

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE



HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC LANDMARK OR HISTORIC DISTRICT DESIGNATION

New Designation _____

Amendment of a previous designation x

Please summarize any amendment(s) add property behind the Temple to 15th NW _____

Property name Masonic Temple Scottish Rite

*If any part of the interior is being nominated, the "interior" or portion(s) of the interior must be specifically identified above and identified and described in the narrative statements. ***Please include a boundary map of the property with your nomination form.*

Address 1733 16th St NW

Square and lot number(s) ~~193~~ 192, 108

Affected Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2B, 2F

Date of construction 1911-15 Date of major alteration(s) _____

Architect(s) John Russell Pope Architectural style(s) Classical

Original use meeting hall Present use meeting hall

Property owner Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

Legal address of property owner 1733 16th St NW

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Dupont East Civic Action Association

If the applicant is a preservation organization, it must submit or have previously submitted a copy of its charter, articles of incorporation, or by-laws stating that among its purposes is the promotion of historic preservation in the District of Columbia.

Address/Telephone of applicant(s) 1622 Riggs Pl NW / 202 667 9639

Name and title of authorized representative Nick DelleDonne, Chair

Signature of representative Nick DelleDonne Date 3-8-79

Name and telephone of author of application 1622 Riggs Pl NW / 202 667 9639

Date received 3/27/79
H.P.O. staff JTB
Case No. 19-06

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

1. Name of Property

historic name Scottish Rite Temple (Boundary Increase)

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1733 16th St., NW (rear lot or lots extending East to 15th St.) ☐ not for publication

city or town Washington ☐ vicinity

state DC code _____ county Washington code _____ zip code 20009

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide ___ local

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

___ entered in the National Register ___ determined eligible for the National Register

___ determined not eligible for the National Register ___ removed from the National Register

___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
2		Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions.)

Social - meeting hall

Landscape - The property behind the Temple includes a parking lot and a formal garden structure.

Domestic – Rowhouses on 15th and S STs including carriage house complex. Occupied by community of professional and working class African Americans, part of a larger U Street corridor and Logan Circle.

Secondary structure

Commerce – carriage house rentals

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Temple meeting hall, open green space, parking lot, formal garden structure, garage complex

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SRT – Early classical revival – monumental

classicism

Row houses – Late Victorian - purchased and
demolished and the lots consolidated into one rear
lot. The Masons constructed a formal garden
structure which remains. Carriage house complex
attached to the demolished rowhouses on 15th St
and are not part of the 16th St historic district.

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: NA

walls: NA

roof:

other:

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

The Scottish Rite Temple at 16th and S Sts. NW, already landmarked, has purchased all the property behind the temple extending East to 15th and extending from S St. South to the alley north of the Chastleton. This proposal would amend the existing landmark to include all of land behind the Temple just described. All of the buildings on the properties behind the Temple have been leveled save a complex of carriage houses deemed contributing. The site has been open and in significant part green including parking spaces and a formal garden structure for about 40 years. The open space has enhanced magical sightlines to the magnificent Temple designed by renowned architect John Russell Pope – open space and sight lines appropriate for structures like the Jefferson Memorial and many others throughout the city, that may well have been intended by the architect. The original plan of the city by Pierre L'Enfant, further, provided for a square one mile north of the White House exactly at this spot.

The *District of Columbia Parks and Recreation Master Plan*, March 2014, identified Dupont Circle neighborhood as having less access to parkland than is recommended for quality of life. The Plan suggests acquiring land for "under-parked" neighborhoods such as Dupont, when any becomes available.

Narrative Description

The Scottish Rite Temple was among a group of about 300 buildings that were initially identified in 1964 by the District's Joint Committee on Landmarks (the precursor to the Historic Preservation

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Review Board) in the city's first effort to identify its significant buildings. Listing at that time did not carry any regulatory restrictions but was merely intended to advise government agencies and property owners.

The National Historic Preservation Act, passed by Congress in 1966, created the National Register of Historic Places. In 1968, the District's Joint Committee updated its local list and classified the 300 properties into categories --- 1, 2 and 3 -- roughly equating to their level of importance and suggesting the degree of public powers that should be used to preserve them. The Joint Committee directed its staff to prepare nominations for the category 1 and 2 properties in the District for listing in the National Register, but since the Scottish Rite Temple was listed as a category 3 (the lowest category), it was never listed individually on the National Register.

