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### Narrative Description

Located in rural Beaufort County approximately seven miles east of Washington, the county seat, Zion Episcopal Church stands as a small antebellum frame church sited on approximately three acres of land just south of U.S. highway 264. Primarily open agricultural fields frame this property. This small complex includes a large cemetery which surrounds the church and to the west a modern one-story block parish hall and a two-story frame rectory built in 1884. A narrow dirt lane bisects the site of the former parish school from the church and cemetery. Two interconnecting dirt drives loop in front of the buildings, one at the church and parish hall and the other at the rectory. Facing slightly to the northwest, the church stands approximately one hundred feet from the road and the rectory stands approximately ninety feet from the road. Directly in front of the church near the road stands the present church sign enframed by a brick surround. This sign marks the former site of a curbed well and sweep through the 1950s [Exhibit 1]. A picturesque picket fence with board bottom rail defines the churchyard to the north and extends approximately fifteen feet along the cemetery's western edge. A simple rail fence frames it to the east. Cedars, dogwoods, azaleas, and crepe myrtles enhance the site. Two mature magnolias, however, flank the front entrance of both the church and rectory. Behind the parish hall and rectory, the open yard between the two buildings is bisected by a plain picket fence. Midway between them is a small gable-roof well house. A simple gable-roof frame garage stands southwest of the house and reached by a driveway which branches from the rectory's front loop. Woodland, principally pine, frames the property to the south and east. Today, the property stands as a well-maintained, vibrant, and little changed testament to the religious vitality and commitment of the Episcopalians within this agricultural community.

### 1. Cemetery: late nineteenth century to present · contributing site

The church yard surrounding Zion Church has always served as the burying ground for church members, including the Harvey, Cutler, Sheppard, Asby, Braddy, and Douglas families. In an orderly fashion, the cemetery follows a rectilinear plan with parallel rows extending in a north-south pattern, five rows to each side of the church and two directly to the front and rear. The cemetery plan contains 386 sites, of which 286 are marked and occupied and 86 are vacant and/or reserved. The remainder are either unmarked or unknown. Local tradition, however, maintains that several unmarked slave burials are located near a large cedar in front of the church. Approximately eighty per cent of the cemetery's present grave markers date from the period of significance. Some family plots, large and small, are delineated by concrete or brick curbs. A concrete walk leads directly to the church entrance and wraps

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around to the entrances toward the back of the church to east and west. This walk also extends to the front entrance of the nearby parish hall.

Dating from the mid-nineteenth century to the present, granite and marble monuments are typically found throughout the cemetery. Only one weathered wooden marker, a tablet made of cypress, survives. Most headstones are rectilinear tablets, some of which include companion footstones. Earlier headstones have a curvilinear header and others a simple segmental arch. The more decorative late-nineteenth-and-earlytwentieth-century monuments embody Gothic Revival and Classical Revival stylistic details and include small and large obelisks. The smaller ones are simple and usually capped by a cross. The larger formal obelisks stand on pedestals and, in one case, the monument of Stella C. Cutler [1919] is capped by stylize urn. Markers for children were always small in scale and in several instances included the figure of a resting lamb and extended side arms. Two turn of the century stonemasons signed their work. C. M. Walsh of Petersburg, Virginia completed an arched tablet for Martha Ann Braddy [1885] and several monuments for the J. D. Eborn family [1904, 1905]. Also, J. N. Simmons of Washington, N.C. produced a tablet for the Alligood family [1913].

### 2. Fence: early twentieth century, 1922 · contributing structure

Fences frame the church yard along its perimeter to the north and east. A picturesque early twentieth-century picket fence with central double-swing gate defines the front yard of the church and extends approximately fifteen feet along the cemetery's western edge. An additional single-swing gate also opens along this fence line into the cemetery's eastern section. The fence's main design feature is a simple picket pattern with an alternating height for each one-and-one-half-inch square picket. Major four-by-four posts support each corner and gate opening along the fence. Smaller posts are spaced approximately every eight feet to support the two-by-four scantlings to which the pickets are nailed. One sixteen-foot scantling is placed horizontally on top of the post and another is let into the post face for stability. A bottom rail with beveled cap skirts the base of the fence. In contrast, a plain board fence frames the eastern edge of the cemetery.

### 3. Church: 1856 · contributing building

of the church measures approximately thirty feet three inches by forty feet fire inches. Simple Greek Revival features enhance its exterior

the church is sheathed in plain weatherboards and features simple

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cornerboards. Late-nineteenth and twentieth-century additions include the entrance vestibule (ca. 1885), rear addition (ca. 1920), and bell tower in 1954.

Notable exterior features include the windows and roof. The cypress shake roof, applied in 1983, replicates the original. The windows, however, are original and contain attenuated nine-over-nine pegged sash with each pane measuring twelve inches by eighteen inches. Simple surrounds with an unusual mitred, raised inner band and a plain sill frame each window. Hung on pintle hinges, shutters with three tiers of adjustable louvers protect each window.

