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1. Name: All Saints Memorial Church. *800000 13*
2. Location: 674 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island.
3. Owner: All Saints Memorial Church
674 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island.
4. Description: Erected 1869-1872 All Saints Memorial Church is a massive, darkly impressive brownstone structure designed by Edward Tuckerman Potter of New York in rich Gothic style. Its extreme length is one hundred thirty-five feet and width, sixty-four. A flat-topped corner tower has never been given the spire designed for it by the architect. The interior has a nave and side aisles. Thin iron cluster-columns support a low clerestory and an open timberwork roof construction whose crisscrossing members are suggestive of four-part groin vaulting. A Tudor-style parish house, designed by Providence architect Gorham Henshaw, was added at the south in 1909. All Saints, the second home of an Episcopal parish organized in 1847, was erected as a memorial to the Right Reverend John Prentiss Kewley Henshaw, Bishop of Rhode Island, who died in 1852. Photographs 37 and 38.
5. Significance: All Saints Memorial is a major work of Edward T. Potter, a nationally prominent architect in post-Civil-War America known particularly for his churches and libraries. The equal of other important Gothic churches by Potter, such as the First Reformed Church in Schenectady, New York (1862-63), the Cathedral at Davenport, Iowa (begun 1867), the Church of the Good Shepherd in Hartford, Connecticut (1867-69), and the Harvard Street Church in Brookline, Massachusetts (early 1870s), All Saints employs many devices and motifs characteristic of Potter's churches, such as the use of iron cluster-columns and roof trusses suggestive of groin vaulting. The church is, so far as is known, Potter's only Rhode Island house of worship.
6. Acreage: about one acre.
7. Plat 24, lot 624.
8. UTM reference: 19 299060 4632210
9. Level of significance: state