When the city's current preservation law was enacted in 1978 (creating the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), the DC Inventory of Historic Sites, and establishing protection for all local landmarks), all of the 300 properties from the 1964/1968 Joint Committee lists were included in the DC Inventory of Historic Sites. Thus, the Scottish Rite temple is not individually listed on the NR but is listed (and fully protected) on the DC Inventory. The building is also listed as a contributing building to the 16th Street Historic District when that was listed on the National Register in 1977.

Because the Scottish Rite Temple was never nominated in the same manner as landmarks are today -- requiring a formal written nomination establishing why it is significant and how it meets the local and national registration criteria, -- there is no nomination document for the building. The 1973 list which is essentially the same as the 1968 list referred to above, shows the Scottish Rite Temple as a category 3 landmark. The building's history and architecture are well documented in a chapter of the Commission of Fine Arts' *Sixteenth Street Architecture, Volume 1*.

One of the most striking monuments in the nation's capital, the imaginative facade of the Temple creates a visual experience worth viewing. The 1970s publication about landmarked structures in the District, there are acknowledgements that it was a mistake not to site the Temple in a circle or square or other free-standing situation like the Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial and other such structures where they could be clearly seen from all sides.

One of the objectives of our application is to preserve the sightlines to the Temple from all sides. At the HPRB hearing on Nov. 29, 2018, in response to a question from an HPRB board member, Preservation Officer Steve Callcott acknowledged that a case could indeed be made to amend the historic designation of the Temple landmarking to include all the current parcel of land it sits on, stretching from 16th Street east to 15th and from S Street south to the alley at the Chastleton building.

At the hearing HPRB Board Member Gretchen Pfaehler, remarked that it was a shame that this Temple wasn't built instead in a more appropriate venue to show it off such as a square or a circle of the L'Enfant Plan "where it could be seen from all sides."

Attached are four photographs from different angles taken from S and 15th Streets, where the back of the Temple can clearly be seen. Should an apartment complex go up, these views will be lost, in the same manner that views of the dome of St. Mathews Cathedral is now lost with the construction of tall buildings behind it.

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As a matter of fact, the Scottish Rite Temple was built fortuitously exactly at such an open spot designated by the original city planner. The original L'Enfant map (see bibliography) shows that Pierre L'Enfant intended such a square on the spot where the Temple came to be built, possibly not coincidentally since it is exactly one mile north of Lafayette Park in front of the White House. L'Enfant understood the symbolism of placing a monument one mile north of the White House.

The problem isn't with where the temple building was placed, but rather with how the District government later developed that spot not in accordance with the governing L'Enfant Plan for the District. Landmarking the entire site would be an appropriate way of correcting the District government's mistake and permitting the Scottish Rite Temple to stand freely on a square on that spot as intended by Pierre L'Enfant.

The Historic Preservation Review Board has a unique, one-time opportunity to correct an obvious failure to implement the L'Enfant Plan. The District and the community would benefit now by amending the landmarking of the SRT site to include the open space behind the Temple to 15th Street to enhance the sight lines of the Temple with the establishment of the square at the convergence of 16th and S Streets, exactly one mile north of the White House as envisioned in the original L'Enfant Plan for the City of Washington.

The *District of Columbia Parks and Recreation Master Plan*, March 2014, identified Dupont Circle neighborhood as having less access to parkland than is recommended for quality of life. The Plan suggests acquiring land for "under-parked" neighborhoods such as Dupont, when any becomes available. Dupont is one of the oldest and densest neighborhoods in DC, with no remaining undeveloped land.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Other – community planning and development,
L'Enfant Plan for DC

Establishment of 14th St. Historic District

Period of Significance

1911-15

1920 - 79

Significant Dates

1791

1911-15, 1920-75

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

The neighborhood and these events are part of the history of the African-American community in DC and part of the history of the movement for historical preservation in the City

Architect/Builder

Pope, John Russell

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Period of Significance (justification)

The site is part of the original L'Enfant plan of the City for a formal public square one mile north of the White House. See attached plan.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

Pope's architectural achievement should be surrounded by open space suitable for monumental architecture.

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

This is an amendment to the application for the Scottish Rite Temple (SRT) landmark to extend boundaries to the property acquired at the rear of the Temple. There is no existing application for the SRT.

