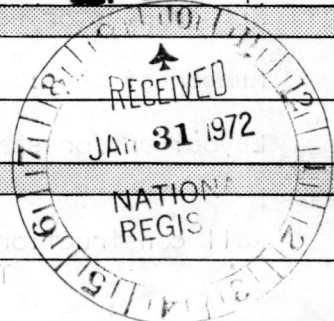


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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:
John Street Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
44 John Street

CITY OR TOWN:
New York

STATE: New York CODE: 36 COUNTY: New York CODE: 061

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
John Street Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
44 John Street

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 36

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
New York County Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Chambers Street

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 36

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

DATE OF SURVEY: Dec. 21, 1965 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
305 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 36

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number of stories: The church is one story high with basement.

Number of bays: The John Street (north) facade is three bays wide.

Layout and/or shape of plan: The plan is basically rectangular with a semi-circular apse.

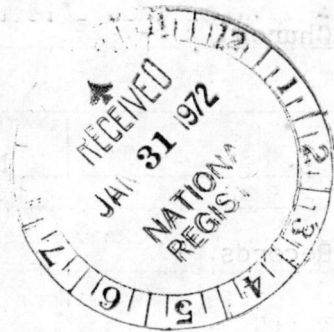
Wall construction: The north facade is brown-colored stuccoed brick. The remaining walls are brick.

Structural system: The structural system is masonry bearing wall.

Roof, cornice: On the north facade there is a pediment with a raking cornice and a closed lower cord surmounting a full entablature profiled at the ends.

Other notable features: There is a Palladian window placed directly above the broad main entrance door. Flanking the doorway are two elongated round-arched windows.

The pediment enframes a lunette window.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1841

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Street Methodist Church is an example of the classical style applied to a small ecclesiastical building. Standing on the site of the earliest Methodist church in New York, the present structure is the product of the third rebuilding, accomplished in 1841. The Methodist Society in New York was founded by two disciples of John Wesley, who had immigrated to America. Their first building, a small one in the colonial style, was dedicated in 1768. A rebuilding of 1817-18 created a building from which many of the elements -- hand-hewn beams, curved stairways to the sanctuary, floorboards and pews -- were retained as part of the present church.

The John Street facade, crowned by a wide, low pediment with a lunette, is dominated by the great Palladian window above the entrance door frame. Two tall round-arched windows which flank the central bay are framed by plain frames carried on a corbeled sill. They are crowned by arches with keystones. At present, there are plans for a new building to the west which will be open at ground level, exposing the western wall of the church for the first time. This plan will require that the exposed wall be finished in a sympathetic manner, and it will provide a dramatic new view of the building.

Inside the church, in addition to the portions of its fabric which have survived from the earlier building, there are several reminders of its history. A large basement room serves as a gallery displaying prints, paintings and other objects including a large clock which was sent to the first congregation by John Wesley. A balcony in the nave was employed in the days before the Civil War as a way station on the Underground Railroad.

Doubly distinguished by its architecture and by its roots in colonial times, this church still stands, a notable structure in the City.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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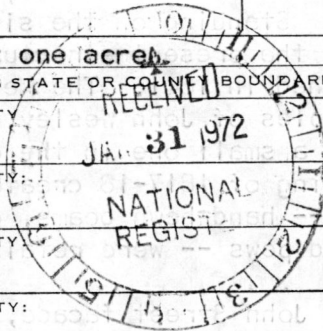
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Stephen S. Lash, Associate

ORGANIZATION: New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission DATE: Sept. 24, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 305 Broadway

CITY OR TOWN: New York STATE: New York CODE: 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: Chairman, N.Y. State Historic Trust

Date: 04/72

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

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/4/73

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5/31/73

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The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

- 1. Name. _____
- 2. Location. _____

- 3. Classification. _____
- 4. Owner of Property. _____
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- 8. Statement of Significance. _____

- 9. Bibliography. _____
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 - a. Longitude and Latitude Coordinates: _____
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Clarification or correction of the above items must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

THANKS-

Thank you for your attention to the above items checked.

SIGNED: Very D. Ryan

Ing N.Y. city

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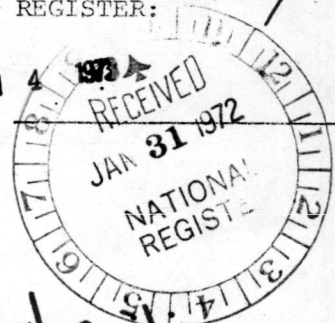
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ARCHEOLOGIST Accept KH 5/7/73

