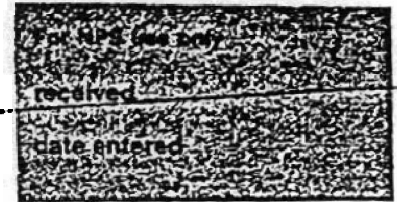


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General Description

Code: GA-028

Congressional District: Third

Name: St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Address: Spring and Cottage Streets
Hot Springs, Arkansas
County: Garland

Current Owner: St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Address: Spring and Cottage Streets
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901

Architectural Information

Architectural Firm: Thompson and Harding

Date of Construction: 1925

Stylistic Influence: Gothic Revival

Original Use: Church

Present Use: Church

Geographical Information

UTM Reference: 15 495230/3818560 Acreage: Less than one

Verbal Boundary Description: Hot Springs Reservation
Block 78, Lot 13, 14 and all 15

Condition

Excellent
 Good
 Fair

Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

Unaltered
 Altered

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Physical Description

Occupying a corner lot in downtown Hot Springs, this Gothic Revival church features a rather ponderous entrance tower serving as the focal point, lending an early English parish church effect to the whole. As such, it is an unusual composition in the firm's Gothic Revival Church repertoire. Faced with tan brick, the massing is comprised of the traditional transept, nave and tower elements. The double leaf oak paneled door, recessed and framed by multiple stone moldings in Gothic arch shape, is located in the small vestibule projecting from the entrance tower. The vestibule's triangular gable shaped parapet has stone coping and is crowned by a small stone cross. Ornamenting the tower is a Gothic arch stained glass window just above the vestibule and, at the upper level, twin louvred openings capped by cinquefoil tracery. The tall parapet with battlements augments the rather heavy medieval quality of the tower. The five bay nave of the structure is articulated by brick buttresses with stone coping and by double stained glass windows with trefoil tracery and Gibbs surrounds.

Statement of Significance

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas was designed by the Thompson and Harding firm in 1926. The Gothic Revival influenced church of light colored brick is a visual anchor in the downtown streetscape of this Arkansas resort city. Just across the street from a landmark building high on a hilltop, St. Luke's Episcopal Church at the foot of the hill presents an interesting image with its ponderous shape. The church's massing features the usual transept, nave and tower. However, St. Luke's Episcopal Church is differentiated from most of the firm's Gothic Revival church designs in its focus on the tower which serves as the entrance. Both St. Luke's Episcopal and the First Presbyterian Church (GA-028) in Hot Springs display the Thompson firm's variety within a single style influence, Gothic Revival.