The Temple and the property behind it are significant for architectural, landscape and aesthetic qualities, and events over the past century have made it possible to appreciate these qualities and have awakened a desire to preserve them. The purchase and demolition of the homes caused the displacement of African-Americans in a predominantly Black sector of DC. The 14th Street Historical District was established in 1994 following the neighborhood outcry over the Mason's demolition of rowhouses on S Street and 15th Street.

The Scottish Rite Temple is the first of the buildings and memorials designed by John Russell Pope in DC, of many in the Federal Triangle and on the National Mall.

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Temple and the property behind it are significant for architectural, landscape and aesthetic qualities, and events over the past century have made it possible to appreciate these qualities and have awakened a desire to preserve them. Pierre L'Enfant's original plan for the city contemplates a plaza or public square at 16th and S Sts., one mile north of the White House. Over the years, of course, changes were introduced to the plan. This is a chance to correct a misstep and put an open space back into the plan to preserve and improve the sightlines to the Temple. Architect John Russell Pope insisted on open sightlines on his projects following his experience with the Supreme Rite Temple. He expressed this view in an essay shortly after the construction of the Temple. On the occasion of presenting his designs for a proposed Lincoln Memorial, he expressed a need for "an unhampered expression of purpose in the monuments on them by reason of their independence of surrounding important architectural dictates, considerations or comparisons."

The Masons purchased the lot in 1910 and began construction on the Temple in 1911 and concluded in 1915. In 1920 they began to purchase property behind the Temple with lots 40, 41 and 42 along S Street. These three lots in particular being the first of the purchases stretch far East along S Street. These and all the others row houses were purchased and razed in the decades following, culminating in widely reported community protest. The purchases and demolition were responsible for the displacement of African-American residents, part of a larger community of Black working class, professional class and tradesmen in Logan Circle and U Street communities.

The homes have been replaced with a parking lot, a structured formal garden and an existing complex of garages. Today we can see the one significant consequence of the razing of homes was a more open sightline to the back of the Temple, which the neighborhood has become accustomed to over much more than half a century

Events contributed to the significance of the sight. The vocal community protest at the purchase and razing of these homes contributed to the movement for historic preservation.

The District of Columbia established the 14th Street Historic District in 1994 (after the last of the row houses was razed) and strengthened the laws regarding historic preservation. In our modern day the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for the District of Columbia and recent planning from the Parks and Recreation Department recognize

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Dupont Circle as among the most densely populated areas of the city and call for more open green spaces here in Dupont Circle and throughout the city.

The Neighborhood of the Rowhouses behind the Scottish Rite Temple, 15th and S Streets NW, 1940, by Rachel Dubin

In 1940, the most recent year for which Census data is available, the 14 rowhouses on 15th and S Streets NW, behind the Scottish Rite Temple, were occupied only by African-Americans, all of whom were American-born, except for one naturalized citizen from Barbados. From two to 16 people lived in a given rowhouse, with an average of 7.5 people in any one house. Of the 102 people who lived in the rowhouses, eight were homeowners; the rest were lodgers and renters, with the former dominating.¹ Many owners lived with their families, usually one or two children; their adult children often lived with them. Owners and renters usually had from one to six lodgers living with them. Residents ranged in age from 1 month to 80; the median age was 39. Fifteen residents were children under age 21. Just under half of the adults were married; 30% were single and 17% were widowed. Of those widowed, the majority were female. The residents were diverse in educational attainment, with all elementary, middle, and high school grades and undergraduate years represented. While most were college-educated, the vast majority was educated up to the 12th grade. One adult had only a first-grade education. All but one minor was in school.

Residents represented 37 different occupations, ranging from auto mechanic to watchman, and were predominantly blue-collar and employed in the private sector.² Most residents were in the service sector (cooks, chauffeurs, waiters/waitresses, servants, massagers) and the cleaning sector (maids, domestics, janitors). Those who worked in the Federal government tended to be clerks, messengers, and laborers. Eleven of the women were housewives. There were two public-school teachers, one Howard University professor, one nurse (at Freedman's Hospital), and one social worker. Two were self-employed, as a broom-maker and a dressmaker, respectively. One man was an interior decorator; another was a paperhanger. Few people were unemployed.

