

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: New York	
COUNTY: Onondaga	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Grace Episcopal Church
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 819 Madison Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Syracuse			
STATE New York	CODE 36	COUNTY: Onondaga	CODE 067

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Grace Episeopal Church c/o Walter N. Welsh			
STREET AND NUMBER: 418 University Avenue			
CITY OR TOWN: Syracuse	STATE: New York	CODE 36	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Onondaga County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER: 			
CITY OR TOWN: Syracuse	STATE: New York	CODE 36	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Architecture Worth Saving in Onondaga County			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1963-1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Historic American Buildings Survey			
STREET AND NUMBER: National Park Service			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, D.C.	STATE: 	CODE 11	

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Rep: James M. Hanley 34th District

7 DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Grace Episcopal Church is located on the northwest corner of University Avenue and Madison Street in a residential area near Syracuse University. Although details are based on English Gothic models, they are freely adapted. The Rock-faced limestone building laid in Random Ashlar with bush-hammered trim is unmistakably of the nineteenth century. The building constructed in 1876- 77 is approximately 40ft X 100 ft., exclusive of two-story tower and entrance porches and is gable roofed. On the main (east) front there is a projecting gabled entrance porch with a Tudor-arched doorway with stone and brick mouldings. Above the entrance is a Rose window framed within a pointed (two centered) relieving arch. A finial with cross is on the front gable. At the south corner of the east front there is a square two-story tower with angle buttresses at the corners. Originally the tower was four stories but the upper ones were removed in the 1930's. The tower has thus been altered from a dominant element to a secondary one but it is still well proportioned with respect to the main body of the building. At the southwest corner there is a gabled side entrance vestibule which resembles a small transept. The church's roof is covered with slate in patterns and there is ornamental iron cresting along the ridge. On each side of the nave roof there are four small triangular dormers.</p> <p>The interior plan is that of a five-bay unaisled nave with a narrower chancel (at the west end) terminating in a polygonal apse. At each side of the chancel there is a small bay; that on the north side occupied by the original pipe organ, and that on the south side serving as a passageway to the south entrance and to the newer parish house west of the church.</p> <p>Significant interior features include the six exposed timber hammer-beam trusses which support the roof. In recent years they have been reinforced with iron tie rods at the spring line. The windows have pointed arches and wooden central mullions. Seven of the windows retain their original plain glass with colored borders and symbols at the crown. The other windows contain colored glass of several periods. The chancel has high, arcaded wainscot which appears to be mahogany. In the 1890's there was some stenciling on the plaster walls and ceiling which is now gone. The interior was renovated and decorated around 1891.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1876-77

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Grace Episcopal Church constructed in 1876-77 was designed by Horatio Nelson White (1814-1892), an architect closely associated with the growth of the city of Syracuse. This architect designed about one hundred churches and Grace Church is one of his best. It is well proportioned and detailed and the details are subordinated to the over-all effect more successfully than in most buildings of its period.

History:

On November 10, 1868 the Diocese of Central New York (Episcopal) was organized. Grace Church became the diocese's first new parish when it was organized on March 27, 1871. In 1876 the Diocese received gifts, largely from the Schermerhorn family of New York City to construct the church building. White was its architect. He had been designing buildings in Syracuse since 1853 and by 1876 had designed important civic and ecclesiastical buildings including the Onondaga County Court House (1857), Onondaga County Savings Bank Building (1867-1869), and Hall of Languages, Syracuse University (1871-1873.)

Contracts were let for construction of the building in February 1876 and the cornerstone was laid on June 15, 1876. The church was consecrated on February 7, 1877. It was then on the fringe of settlement and served as one of several nuclei about which the neighborhood developed. The church has a constant, but non official, relationship to Syracuse University. Now, it will take an important place in an urban redevelopment area.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES									
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		OR	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees		Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	43	02	44	76	08	08
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Harley J. Mckee Professor Emeritus and T. Robins Brown

ORGANIZATION: Syracuse University / Research Assistant

DATE: July 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: Syracuse University Campus / NYS Historic Trust S.Swan St. Bldg.

CITY OR TOWN: Syracuse / Albany

STATE: New York

CODE: 36

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION
<p>As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>

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(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

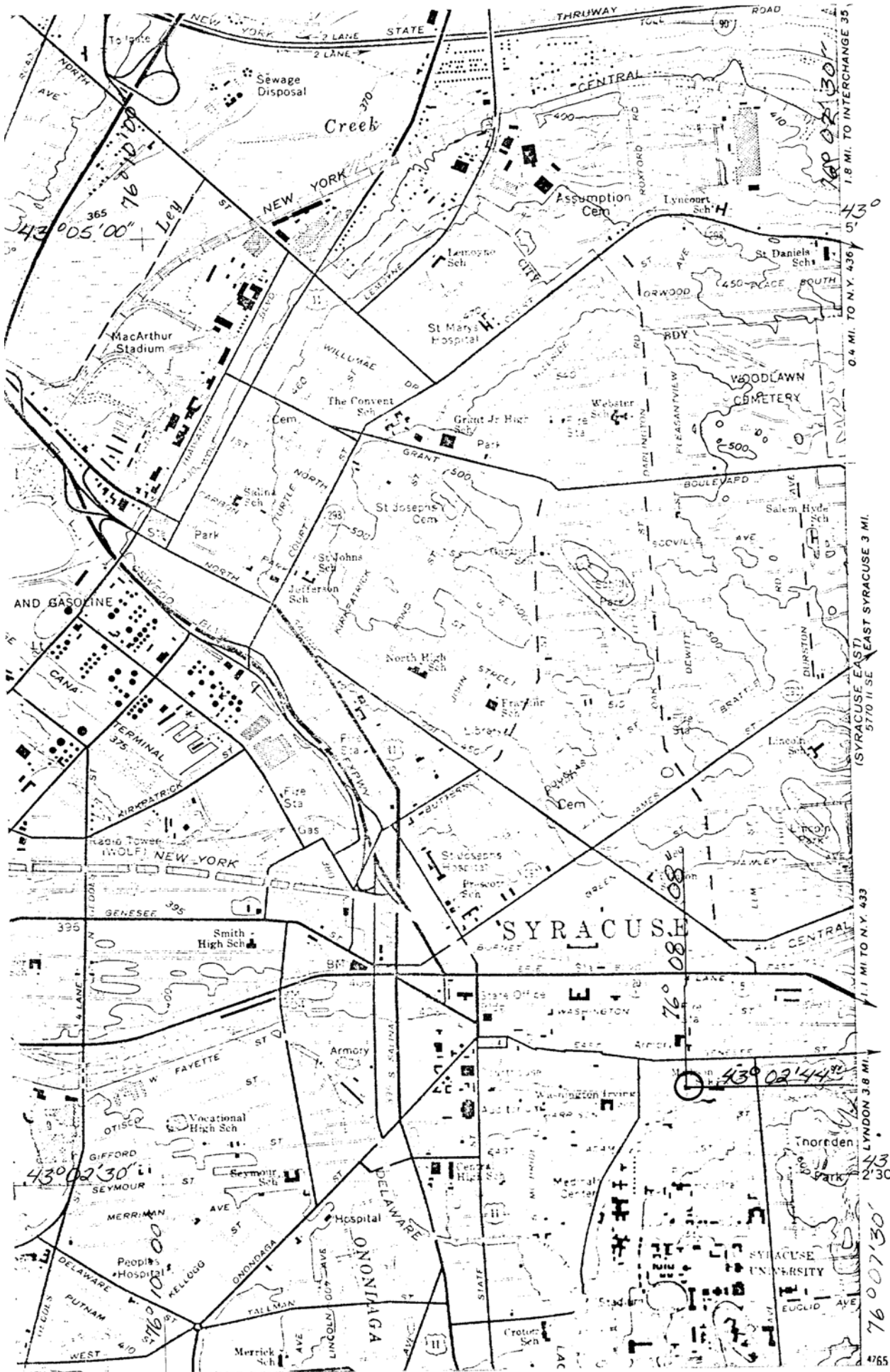
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: USGS 7.5 Minute Series, Syracuse West Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1958			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

