

Historic Resource Inventory - Bristol United Church of Christ

Lakes Region Planning Commission - Bristol, New Hampshire

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Basic Data

Town	Bristol
County	Grafton
UTM	
USGS Quad	Bristol
Survey Number	13
Date	
Location	15 Church Street
Owner	Bristol United Church of Christ f/k/a Bristol Federated Church
Address	15 Church Street Bristol, NH 03222
Map and Parcel Number	115-064
Common Name	Bristol United Church of Christ
Historic Name	First Congregational Church; Bristol Federated Church
Functional Type	Church
Present Use	Church
Architect/Builder	John Mason & James Gordon
Condition	good
Integrity	original site
Date Moved	
Major Alterations and Date	Remodeled 1844, 1870
Level/Significance	
Source	R. Musgrove / A History of Bristol
Style	Victorian
Boundary and Acreage Description	Bounded on North by Church Street, on East by South Main Street, on West by Second Street, and on South now or formerly by Darlene C. Mann, Ernest & Marian Grant, and Steven & Marion Smith; 1.2 acres

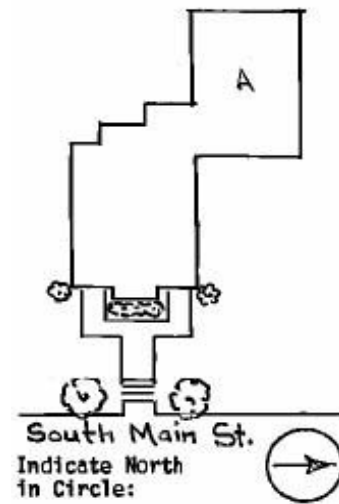
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Original church modeled after Salisbury Meeting House. Enlarged and Victorianized in 1870.
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Map



A. Architectural Description
Architecture Style

Victorian

Building Type	Church
Number of Stories	1.5
Dimensions	44 x 70
Bays	3 x 4
Architecture Form	Rectangular plan
Foundation	Cut granite blocks
Structure Type	Post and beam
Wall Sheathing	East - flushboard; Rest of structure clapboard
Wall Ornamentation	Paneled corner pilasters
Roof Type	Gable
Roof Sheathing	Sheet metal
Dormers/Cupolas	
Roof Details	
Number of Chimneys	3
Chimneys Location	Interior slope
Chimney Materials	Brick
Chimneys Description	Corbeled caps
Gable End Eaves Treatment	Box cornice, deep frieze, pedimented (interrupted by tower)
Windows Placement	symmetrical, paired
Windows Shape	semi-circular arches
Windows Sash	8 over 6
Windows Surrounds	Joined arched wooden hood moulds
Main Entry Location	2 main entry doors - off center — on the East side
Main Entry Door	Double paneled doors
Main Entry Surround: Flanked	
Main Entry Surround: Topped	Semi-circular fanlight
Main Entry Framed	Paneled pilasters supporting pediment with dentiled cornice
Number of other entries	
Location of other entries	
Surrounds of other entries	
Number of Porches/Hoods	
Style/Roof Type	
Location of Porches/Hoods	
Porches/Hoods Supports	
Porches/Hoods: Other Features	

Number of Bay Windows/Towers	1
Bay Windows/Towers Location	Center East facade
Bay Windows/Towers Stories	3
Bay Windows/Towers Shape	Square plan
Bay Windows/Towers Description	Story 1 - triple arched window; Story 2 - clock; Story 3 - belfry with arched openings, octagonal spire
Number of Ells/Wings	1
Stories (from map)	2
Bays	Irregular
Ells/Wings Description	Modern addition to rear of church, incorporating classrooms, offices, meeting rooms, etc.
Storefronts Configuration	
Storefronts Windows	
Storefronts Doors	
Storefronts Signage	
Storefronts Materials/Details	

B. Site Description/Surrounding Environment

Number of related structures	
Type of related structures	
Description of related structures	
Built Landscape Features	Granite steps on walkway
Natural Landscape Features	Ornamental trees

C. Significance

Architectural Importance/Integrity	A good example of Victorian updating of an older church
Site Integrity	Hillside location makes church one of Bristol's most prominent buildings
Historic Associations	Oldest church in Bristol, in use for over a century and a half

D. References

References	R. Musgrove / A History of the Town of Bristol
Map Data	1860 county; 1884 birdseye; 1892 atlas; 1903 Musgrove