

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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## 1. Name

historic Grace Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common Grace United Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street & number 4105 Junius St. N/A not for publication

city, town Dallas N/A vicinity of congressional district

state Texas 75246 code 048 county Dallas code 113

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> museum</span>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> park</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> private residence</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> scientific</span>
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> transportation</span>
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> other:</span>

## 4. Owner of Property

name North Texas Conference, United Methodist Church

street & number P. O. Box 8124 3300 Mockingbird Lane

city, town Dallas N/A vicinity of state Texas 75202

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dallas County Courthouse, Records Building

street & number Corner of Commerce and Houston

city, town Dallas state Texas 75202

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Dallas Historic Landmark  
Recorded Texas Historic Landmark has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Department of Urban Planning, City Hall, Dallas, Tx. 75201  
Texas Historical Commission

city, town Austin state Texas 78712



## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Grace United Methodist Church, located in East Dallas at the corner of Junius and Haskell Streets, is an imposing religious edifice representing one of the earliest and purest examples of Gothic Revival architecture in the area. Designed by St. Louis architect W. A. Caan and constructed in 1903, Grace Church was one of the earliest "suburban" or neighborhood congregations organized within the city. The massing of the brick veneer church exhibits a general horizontal proportion accentuated by a tall tower with spire - a building form characteristic of the early 20th century phase of the Gothic Revival style. While the overall building form and massing is simple, yet picturesque and grand in scale, the exterior facade exhibits excellent ornamental elements in both stone and brick. The brown brick construction is contrasted with both light cast stone and stone detailing in the sills, lintels, coursings, arches, soffits, and cornerstones. Buttresses, cappings, railings, and pinnacles are constructed of metal. The plan of the church is square with a large four-sided bell tower with finialed steeple rising from the northwest corner. The tower contains four small corner turrets at the base of the steeple and a metal balustrade. The lancet form is the salient feature of the tower windows, although flat lintels span the smaller openings. Both the southeast and southwest facades are characterized by single, paired, or triple grouped lancet or segmental arched windows and door openings with brick relieving arches. The southwest elevation appears almost symmetrical with brisk articulation and strong rhythms established by regular fenestration, smaller projecting towers, projecting gables, and surface patterning. The southeast elevation is more irregular with a rounded arch porch which is the main entrance, one projecting gable, and two steepled towers of differing sizes. Other characteristic Gothic devices throughout the church include the quatrefoil motif, stepped wall buttresses with finialed metal cappings, recessed openings, heavy wooden doors, and a relatively steeply-pitched hipped roof.

Exterior brick, stone and metal ornamentation throughout the church is noteworthy and demonstrates the expert craftsmanship of the masons. The ceiling of the southeast porch is constructed of pressed tin and exhibits unusual highly-crafted detailing. A brick stringcourse marks the level of the main floor and separates it from the basement level.

While the exterior of the church is in excellent condition, the interior of the sanctuary is also well-maintained. The Gothic theme is reflected in the interior which features white plaster walls offset with dark wood trim, large stained glass windows, and an exposed, high vaulted ceiling supported by structural and decorative trusses. Among the furnishings of the church, the massive wooden pews and ornate grillwork are impressive. Original stained glass windows with quatrefoil tracery were constructed by the Kansas City Stained Glass Studio, and are located on the southeast and southwest facades.

In 1925, Grace Church was remodeled and an educational unit was added at a cost of \$85,000. Although this additional building located at the northwest corner of the original structure does not display the same Gothic Revival style as the church itself, it was well-constructed in the same brick and is compatible with the architectural qualities of the main church. Originally the church was L-shaped and contained a tower and steeple, two projecting gables and a porch, but after the 1925 remodeling the orientation of the sanctuary was changed, a square floor plan created and the number of gables and towers increased. Presently the church is in excellent condition. It was refurbished in 1966 and has just recently been painted.



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Immediately to the northeast of the church building is the old parsonage, constructed after the original church but long associated with the life of the congregation. While built in similar materials and scale, its horizontal Prairie School design contrasts with the verticality of the Gothic Revival sanctuary. The two-story structure has had unsympathetic alterations over the years.

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church is located in an older neighborhood of mixed residential and commercial structures. Its old East Dallas surroundings were perhaps the most prestigious residential area in the city at the time the Church was constructed, and other very substantial contemporaneous churches survive in the immediate area. Additional property purchased for parking is not included in the National Register nomination.



## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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**Specific dates** 1903, 1925

**Builder/Architect**

W. A. Caan - Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

An outstanding architectural landmark in the city of Dallas, Grace United Methodist Church, built in 1903 in the Gothic Revival style, represents one of the oldest Methodist congregations in Dallas County. Established in the East Dallas community to serve the existing residential areas as well as the rapidly developing Swiss Avenue and Munger Place districts, the edifice stands as an architectural focal point and stabilizing feature in an area of expansion. Massive in size and rich in detail, the structure incorporates early 20th century Gothic Revival design elements and decorative motifs, skillfully produced with high quality materials and fine craftsmanship. Particularly noteworthy are the large stained glass windows, expertly-crafted exterior brickwork, rich moldings, and excellent ornamental stonework. Grace Methodist Church is significant also for its association with both prominent statesmen and local citizens who contributed significantly to the early political, cultural and social development of the City of Dallas and the State.

Grace Methodist Church, organized in 1902 through the consolidation of the Floyd Street and Haskell Avenue Churches, has a history which dates back to 1868, when Joshua Addington established a Sunday School in Green's Hall on Swiss Avenue. This event marked the beginning of the Dallas City Mission. In 1873 the Floyd Street Mission was organized, while the Haskell Avenue Church, another project of the Dallas City Mission, was organized in 1875.

In the fall of 1902 Reverend L. S. Barton, pastor of the Floyd Street Church, initiated plans for the construction of a new church in East Dallas. Under his leadership sufficient money was raised and the property on which the present structure is located was purchased. At the session of the North Texas Conference held at Terrell, Texas in November of 1902, Floyd Street Church and Haskell Avenue Church were combined into a single parish and Reverend P. R. Knickerbocker was appointed pastor.

Only a few families constituted the membership of the combined churches, and the congregation remained so small after the merger that a number of members of the First Methodist Church were induced to join. Membership since has varied, with the congregation numbering 1,887 in 1925 and 390 in 1979. Many of Dallas' most prominent citizens have belonged to the church and have played a vital role in the church's continued success and political affairs of the state. Early members included J. R. Temple, former mayor of Dallas (1947-49), "poet laureate" of Texas W. H. Lamar, and Judge O. B. Colquitt, former governor of Texas.

Although Grace Methodist Church is not the oldest congregation in East Dallas, it is the oldest continuing congregation. Grace and Trinity Methodist Churches were the first suburban churches constructed in Dallas, while the First Methodist Church remained downtown. Built at a cost of \$55,000, Grace Church was expanded in 1925 to include an educational unit which is compatible in architectural design and vital to the function of the church. Other than the 1925 additions, the structure has remained virtually unaltered since its completion.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet.

# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Dallas, Texas

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The area to be included in the nomination includes parts of Lot 1, City of Dallas Block 6/774 as outlined in red on the accompanying continuation sheet.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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Barbara C. Nage1

organization Dept. of Urban Planning, City Hall, Dallas, Tx. 75201  
Texas Historical Commission date November 16, 1981

