

Trinity CME—Augusta, Ga.
Birthplace of the CME Churches of America
1906 Henry Pilcher & Sons Tracker Organ
Organ Restoration by A.E. Schlueter Pipe Organ Co.

Façade Work

Before restoration



After restoration



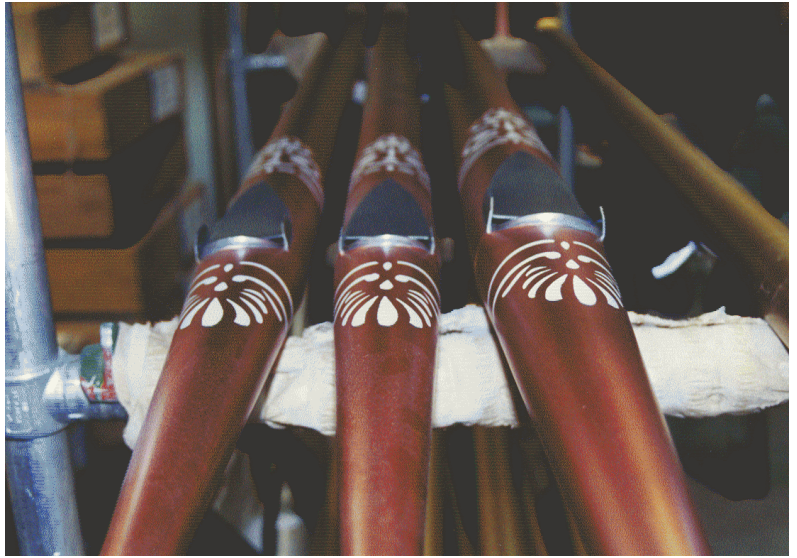
The original façade was showing its age and generations of “repainting” of the pipes in the façade.



Upon arrival of the organ in our shop, our restoration experts went to work removing layer upon layer of paint on the pipes to arrive at the original layer, in order to identify the original paint pigments and stencil designs. Then the pipes were carefully stripped, prepared and painted using the original pigments, techniques and materials. These pipes designed at the turn of the century, originally faded from copper to gold with elaborate stenciling typical of Pilcher.



In the photos below you can see that there are two different coloration and stencil designs on the pipes. Stencils had to be cut for each pair of pipes as they gradually increase in diameter and length, requiring extreme attention to detail.



The façade case was carefully dismantled and refinished by hand by our restoration experts.



The organ is assembled in the shop, the pipes are put into place, and finishing touches are applied.



Once the organ was reinstalled in its new home, the visual effect was stunning.

