

MORRIS BROWN AME Church

COMMON NAME: " "
ADDRESS: 13 Morris Street

CLASSIFICATION: Building

TYPE: church

CONTRACTOR: H.A.DeCosta, 1957 remodeling

DESCRIPTION: large rectangular frame church extensively renovated in 1957; 3x6 bays w/ prostyle portico w/ pediment having a circular multipane window & 4 piers (stone clad) a central portion of facade w/ central entrance bay recessed; parapet to either side of pediment continues 1 bay S on E & W elevs. (this front section added or extensively**) OUTBUILDINGS: none

RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS: Urban; residential/commercial

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: organized 1867 as splinter group from Emanuel AME Ch., built in 1875, dramatically enlarged by add. of 2 side aisles @ unknown period

POTENTIAL: NHL NR NRHD NAER

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OWNER/ADDRESS: as above

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PRESENT USE: church

CONDITION: good (much orig. fabric hidden)

CONSTRUCTION: frame w/ later brick veneer

PREVIOUS OWNERS:

ORIGINAL SITE/MOVED (DATE:)

ORIGINAL USE: church

ALTERED/UNALTERED: 1957, see DESCRIPTION

ROOF: gable; standing seam metal

FOUNDATION: concealed by brick veneer

BIBLIOGRAPHIC & RELATED DATA: Legerton Hist. Churches of Chas., 54-55

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COUNTY: Charleston

ADDRESS: 13 Morris Street

REGION: B-C-D

NAME: Morris Brown AME Ch.

CITY: Charleston

* datestone at N/E corner indicates that church was " founded in 1867 / remodeled in 1957"

** altered in 1957; E&W, or side, elevs. have 6 bays, the 5 southernmost being large multipane windows triple hung (8/8/8) with an 8-pane fixed section above (westernmost bay has 2 6/6 windows set to suggest 2-stories; unadorned entablature at front section; box cornice w/ entablature at sides; facade door is double-leafed w/ raised panels, set under a bracketed hood; large side windows are original, front section either dates entirely to 1957 work or was extensively redefined at that time; large, 1-story wing dating to 1960s-1970s extends in perpendicular fashion from rear of the old portion of the church to St. Philip Street, this bldg. is of brick

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