The vestibule or narthex conceals the church's original central entrance with three-light transom and double-leaf doorway. This vestibule, in all likelihood, was added ca. 1885. Measuring approximately eight feet nine inches by ten feet nine inches, it mirrors the church's exterior features in form and detail, including a gable-front orientation, plain weatherboard sheathing, boxed cornice with returns, and central double-leaf entrance. Here, however, the entrance is capped by a peaked lintel as is the gable ventilator. The original four-panel doors were relocated at the vestibule entrance. A single small window with four-over-four sash flanks the vestibule. Modern brick steps and wooden hand rails lead up to the church.

Like the vestibule, the bell tower complements the church in form and scale [Exhibit 1]. Added in the fall of 1954, it straddles the roof's ridge near the front. Octagonal in form, the belfry has louvered ventilators on its four principal faces and a wood-shingled roof capped by a simple wooden cross.

Originally, a small vestry room with shed roof was appended to the rear elevation. Today it is replaced by a ca. 1920 addition. This one-story frame addition extends to the east and west approximately six feet beyond the width of the church and features a hipped roof with exposed rafter ends and six-over-six sash windows. Each extension contains a door which connects with a walkway leading to the front of the church. Two original vestry doors survive and each contains four panels similar in style to those at the front entrance. The addition is divided into three rooms: a sacristy, vesting room, and office.

The simplicity of the exterior features carries over into the interior. It is divided into three spaces: vestibule, have with tongue-and-groove boards sheathe both the vestibule and nave walls and ceilings. The vestibule has a flat ceiling and the nave a vaulted one. The curve of this wault is broken into four segments, creating a peak at

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and edges of the tongue-and-groove boards bordering the baseboards and door and window surrounds. The surrounds and baseboards feature plain boards. The nave floors are pine tongue-and-groove boards measuring four to four-and-a-half inches wide. The vestibule floors, however, are a narrower width.

The floor plan typically has a center aisle, side aisles, and a raised chancel area opposite the entrance. Flanking the center aisle are ten rows of benches on the west side and nine on the east. At the rear of the church, a modern tracker organ stands just east of the entrance and the original baptismal font to the west. All the benches are original and identical in form. The congregational ones, however, are longer than the shorter ones flanking the chancel. Their simple enclosed ends incorporate a slight incline for a more comfortable sitting position. Two back rails are let into each enclosed end as is the seat which is mortised. Each has book rack and kneeler additions. Four ca. 1940 brass lanterns, suspended from the ceiling, and two attached wall lanterns, flanking the chancel, light the interior.

The rectilinear chancel measures approximately eight feet four inches by fourteen feet eight inches. It is encircled by a kneeler and then enframed by an altar rail. This rail or balustrade has rectangular-in-section balusters, square-in-section corner posts, and a slightly rounded handrail. The chancel is entered directly from the central aisle and during communion is enclosed by a dovetailed rail extension. To each side of this opening, an original simple frame lectern with battered pedestal is positioned in front of the rail and rests on the kneeler. Within the chancel stands the centrally-placed nineteenth-century altar, two nineteenth-century side chairs, and a small reredos which is flanked by credence shelves. This simple reredos, with "Holy Holy Holy" inscription, was enlarged in 1991 to replicate a tripartite screen. It is now framed by modern fluted pilasters and capped by a decorative lintel with central gable. A wooden hymn board, capped by a Decorated-style cross, hangs on the rear wall just west of the chancel.

Based on a ca. 1900 photograph of the church interior [Exhibit 2], the chancel area has undergone several changes during the twentieth century. The most significant is the repositioning of the rear door from inside the chancel rail to just outside it. A four-panel door is depicted with a plain mitred-corner surround. Also, the altar rail had only one opening near this door. The two lecterns were originally the baptismal font was centrally positioned behind the rail and in front of the altar. The rail's cornerposts had turned extensions which supported brass lighting fixtures. These fixtures had two branches

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4. Parish Hall: 1952, remodeled 1996 · non-contributing

Built of concrete block, this one-story parish hall is a simple cross-gable-roof building which in recent years has undergone a major remodeling. This remodeling replicates many of the church's exterior features and includes vinyl sheathing, double-sash windows, and a gable-front vestibule addition. Although a relatively large building, the low-pitched cross-gable roof minimizes its size. Entered through a Colonial-style double-leaf entry, the parish hall contains a large gathering space with an impressive ballast stone fireplace at the opposing end. The cross gable to the east contains bathrooms and to the west a well-equipped commercial kitchen.

