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10. Name: Fort Street Presbyterian Church Location: 516 West Hopkins Street

> Classification: Category - building; Ownership - private; Status - unoccupied; Accessible - yes, restricted; Present use - other, vacant.

Owner of property: Clear ownership has not been determined, after extensive research by several people, including the director of the City's Tax Office. County deed records show that a Nancy Wells Mize purchased the building from the first Pentecostal Holiness Church of San Marcos but did not receive a deed of trust. The Church no longer exists and no address for Ms. Mize can be found.

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Geographical data: Acreage - less than one acre. UTM reference - 14 / 601740 / 3305960

Verbal Boundary Description - Lindsey and Harvey Addition, Block 3, part of lot 6. The rectangular property measures 83.33 ft. along West Hopkins, measured from a point 120 ft. from the west corner of the intersection of State Highway 12 and W. Hopkins Street. WASO Form - 177 ("R" June 1984)

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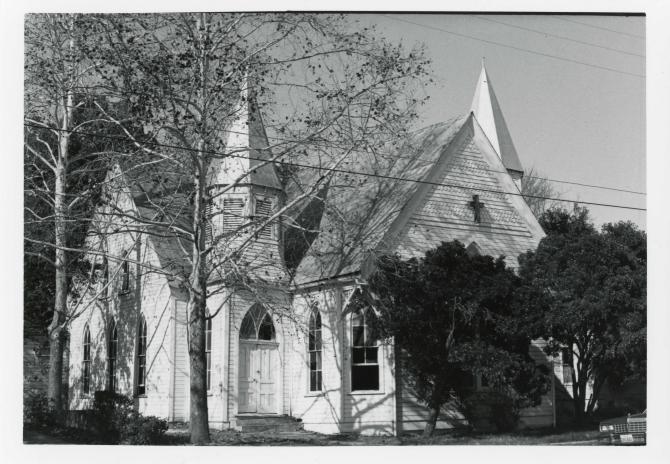


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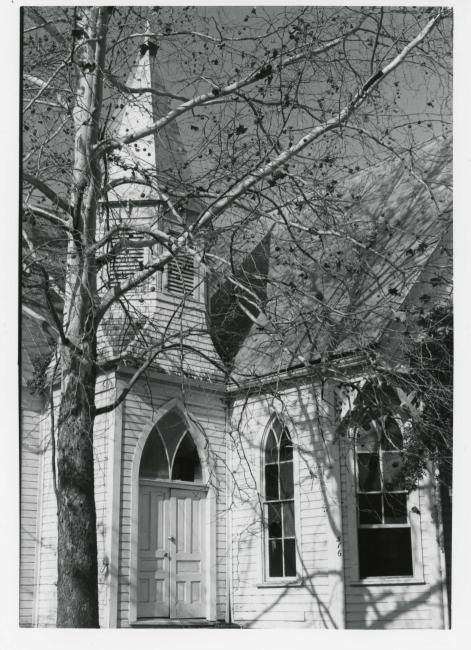


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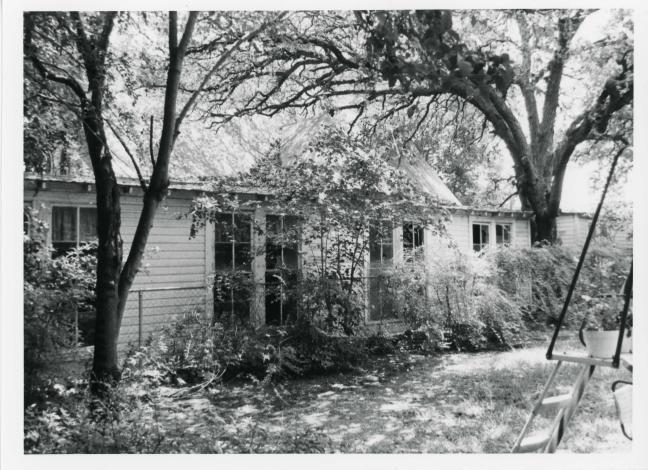


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