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National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Downtown Portsmouth Historic District
Name of Property
Portsmouth, VA
County and State
N/A
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

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The Trinity Episcopal Church is included as a contributing resource in the Downtown Portsmouth Historic District, which was listed in the National Register in 2004. This property also was individually listed in the National Register in 1973. In Section 7, page 24 of the Downtown Portsmouth Historic District nomination inventory, the church is listed as a contributing building and the associated cemetery is a contributing site. A “concrete block church – religious facility” is listed as a non-contributing building, but this was an incomplete evaluation as the building actually is a parish house, chapel, and auditorium. The historic district nomination does not indicate whether the parish house and auditorium were considered to be part of the “concrete block church” or if they were considered to be part of the main church to which they are connected via a colonnade.

Section 7

The original church was built in 1762, completely reconstructed in 1828 and enlarged in 1893. According to the 1973 individual nomination, a new Parish House was built in 1954 with the cornerstone laid in 1955; it is connected to the church by a colonnade. A chapel is attached to the two-story parish house and this has a cornerstone dated 1955. To the rear of the parish house is a one-story auditorium. The church staff states that all three sections were built in a single campaign. The work is attributed to the architectural firm Williams, Coile and Blanchard. A cemetery with burials dating to 1763 also is on the property.

The corrected inventory for the Trinity Episcopal Church therefore is as follows:

500 Court Street

Trinity Episcopal Church

Property Type: Church--religious facility

Date of Construction: 1762 (foundation), 1828-1830 (church), 1884 (renovation), 1893 (tower)

Structural System: Brick-masonry with parging

Stories: 1

Architectural Style: Greek Revival

Secondary Resources: Cemetery (1763); Parsonage/Glebe (1954-1956)

Architect: W. D. Wentworth (1893), Williams, Coile and Blanchard (1954-1956), Williams and Tazewell (1961-1962)

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CONTRIBUTING (1 - building)

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