

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number:
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **St. Albans Episcopal Church**
- 6. Current building name: **St. Albans Episcopal Church**
- 7. Building address: **311 6th Street**
- 8. Owner name: **St. Albans Episcopal Church**
- Owner organization:
- Owner address: **311 6th Street
Windsor, CO 80550**

Parcel number: 080721207001

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| State Register eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| Local landmark eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **67W**
NW 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section **21**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
 Easting: **507996** Northing: **4480847**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **Lot A, Block 1**
 Addition: **Windsor Original Town** Year of addition: **1882**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with the property.**
- Metes and bounds exist

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet:
16. Number of stories: **One**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Stone/Sandstone**
Concrete/Concrete Block
 Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof**
 Other roof configuration: **Flat**
19. Primary external roof material: **Wood Roof/Shingle Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Roof Treatment/Crenelation**
Window/Stained Glass
Fence
Roof Treatment/Finial
21. General architectural description:
Located on the southwest corner lot at the intersection of Walnut Street and 6th Street, the primary entry door faces west. This irregularly shaped Gothic Revival style church incorporates additions with four different dates of construction. The 1914 original church is located to the west, a ca 1940s parish hall is located to the east, a ca 1960s kitchen and bathrooms are located to the southeast, and the 2016 parish hall addition in progress is located to the northeast. The 1914 sanctuary, ca 1940s parish hall, and the 2016 parish hall addition walls are rough sandstone. The ca 1960s kitchen and bathroom addition walls are tan-painted concrete block.

1914 Original Church

The original church rests on non-visible concrete foundation. The walls are comprised of rough sandstone. The west elevation contains two projecting entrances, the northern projecting entrance is a narthex and contains the primary entry and the south-projecting entrance acts as choir space and contains a simple door and casement windows with stone sills. Red-painted arched double doors decorate the narthex. The narthex contains three paired casement windows on both the north and south walls of the entrance. The casement windows are a single ogee-shaped light, in the Gothic style, surrounded by green-painted wood with stone sills. A front-gabled roof clad in wooden shingles with a cross finial top the narthex. Between the two projecting entrances are three sets of paired casement windows with small stone buttresses and a stone pier separating the windows. The casement windows are ogee-shaped stained glass with Christian motifs surrounded by green-painted wood and stone sills. The choir room contains a north-facing green wooden-paneled door and a ogee-shaped casement window, in the Gothic style. The south elevation is gabled with small stone buttress extending from the nave. A stained-glass pointed-arch window depicting Jesus is centered under a cross finial. The east elevation originally echoed the gothic casement windows of the west elevation, but later additions of the parish hall make the original walls only visible from the interior. The north elevation is gabled with small stone buttresses extending from the nave. The north elevation contains a central stained glass window with the likeness of Saint Alban. The center window is topped with a paired stained glass windows with Christian motifs and a centered diamond-shaped stained glass window containing a downward facing dove. Two pointed arch windows with Christian motifs including the Alpha and Omega symbols. All windows have stone sills. The sanctuary side gabled roof is clad in wooden shingles with each gable end topped with a cross finial. Both the narthex and choir room feature front gabled roofs clad in wooden shingles.

Ca. 1940s parish hall and c.a. 1960s kitchen and bathrooms

The ca 1940s parish hall and ca 1960s kitchen and bathroom extend to the east of the original church structure. Rough sandstone clad the exterior walls of the parish hall. The walls of the kitchen and bathrooms consist of tan-painted concrete block. The west elevation of the parish hall contains a white door with two vertically slit windows. The west elevation of the kitchen and bathroom addition contains two casement windows with a single ogee-shaped light surrounded by green-painted wood. The casement window sills and lintels are smooth stone. A crenelated parapet decorates the parish hall, while a step-shaped parapet clads the kitchen and bathroom addition. Both additions feature a flat roof. The kitchen and bathroom addition obscures much of the original parish hall. The south elevation features an extending entrance to the basement with a tan-painted door. Also, featured is an entrance with a storm door and wooden screen door. The east elevation is obscured by bushes and the neighboring fence. The east elevation features two paired casement windows separated by a protruding stone chimney.

2016 Parish Hall Addition

Following in the style of the original church structure, the 2016 parish hall addition is rough sandstone veneer. The north elevation contains a projecting entrance with a wooden panel door. Above the door on the gabled roof is a cross finial. Between the door and the original church structure are two sets of paired casement windows similar to the original church casement windows with a single ogee-shaped light. The east elevation features a multi-light pointed window with circular lights. The gabled roof clad with wooden shingles matches the original church roofline.

22. Architectural style: Late Victorian/Gothic Revival

Other architectural style:

Building type:

23. Landscape or special setting features:

This property is located on the southwest corner of Walnut Street and 6th Street with an elevation of around 4,800 feet above sea level. The surrounding residential neighborhood features a gothic revival style church across the street and modest houses. Wide streets feature diagonal on-street parking. Grass-covered strips separate the concrete sidewalks from the streets. Three large deciduous are planted in the grass strips. A planted-grass yard, with landscaping including trimmed bushes and plants in mulch surround all elevations. Several sidewalks extend from the main concrete sidewalk to each church entrance. A concrete patio extends from the church's south elevation. A metal fence divides the church lot from the neighboring property to the east.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Parsonage/Rectory

The 1968 original church parsonage at 315 6th Street now acts as an office and preschool for the church. The side gabled ranch house sits on a

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brown brick foundation. Three one-by-one light basement windows are featured on the west elevation. The west elevation contains an extended gabled entrance to the basement. Five concrete steps and wrought iron railings lead to the main entrance. The main floor features two vertical lights and a picture window. The south elevation features two vertical light windows and a door to the basement level. The east elevation features three windows looking over the preschools enclosed playground. The north elevation features an elongated wooden wheelchair ramp and another door to the main floor. Asphalt shingles clad the side-gabled roof.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: **1914** Actual Estimate
Source of Information: **St. Albans Episcopal Church corner stone**

26. Architect: **Unknown**
Source of Information:

27. Builder: **Unknown**
Source of Information:

28. Original Owner: **St. Albans Episcopal Church**
Source of Information: **St. Albans Episcopal Church corner stone**

29. Construction history:
According to the church cornerstone, the original church structure was constructed in 1914. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records corroborate this date of construction. Materials used for the exterior of the building included sandstone quarried locally in Stout, Colorado. According to church history, the ca 1950s Parish Hall used sandstone for the exterior. Although the date is unknown for the Kitchen and Bathroom addition the difference in style and materials suggests a later construction date than the Parish Hall. Photographic evidence confirms it was completed by 1972. In 2009, the nave floor structure was replaced by congregants.

30. Location: **Original Location** Date of move(s):

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): **Religion/Church**

32. Intermediate uses(s): **Religion/Church**

33. Current uses(s): **Religion/Church**

34. Site type(s): **Church**

35. Historical background:
The memorable stone building at the southwest corner of Walnut and 6th streets in Windsor, Colorado is home to St. Alban's Episcopal Church. Although Walnut Street is home to six of the growing town's churches, the stone exterior distinguishes St. Alban's and acts as a point of pride for church members. At the turn of the twentieth century, interest grew for Windsor hold its own Episcopal church services. From 1905 to 1914, Windsor Episcopal services in took place in various locations like First Christian Church across Walnut Street from the current location and the Perkins Building in downtown Windsor. In 1914, after years of fundraising by a small, but dedicated group of Episcopal women, St. Alban's

Episcopal Church cornerstone was laid.

The founding women recruited Greeley's Father Benjamin (Dean) Bonell to lead Windsor's growing Episcopal population. Fr. Bonell quickly took on responsibilities at St. Albans, even building much of the church himself. The stone construction is reminiscent of English village churches and attracted those looking for a traditional and cozy church experience. Fr. Bonell continued to preach in Greeley and Windsor, until in the 1930s he moved to Windsor full time. Fr. Bonell preached at St. Albans until 1957 assisting church membership growth.

Several fathers came and went after Fr. Bonell's tenure. From 1973 to 1989, Father Robert Warner updated many of the traditions and moved the church into the charismatic movement with the "Community of New Life." Popularized in California Pentecostal services, the charismatic movement gained popularity with Diocese of Colorado Bishop William Frey and Fr. Warner. The "Community of New Life" focused on Christian education and eliminating worries for physical needs by having church members live, eat, and pray together at the church parsonage at 315 6th Street and the old Windsor teacherage at 519 Walnut Street. During the movement, the number of services increased and so did the average attendance. The charismatic movement lasted at Windsor until approximately 1980 when the Diocese Bishop Frey was replaced with a non-charismatic leader. Although the movement lasted not even a decade, it created a lasting community of members devoted and enthusiastic about St. Alban's.

The congregation numbers of St. Alban's could never compete with larger Windsor churches, but their dedication to their St. Alban's community knew no bounds. As the church grew, so did spatial needs, therefore, enlargements were made in the 1940s and 1960s. Each of the additions provided supplementary meeting space for staple events such as bible studies, the Pancake Dinner, and Red Door Suppers. After nearly a decade of discussion and fundraisers, in 2016 construction began on an expanded Parish Hall in the same stone Gothic-Revival style as the original church building. With more gathering space, St. Alban's expects to provide greater community outreach with Red Door Suppers and events for those in need.

36. Sources of information:

Wade, Wanda. "St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Windsor, Colorado Volume I 'Original.'" Windsor: St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 2013.

Steffens, Barbara. "St. Alban's: "brief, bright, and brotherly." *Windsor Beacon* (Windsor, CO), October 9, 1975.

Sierra, Debby. "St. Alban's, Windsor, rejoices in parish status." *Windsor Beacon* (Windsor, CO), 1986.

Breck, Allen du Pont. *The Episcopal Church in Colorado 1860-1963*. Big Mountain Press: Denver, CO, 1963.

Pritchard, Robert W. *The History of the Episcopal Church: Complete through the 78th General Convention*, 3rd Ed. Morehouse Publishing: New York, 2014.

Thomas, Adam. "The Struggle for Identity: Windsor's Historic Downtown." *Historitecture*: Estes Park, CO, 2010.

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VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).

Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

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- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.
- B. Connected with persons significant in history.
- C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.
- D. Is of geographic importance.
- E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.
- Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable Town of Windsor landmark criteria:

1. Architectural: a) Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
1. Architectural: b) Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, statewide, regionally or locally.
1. Architectural: c) Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.
1. Architectural: d) Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design.
1. Architectural: e) Style is particularly associated with the Windsor/Northern Colorado area.
1. Architectural: f) Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.
1. Architectural: g) Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one (1) of the above criteria.
1. Architectural: h) Significant historic remodel.
2. Social: a) Site of historic event that had an effect upon society.
2. Social: b) Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community
2. Social: c) An association with a notable person or the work of a notable person.
3. Geographic/Environmental: a) Enhances the sense of identity of the community.
3. Geographic/Environmental: b) An established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community.
- Physical Integrity 1. Shows character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, region, state or nation.
- Physical Integrity 2. Retains original design features, materials and/or character.
- Physical Integrity 3. Original location or same historic context after having been moved.
- Physical Integrity 4. Has been accurately reconstructed or restored based on documentation.
- Does not meet any of the above Town of Windsor landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Religion**
Architecture

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1914**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

This property is historically significant under National Register Criterion C (Colorado State Register Criterion A and Windsor Landmark Criterion 1a and 3a) as an excellent example of Gothic Revival style. Character-defining features include stone material, high-pitched side gabled roof clad in wooden shingles, gothic windows, stained glass windows with religious imagery, and castellated parapet. It is the only historic example of gothic revival in the material of rough sandstone in the Town of Windsor. The level of significance qualifies this property for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places (Criterion C: Architecture), the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties, and as a Windsor Landmark. The period of significance is 1914.

Ordinarily properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, this property meets the requirements set forth under Criteria Consideration A because it is a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural distinction and historical importance.

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43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1914, the original church structure exhibits a moderate level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling. The building underwent significant remodeling with the additions of the Parish Hall, kitchen, and bathroom. These additions on the south elevation impact the aspects of materials, workmanship, and feeling, but the extent is not of the level to disqualify from listing. According to the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, this resource Needs Data regarding the specific dates of the additions before a determination of National and State Register eligibility can be made. However, this resource retains sufficient physical integrity to convey its architectural significance for listing as a Windsor Landmark.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed
State Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed
Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed

45. Is there National Register district potential: Yes No Needs Data

Discuss: **This inventory was conducted as an selective intensive-level survey and therefore lacks the continuity of resource data necessary to recommend the creation of an historic district. However, while not individually eligible, this property has the potential to contribute to a historic district and should be considered as part of any future research on district potential in this area.**

If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes No N/A

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): **StAlbans_W_CONTEXT_01**
Digital photographs filed at: **Town of Windsor
301 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550**

48. Report title: **Rebuilding the Church and Revitalizing the People: A Century of Continuity and Change at St. Albans Episcopal Church, Windsor, Colorado**

49. Date(s): **11/6/2016**

50: Recorder(s): **Maggie Jones**

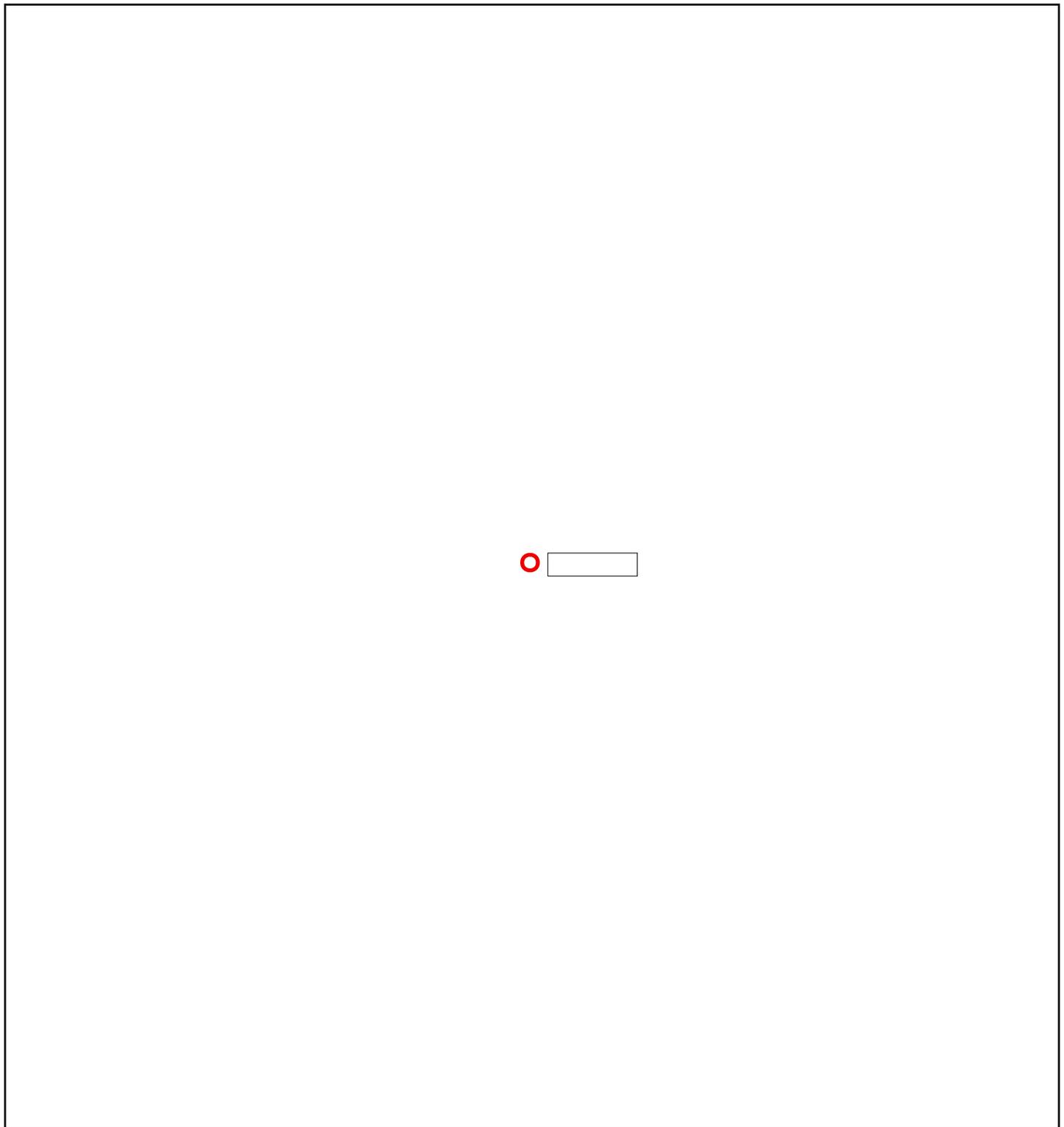
51: Organization: **Department of History, Colorado State University**

52: Address: **Clark Building, B 356
Campus Delivery 1776
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1776**

SKETCH MAP

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LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Windsor - 1969