The most prominent of the 15th and S Street rowhouse residents was Mr. Haley George Douglass, grandson of the abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Born in Canandaigua, New York in 1881, he owned 1732 15th Street NW and died on January 27, 1954 at the age of 72. A 1905 graduate of Harvard, he taught science and history at Dunbar High School in the District for 46 years. He also coached football and track there, and was married to Evelyn Douglass, née Delaney (c.1901-1951). For about 25 years, he was the mayor of the small town of Highland Beach, Maryland. He was a member of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church and the Association of Oldest Inhabitants, as well

¹ For data on each resident, drawn from the 1940 Census, see Appendices B and C.

² See Appendix D for a complete list of occupations.

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as the NAACP. He and Evelyn had two children, Jean and Joseph; a photograph of him is provided in Appendix E. Their house was demolished by the Masons in 1987, with "the lot reseeded and maintained as a lawn."³

From 1971 to 1991 all 14 rowhouses were razed to the ground by the Masons, eliminating any trace of the black community that was once there, where the working class and the professional class lived side by side. A structured, manicured garden now sits on the land; from 1993 to 2011 part of the garden was transformed into a community garden, the Temple Garden. That plot of land is now a paved-over lot.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

Appendix B

1502-1514 Street, NW, 1940 Census

³ Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., *Transactions of the Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Thirty-Third Degree [Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry] of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America*, 113. (N.p.: Supreme Council, 33, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, 1987).

