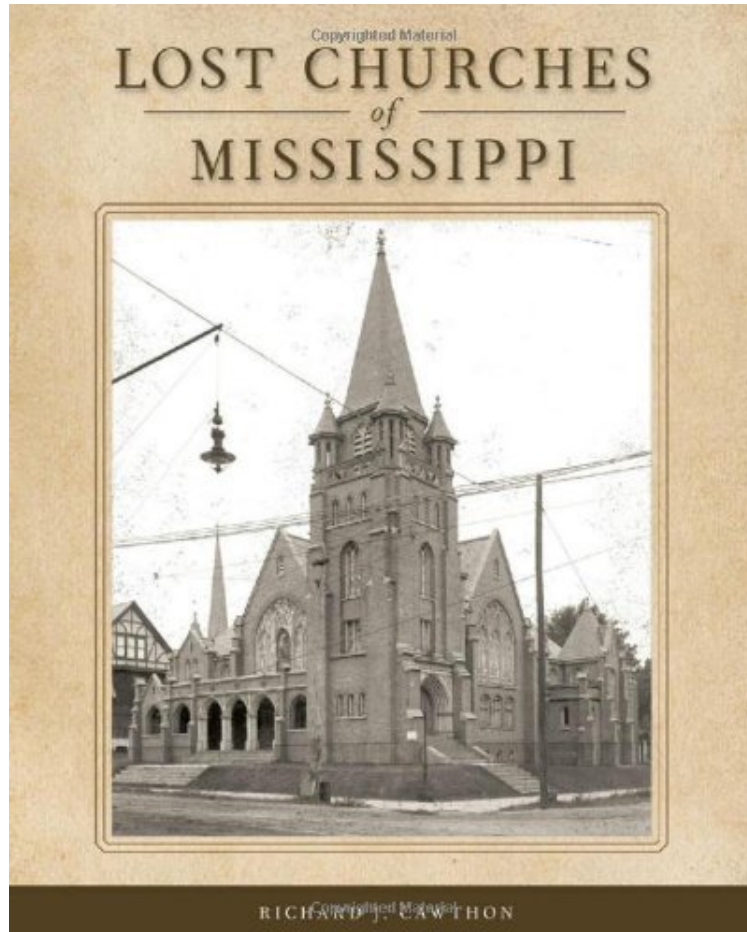


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Lost Churches of Mississippi is a collection of archival photographs, postcards, and drawings of more than one hundred notable churches and synagogues vanquished by fire, disaster, development, or neglect. Constructed primarily from the mid-1800s through the early 1900s, these places of worship were often among the most visually prominent and architecturally striking buildings in Mississippi. Storms, floods, tornadoes, flames, bulldozers, or the disbandment of congregations razed what once was hallowed. In *Lost Churches of Mississippi*, architectural historian Richard J. Cawthon reclaims such noteworthy churches as the old St. Paul's Catholic Church in Vicksburg, Bethel Presbyterian Church near Columbus, the old Trinity Episcopal Church in Pass Christian, and the old First Presbyterian Church in Yazoo City. Selections represent over fifty towns and cities throughout the state and are captured in 180 distinctive black-and-white illustrations from several historical archives and other collections. Cawthon discusses the architectural features and historical background of each house of worship and provides a brief introduction that illuminates the study of lost buildings, as well as a glossary of architectural terms and an annotated bibliography. *Lost Churches of Mississippi* rescues a cardinal legacy and recognizes a portion of the state's rich architectural and religious heritage.

From the Inside Flap A richly illustrated history of over one hundred sacred structures lost to disaster, demolition, or abandonment About the Author Richard J. Cawthon, former chief architectural historian with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, is currently a historic preservation specialist for FEMA's Mississippi Recovery Office and works on the state's Gulf Coast. He wrote the text for *Victorian Houses of Mississippi* and *Historic Churches of Mississippi* (University Press of Mississippi).