5. Rectory: 1884-1885 · contributing building

Typical of many late nineteenth-century houses built in eastern North Carolina, the Zion Church rectory is a two-story three-bay frame dwelling with t-plan. A double-tier porch supported by tall square-insection fluted posts dominates the front facade. The gable roof features boxed cornices with returns. The central entrance is flanked by narrow side lights and enters into a central hall. Two interior chimneys service fireplaces in each room. In recent years several modifications were made to the rectory, including converting the one-story rear porch into a kitchen, replacing the windows with nine-overnine sash thermal windows, and sheathing the exterior with vinyl siding.

6. Garage: ca. 1910 · contributing building

Gable-roof frame structure sheathed with plain weatherboards and featuring exposed rafter ends.

7. Well house: ca. 1920 · contributing structure

Simple gable-roof structure with raised block foundation.

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### Statement of Significance

#### Summary

Located in rural Beaufort County seven miles east of Washington and completed in 1856, Zion Episcopal Church reflects Criterion A through its association with the missionary work and goals of the Episcopal Church within North Carolina. Organized in 1823, Zion Church was nurtured by both ministers and deacons working as missionaries within the Beaufort County area. By 1855, the Beaufort County missionary field was one of the most well established in the state and contained two town congregations, three rural ones, and a parochial school. Between 1850 and 1856, the Rev. Nicholas C. Hughes served this missionary field as an ordained minister and established Trinity School near Trinity Church in Beaufort County. Here he inspired many students to serve the Episcopal church as lay readers and enter the ministry as deacons and then ministers. The subsequent growth and development of Zion Church under the leadership of such notable figures as the Revs. Luther Eborn, Israel Harding, Robert B. Windley, and Nathaniel Harding-all natives of Beaufort County -- reflects this missionary outreach. Zion Church also embodies Criterion C by illustrating the perpetuation of a modest frame church form traditionally built throughout eastern North Carolina by various denominations at a time when the Ecclesiological movement was actively promoting Gothic architectural design. Development of the church, cemetery, and site also embodies other trends taking place within the Episcopal Church throughout the period of significance, 1856-1950. The church was built as a simple, gable-front frame structure with a rectilinear plan and rear vestry addition. Later additions to the church and site, respectively, included a narthex ca. 1885, a parsonage in 1884 and parish hall in 1952. This property also meets Criteria Consideration A for its associative value with the development of Episcopal missionary churches and their architectural design in North Carolina. In addition, the cemetery meets Criteria Consideration D for its distinctive design features and its association with the development of the church, site, and its congregation throughout the period of significance. Today, Zion Church stands as a rare antebellum example of a traditional church form typically built by Episcopalians in rural North Carolina.

#### Religious and Architectural Content

As new Protestant Episcopal churches were built in North Carolina during the antebellum period, church architectural preferences within the Episcopal denomination were increasingly rooted in the Gothic Revival style and reflected a progression in design and theological

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ideals. Congregations within towns and villages embraced this new ideal. New church construction adhered to these ideals as local economics allowed. Small rural congregations, however, continued to construct simple churches reflecting more popular regional building trends and traditions.

For Episcopalians, the former evangelical emphasis on worship was giving way to the Ecclesiological movement and its study of liturgical and symbolic functions within the worship service of the medieval Gothic Church. Appointments, vestments, and ceremonies were becoming common practice.¹ The strong influence of the Cambridge Camden Society in England, which published in 1841 The Ecclesiologist, "a periodical devoted to church building, restorations, ritual, and symbolism," gave rise to the development of an English Gothic Revival standard. Both Richard Upjohn and the New York Ecclesiological Society became its proponents and established nationally important architectural standards.

The New York Ecclesiological Society, founded in 1847, held its first meeting on April 2, 1848. Its founders included clergymen, architects, and laymen, many of which were associated with General Theological Seminary and the ministers of the large New York congregations. An English architect, Frank Wills immediately became the society's official architect. Beginning in October 1848, the Society published over the next five years the New York Ecclesiologist, "a journal intended to disseminate Ecclesiological precepts and educate the Episcopal clergy in church architecture, history, and liturgical tradition." In 1852, the Society named Frank Wills, Wills' partner Henry Dudley, John W. Priest, and Richard Upjohn and Company to its first list of approved architects. Upjohn also published in 1852, Upjohn's Rural Architecture, a pattern book which included good designs for simple churches. Episcopal congregations in several North Carolina cities and towns, namely Edenton, Asheville, Halifax, Scotland Neck, Lexington, Goldsboro, Raleigh, and Plymouth, received church designs by either Wills, Priest, or Upjohn.5

In an effort to control the quality of Gothic architectural design, the New York Ecclesiological Society recommended "the Early English parish church as the most suitable model for religious edifices." The Society also promoted the restoration of the chancel, use of arymmetry in placement of a cower and/or saturate, and separation of chancel and nave by a rood screen or altar rail as well as a heavily defined arched opening. The steep pitch of the roof, the tall spire of the bell tower, the elevation of the chancel, and the use of stained glass, were all symbolic Gothic Revival elements. If walls could not be decoratively painted, then all woodwork was to be darkly stained. The altar became the chancel's focal point with the pulpit and lectern

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placed to each side. Crosses were also placed on altars and steeples or roofs. Both Priest and Wills believed that as the society evaluated the English ideals expressed in <a href="https://example.com/The-Ecclesiologist">The Ecclesiologist</a>, a uniquely American architectural interpretation of the Gothic Revival would develop. Society of the Gothic Revival would develop.

