

To: Register Sub-Committee, South Australian Heritage Committee

RE: REGISTER NOMINATION :

- DUTTON MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, HAMILTON

SUMMARY

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Environmentally the church contributes to the general physical character of Hamilton and its immediate environs. It also forms an attractive group in the landscape with its associated church hall and cemetery.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Dutton Memorial Church of St. Matthew be included upon the Register of State Heritage Items, and that it be categorised as A1, A3, H2, and H3.

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EVALUATION ANALYSIS DUTTON MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, HAMILTON.

Criterion	Comment	Grading				
		E	VG	A/G	F/P	N/A
A. <u>Architecture</u>						
1. Style	Early English		*			
2. Construction	Stone walls, brick buttresses. Marseilles terra cotta tiled roof, particularly well built.		*			
3. Age	1896			*		
4. Architect	F.T. Naish			*		
Builder	Messrs. E. James & Co.					
5. Design	Simple layout.			*		
6. Interior	Richly detailed and decorated; an outstanding interior.	*				
B. <u>History</u>						
7. Person/Group	Associated with H. Dutton of "Anlaby"		*			
8. Event						
9. Context	Illustrates development supporting expanding wheat trade of 1850's - 1860's.			*		
C. <u>Environment</u>						
10. Continuity	Important in establishing older character of Hamilton and environs.			*		
11. Siting	Forms part of ecclestical group		*			
12. Landscaping	Set amongst eucalyptus trees.			*		
13. Landmark	Familiar structure in Hamilton.			*		
D. <u>Usability</u>						
14. Compatibility	Compatible with zoning of area		*			
15. Adaptability	Limited scope for adaptation (see report)					
16. Interpretation	High potential for interpretation	*				

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Dutton Memorial Church of St. Matthew in Hamilton has been recommended to the Minister for inclusion upon the 1980/81 State Heritage Fund Programme for financial assistance, subject to it being included upon the Register of State Heritage Items. This report is prepared in accordance with this recommendation.

2. BACKGROUND

The Dutton Memorial Church of St. Matthew is located in Hamilton, a small town near Kapunda. It is listed on the Register of the National Estate, and is included on the Classified List of the South Australian National Trust. It is still used as a church.

3. DESCRIPTION

Architecture

The Dutton Memorial Church of St. Matthew was built in 1896 for Mr. H. Dutton of Anlaby. It was designed by the architect Mr. F.T. Naish in the Early English style, this being a popular derivation at the time from Victorian Gothic. The builder was Messrs. E. James & Co. The church consists of a chancel, nave, vestry, organ chamber, store room and porch, and has a large tower located at the western end. It is basically constructed of stone with brick buttresses and chamfered brick window and door jambs, and is notable for its Marseilles terra cotta roof tiling. Externally the design is quite attractive, being particularly well detailed. Externally the church is most impressive with three stained glass windows over the altar, ceilings to both nave and chancel of painted panelled timber, an oak panelled dado, elaborate cornices, murals to the sanctuary opening, choir stalls of carved oak, the original light fittings (now electrified), a rood screen of carved oak, and elaborate murals in the sanctuary. Overall the interior is outstanding for its richness of detail and decoration. (refer attachments for detailed description).

History

Hamilton, a small town 16 kilometres north of Kapunda, was established in 1863 as one of several new townships in the lower north to service the expanding wheat frontier. Hamilton was a fast growing settlement, benefitting from the Burra mine traffic, and soon acquired a District Council, a number of shops and two hotels. The extension of the railway to Burra in 1870 severely checked the township's progress, as did the actions of some wealthy pastoralists in hindering the small scale agricultural development in the northern country. ¹

1. Williams, M. The Making of the South Australian Landscape
(London, 1974) p.33.

One of the most famous South Australian pastoral families was the Dutton family who resided at "Anlaby", near Kapunda. The Duttons made many donations to the civic development of Kapunda, and in 1896, financed the entire cost of the new St. Matthew's Church of England at Hamilton. Built as a memorial to some deceased members of the family, the Church was richly endowed with furnishings and elaborate decorations, as befitted the high social status of the Duttons.

