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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Grace Episcopal Church

other names/site number Pembina Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church; 32PB108

2. Location

street & number 152 Ramsey Street West N/A not for publication

city or town Pembina N/A vicinity

state North Dakota code ND county Pembina code 067 zip code 58271-0388

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James E. Sperry 7/28/94
Signature of certifying official/Title James E. Sperry Date
State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

James E. Sperry Signature of the Keeper Entered in the National Register Date of Action 9/2/94

Grace Episcopal Church
Name of Property

Pembina, ND
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
| 1 | 0 | buildings |
| | | sites |
| | | structures |
| | | objects |
| 1 | 0 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Episcopal Churches of North Dakota

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Gothic Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1886

Significant Dates

1886

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Grace Episcopal Church

Pembina, ND

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 1 4 6 2 8 3 9 0 5 4 2 4 9 3 0
Zone Easting Northing

3 Zone Easting Northing
4 Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Myrtle Hart, Church Treasurer & Rolene Schliesman, SHPO Staff

organization United Methodist Church date January 4, 1994

street & number P. O. Box 388 telephone (701)825-6209

city or town Pembina state ND zip code 58271-0388

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Pembina Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church

street & number 152 Ramsey Street West telephone (701)825-6318

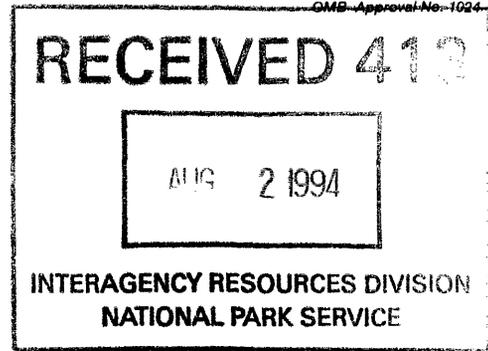
city or town Pembina state ND zip code 58271

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Section number 7 Page 1 Description

Grace Episcopal Church
Pembina County, North Dakota

Grace Episcopal Church in Pembina exhibits the important characteristics outlined in the multiple property submission, Episcopal Churches of North Dakota. Design elements defined in the multiple property submission and expressed in the Grace Episcopal Church are the Gothic Revival style, including asymmetrical massing, a bell tower entrance, steeply pitched gable roof, lancet windows, side vestry, an offset chancel, and the honest use of materials.

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Built in 1886, Grace Episcopal Church is located at 152 Ramsey Street in the city of Pembina, Pembina County, North Dakota. Situated on the south corner of Ramsey and Second Streets, the building faces northeast. Many large oak trees and several box elder trees are located on the nominated property.

Resting on a poured concrete foundation, Grace Episcopal Church is a one-story brick building of asymmetrical plan. The Ecclesiologically correct plan includes an entrance tower, nave, offset chancel with a small organ recess, sanctuary, vestry, and a 1937 one-story, frame addition at the rear of the church. Built to accommodate a modest-sized congregation, the church is small in scale.

A mainstay of the Gothic Revival style, a steeply pitched gable roof caps the building. The roof hugs the pointed arch windows along the front and rear elevations. The bell tower is capped by a steeply pitched pyramidal roof, and the bell is visible through a series of Gothic style openings. Below the bell is an apron of shingles. Other roof structures include a small, front facade gable capping a portion of the chancel, and the large gable at the rear over the addition.

Fenestration in the church is regularly spaced with stained glass lancet windows. Three pointed arch windows, with an elongated center window, illuminates the sanctuary on the southwest elevation. A pair of lancet windows allow light through the northeast wall along with a small rose window above. To minimize damage to the stained glass, a protective, exterior coating of lex n was installed in 1982. Slightly smaller pointed arch windows

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Pembina County, North Dakota

and two large double hung windows, both with clear glazing, are located in the rear addition.

Two small buttresses are present on the building. Ordinarily, Gothic Revival style buttresses are placed completely around the building, lending structural support or decoration. The placement of the buttresses on the Grace Episcopal Church is curious. One is located on the north corner and the other along the rear northwest elevation. Both appear to be original.

To continue the liturgically correct Gothic Revival design on the interior, many original features are extant. Among them are, simple, wooden cross trusses and ceiling beams in the nave, chancel and sanctuary, an altar, communion rail, and stained glass windows. A chancel arch and one step up from the nave emphasize the importance of the chancel and sanctuary.

Alterations to the building include the 1937 addition which resulted in the blocking of the windows in the vestry and the northwest side of the chancel. The stained glass in the blocked windows remains intact. With the addition functioning as a vestry and Sunday school room, the original vestry currently houses a furnace and fuel tank.

Less apparent changes occurring in the church were the additions of wainscoting and light fixtures in the 1950s, newer pews purchased from the Catholic church at St. Vincent, replacement of the vestibule doors in 1975, the restoration of one stained glass window and the installation of ceiling fans in 1981, and the installation an exterior protective coating to the windows in 1982.

The restored stained glass window was the result of vandalism. The window was reconstructed from an identical window by a company in Red Wing, Minnesota. The decision was made by the congregation to protect the windows from futher damage with the lexon coating. The coating somewhat obscures the windows from the exterior.