Missionary initiatives and clergy interest provided the guiding force in the architectural development of the Protestant Episcopal church in North Carolina. Between 1831 and 1883, the three successive bishops of North Carolina, Levi Silliman Ives, Thomas Atkinson [1807-1881], and Theodore Benedict Lyman [1815-1893], provided leadership within the state-wide diocese. As each traveled throughout the Diocese of North Carolina making visitations, its challenges, needs, and opportunities became apparent. In about 1830, the diocese included approximately 900 communicants in sixteen parishes, only four of which were west of Raleigh. By 1883 these numbers, however, had multiplied significantly to 5,889 communicants in 117 parishes and mission stations. This growth within the church was achieved primarily through outreach by a dedicated clergy, both priests and deacons, many of whom were missionaries from northern states.

Elected the second bishop of North Carolina in 1831, Bishop Ives consistently stressed the necessity for missionary and church building expenditures with a focus on duty. In his 1842 annual report, he stated:

God hath opened before the Church in this Diocese a certain field of duty, and hath blessed us with the means necessary to accomplish it. We are to go forward in our plans of labor with as much confidence and energy as if the money was actually in our treasury; God's spirit upon the hearts of our individual members being the guarantee that it will be there in due time. 11

Missionary work by priests, deacons, and presbyters helped stabilize older congregations and establish new ones. In many cases, newly ordained deacons were sent into promising areas and ministered by holding services, baptizing individuals, and distributing prayer books and tracts. A high point in this missionary field came in 1848 when fourteen ministers and deacons were assigned to missions in North Carolina. In his promotion of High Church Gothic Revivalism, Bishop Island out that Gothic churches "...are the most stable and

Construction of a new one was a major event within the missionary field. Ouring the antebellum period, several clergy members demonstrated a gift that the antebellum period.

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Collin Hughes, Jarvis Buxton, John H. Parker, William B. Otis, William E. Snowden, and Frederick FitzGerald. Bishop Ives led the diocese through a significant growth period with the number of communicants increasing to 2,219 by 1852. Between 1848-1852, five churches were admitted into union with the convention, and eleven new church buildings were consecrated throughout the state.<sup>14</sup>

Named as third bishop of North Carolina in 1853, Thomas Atkinson guided the diocese during the next twenty-eight years through a period of strong growth, followed by the tumultuous years of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Raised in Virginia's low church tradition, the new bishop was opposed to tractarian ritualism. Atkinson was called to North Carolina from Baltimore, Maryland, where he had served as a rector for ten years, first at St. Peter's Church [1843-1850] and then Grace Church. Having organized Grace Church in 1850, he also oversaw its construction and completion in 1852 as planned by the Baltimore architectural firm of Niernsee and Nielson. 16

In North Carolina, Atkinson quickly identified several needs which, when addressed, would aid the denomination's growth and actively expand its calling to the poor and less educated within the state. In 1855, his primary charge to the clergy noted four actions which would promote church growth: to consider carefully "...some relaxation of the Ruberics for the conduct of public worship..."; to foster within the working class a calling to the ministry; to slowly eliminate the practice of pew rental; and to develop endowments supporting Episcopal churches and schools. To underpin this growth, "...schools, colleges, seminaries, parsonages, asylums, and in various other forms, endowments..." would be required. In 1856 Bishop Atkinson eloquently stated the need for new ministers, churches, and parsonages to serve the needs of the diocese. He thought the needs should be met by the people of the diocese itself through the development of parochial and diocesan schools.

Bishop Atkinson's pleas did stimulate action. More churches became involved in construction projects, which included schools, churches, and parsonages. Parochial schools were built in Elizabeth City, New Bern, Asheville, Lincolnton, and Beaufort. In 1853, the number of parsonages in the diagram had all divers by 1252 however twelve more had been be

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chapels in the Diocese." Membership included the bishop, all clergy, and any lay person who contributed one dollar or more each year. Each parish could also establish a Church Building Society. At its first meeting on November 13, 1857, the Committee of Appropriation elected the Rev. Frederick FitzGerald as secretary and allocated \$500 towards the completion of St. Paul's Church in Beaufort.<sup>21</sup>