The church, often described as a small cathedral, is an extremely important building both in Hamilton, a semi-deserted hamlet, and in the Lower North.

Environment

The church is located on the southern edge of Hamilton on the eastern side of the Burra Road. Set back quite a way from the road, it is not prominent and at best could be said to generally contribute to the overall character of Hamilton and its environs. A side road goes past the church, which is sited adjacent to its church hall and cemetery.

Usability

While the church as a building is physically adaptable to a wide range of uses, it is obvious that this would not be allowed and that subsequently the degree of adaptability must be assessed as being very low. The church does have a high degree of interpretative value, being illustrative of local history and social ways and being a particularly visually attractive ecclesiastical building.

Integrity

The integrity of the church is very high, with the only alterations to the original being the addition of a storeroom and organ chamber on the northern side. These additions do not affect the integrity of the interior, and are not readily visible from the road. While constructed generally in the same material, the precise detailing is different. The physical conditions appear to be reasonable for a building of its age, with some evidence of structural cracking and water penetration on the northern walls of the organ chamber and store room. Some restoration work has been carried out on the Church in recent years.

4. HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

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5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

A warden of the Dutton Memorial Church of St. Matthew, Hamilton, has applied for a grant from the State Heritage Fund to restore the church building. The church has also been nominated for the S.A. Register of State Heritage Items. Both actions have been approved by the Synod of the Church of England. The Heritage Committee has previously recommended to the Minister that a grant be approved in the 1980/81 funding programme, subject to registration of the church.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