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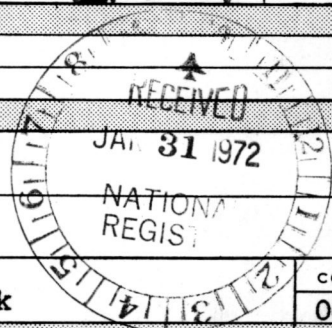
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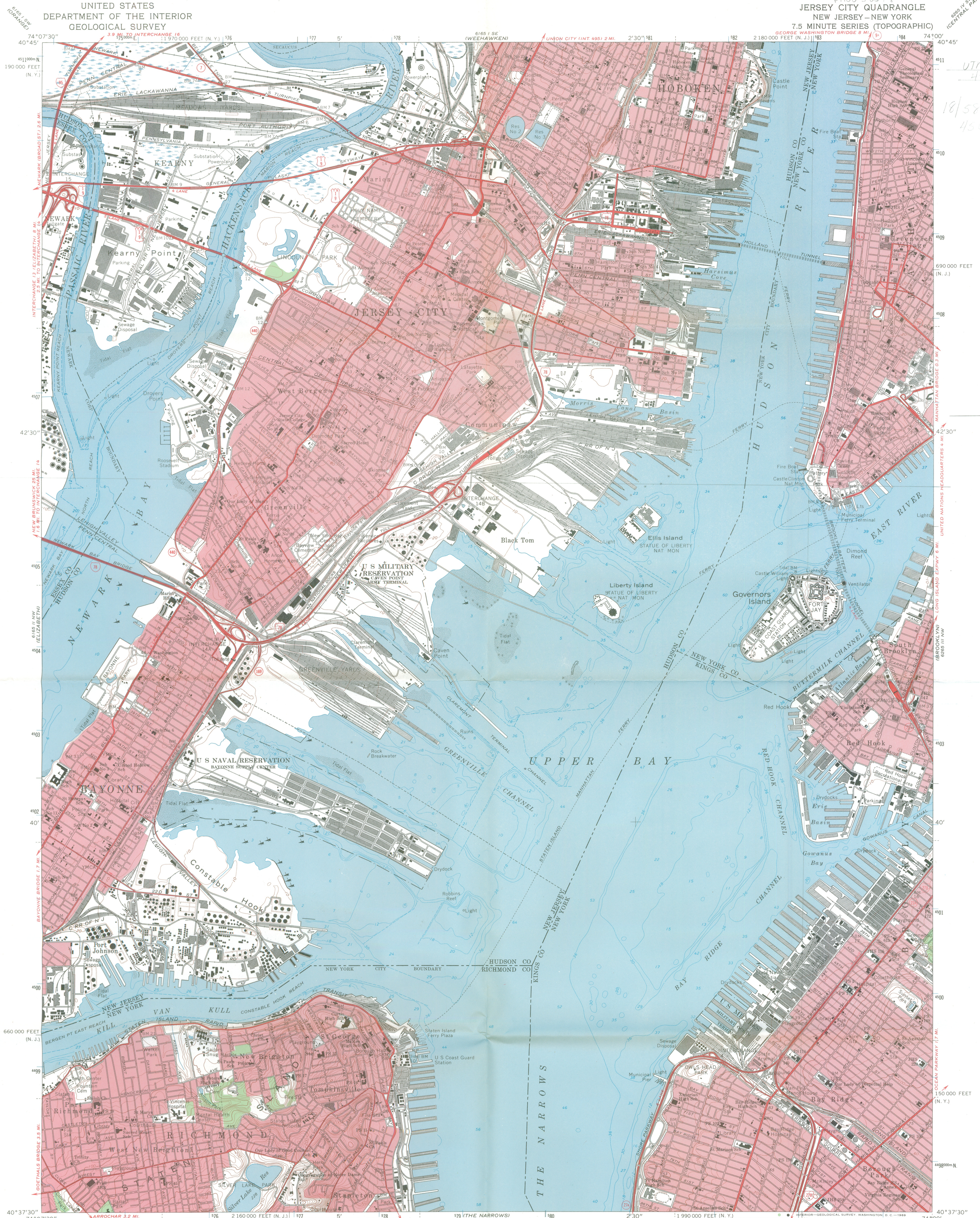
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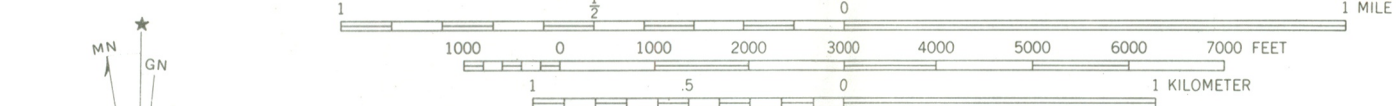
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Alexander Aldrich
Commissioner

April 12, 1973

Mr. Jerry Rogers
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am returning herewith the National Register form for the John St. Methodist Church in New York County, New York. Enclosed please find a more recent photograph than the one originally submitted which is also enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Lynn Beebe Weaver
Research Assistant
Division for Historic
Preservation

LBW/djf



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