The Ecclesiological movement during the 1850s influenced the designs of Gothic-style churches in such cities and towns as Wilmington, Elizabeth City, Tabor, Murfreesboro, Hertford, Jackson, and Beaufort, but Episcopal church construction in rural areas and some small towns continued to reflect traditional building patterns within a region. Three such antebellum churches were St. Luke's Church [Exhibit 3] in Washington County built in 1837, St. Paul's Church in Greenville built in 1848, and Zion Church in Beaufort County built in 1856. All were frame structures sheathed with plain weatherboards and followed similar gable-front forms. Both St. Luke's and Zion also extended three bays in depth. Bishop Ives described St. Luke's as a small, neat edifice with "a commodious Vestry room." In all likelihood, Zion Church built approximately twenty years later had a similar vestry room; however, the church's proportions and window size were more generous.

Following the Civil War, members of the clergy continued to be actively involved in the provision of overall designs and/or specifications for renovations, including chancels, bell towers, porches, transepts. In 1874, Assistant Bishop Theodore B. Lyman urged the following:

where new churches are in contemplation, greater care should be taken to have them built in a more churchly form. It costs scarce anything more to have a building in just proportions, and in comely style, than to construct the unsightly barns which are all too often erected. A little judicious attention on the part of the Clergy, would always avail to secure buildings in perfectly good taste, while such buildings always exert a refining and elevating influence.<sup>23</sup>

He also called attention to the importance of a broad central aisle and stated that placing pews in front of the chancel was "... to violate every principle of good taste...." 24

During the three decades following the war, the Gothic Revival remained the style of preference within the Episcopal church. In small towns construction was predominately frame, with few masonry exceptions. Little is 'mown oftentimes about the origin of specific designs; nowever, the continuing influence of <u>Opjohn's Rural Architecture</u> is

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apparent in many of the frame churches.<sup>25</sup> These churches follow basically two forms, the simple gable front and the gable front with central or off-set tower.

Assistant Bishop Lyman continued to encourage congregations not only to be thoughtful about church design, but also to maintain and improve existing structures. His encouragement served as a catalyst for congregations and ministers.<sup>26</sup>

In 1883, the Diocese of East Carolina was formed from the Diocese of North Carolina and shortly thereafter its first bishop was appointed, the Rt. Rev. Alfred A. Watson. He had a deep love for eastern North Carolina drawing from his forty-year ministry within the region. In his work, he diligently tried to reconcile the financial limitations of a relatively poor rural population with providing for missionary growth and clergy needs. By 1891, the Church Building Committee report indicated that various congregations were requesting financial assistance to complete twelve unfinished churches, construct five new churches, and repair four churches. The report also stated:

A church building out of repair is a standing reproach to somebody, and it were better not to lay the foundation than to begin to build and not be able to finish.<sup>27</sup>

Bishop Watson continued to grapple with these issues while praising the church's schools, such as Trinity School in Chocowinity and St. Paul's School in Beaufort.

Throughout the late nineteenth-century accounts of renovations are recorded for churches in eastern North Carolina. Chancels, vestibules, and bell towers were the most common additions. St. James's Church, Kittrell was reported in 1879 as having received a new chancel, front porch and bell tower<sup>28</sup>; St. Mark's Memorial Church, Roxobel was also enlarged by the addition of a chancel by 1883<sup>29</sup>; and Church of Our Savior, Jackson had completed by April, 1886, extensive renovations including a corner bell tower, transept, and double lancet windows, which replaced "the old square ones." By 1887 even St. Luke's in rural Washington County was improved by the addition of a vestibule and belfry [Exhibit 3]. At Hertford in 1894, T. W. Watson, a local the contractor, expanded the Church of the Holy Trinity with the addition of a narthex and belltower.

The twentieth century heralded another building trend within the house annexes. Initially, a project associated with larger

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parishes, this trend became more common place with smaller churches in the 1950s. One of the earlier parish houses, now destroyed, was constructed in 1892 at St. James Church in Wilmington. During the 1920s, Hobart B. Upjohn, a New York architect and grandson of Richard Upjohn, designed three parish houses in eastern North Carolina: the Parish House and Chapel [1921] at Christ Church in Raleigh, the Parish House and Cloister [1922-23,1926] at Calvary Church in Tarboro, and the new parish house called the Great Hall [1922-24] at St. James Church in Wilmington. The architectural firm of Benton and Benton in Wilson provided the designs for Trinity Church and its parish house as well as the Parish Hall [1925-26] at Christ Church in Elizabeth City. Smaller churches on the other hand usually hired local contractors to construct more modest parish houses, most of which were built during the midtwentieth century. In a few early cases, neighboring houses were purchased and used as parish houses until one could be constructed.

