

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Second Presbyterian Church

and/or common Central Presbyterian Church

2. Location

street & number 132 ~~South~~ Third Street ^{N/A} not for publication

city, town Columbus ^{N/A} vicinity of congressional district 15-Chalmers P. Wylie

state Ohio code 039 county Franklin code 049

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of Central Presbyterian Church, c/o Spencer C. Lawrence, Pastor

street & number 132 S. Third Street

city, town Columbus vicinity of state Ohio 43215

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Franklin County Administration Building

street & number South High Street

city, town Columbus state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ no

date 1975 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Second Presbyterian Church is a rectangular structure, 76' x 146', of sandstone construction. The building features an asymmetrical 3-bay facade, with two corner towers, of which the northern is the taller. Originally, this northern tower was crowned with a spire which rose to a height of 200 feet above the street; a windstorm destroyed the spire in 1887, at which time the present belfrey and concave dome applied to the truncated tower. Each of the towers features a double arcaded corbel table near the eaves; the table is repeated along each side of the church also. The center bay of the facade is recessed behind the plane of the towers, and terminates in a stepped gable. Each of the three main entrances on the facade is capped by a heavy hoodmold. The walls of the nave and towers alike are supported by simple buttresses devoid of ornament. The gable roof is of metal.

The interior of Second Church is especially notable for its braced-beam segmental-arched ceiling. These braces, which are in turn supported by lavish wooden corbels, are themselves ornately carved. The tall, Romanesque window on the facade is the work of Columbus artist Ludwig Von Gerichten, who was a member of the congregation. His Von Gerichten Art Glass Co. was a nationally-known stained glass works, and this particular window was an award-winner when exhibited at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

The only major alteration to Second Church is a brick addition to the rear, built in the mid-1920s. Designed by Joel McCarty, of the premier Columbus firm of Richards, McCarty, and Bulford, the addition is devoid of any special ornament but does carry the fenestration rhythm of the round-arched voids of the church itself.

8. 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1857-1860 **Builder/Architect** Sidney Stone

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Second Presbyterian Church is nominated for its architecture as well as for its long association with the religious history of the city of Columbus. Architecturally, the church exhibits all the characteristics of the Romanesque Revival which flourished for ecclesiastic design during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. The round arches define the style itself, appearing in all openings as well as in miniature in the corbel tables under the eaves of the building and towers. Even the tower roofs are typically Romanesque: pyramidal with concave slopes. Finally, the towers themselves exhibit the asymmetry which is characteristically Romanesque.

Historically, the structure is the oldest stone church in the capital city. It was built under the supervision of Col. Henry B. Carrington, from designs prepared by New Haven, Connecticut architect Sidney M. Stone. The building was commenced in April, 1857, with all stone being brought in by canal boat. The new church was dedicated on July 1, 1860. In 1901, Second Church merged with Westminster Presbyterian with the new congregation known as Central, the name by which the building and congregation are known today.

The church derives additional significance from the fact that it is the product of a prolific 19th century architect who for a time specialized in church architecture. Sidney Mason Stone (1803-1882) was a Connecticut architect who practiced from 1833 until his death. He studied briefly at New York University and began work as a carpenter/builder. It is said that over his half-century career, he designed more than one hundred churches, mostly in New England. This is the only building in Columbus which is known to have been designed by this important practitioner, who was eulogized as "a man of marked ability [with] a good sense of scale...His designs were well balanced and had a solidity of effect which the architect of today often fails to secure."

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☒ local ☐ state ☐ national

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-663), 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 Conservation and Restoration Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

W. J. [Signature]

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9. Major Bibliographical References

History of 100 Years, Central Presbyterian Church, n.p., 1939.

"Sidney Mason Stone (1803-1882): House-Carpenter, Master Builder, Architect," in New Haven. George D. Seymour. New Haven: Tuttle, Morehouse, & Taylor, 1942, pp. 244-247.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Southeast Columbus, Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at s. corner of 3rd St. & Sugar Alley then E. along Sugar Alley 142.5'; then S. parallel w/3rd St. 62.5' to the alley N of the Gwynne Block; then W. along said alley 142.5' to 3rd St; then N. along 3rd to the place of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title David L. Taylor, Executive Director

organization Columbus Landmarks Foundation

date 12 April, 1982

street & number 22 N. Front Street

telephone 614-221-0227

city or town Columbus

state OH 43215

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

W. Ray Luce

title

SHPO

date

11/16/82

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

L. Alloua Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date

1/11/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Second Presbyterian Church
Franklin County
OHIO

Working No. 12/7/82-3161
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84
Date Due: 1/6/83 - 1/21/83
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/11/83
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Entered in the _____
National Register
Federal Agency: _____

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

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
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"/> 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

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

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas 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

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Average of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UNIT References

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

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 _____

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



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio
Photo by David Taylor, 1982

View 1: south and east facade of church,
facing northwest.