street & number P. O. Box 12276 telephone (214) 670-4133  
(512) 475-3094

city or town Austin state Texas 78711

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 17 Sept. 1982

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

*ja*

date 11/4/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



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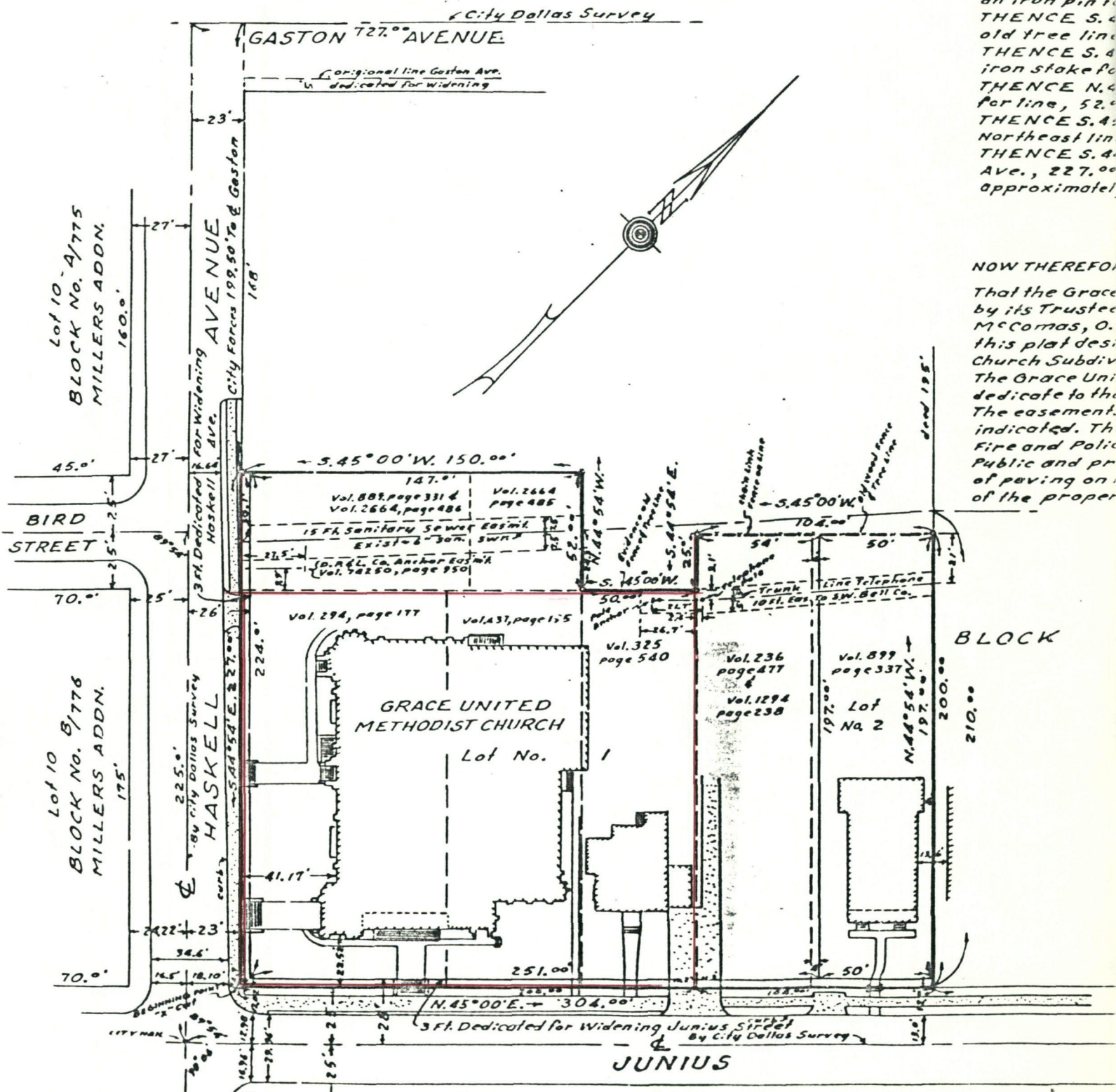
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Substantive Review

Grace Methodist Episcopal Church  
Dallas County  
TEXAS

Working No. 9/27/82-2711  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 10/24/82 - 11/11/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 11/4/82  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Next door parsonage is included within the boundaries, but is not a significant resource as significance is defined in the nomination.*

Recom./Criteria Accept - C  
Reviewer Grosvener  
Discipline Historia  
Date 11/4/82  
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category \_\_\_\_\_ Ownership \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_ Present Use \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Acquisition Accessible

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Check one \_\_\_\_\_ Check one \_\_\_\_\_  
 excellent  deteriorated  unaltered  original site  
 good  ruins  altered  moved date \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair  unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection



## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
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- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

USIT Reference \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet







GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4105 Junis  
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Photo by Ulrich Kleinschmidt, March 13, 1981  
negatives filed at the Texas Historical Commission

Photo #1 of 5  
VIEW: camera facing north, south oblique







GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4105 Junis  
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

Photo by Ulrich Kleinschmidt, March 13, 1981  
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Photo #2 of 5

VIEW: camera facing northwest, southeast elevation







GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
4105 Junis  
Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

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VIEW: east oblique, camera facing west