### Historical Background

First established as an Anglican church within the nearby Beaver Dam area of Beaufort County during the eighteenth century, Zion Church officially received a certificate of organization in 1823 from the fledging Protestant Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. For approximately the next thirty years, services were held chiefly in the former Anglican church, now a free chapel used by various denominations. During this period, the initial dedication of two lay readers Jarvis Buxton and Jas. B. Marsh and the missionary outreach of priests and deacons, such as the Reverends R. S. Mason, William N. Hawks, William E. Snowmen, and especially, N. Colin Hughes, nurtured this small rural congregation of Zion Church and enabled it to mature into one with forty-two communicants by 1856.<sup>34</sup>

The Anglican and later Episcopal presence in Beaufort County produced more churches than most other counties in North Carolina. Built in ca. 1734, St. Thomas's Church [NR, 1970] in Bath is the oldest church building in North Carolina. Another important eighteenth century church is Trinity Church built ca. 1774 and located in present day Chocowinity. By 1830 the county had five active Episcopal congregations, St. Thomas's, Trinity, Zion, St. John's at Durham Creek, and St. Peter's in Washington. Bisecting the county roughly east to west, the Pamlico River separates the three churches built north of the river from Trinity and St. John's Durham Creek located to the south. Oftentimes, ministerial assignments linked these churches, especially the rural congregations. A church's financial ability to support a clergyman and

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the size of the missionary circuit, however, determined the frequency of visitations to each church.

Between 1850-1856, the missionary field of the Rev. Nicholas Colin Hughes [1822-1893] included the oversight of Zion Church. A missionary in Pitt and Beaufort counties since 1846, the Rev. Hughes had moved from Greenville to Beaufort County in 1851 where he established Trinity School in conjunction with Trinity Church near Godley's Cross Roads, present day Chocowinity. Suffering from periods of poor health, Rev. Hughes was assisted by the Rev. Edwin Geer, the rector of St. Peter's Church in Washington, and by students from Trinity School serving as lay readers. In 1852 his missionary field of eight churches was reduced to the four in Beaufort County: Trinity Chapel, Zion Church, St. Thomas's Church in Bath, and St. John's Church in Durham Creek. In good health by 1854, Rev. Hughes had again expanded his missionary field to include churches in Pitt County and by 1856 Craven County. He continued, however, to rely on the lay ministry of students like Samuel S. Barber and Israel Harding.

At Zion Church, during the mid 1850s, three factors appear to contribute to its growth. After three years without a visitation by the bishop, the Right Reverend Thomas Atkinson came to Zion on May 24, 1854 where he preached, baptized infants, and confirmed five persons. The number of communicants at Zion now totaled twenty. Continuing to serve as a lay reader at Zion, Samuel Barber also helped establish a Sunday school there in 1855. Rev. Hughes noted his indebtedness to Barber for his ...self-denying and zealous CO-operation. A candidate for holy orders, Barber was ordained a deacon on July 26, 1856. Another factor was the widespread interest generated by the annual diocesan convention which was held locally at St. Peter's Church in Washington from May 21-24, 1856. For the first time, Zion Church had three attending lay delegates, Allison Alligood, Caleb A. Cutlar, and Marshall H. Cutlar.

Desiring a worship place of their own in a more central location, this rapidly growing congregation at Zion Church began planning the construction of a church a few miles east of Beaver Dam. On August 6, 1855, Henry L. Harvey deeded two acres of land to the church for one dollar. He also supervised the church's construction, which appears to have cost \$714.85. J. W. Harvey and O. H. P. Tankard were also major contributors to this project. Ompleted and debt free, the church was consecrated on November 14, 1856 by Bishop Atkinson with the Revs. Hughes and Geer assisting. The Bishop wrote:

This church, itself pretty and convenient, reflects more credit on those who contributed to its erection, and particularly on NPS Form 10-800-a (8-86)

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some two or three who especially exerted themselves for that object, than many a stately Temple erected at great cost, but requiring far less sacrifice on the part of its builders, than this simple and inexpensive structure.

The number of communicants at Zion now totaled fifty-five, all of whom were white except for one African-American.

For the next six years, Zion Church matured under the leadership of the Rev. Israel Harding [1829-1891], the new missionary assigned to Beaufort County. Appointed shortly after the resignation of Rev. Hughes at the end of 1856, Rev. Harding was newly ordained as a deacon on December 21. A Beaufort County native, he had studied at Trinity School and followed a similar ministerial path as that of Samuel S. Barber serving first as a lay reader at St. John's Church in Durham Creek. 41

A trained carpenter, the Rev. Harding also built churches as well as their interior furnishings. Little is known about his early church buildings; however, in 1859 at Zion, a notation for \$110 in parochial expenses may well pertain to church improvements made by Rev. Harding, possibly for interior furnishings. The next year "a handsome Communion set and a Font" were purchased and plans were underway for the construction of a rectory. With the outbreak of the Civil War and the secession of North Carolina from the Union on May 20, 1861, these plans never materialized. Two months later, on July 13, 1861, the Rev. Harding, however, was ordained as a priest in Morganton following the diocesan convention.

