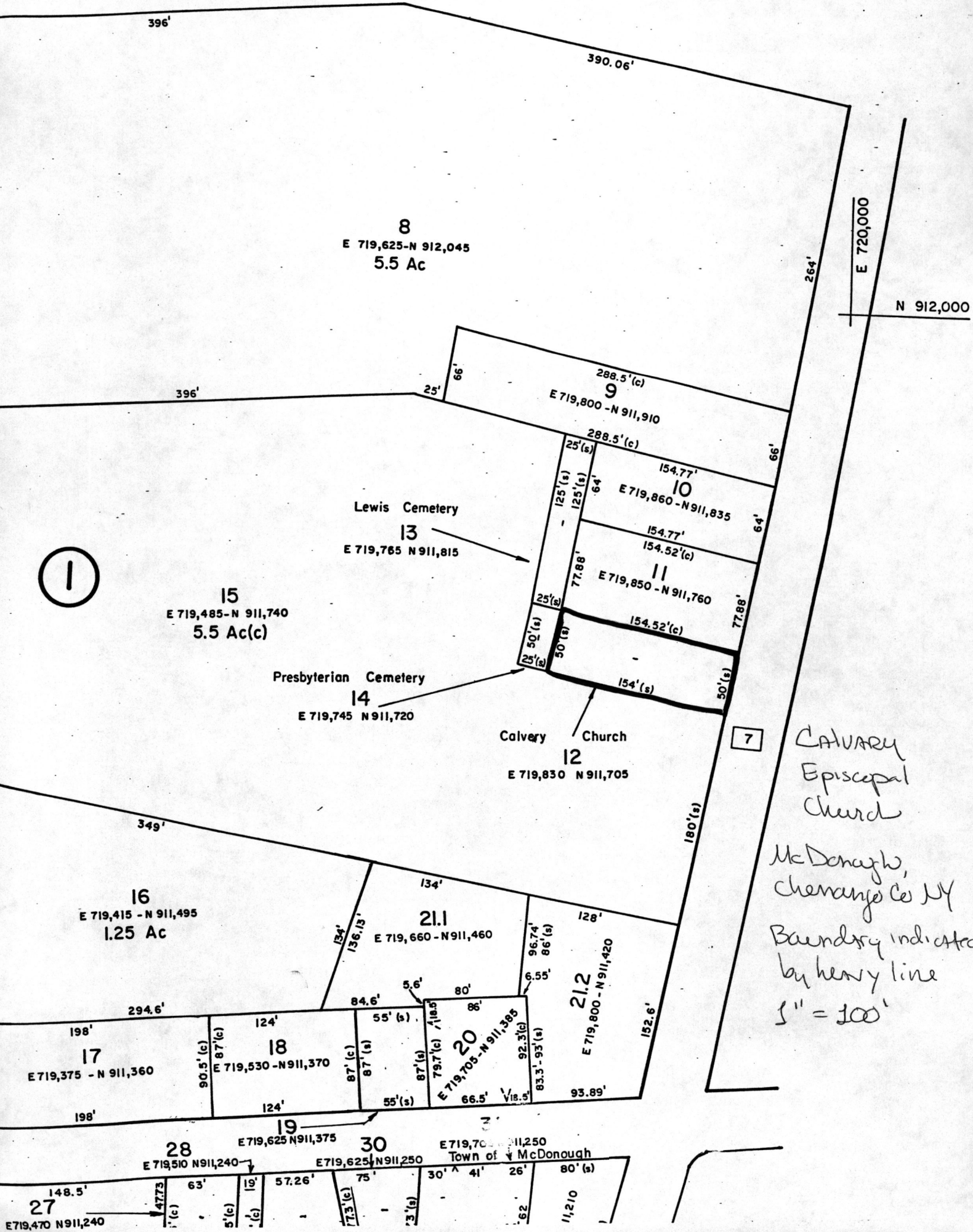
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary is indicated by a heavy line on the enclosed map with scale.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nomination includes the parcel associated with the church since its construction.



