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Site No. 19

Photo No. 23

Name: Wesley Methodist Church

Historic Name: Wesley United Methodist Church

Address: 1164 San Bernard Street

Date: 1929

Present Owner: Wesley United Methodist
Church
1164 San Bernard Street
Austin, Texas 78702

Legal: Block 1, the north 107 feet of lots
3 and 4, Outlot 56, George L.
Robertson Subdivision

Original Use: Church

Acreage: Less than one

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: Austin East,
Texas, 1:24,000, 1966
Photorevised 1973

Current Use: Church

UTM Reference: 14/622560/3349180

Architectural Description:

Physical Condition: Excellent

Date(s) of Alterations: Unaltered

The Wesley United Methodist Church, located on the southwest corner of Hackberry and San Bernard streets, is a buff-colored, brick structure with a first floor partially below grade and a raised sanctuary. Admission to the first floor, which houses an auditorium, classrooms, and church offices, is through a door which faces Cotton Street. The sanctuary entrance is located at a tall tower, on the northwest corner of the building, which is approximately three stories tall and has corner finials of stone and a medallion between the lancet windows. An oculus is centered on the principal, east gable of the tower and has a tracery motif.

Buttresses which are located at the corners of the church step back as they ascend to the parapeted eaves. They have cast-stone caps at each stepback and cast-stone parapet caps at the gables. A continuous band of cast stone runs around the building between the first- and second-floor levels. Cast-stone sills are located at each lancet stained-glass window.

Significance:

Period: 1900-

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Areas of Significance: Architecture, Religion

At the time of its construction in 1929, Wesley United Methodist Church was one of the largest Negro churches in Texas. The congregation was established in Austin at the end of the Civil War and first held services in the basement of the Tenth Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The first church actually built by the congregation was a stone sanctuary located at 9th and Neches streets which served until 1882, when a new building was constructed at the same location. In 1929, the congregation moved to the present location at San Bernard Street where Church members have continued their tradition of active participation in community projects, mission work, and educational leadership. Church facilities have been used for classes conducted by Samuel Huston College and for the formal organization of the West Texas Methodist Conference.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName East Austin Multiple Resource Area
State TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

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| 11. | Peterson, George A., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 12. | House at 1400 Canterbury Street | Substantive Review | for Keeper | <u>Linda McClelland</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 13. | Moreland, Charles B., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 14. | Jobe, Phillip W., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 15. | Wesley United Methodist Church | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 16. | Johnson, C.E., House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 17. | Shotguns at 1203--1205 Bob Harrison | Substantive Review | for Keeper | <u>Linda McClelland</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 18. | Shotguns at 1206 Canterbury Street | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 9/17/85 |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 19. | McGown, Floyd, House | Entered in the
National Register | for Keeper | <u>Melvin Byers</u> 9/17/85 |
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| 20. | Maddox, John W., House | Entered in the
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Wesley United Methodist Church (East Austin
MRA)
Travis County
TEXAS

Working No. AUG 14 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-4-86
Date Due: 9/12/85 - 9/28/85
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 9-17-85
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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1191 NAVASOTA
AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO. TEXAS
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PHOTO 4



Side 19
Photo 23

Historic Resources of East Austin
Austin, Travis County, Texas

Site No. 19, Wesley United Methodist Church
1164 San Bernard Street
Photo by Joe Freeman, 1984, neg. with Texas
Historical Commission, Austin

West-northwest view
camera facing east-southeast

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Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000840