Prior to the Civil War, Zion Church continued to develop as a parish which now included a small African-American membership. As reported in 1858, the congregation included sixty-two communicants, of which five were African Americans. Services were held on alternating Sundays with the white membership meeting in the morning and the African Americans in the afternoon. By 1860, however, only monthly services were conducted at Zion due in part to Rev. Harding's association with five other congregations in Beaufort, Craven, and Pitt counties. Rev. Harding also promoted at Zion annual contributions to the Church Building Society and actively kept abreast of church matters as a subscriber to The Church Intelligencer, a new periodical published in Raleigh which promoted general interests within the ten Southern dioceses.<sup>44</sup>

Throughout much of the Civil War, Beaufort County experienced directly the hardships of war. Initially, Rev. Marding continued to

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supply Zion Church as well as his other churches. Early in 1862 he wrote:

The disturbed state of the country has greatly impeded the growth of Church interests in this part of the Diocese this year....In the midst, though, of all the troubles incedent to war, your Missionary finds much to encourage him, much ground to sow good seen [sic] in, that will, with faithful culture on his part, bring forth fruit to the glory of God. 45

Conditions within Beaufort County abruptly changed, however, on March 21 when Federal forces captured Washington after having captured New Bern the week before. The area's ensuing two-year Federal occupation was confined closely to the towns and the navigable waterways of the sounds, rivers, and streams. Located on the sole road leading into Hyde County from the west, Zion Church was "...occupied sometimes by the Chaplains of the Union Army and sometimes for hospital or other purposes." Rev. Harding fled Union occupation and settled in Wilson for the duration of the war. Church services within the occupied area were suspended by Union command. A newly ordained deacon and a native of Beaufort County, the Rev. Luther Eborn [1837-1911], however, continued to provide oversight of Zion and St. Thomas's Church in Bath, conduct a small Sunday School at Zion, and perform baptismal and burial services. 47

Immediately following the war, Bishop Atkinson journeyed to the occupied areas within the diocese from New Bern to Elizabeth City which had been inaccessible for several years. At Zion Church on December 4, 1865 he confirmed four people and made the following observations:

In this part of the State, more than any other, I saw injurious effects of the war displayed...The county generally was stripped of its laborers, the lands neglected, and the roads and bridges scarcely passable. Yet so abundant is the provision, which both the soil and the waters make in this highly favorable region for the sustenance and comfort of man, that it is not unreasonable to hope its former prosperity may be speedily restored, if not surpassed.<sup>48</sup>

The Rev. Israel Harding also returned to take charge of St. Thomas's in Bath and the surrounding missionary region including Zion Church. Rev. Eborn remained as his assistant. Zion's congregation now included fifty communicants, all of whom were white.

Over the next fifteen years responsibility for Zion Church fluctuated between three ministers: the Revs. Luther Eborn, Horace G. Hilton, and Nathaniel Harding. Rev. Eborn's ministerial commitment to

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position he maintained for the next three years. During this time the number of communicants at Zion rose from forty-two to sixty-two persons. The Rev. Horace G. Hilton, a deacon, took over at Zion in 1871 guiding it through 1875. Living in Bath, Rev. Hilton also ministered to St. Thomas's Church as well as St. James's Church in Pantego where a new church was being constructed in 1875. After becoming rector of Grace Church in Plymouth and prior to leaving Zion, Rev. Hilton wrote in 1875 the following about Zion:

This Parish deserves credit for the neat and orderly conditions in which they keep their beautiful little Church, and their zeal and activity in the Sunday School, and more liberality in the support of the Ministry would secure to them increase services.<sup>51</sup>

Limited monetary contributions to pay ministerial salaries was apparently an ongoing problem encounted by many small mission churches and Zion was no exception. This limitation maintained a constant link between some churches and created a dependence at times on others.

Following Rev. Hilton's departure, oversight of Zion was undertaken for one year by Rev. Nathaniel Harding at St. Peter's Church in Washington. In 1877, Rev. Luther Eborn returned and ministered to three churches: Zion, St. Thomas in Bath and St. James in Pantego. By 1881, he was also overseeing repairs at St. Thomas and continuing efforts toward the construction of a church for the St. James's congregation in Pantego. To date, there is no evidence linking Rev. Eborn to any alterations made at Zion; however, he did make a notation for \$83.15 of unspecified parish expenses.<sup>52</sup>

After Rev. Eborn's return in 1882 to St. David's Parish in Washington County, Zion Church remained without a minister until June 1883. With the hope of establishing weekly services, the vestry called as its new rector a Beaufort County native and deacon, the Rev. Robert B. Windley [1840-1891]. To insure a ministerial presence at Zion, the congregation also undertook the construction of a two-story frame rectory. Built in 1884-1885 at a cost of \$600, the rectory was first occupied on April 3, 1885. Rev. Windley's description of the rectory noted "...neat & common it answers admirably the object intended." The next few years the church incurred additional unspecified expenses: \$215.35 in 1885, \$73 in 1887, and \$62.13 in 1889. These figures may are the addition of the vestibule and interior sheathing. By 1889, Zion Church included 104 communicants, and the church property was valued at \$2,800. Rev. Windley was ordained as a priest on April 7, 1890, but died the next year leaving Zion Church vacant.

