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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Third and Washington Streets N/A not for publication  
city, town Cannelton N/A vicinity of  
state Indiana code 018 county Perry code 123

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of the  
Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Indiana

street &amp; number 1100 W. 42nd Street

city, town Indianapolis N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46208

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Perry County Courthouse

street &amp; number

city, town Cannelton state Indiana

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

## 7. Description

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date N/A

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is located in Cannelton, a small community on the banks of the Ohio River. The building is situated on a corner above grade, on a corner lot, facing southwest toward the river. The original structure is a simple frame rectangle in the Greek Revival style, with a square bell tower centered at the front end of the pitched, asphalt shingle-covered roof. Additions have been made at the north end. Wood siding on the building is uneven in width.

The three-story tower has paired doors at the ground level, which are approached by two runs of stairs from the street level below. The entrance is presently sheltered by a canvas awning. The door architrave features a simple entablature, as do all openings on the original structure. Above the entrance is a large window opening. The base of the tower is terminated in a simple frieze and cornice; corner boards typical of the style accent the corners. The tower base is surmounted by a smaller belfry with Gothic-arched, louvered openings.

The balance of the main facade is without openings, featuring only corner boards, and a plain frieze and cornice that are repeated on raking trim on the gable end.

The long sides of the rectangular building have four window openings each. Each opening has a pair of windows separated by a wood mullion. Each window has two lights below, which operate on a pivot, a wood mullion, then a third light which has muntins forming a point. The glass in these windows is plain.

At the north end of the structure is a projection housing the sanctuary. Behind the altar are three round-arched, stained glass windows, which were restored in 1982 after several years of being boarded. Flanking the sanctuary projection are the two additions, the west being the rector's office, and the east being the parish hall. Both have plain wood trim.

Inside, the decor is simple. Paneled wainscoting runs around the outside walls. The original mahogany pews are still in use. Wood pilasters and a plain pointed arch frame the opening into the sanctuary. The oak altar is a later acquisition.

The original church was constructed in 1845, and it is believed that the tower was constructed at the same time. The church was lengthened 17 feet in 1864, and a vestry room was built onto the east side. Exact dates of other additions are uncertain. The bell was placed in the tower in 1865, having been acquired from the General Barbour, a steamboat which sank in the river in 1848.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1845-46

Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (~~in one paragraph~~)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is the oldest surviving structure in Cannelton. Its simple lines and center tower are reminiscent of churches more commonly seen in the East, and make it a local landmark of distinction. It is one of few local structures dating from the community's earliest period.

The church was actually built for a Unitarian congregation in 1845, but that congregation lasted only a few years, until about 1851. St. Luke's assumed ownership of the building in about 1860. The church started a private school (St. Luke's Academy) in 1861, and the building served as a meeting place for the community in the early years.

The congregation has recently begun an extensive renovation program.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Goodspeed, History of Warrick, Spencer & Perry Counties, Indiana. Chicago, 1885  
DeLaHunt, Thomas, Perry County History, W. K. Stewart Co., Indianapolis, 1916  
Cannelton NEWS, August 6, 1974  
Cannelton TELEPHONE, August 20, 1937  
Parrish Records

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Cannelton, Indiana-Kentucky

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot #130 in block #13, measuring 75' x 121'

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. James Wood

organization St. Luke's Episcopal Church,  
Cannelton

date October 12, 1981

street & number 604 - 24th Street

telephone 812/547-4300

city or town Tell City

state Indiana 47586

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*J. M. Redman*

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1-24-83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

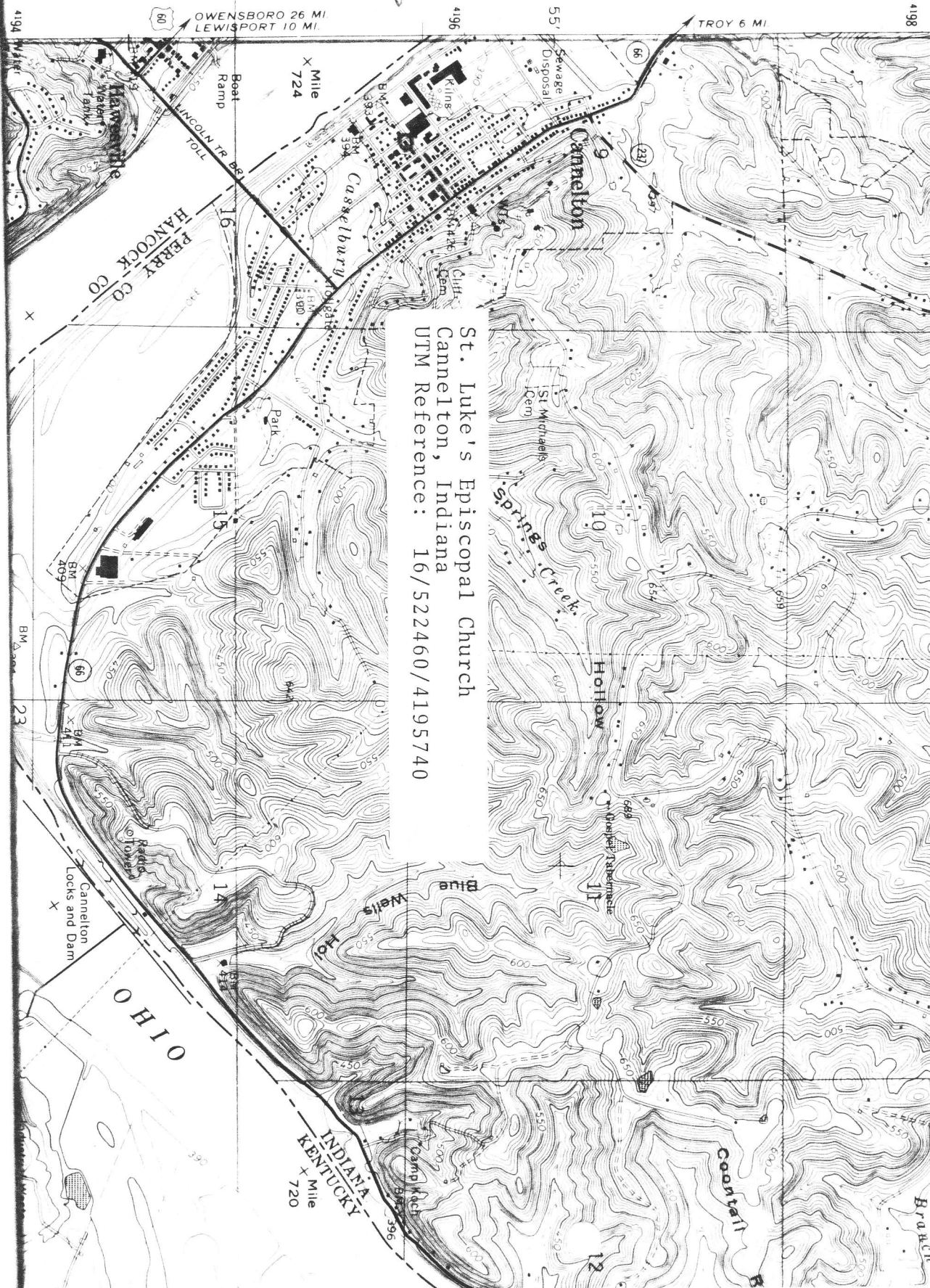
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration





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Cannellton, Indiana  
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