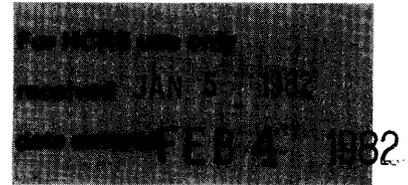


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Grace Memorial Episcopal Church

and/or common Grace Episcopal Church

2. Location

street & number 205 East 3rd Street not for publication

city, town Wabasha vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Wabasha code 157

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Grace Episcopal Church

street & number P.O. Box 229

city, town Wabasha vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds, Wabasha County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Wabasha state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title State Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1975 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - 240 Summit Avenue - Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church is designed in the English Gothic style and is built using a modified cruciform plan. The one story church, set on a English basement, is constructed of stone laid in a random course pattern. The slate gable roof has stone coping which terminates in stone Celtic crosses at the gable peaks.

The primary entrance has a projecting gable with pierced bargeboard set over a Gothic arch. The entry doors are oak with heavy strap hinges. A bell gable rises at the point where the entry joins the main roof. A secondary entrance shares the same facade and has a half-timbered gable set in cobblestone.

Stained glass set in Gothic arch fenestration is a prominent feature of the church. A large stained glass window, flanked by buttresses, dominates the west facade. Below the window is a stone date block. The east facade has a stained glass memorial window designed by Tiffany Studios of New York. Smaller stained glass windows punctuate the front and rear facades between stone buttresses.

The sanctuary of Grace Memorial is unaltered except for the loss of the original chandeliers and the addition of organ speakers. The interior is simply appointed with dark oak woodwork and pews set against buff colored painted walls and a walnut beamed ceiling. The Tiffany window, titled Three Marys at Tomb, is executed in soft muted tones which contrast sharply with the vibrant colors of the other stained glass windows. At the base of the window are three rectangular inserts bearing the names of those to whom the church is dedicated.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1900 **Builder/Architect** Cass Gilbert

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church is situated on the northeast corner of Third and Bailey, two blocks from the major Wabasha intersection of Main and Pembroke. The church is the most distinguished ecclesiastical structure in the city and the work of prominent Minnesota architect Cass Gilbert, best known for his work on the State Capitol. In 1899, Thomas Irvine, a St. Paul lumberman, employed Gilbert to design a church as a memorial to his wife, Emily Hills Irvine, and her parents, Reverend and Mrs. Horace Hills. Reverend Hills was pastor of Grace Episcopal Church from 1872 until 1877. Irvine's only request was that the church be named Grace Memorial. The church is similar in plan, materials and stylistic features to Gilbert's 1894 Gothic design for St. Clement's Episcopal Church in St. Paul. Grace Memorial is an exceptional example of the English Gothic style and is an architectural landmark in the Wabasha community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

"Centennial 1859-1959, Grace Memorial Episcopal Church," Wabasha: N. P., 1959.

Curtiss-Wedge, Franklyn, ed., History of Wabasha, Minnesota, Winona: H. C. Cooper, Jr. & Co., 1920.

10. Geographical Data

~~ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED~~

Acreeage of nominated property Less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Wabasha North

~~UTM NOT VERIFIED~~
Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 6 and 7, Block 23, Original Plat of Wabasha

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Camille Kudzia

organization Minnesota Historical Society date February 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue - Hill House telephone 612-296-0102

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

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 *Russell W. Fridley*

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 12/2/81

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

Delores Byers

National Register

date 2/4/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration