

Metropolitan African Methodist  
Episcopal Church  
1518 M Street, NW  
Washington  
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church			HABS NO. DC-352
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1518 M Street, NW			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1886		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Samuel G. T. Morsell	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of the largest Afro-American churches in the country when built.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Gothic Revival details			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick with granite trim			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 30' (5 uneven bays) x 120'; 2 stories with basement; gable roof; square towers at corners of main facade			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Projecting central door with lancet enframingent; lancet windows in various groupings; applied buttresses which terminate in pinnacles above roofline			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Original interior survives; auditorium on 2nd floor with semi-circular seating; gallery in auditorium			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition in 1974 appeared good.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Schwartz, Nancy B. <u>Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.</u> Listed on National Register of Historic Places Category II District of Columbia Landmark			
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