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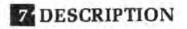
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Newport, Kentucky, Campbell County's seat of government, is located on a bottom of the Ohio River, immediately above the Ohio's junction with the Licking River. It lies directly opposite the eastern section of Cincinnati on the other side of the Ohio. In 1874 Newport was described as having "ten churches, an admirably managed free high school and district schools, one iron foundry, and one rolling mill, besides many small manufactories" (Collins, p. 125). St. Pauls Episcopal Church, constructed in 1871 on the courthouse square, faces south away from the Ohio River.

While built on a larger scale than many of the Gothic Revival churches in smaller Kentucky towns, St. Paul's embodies the standard Gothic elements found in Anglican church architecture of the period. Characteristic features include the side entrance tower, buttresses, triple window arrangement of the main facade, and the use of lancet windows.

Built of rough-faced stone, this nave-plan church has a lancet shaped entrance at the south end, capped by a pointed arched hoodmold. (A second access to the sanctuary is located on the west side of the facade.) Two-tiered buttresses flank the tripartite window openings in the facade, are interspersed between paired openings on the sides, and are located at the corners of the main block. The side entrance tower is also buttressed at the corners (see photos 1-4).

On the interior, the walls are of plaster, with a dark paneled wainscot. Scissors trusses form the roof support system and terminate in brackets along the side walls. The ceiling is of dark paneled wood. All the window openings in the main block contain a stained glass composition.

The boundaries of the nomination are drawn to include the church building only; a parking lot flanks the west side of the building, and the south (front) side abuts the street. The parish is a recent structure situated to the east.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J. R. Neff

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1871, St. Pauls Episcopal Church in Newport, Kentucky is an excellent example of the effect of the impact of the Gothic Revival on church architecture in Kentucky. The structure reflects the widespread influence that the revival of medieval forms had upon American churches in both England and the United States in the 19th century.

Although Gothic Revival churches had been designed and constructed in America prior to the 1840s, not until that time did the Revival movement truly mature. This was due largely to the influence of a society of "ecclesiologists" ¹ in Britian that set out to control the design of churches outside their sphere. They recommended the English parish church as the perfect model for what they still termed, "the Colonies." The movement had the desired effect in America and soon, the Gothic Revival was considered by the Anglican Church to be the only proper style. Stated in Phoebe Stanton's book, The Gothic Revival and American Church Architecture, "A Gothic Church in its perfection, is an exposition of the distinct doctrines of Christianity, clothed upon with a material form; and is... the petrification of our religion."²

St. Pauls Episcopal Church was organized in 1844 and admitted into the Diocese one year later. Designed by J. R. Neff, and built in 1871, the present structure is the second on that site. The previous building, which had been purchased by the parish in 1845, was razed. The plan and scale of St. Pauls appears to be the direct result of the ecclesiological movement in Kentucky, and indirectly, to the ideologies of A. W. Pugin. His theory that "there should be no features about a building which are not necessary for convenience, construction or propriety" (Stanton, p. 20) is embodied in the design of St. Pauls. The use of rough cut stone as a construction material, the buttressed entrance tower and sides, and nave plan with end transept are also reflective of the earlier Gothic movement in the east.

Also known as the Cambridge Camden Society, this English / Anglican group believed that the Gothic style should be the only one used for Anglican churches. They became the strongest proponent of the Gothic Revival movement and helped bring about its inception.

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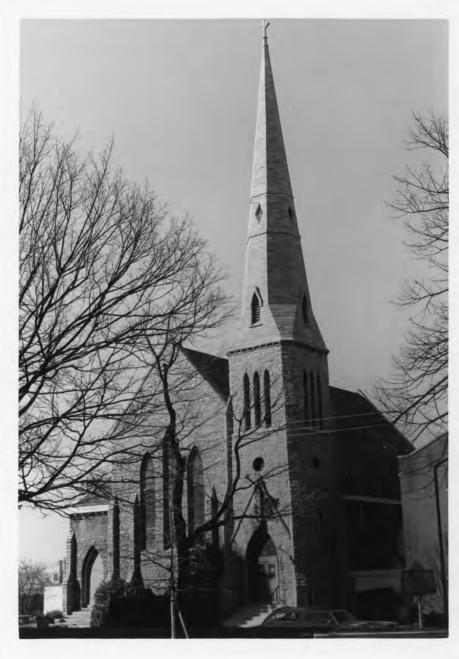
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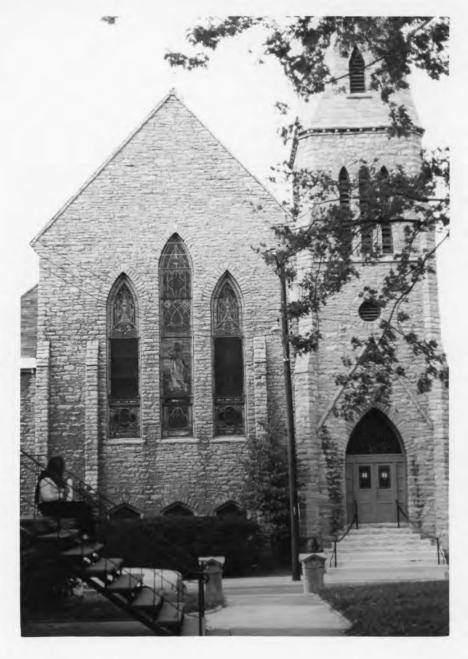
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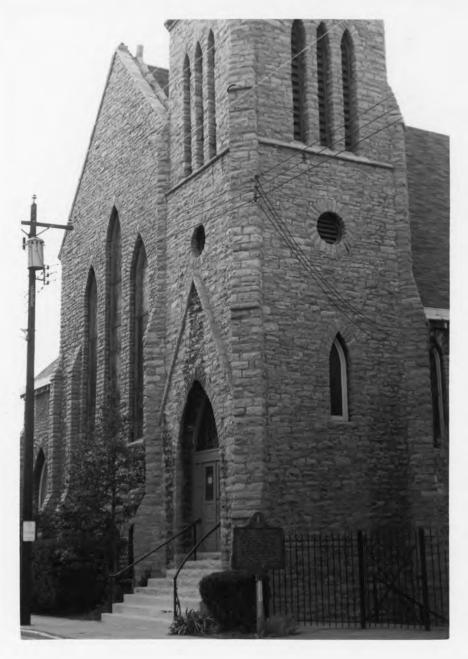
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