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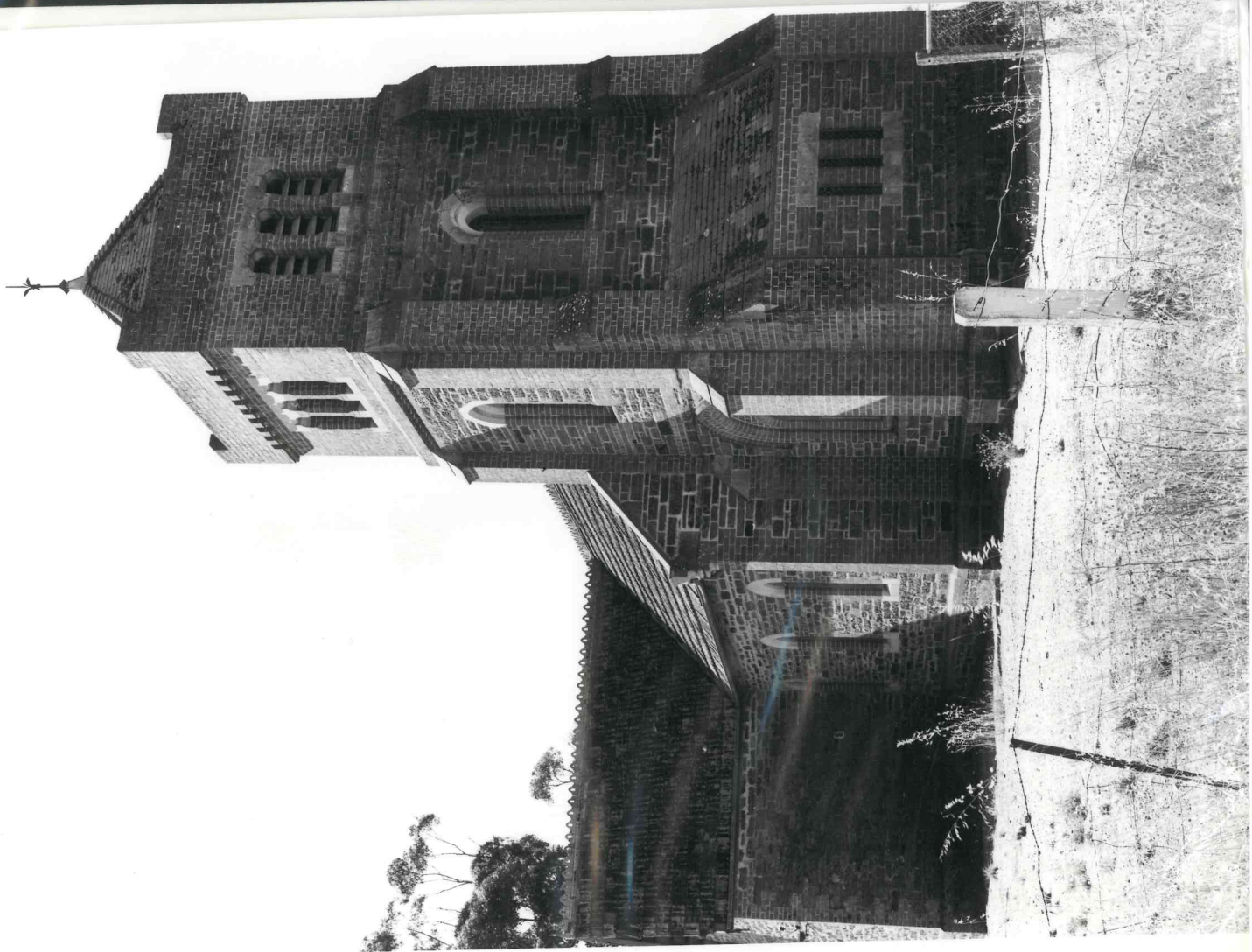
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