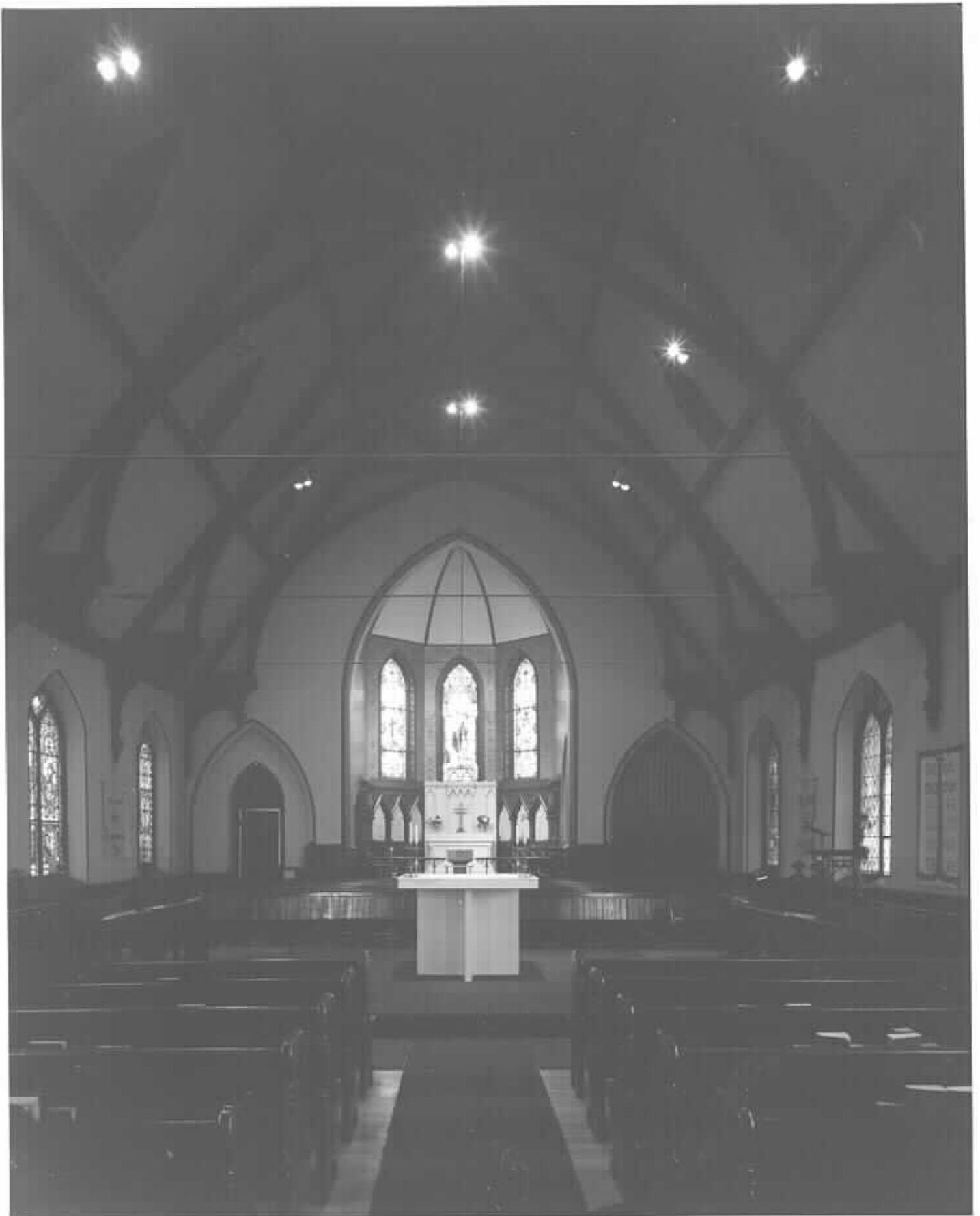
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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SYRACUSE, N.Y.

INTERIOR VIEW LOOKING WEST



Grace Episcopal Church
 819 Madison St.
 Syracuse, Onondaga Co., N.Y.
 Photo by: Mark Peckham, 1995.
 Neg. at: Div. for H.P., Waterford, N.Y.
 View: South facade of
 parish hall.

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 View: North elevation of church;
 memorial garden.

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 View: East facade of church.

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View: West elevation of parish
hall.



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Neg. at: Grace Church, Syracuse.
View: Interior of parish hall

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