

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 1433 Classen Drive N/A not for publication

city, town Oklahoma City vicinity of

state Oklahoma code 40 county Oklahoma code 109

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name LBDM Partnership % James L. Loftis

street & number 1433 Classen Drive

city, town Oklahoma City N/A vicinity of state Oklahoma 73106

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Oklahoma County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma 73102

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Oklahoma Comprehensive Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date Nov 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office

city, town Oklahoma City state Oklahoma

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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	Addition made 1968	

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

The Late Gothic Revival style church has load bearing red brick exterior walls with limestone embellishments. The north facade is comprised of two towers with battlements separated by a large bay area on the first level which forms the rear of the sanctuary. The second level facade is set back between the towers and ends its vertical flow in a parapet gable. This facade contains five window configurations including a very large stone tracery containing five units of stained glass.

The building has several levels including ground, first, second, loft and additional levels in the towers which continue past the balcony level. The roof is of wood frame construction.

The dominant interior feature of note is the oak conged, steel roof truss system with attached ornamental pendants. The numerous stained glass windows provide much of the interior color.

A contemporary style three story educational wing was added in 1968 which blends nicely in scale and materials with the original structure and does not adversely effect the structure's integrity.

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1920 **Builder/Architect** Hawk and Parr, Architects

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Pilgrim Congregational Church is significant architecturally to Oklahoma City. The Late Gothic Revival style is a dramatic change from the residential styles of Chateausque, Mission, Georgian and Colonial Revivals in the National Register Heritage Hills District which is contiguous to the church.

Pilgrim Congregational Church, constructed in 1920, was designed by the noted Oklahoma City architectural firm of Hawk and Parr. The firm, formed in 1914, was responsible for many outstanding commercial and residential buildings in Oklahoma City and central Oklahoma, as well as church buildings. The much admired Masonic Temple in the Guthrie Historic District was one of their designs.

The most unusual feature of Pilgrim Congregational Church is the oak covered steel roof truss system with decorative pendants, which is not duplicated in the Oklahoma City area. The stone ornamented red brick building with its traceries, pointed arches, multitudinal stained glass windows (more than all other churches in Oklahoma City with one exception), battlements, and parapet gables provide a significant vertical character to a flat prairie urban residential setting.

During the period of significance (1920-1932) the membership of the church was comprised of government, business and civic leaders. Of special note, the church due to its free thinking ideals was an oasis for Oklahoma's leading publishers of the time. E.K. Gaylord, the publisher of the Oklahoma City papers and the Harlow family, Rex, J.C. and Victor, who published a statewide magazine, textbooks and a 'who's who' series were leading members. The minister during the period, Frank Sheldon, was a well educated man (D.D.) and noted author.

The church will be carefully rehabilitated in accordance with the "Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation".

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Edwards, Jim and Hall Ottaway, The Vanished Splendor II, (Abalanche Book Store Publishers; Oklahoma City) 1983.  
Blackburn, Bob L., Arn Henderson, and Melvena Thurman, The Physical Legacy: The Buildings of Oklahoma County 1889-1931 (Oklahoma Co. Hist. Soc.; OKC) 1979. SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Oklahoma City

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A 

1	4	6	3	3	6	6	1	0	3	9	2	7	3	9	1	0
Zone			Easting						Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting						Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting						Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting						Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting						Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting						Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting						Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting						Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

See 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

name/title Sandra S. Stratton/ Consultant

organization date 12-1-83

street & number 3909 E. Northwood telephone 348-3884

city or town Edmond state Oklahoma 73034

## 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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature C. M. Metcalf 1-23-84

title date

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 2/23/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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Whiffen, Marcus American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles  
(The M.I.T. Press)

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A part of Lots 1,2 & all of Lot 3 of KING'S ADDITION to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma according to the recorded plats thereof and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the SW/C of Lot 3 of said KING'S ADDITION for a Point of Beginning; thence WEST 30.00 feet; thence N00°52'10"E 160.00 ft; thence EAST 30.00 feet to the NW/C of said Lot 3; thence N00°52'10"E 141.50 feet; thence East 7.50 feet; thence Southeasterly along a curve concave to the Right (R=65.51') a distance of 52.41 feet; thence S46°26'00"E 53.30 feet' thence S45°50'06"W 25.75 feet; thence SOUTH 151.24 feet; thence WEST 10.15 feet; thence SOUTH 55.52 feet; thence EAST 16.88 feet; thence SOUTH 23.34 feet; thence WEST 87.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tract contains 27,503.04 S.F. of 0.6314 acres, m/1 which includes that portion of Francis Street as vacated by Oklahoma City ordinance #17,272.