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio
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View 2: east facade showing rear addition,
facing west



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio
Photo by David Taylor, 1982

View 3: window detail



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Columbus, Franklin Co., Ohio

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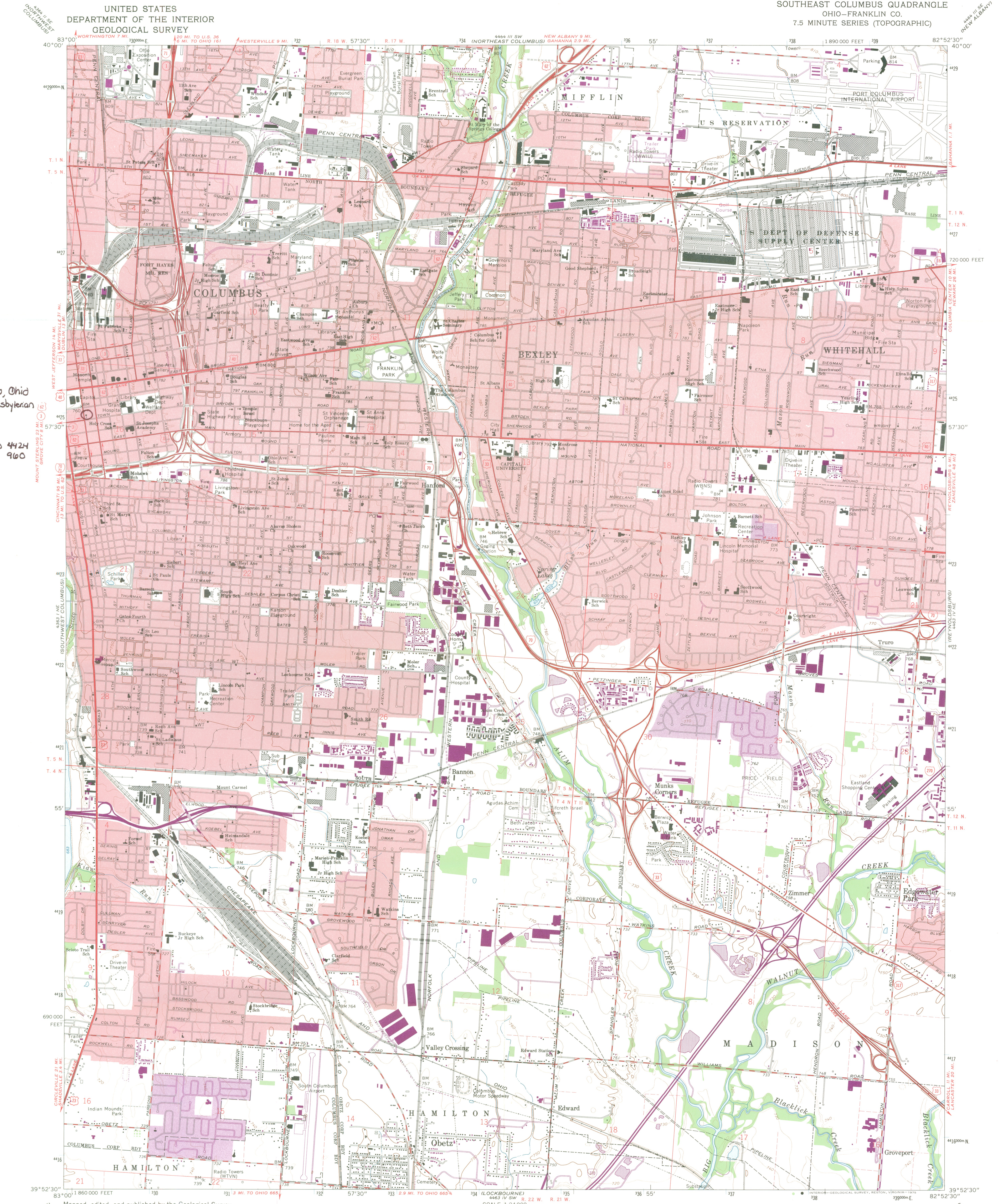
View of sanctuary, showing vaulting on
ceiling, balconies, and pews