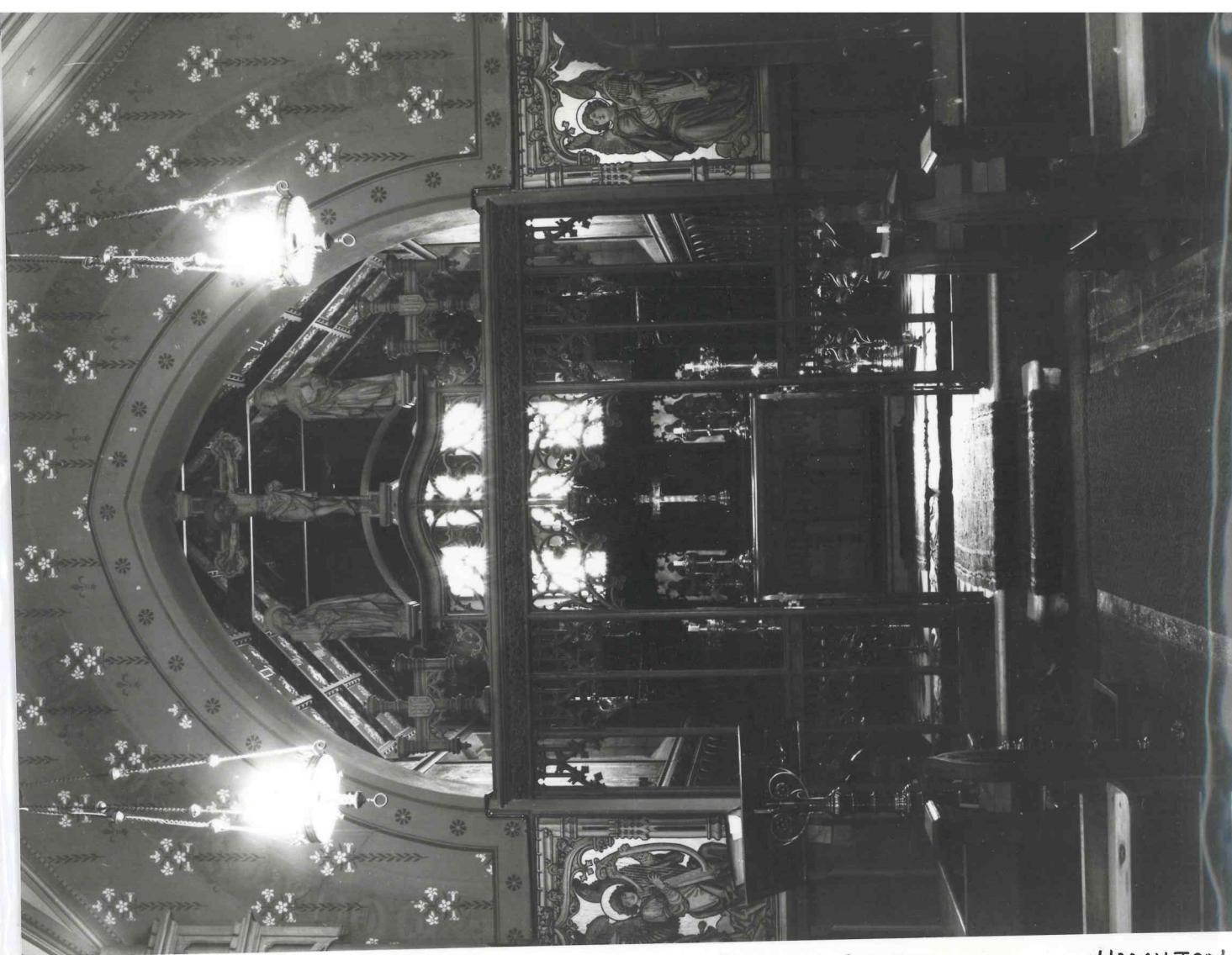
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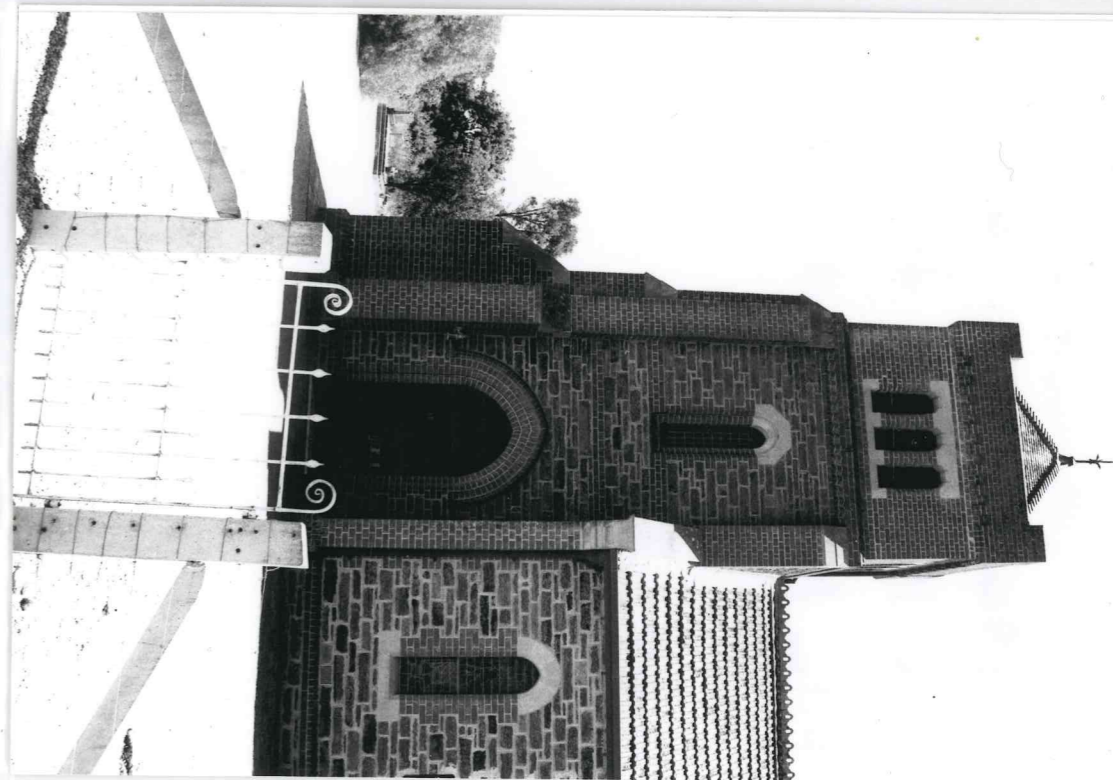