GRACE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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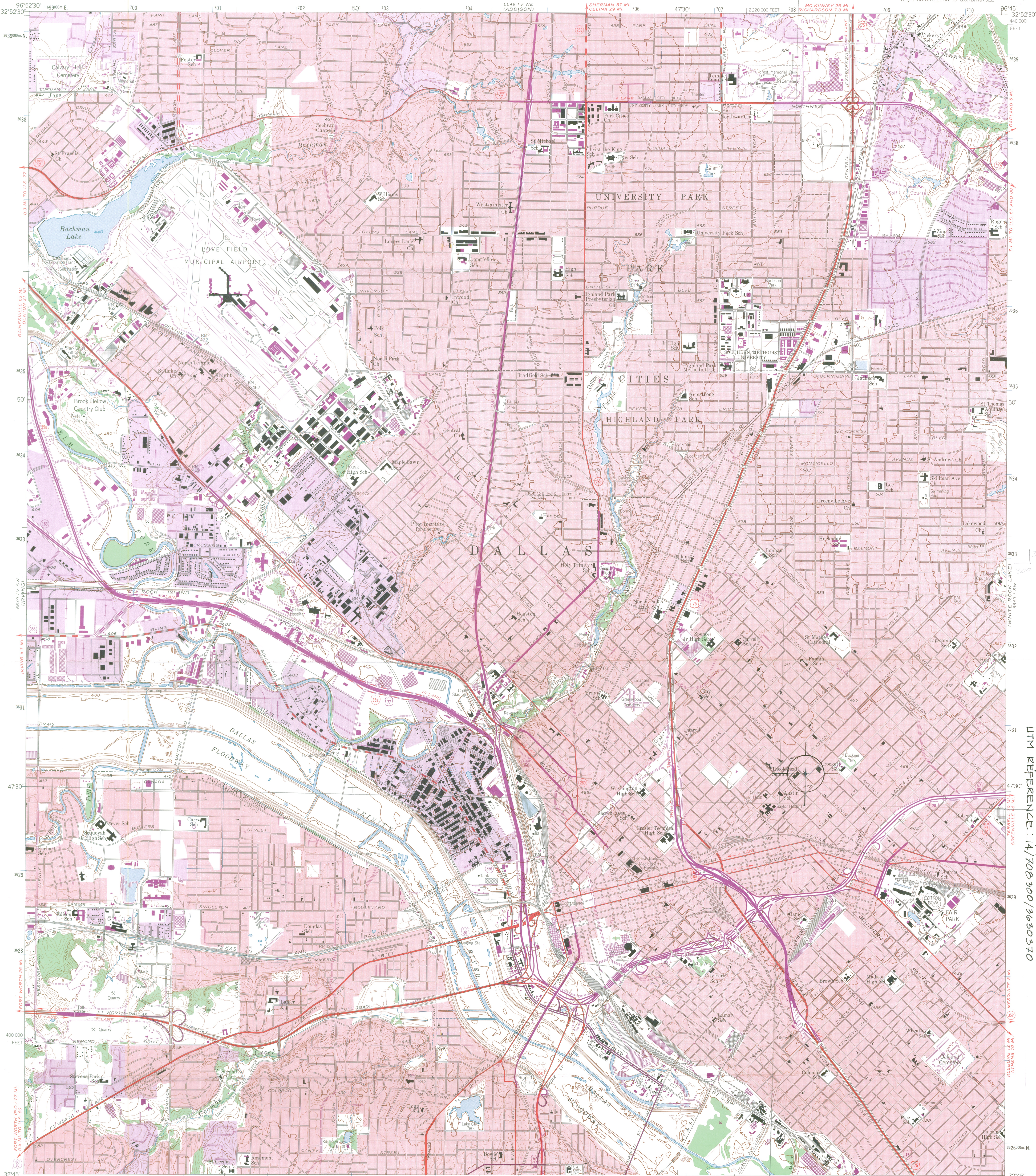
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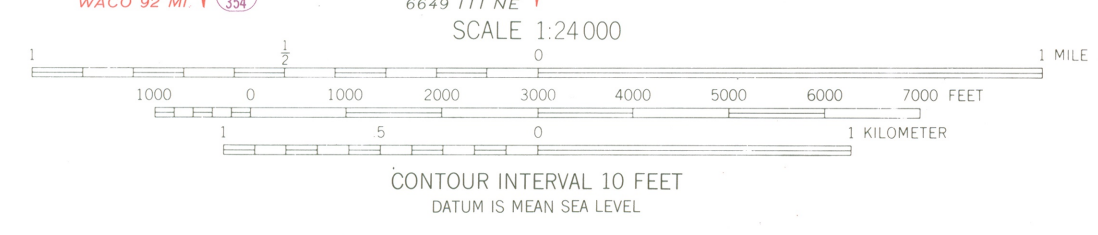
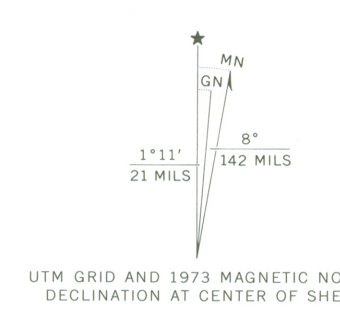


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GRAE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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