Grace Episcopal Church is in very good condition and the few changes to the building have not detracted from the significance of the church.

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Grace Episcopal Church
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Grace Episcopal Church in Pembina relates to the Episcopal Churches of North Dakota, 1872-1920s, a multiple property submission to the National Register of Historic Places. The church is nominated under Criterion C for its statewide significance in Architecture because it is a fine example of an Ecclesiologically correct Gothic Revival style church and is typical of Episcopal church construction at the turn of the century. The church possesses a high degree of integrity in its fairly unaltered state and good condition. "Examples of this distinctive building type are unsurpassed in terms of unity of design, style, materials, and craft in North Dakota and comprise a significant architectural body of work." (Long) The church derives its primary significance from its architectural distinction (Criteria Consideration A).

The church meets the registration requirements described in the multiple property submission with its Gothic Revival style detailing, steeply pitched roof, asymmetrical plan, bell tower entrance, offset chancel, lancet windows, and honest use of materials. The church is listed as one of those which are Ecclesiologically correct in design. The Episcopal Churches of North Dakota lists Grace Episcopal Church at Pembina as one of those churches which are Ecclesiologically correct in design and falls into the Gothic Revival designs, uniquely in brick. The period of significance for the property is 1886, the date of construction.

In June 1881, the first Episcopal church services were held at Pembina in a log schoolhouse by Reverend Thomas Villers-Appleby, who served in St. Vincent, Minnesota. A transient congregation, the 27 parishioners moved three times during the winter of 1884-85 and then called upon Bishop William David Walker to help them build a permanent place of worship in Pembina.

Bishop Walker, instrumental in the building of early Episcopal churches in North Dakota, advanced their cause in the eastern United States, with the Society of the Double Temple and Grace Church of New York City responding. The north half of Lots 16, 17 and 18 were donated by Charles T. Cavileer, one of the first

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settlers who is credited with "bringing the first permanent agricultural colony to North Dakota." (Slaughter)

In 1886, construction began using local brick from the Pembina Brick Company. Unfortunately, the architect of the church is unknown and no architectural plans exist. Only two other buildings constructed of Pembina brick exist: the former bank building located at 113 West Stutsman Street, and a residence at 246 South Cavalier Street.

Grace Episcopal Church was one of twenty-two churches built between 1883 and 1886. In 1883 there were only four Episcopal churches on the plains of North Dakota. Grace Episcopal Church opened its doors on Christmas Day, 1886. Reverend Appleby served the parish until 1888 when he was replaced by Reverend Henry Beer. Reverend Beer, also from St. Vincent, ministered to the communicants until 1893.

Without a spiritual leader, the parish became idle. Reverend Watson served the parishes at St. Thomas, Bathgate, and St. Vincent, Minnesota and in 1898, Reverend Watson reestablished Sunday school at Pembina. He and the Women's Working Society set about reopening the neglected church. "Between June, 1900, and June 1901, he held 114 services for twenty-five communicants and their families. Among those added by confirmation was Mrs. Charles (Isabella) Cavileer, wife of the North Dakota pioneer." (Wilkins 72)

Good attendance continued with the arrival of Reverend R.C. Johnstone of Winnipeg, Canada in October of 1909. Three years later, politics affected religion when the county seat was moved from Pembina to Cavalier taking six prominent parishioners from the Pembina community. With so few communicants and their families, the congregation nearly folded.

Episcopal church records show the dwindling number of families belonging to the church. In 1919, the 35th Annual Convocation of the Church listed eight families in the Pembina parish. By 1922, the number of families had dropped to seven and the congregation was relisted as an organized mission rather than a parish. The downward trend continued.

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In 1937 at a meeting of the Bishop, Chancellor and Standing Committee held at Gethsemane Cathedral, "The matter of disposing of the Church at Pembina was discussed at length. Reverend Harrington moved the officers of the coproration be authorized to complete the sale of Grace Church at a price satisfactory to them. This motion was seconded by Reverend Simpson, and carried, all voting Aye." The sale of the church is mentioned in the minutes of a September meeting of that same year. Between 1936 and 1951, the Bishop, Chancellor, and Standing Committee sold eight other churches.

In 1937 the United Methodist Church purchased the property and continues to use the church today as the Pembina Pioneer Memorial United Methodist Church. The Methodists constructed the 1937 addition on the rear of the building. The addition is painted to match the color of the Pembina brick and lancet windows were used on the visible northern elevation. The addition does not detract from the significance of the property, and it over 50 years old, therefore historic.

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Grace Episcopal Church
Pembina County, North Dakota

Verbal Boundary Description

Grace Episcopal Church is located on the north half of lots 16-18, Block 17, in the Original plat of Pembina, Pembina County, North Dakota. The boundary does not include the neighboring fellowship hall.

Boundary Description

The boundary includes the church and the lots which have historically been associated with Grace Episcopal Church, Pembina. The neighboring fellowship hall is modern and is not included in the boundary.

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Map

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North Dakota