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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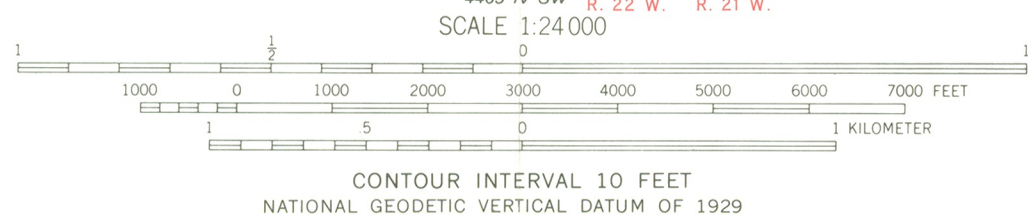
SOUTHEAST COLUMBUS QUADRANGLE
OHIO—FRANKLIN CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

Franklin Co. Ohio
Second Presbyterian Church

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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken
1953 and 1954. Topography by planimetric surveys 1955. Revised 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Area north of Base Line lies within the United States Military District
Land lines based on the Base Line of the United States Military District
Area south of Base Line lies within Congress Lands east of the Scioto River
Land lines within Ts. 4 and 5 N.-R. 22 W. based on the Scioto River Base
Land lines within Ts. 11 and 12 N.-R. 21 W. based on the Ohio River Base



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Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route



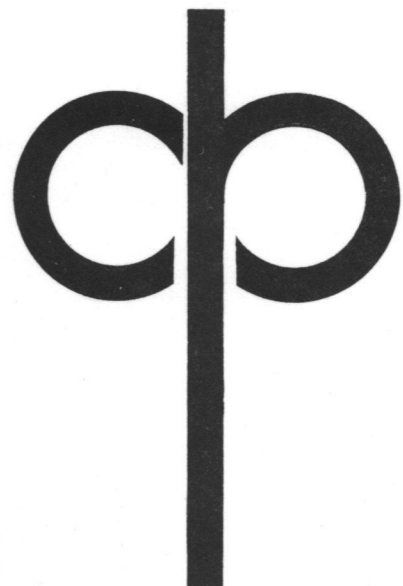
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
1973. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

132 SOUTH THIRD STREET
TELEPHONE (614) 224-9119

COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215
SPENCER C. LAWRENCE, PASTOR

June 24, 1982

W. Ray Luce, State Historic Preservation Officer
Ohio Historical Preservation Office
Ohio Historical Center
I-71 & 17th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211

Dear Mr. Luce:

The congregation of Central Presbyterian Church is very pleased that the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board is considering our building for nomination in the National Register of Historic Places. We think our building is a fine and interesting structure and that it adds to the character of the downtown area. The two boards governing our congregation have voted to approve the effort to list our building in the National Register, and we hope that your Advisory Board finds our building worthy of the honor. If there is any information which you desire or any other way we can be of assistance, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Peggy McQuade Hedden
Secretary, Board of Trustees

PMH/pnb



Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-1500

December 1, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief
Department of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Carol:

Enclosed are fourteen new National Register nominations and three resubmissions. All the appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new submissions.

New Submissions

Breese, Griffith, Farm
Athens B&O Train Depot
Herrington, John House and Herrington Bethel Church
Center Inn
Delaware Public Library
✓ Second Presbyterian Church
Withrow High School
West Side Planing Mill
Swetland Residence
Rock Hollow School
Kettering, William Property
Akron Public Library
Cisler Terrace
Sprague, Jonathon, House

County

Allen
Athens
Carroll
Delaware
Delaware
Franklin
Hamilton
Licking
Madison
Morgan
Stark
Summit
Washington
Washington

Resubmissions

Hull, Patrick House
St. Matthews Protestant Episcopal Church
Sandusky Multiple Resource

Carroll
Muskingum
Erie

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Ray Luce
W. Ray Luce

State Historic Preservation Officer

WRL:BP:dd
Encl.

