

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
Oxford
1853;1892;1947

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The cornerstone of this Episcopal church was laid in 1853 upon lands skirted by the Tred Avon River. The first vestry, consisting of General Tench Tilghman of Plimhimmon (T-162), Benjamin M. Bowdle of Judith's Garden (T-172), John H. Allen, James G. Thomas, and John W. Cheezum, engaged Richard M. Upjohn of New York as the architect. The stone walls were erected but the building was not completed. In a historical sketch, Mrs. Virginia S.G. Ritter writes: "Forty years passed, during which time the walls became overgrown with vines; trees sprang up and attained full size within the enclosure." In 1892 an appeal for completion was made and the church was completed with the exception of the tower called for in Upjohn's original plan. In 1945, the church was destroyed by fire, leaving only the stone walls standing. The church was reconstructed with two changes in the design: the entrance was relocated from the north to the west facade with a circular window above; and the chancel was enlarged.



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