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5.5 Ac

9
E 719,800-N 911,910

10
E 719,860-N 911,835

11
E 719,850-N 911,760

12
E 719,830 N 911,705

Lewis Cemetery
13
E 719,765 N 911,815

Presbyterian Cemetery
14
E 719,745 N 911,720

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E 719,485-N 911,740
5.5 Ac(c)

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1.25 Ac

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21.2
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E 719,625 N 911,250

Town of McDonough

Calvary
Episcopal
Church

McDonough,
Chenango Co NY
Boundary indicated
by heavy line
1" = 100'

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CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

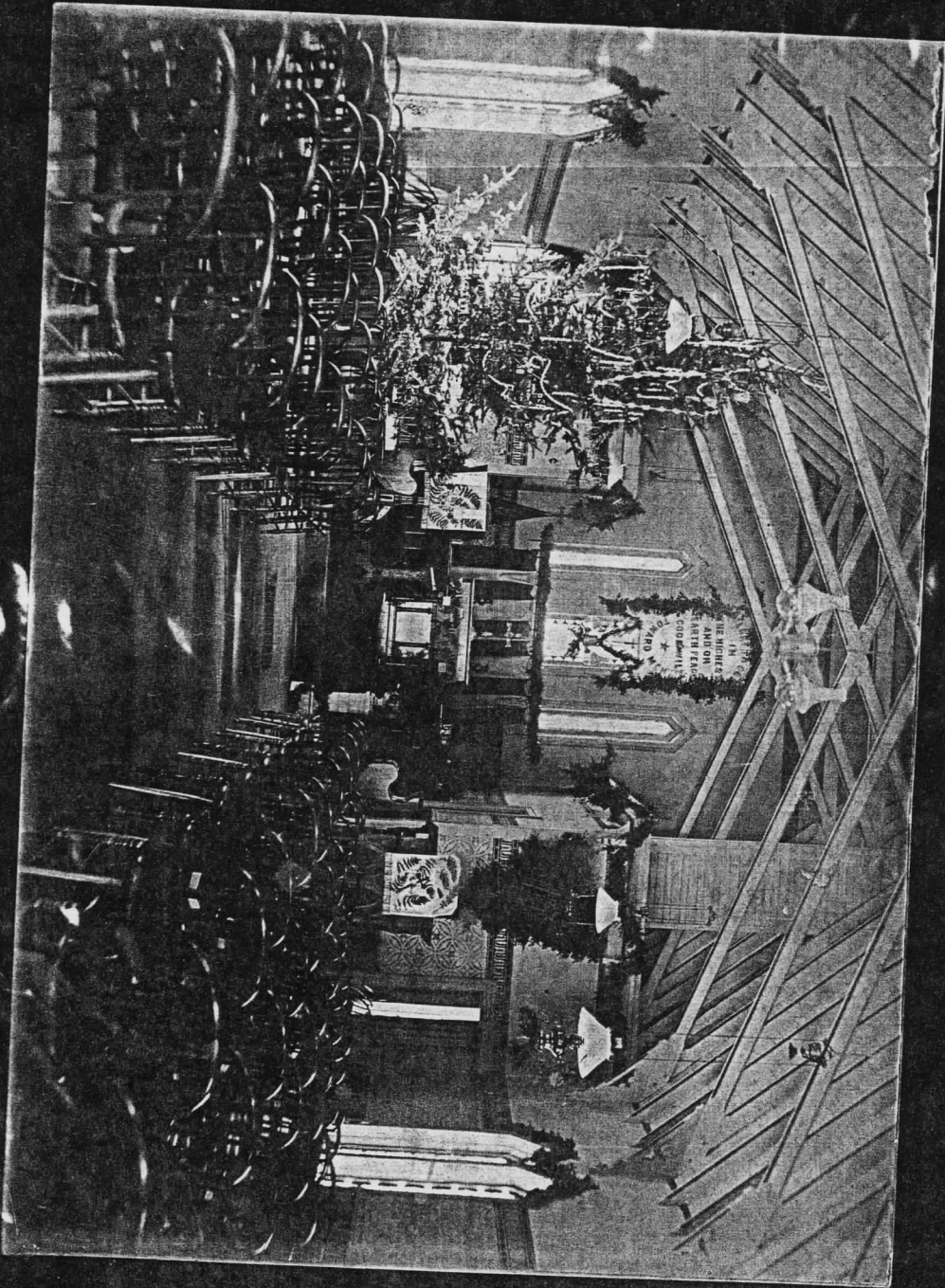
Founded - April 6, 1884

Consecrated - June 22, 1889

McDonough, New York - 13801

Chenango Co.