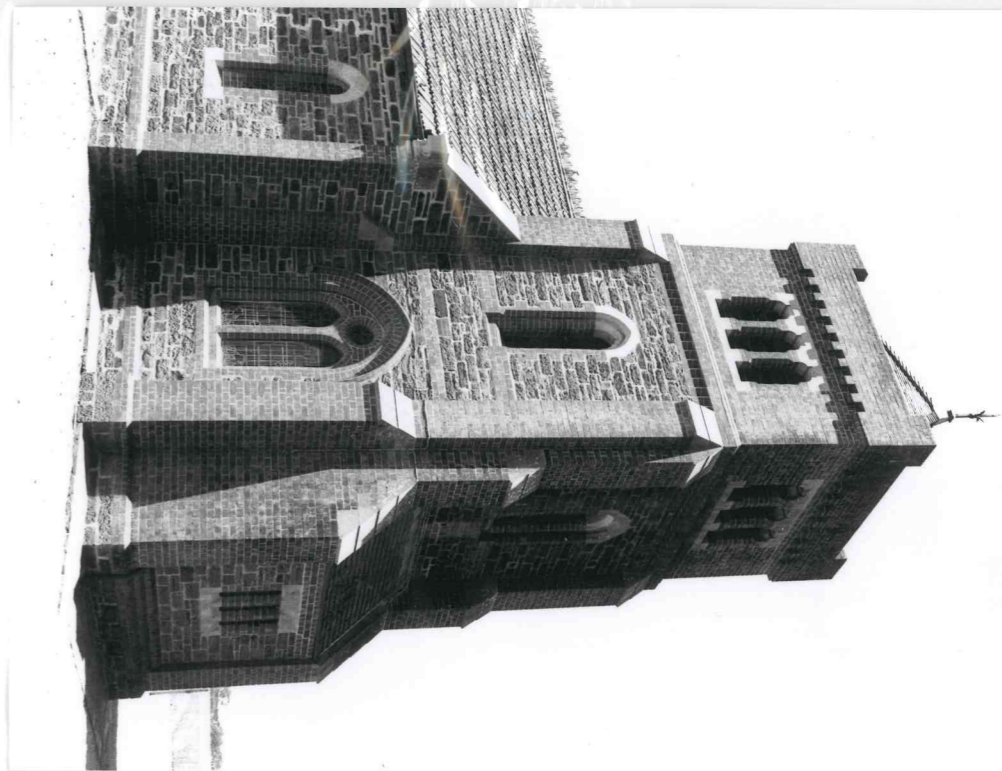
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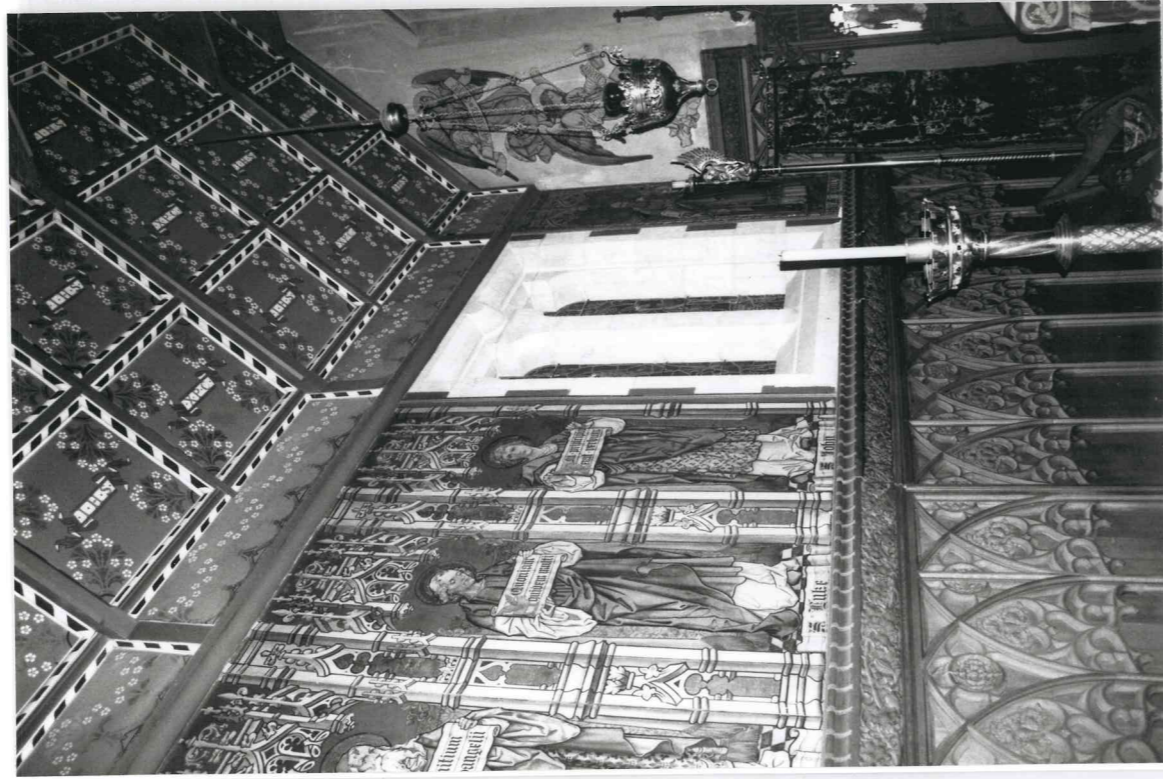