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Address	Own/Rent	Last Name	First Name	Age	Age 2019	Marital St	Education	Birthplace	Occupation	Gov/Priv	Collar	Notes
1502 S	Owner	Warfield	Phoebe	69	148	Widow	8th	MD	Unemployed			
1502 S	Lodger	Lee	Sarah	74	153	Widow	3rd	VA				
1502 S	Lodger	Simpson	Clarence	45	124	Married	5th	VA	Paperhanger	Priv	Blue	
1502 S	Lodger	Simpson	Anna	43	122	Married	2nd	VA	Unemployed			Clarence's wife
1504 S	Owner	Pender	Marion H.	70	149	Married	Coll 3	TX	Clerk, Public Works Admin	Gov	White	
1504 S		Pender	Helen	57	136	Married	12th	VA	Housewife		Pink	Marion's wife
1504 S		Pender	Evangeline	9	88	Single	4th	DC				their daughter
1504 S		Hall	Therkield	23	102	Married	Coll 1	DC	Waitress, New Interior Cafeteria	Gov	Blue	their daughter
1504 S		Hall	Richard W., III	4	83	Single		DC				their grandson; Therkield's son
1504 S		Hall	Hubert A.	21	100	Married	Coll 3	DC	Messenger, Dept of Interior	Gov	Blue	their son
1504 S		Penn	Sinclair R.	55	134	Widower	12th	VA	Barber	Priv	Blue	Marion's BIL
1504 S	Renter	Lewis	Bertha	37	116	Widow	Coll 3	VA	Domestic, priv family	Priv	Blue	
1504 S		Lewis	Helen	19	98	Single	12th	VA	Unemployed			Emma's daughter
1504 S	Lodger	Robinson	Lilian	33	112	Widow	5th	SC	Domestic, priv family	Priv	Blue	their lodger
1504 S	Lodger	Goode	Bertha	35	114	Widow	12th	VA	Domestic, hotel	Priv	Blue	their lodger
1504 S	Renter	Maloy	Charles	37	116	Married	8th	NC	Clas. Laborer, Nat Park Svc	Gov	Blue	
1504 S		Maloy	Ada	32	111	Married	8th	NC	Housewife		Pink	Charles' wife
1504 S		Patterson	Henry	28	107	Married	12th	NC	Clas. Laborer, govt	Gov	Blue	Charles' BIL
1504 S		Patterson	Josephine	26	105	Married	8th	MD	Housewife		Pink	Charles' SIL; Henry's wife
1504 S	Lodger	Henry	Isiah	23	102	Single	12th	VA	Cook, bakery	Priv	Blue	their lodger
1506 S	Renter	Walker	Anna J.	63	142	Widow	5th	MS	Servant, priv home	Priv	Blue	
1506 S		Walker	Anna J.	31	110	Single	Coll 2	MS	Printer's asst; teacher, pub sch	Priv	Blue/Whi	Anna's daughter; prev lived Biloxi MS
1506 S		Walker	Madeline M.	24	103	Married	12th	MS	Maid, priv family	Priv	Blue	Anna's daughter
1506 S		Walker	Joseph P.	4	83	Single		DC				Madeline's son; Anna's grandson
1506 S		Walker	Anna F.	3	82	Single		DC				Madeline's daughter; Anna's granddaughter
1506 S	Lodger	Johnson	William J.	23	102	Single	Coll 4	MS	Janitor, Western Union	Priv	Blue	their lodger; prev lived NOLA
1506 S	Renter	Nelson	Andrew	49	128	Married	1st	VA	Supply room, Munitions Bldg	Gov	Blue	
1506 S		Nelson	Elizabeth	48	127	Married	5th	AL	Housewife		Pink	Andrew's wife
1506 S		Nelson	Wile	27	106	Single	10th	AL	Messenger, Dept of Interior	Gov	Blue	their stepson
1506 S		Pearson	Gertrude	27	106	Single	6th	AL	Servant, boarding house	Priv	Blue	Andrew's SIL; prev lived Louisville KY
1506 S	Lodger	Alston	Luelee L.	30	109	Divorced	6th	NC	OR maid, hospital	Priv	Blue	their lodger
1506 1/2 S	Renter	Mitchel	Emily S.	48	127	Widow	5th	DC	Maid, priv home	Priv	Blue	
1506 1/2 S		Davis	Sara V.	80	159	Widow	2nd	DC	Not working			her mother
1508 S	Owner	Pelham	Emma L.	57	136	Widow	5th	VA	Charwoman, District Bldg (gov)	Gov	Blue	
1508 S	Lodger	Jones	James A.	37	116	Married	Coll 5	WV	Unemployed but seeking work			her lodger
1508 S	Lodger	Jones	William	34	113	Married	9th	MD	Houseman, hotel	Priv	Blue	her lodger
1508 S	Lodger	Jones	Beatrice	40	119	Married	8th	MD	Maid, hotel	Priv	Blue	William's wife; her lodger
1508 S	Lodger	Grimes	Cicel	42	121	Married	9th	Barbados	Night engineer, apt	Priv	Blue	naturalized; prev lived NY; her lodger
1508 S	Lodger	Grimes	Lilian	30	109	Married	12th	DC	Domestic, priv homes	Priv	Blue	prev lived NY; Cicel's wife; her lodger
1508 S		Grimes	Mildred H.	0	79	Single		DC				their infant daughter
1508 S	Lodger	Hudson	Amelia	35	114	Single	9th	VA	Domestic, priv homes; in school	Priv	Blue	her lodger
1508 S	Lodger	Cooper	Bernard	35	114	Single	Coll 3	DC	Interior decorator	Priv	White	her lodger
1512 S	Owner	Bernard	Albert	63	142	Married	8th	VA	No occ listed, not working			
1512 S		Bernard	Susie E.	58	137	Married	7th	MD	Housewife		Pink	his wife
1512 S	Lodger	Williams	Daniel W.	49	128	Widower	9th	VA	Waiter, White House	Gov	Blue	their lodger
1512 S	Lodger	Moore	James H.	40	119	Widower	8th	VA	Auto mechanic, City Post Office	Gov	Blue	their lodger
1512 S	Lodger	Boyd	Richard T.	30	109	Single	Coll 4	VA	Waiter, VA Gulf Club	Priv	Blue	their lodger; prev lived Norfolk VA
1512 S	Renter	Parrott	Grace W.	35	114	Divorced	Coll 4	DC	Social worker	Priv	White	
1512 S		Parrott	Grace W.	13	92	Single	7th	DC				Grace's daughter
1512 S		Parrott	Gladys	12	91	Single	5th	DC				Grace's daughter
1512 S	Renter	Morris	George C.	28	107	Married	Coll 4	DE	Clerk, Patent Office	Gov	White	
1512 S		Morris	Mabel E.	29	108	Married	Coll 4	CT	Teacher, public school	Gov	White	George's wife
1512 S		Dade	James	16	95	Single	10th	CT	in school			George's BIL
1514 S	Renter	Fletcher	Louise	66	145	Widow	7th	VA	Housewife		Pink	
1514 S		Fletcher	Virginia	42	121	Single	8th	VA	Waitress, club	Priv	White	Louise's daughter
1514 S		Fletcher	James	34	113	Single	7th	VA	Store chauffeur	Priv	Blue	Louise's son
1514 S		Fletcher	Willis L.	30	109	Single	12th	VA	Messenger, War Dept	Gov	Blue	Louise's son
1514 S	Renter	Fletcher	Alice Ogle	45	124	Widow	12th	WA	Operative, Bureau of Engraving	Gov	Blue	
1514 S		Ogle	Hazel M.	25	104		12th	DC	Nurse, Freedmen's Hospital	Priv	White	Alice's daughter
1514 S	Lodger	Boyle	Richard Theod	58	137	Single	Coll 4	VA	Waiter, club	Priv	White	Alice's lodger; came from Camp Snowden
1514 S	Renter	Fletcher	Edward J.	35	114	Married	7th	VA	Chauffeur, priv home	Priv	Blue	
1514 S		Fletcher	Alice P.	34	113	Married	12th	VA	Servant, priv family	Priv	Blue	his wife
1514 S	Lodger	Ray	Van A.	47	126	Married	5th	PA	Truck driver, City Post Office	Gov	Blue	their lodger
1514 S	Lodger	Brown	Louis	29	108	Single	10th	DC	Porter, apt house	Priv	Blue	their lodger