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For the next twenty years, Zion Church flourished under the guidance of the Revs. Francis Joyner and Nathaniel Harding. A deacon, Rev. Joyner lived at Zion and ministered to its burgeoning congregation with 136 communicants in 1892 as well as St. Thomas and three Beaufort County missions. In 1895 the Bishop noted Zion's strong church attendance including a significant proportion of men attending services. By 1901, the Bishop was also applauding the diocese's five parish schools, including Zion School operated by Lucy Joyner and assisted by C. D. Malone as Catechist. By 1901, however, the Rev. Nathaniel Harding, rector at St. Peter's in Washington had assumed oversight of Zion and in 1904 was holding services there once a month. C. D. Malone, a lay reader, conducted all other services. 56

Throughout the first half of the twentieth century, Zion Church continued to serve as a center of missionary outreach in Beaufort County for its priests and deacons. Although their tenure at Zion was oftentimes no more than several years, several made documented contributions to its maintenance. In 1922, the Rev. T. N. Brincefield reported that the "Church property has been very much improved in the past year by painting buildings and new fences." He also noted that the church was now insured for \$1,500. During the mid 1930s, the Rev. A. C. D. Noe became the minister at Zion serving the church for over sixteen years. Taking a active interest in the church facility, he oversaw the painting and restoration of the church and the construction of the parish hall. The service of the parish hall.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Loth and Sadler, Only Proper Style, 61.

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- <sup>6</sup> Loth and Sadler, Only Proper Style, 62.
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- PUPECNO, 1974, 48-49.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> JPECNC, 1879, 81.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> JPECNC, 1883, 68.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> JPECNC, 1887, 75.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> While living in Greenville, Hughes was instrumental in 1848 in the construction of the first building for St. Paul's Church as noted by Bishop Ives when he described it as "a new and appropriate building." [JPECNC, 1849, 12.] In "The Episcopal Church in Pitt County, North Carolina, 1760-1865," Dr. Lawrence F. Brewster noted that Nymphus A. Price assisted in the church's construction by supplying two expert slave carpenters. [Lawrence F. Brewster Collection, University Archives, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C.]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> JPECNC, 1856, 44; 1857, 17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> JPECNC, 1856, 6, 19; 1857, 21-22.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> <u>JPECNC</u>, 1866, 15, 36. Rev. Harding's missionary responsibilities also included St. John's Church at Durham Creek and a missionary station at Pantego. Following the war, the Rev. N. Colin Hughes also returned to Trinity Church and made an an analyse responsibility of the property.

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#### Geographical Data

#### Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property includes the entire Zion Episcopal Church parcel, which encompasses approximately 3.3 acres and comes under the auspice of the Diocese of East Carolina. This parcel is depicted on a survey map competed by James J. Albera on July 30, 1996.

#### Boundary Justification

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### List of Photographs for Zion Episcopal Church

All photographs were taken by Drucilla H. York of Local History Associates. All negatives are housed with the North Carolina Division of Archives and History at 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. In the following list , the photograph number is given first and followed by subject identification, photograph date, and negative #.

- 1. Front facade of church with picket fence and cemetery: October 28, 1999; N.99.12.154.
- 2. Oblique view from northeast of church's side elevation with cemetery: October 28, 1999; N.99.12.155.
- 3. Window detail with shutters on church's east side elevation: October 28, 1999; N.99.12.156.
- 4. Oblique view from southwest of church's west side elevation and rear addition: February 9, 1999; N.99.12.173.
- 5. Interior view of church chancel area: February 9, 1999; N.99.12.181.
- Interior view of church window which also illustrates a bench, a lecturn, and the wall's vertically-placed beaded-board sheathing: February 9, 1999; N.99.12.202.
- 7. Northeast oblique view of parish hall: October 28, 1999; N.99.12.153.
- Northeast oblique view of rectory: October 28, 1999; N.99.12.148.
- 9. Southeast oblique view of rectory with well house: February 9, 1999; N.99.12.174.
- 10. Interior view of parlor mantel in rectory: October 28, 1999; N.99.12.164.
- 11. Northwest view of cemetery from the rear of church which includes mamorials for Barn, Bobert B. M. M. Mis Mis Mis No. 1 No. 1981



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