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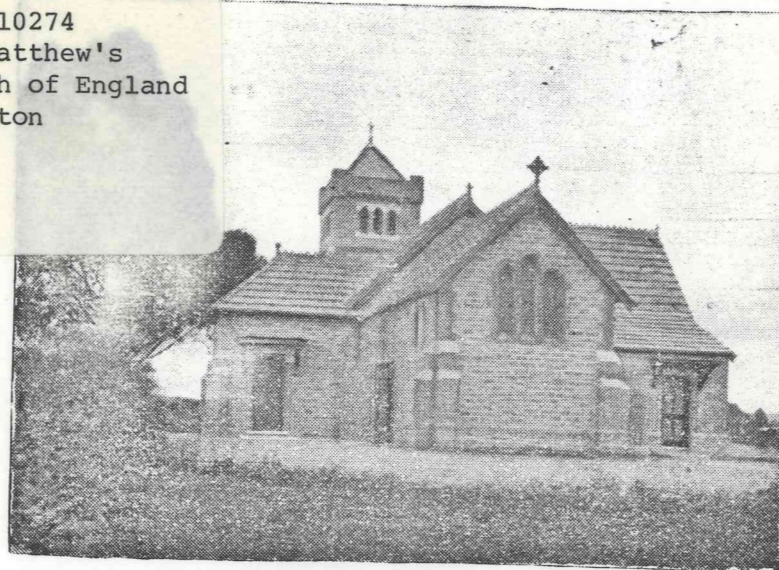




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St. Matthew's Church

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