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1726-1738th Street, NW, 1940 Census

Address	Own/Rent	Last Name	First Name	Age	Age 2019	Marital St	Education	Birthplace	Occupation	Govt/Private	Collar	Notes
1726 15th	Renter	Eskridge	Daniel	72	151	Married	5th	VA	No occ listed			
1726 15th		Eskridge	Matilda	69	148	Married	9th	DC	Unable to work			Daniel's wife
1726 15th		Eskridge	Leon	43	122	Married	Coll 3	DC	Bookbinder, USG	Gov	Blue	their son
1726 15th		Eskridge	Isadore	37	116	Married	Coll 5	DC	Teacher, public sch	Gov	White	Leon's wife
1726 15th		Eskridge	Mary	17	96	Single	11th	DC				their granddaughter/Leon and Isadore's daughter
1726 15th		Eskridge	Theodore	1	80			DC				their grandson/Leon and Isadore's son
1728 15th	Renter	Young	Leroy	35	114	Married	9th	SC	Custodian, public sch	Gov	Blue	
1728 15th		Young	Lottie	39	118	Married	12th	SC	Unable to work			Leroy's wife
1728 15th	Owner	Scott	Wellington	56	135	Married	9th	VA	Massager, Senate	Gov	Blue	city directory says physiotherapy aid, Senate Office Bldg
1728 15th		Scott	Florence	51	130	Married	12th	DC	Maid, Senate	Gov	Blue	Wellington's wife
1730 15th	Lodger	Srattton	Julia	37	116	Widow	Coll 4	DC	Social worker, WPA	Gov	White	their lodger
1730 15th	Renter	McCoy	Ernest	45	124	Married	9th	NC	Waiter, dining car	Priv	Blue	
1730 15th		McCoy	Mary	30	109	Married	12th	AL	Maid, priv home	Priv	Blue	Ernest's wife
1730 15th		McCoy	Doria	10	89	Single	4th	AL				their daughter; in school
1730 15th		Mosehead	Janie	64	143	Widow	12th	WA	Housekeeper	Priv	Blue	renter?
1730 15th	Lodger	Mitchell	James B.	27	106	Single	Coll 5	VA	Undergrad instructor, Hc Gov		White	
1730 15th	Lodger	Smith	Edgar J.	32	111	Single	Coll 4	NC	Mail carrier, City Post Of Gov		Blue	
1732 15th	Renter	Lee	John S.	70	149	Married	6th	DC	No occ listed			
1732 15th		Lee	Belle	68	147	Married	4th	VA	Housewife		Pink	John's wife
1732 15th		Lee	James	25	104	Single	10th	DC	Unemployed/looking for work			their son
1732 15th	Owner	Douglass	Haley	57	136	Married	Coll 4	NY	Teacher, public sch	Gov	White	Frederick Douglass' grandson; house demolished 1987
1732 15th		Douglass	Evelyn	36	115	Married	Coll 4	CA	Housewife		Pink	Haley's wife
1732 15th		Douglass	Jean	7	86	Single	1st	WA				their daughter; in school; Frederick's great-granddaughter
1734 15th	Owner	Herndon	Jessie A. (t	72	151	Married	3rd	VA	Broom maker, home, sel	Priv	Blue	city directory lists as Jesse M.
1734 15th		Herndon	Susie	67	146	Married	12th	VA	Housewife		Pink	Jessie's wife; city directory lists as Sarah
1734 15th	Lodger	Benton	Mary	26	105	Married	11th	NC	Cook, priv home	Priv		their lodger
1734 15th	Renter	Spencer	Richard	57	136	Married	8th	DC	Porter, steam railroad	Priv	Blue	
1734 15th		Spencer	Ida	39	118	Married	12th	DC	Housewife		Pink	Richard's wife
1736 15th	Owner	Williams	Esta J.	48	127	Married	12th	WV	Landlady	Priv	White	city directory lists as Hester
1736 15th		Williams	Charles W	58	137	Married	12th	DC	Custodian, public sch	Gov	Blue	Hester's husband
1736 15th	Lodger	Stanley	William H.	64	143	Married	Coll 5	MD	No occ listed			their lodger
1736 15th	Lodger	Stanley	Georgie B.	60	139	Married	12th	PA	Housewife		Pink	Charles' wife
1736 15th	Lodger	Polk	Odell	26	105	Single	Coll 4	AR	Waiter, hotel dining roor	Priv	Blue	their lodger
1736 15th	Lodger	Tunley	Edith	49	128	Divorced	Coll 2	VA	Clerk, Congressional Libr	Gov	White	their lodger
1736 15th	Lodger	Hilburn	Eugene	39	118	Single	Coll 5	TX	Watchman	Priv	Blue	their lodger
1736 15th	Lodger	Turley	Edith?	34	113	no information recorded						their lodger
1738 15th	Renter	Rooks	Larisa(?)	35	114	Married	Coll 1	NC	Dressmaker, self-employ	Priv	Blue	
1738 15th	Lodger	Harris	Helen	16	95	Single	11th	VA	in school			her lodger
1738 15th	Renter	Lucas	M. Grant	69	148	Widower	Coll 5	DC	No occ listed			
1738 15th	Renter	Jackson	Julia	64	143	Widow	5th	DC	Unable to work			his lodger
1738 15th	Lodger	Wilkinson	Harriet	36	115	Divorced	10th	MS	Elevator operator, Pensi Gov		Blue	his lodger