This photo was probably taken in 1885



CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

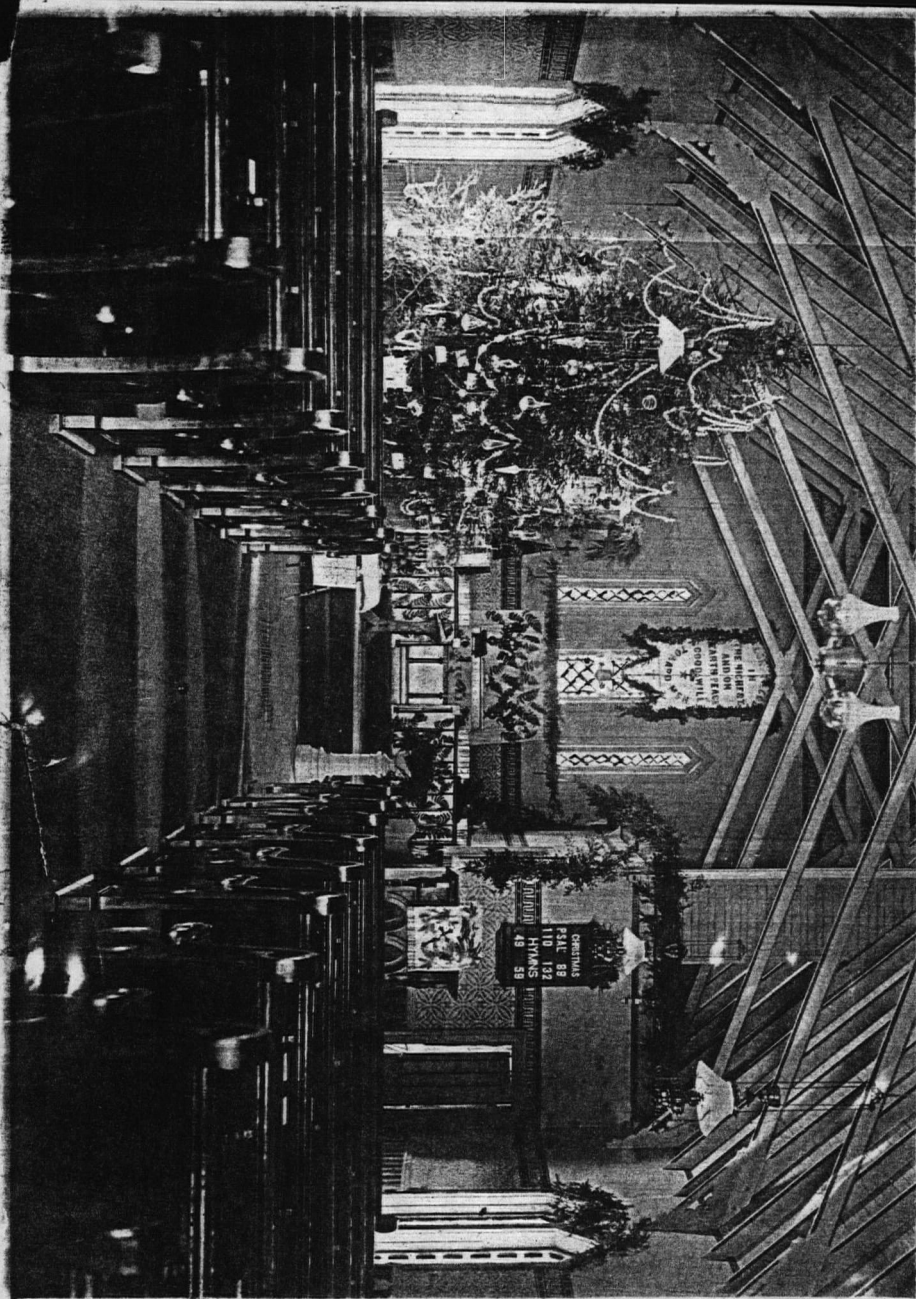
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McDonough, New York - 13801

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Calvary Epsicopal Church

MULTIPLE NAME: Historic Churches of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New Yo
rk MPS

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Chenango

DATE RECEIVED: 1/23/98 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/02/98
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 2/18/98 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/09/98
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98000130

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/20/98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