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Appendix D

Occupation of Residents, 1940 Census

Occupation	#
Housewife	11
Maid	8
Waiter	5
Domestic	5
Teacher	3
Janitor	3
Clerk	3
Servant	3
Social worker	2
Cook	2
Porter	2
Student	2
Chauffeur	2
Laborer	2
Messenger	2
Porter	2
Bookbinder	1
Professor	1
Mailman	1
Broom maker	1
Landlady	1
Watchman	1
Dressmaker	1
Elevator operator	1
Auto mechanic	1
Barber	1
Butler	1
Interior decorator	1
Night engineer	1
Nurse	1
Operator	1
Paperhanger	1
Printer's asst	1
Supply	1
Truck driver	1
Waitress	1

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3 were unable to work, 6 were unemployed, and 5 had no occupation listed.

Appendix E

Photograph of Haley George Douglas (1881-1954)

Taken at the launch of the *S.S. Frederick Douglass*, Baltimore, MD, 1943



Source: "Namerican (sic) Educator; Grandson Of Frederick Douglass. Photographed At The Launch Celebration Of The *S.S. Frederick Douglass* In Baltimore, Maryland. Photograph, 22 May 1943," <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Haley-Douglass-1881-1954-Namerican-Educator-Grandson-Frederick-Douglass-Photographed-Launch-Celebration-SS-Frederick-Douglass-Baltimore-Maryland-Phot/743733039>

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
☐ previously listed in the National Register
☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☐ State Historic Preservation Office
☐ Other State agency
☐ Federal agency
☐ Local government
☐ University
☐ Other

Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2.12

(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 Zone LAT 38.913693 LONG -77.035827
East ing North

3 Zone East North
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2 Zone East North
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4 Zone East North
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Scottish Rite Temple at 16th and S Sts. NW, already landmarked has purchased all the property behind the temple extending East to 15th and extending from S St. South to the alley North of the Chastleton. This proposal would amend the existing landmark to include all of land behind the Temple just described

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Masons purchased the row houses on the block and demolished them to create an open space behind the Temple. The amendment to the application includes all the property SRT acquired from curb to curb.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.

- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Scottish Rite Temple

City or Vicinity: 16th, S and 15th Sts. Washington DC

County: DC

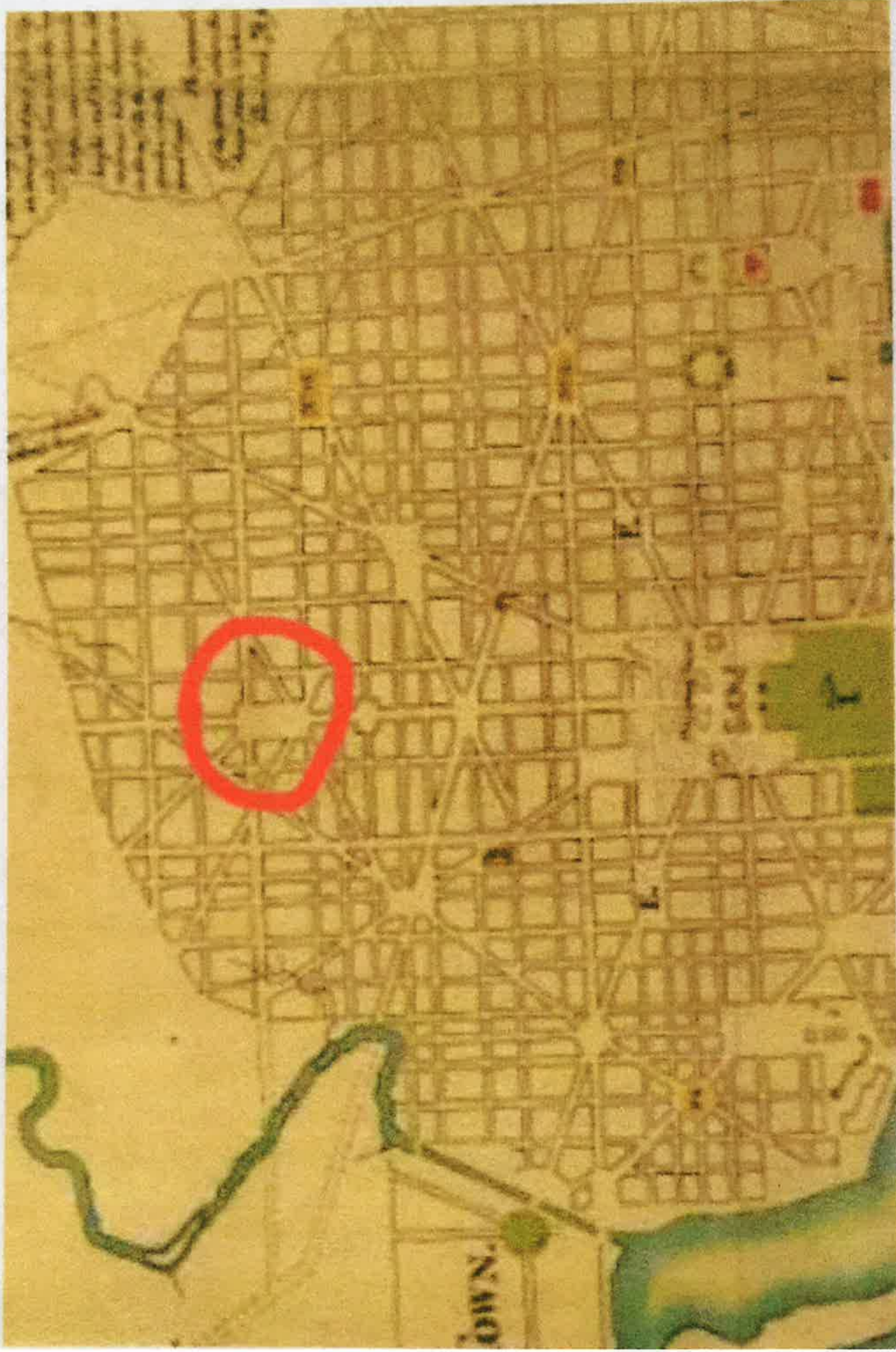
State: DC

Photographer: Bob Uth,

Date Photographed: 2-20-29 and 3-19-19

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A: Structured Temple Garden from S Street



B: Rear View of Temple from S Street

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C: Rear Temple night view from 15th Street



D: Structured Temple Garden and Rear View of Temple from 15th Street

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Property Owner:

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

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LANDMARK APPLICATION

SCOTTISH RITE TEMPLE

Sketch map of boundaries with photos marked A, B, C, D