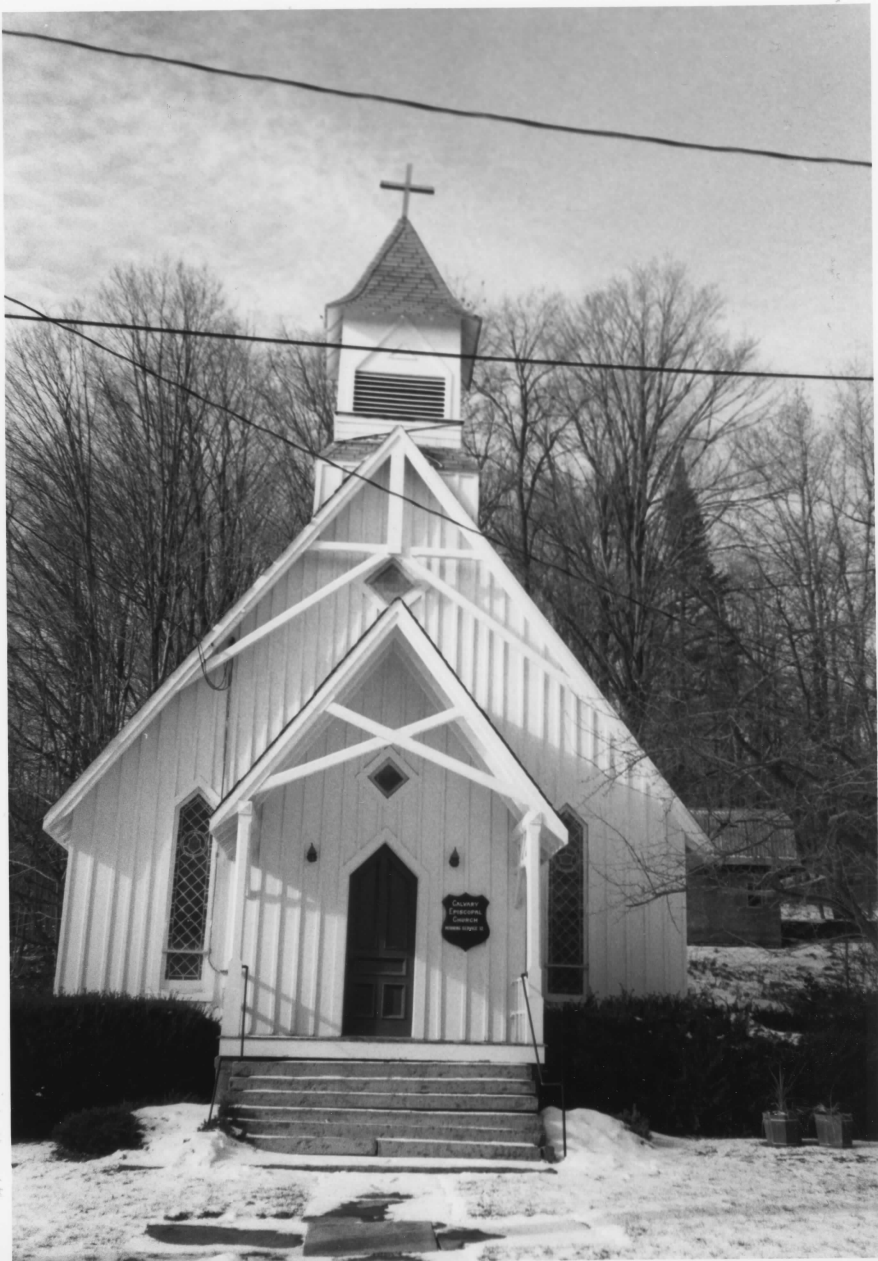
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photo: W. Sherman 1997

neg: NYSOPRHP

view: front + side elevations
from the SE

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Country
Furniture
Gifts
and more

Holy Episcopal Church

McDonough, Chenango Co NY

photo : W. Sherman

1997

neg : NXSOPRHP

View: facade from east

#2



Cathary Episcopal Church

McDonough Chenango Co NY

photo: W. Sherman

1997

neg: PXSOPRHP

view: west + near elevations
from the NW

3



Calvary Episcopal Church
McDonough Chenango Co NY

photo: : W. Sherman 1997

neg: NYSOPRHP

View: interior

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Canary Episcopal Church
McDonough
Chenango Co NY
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION



SCALE 1:24 000

Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum.

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10,000-foot ticks based on the New York Plane Coordinate grid, Central Zone.

SPECIAL TOPOGRAPHIC EDITION
Contours, at 10-foot intervals, shown unrevised from 1948 U.S. Geological Survey map. Datum is mean sea level.

BOUNDARIES:
State.....
County.....
Town or City.....
Incorporated Village.....

ROADS:
Touring Route markers:
Interstate.....
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State Highway number and limit.....
County road.....
Interchange number.....
Divided highways and streets:
Wide mall.....
Narrow mall or barrier.....
Undivided highways and streets:
4 or more lanes.....
Less than 4 lanes.....
Vehicle track; trail.....