

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Historic Sites Inventory  
(Adapted from THC HSI Form, 10-83)

1. Webster Chapel United Methodist Church  
 2. 405 S. Wheeler  
 3. Owner Webster Chapel U. Methodist Church  
 4. Address 405 S. Sheeler, 77901  
 5. Legal Description OTS BLK 170 N. 1/4 Lot 1  
 Description: 12: Type church; Gothic Revival  
 14. Const. Materials wood frame w/ brick facing over weatherboard & composition shingle >  
 15. Plan rectangular  
 17. Roof/cornice details exposed, carved rafter ends; crown molding on tower  
 18. Chimneys  
 19. Windows wood sash double hung w/ 1/1 lights; upper sashed w/ lancet arch; round >  
 20. Entrances double entry w/ lancet transom centered on E. elev.  
 21. Porches small porch w/ gable roof over entry on E. elev.  
 22. Architectural details/misc. features include Gothic Revival details; lancet windows and base of steeple with cross-gables and splayed base are intact and maintain the verticality of the original design, though the spire atop the steeple is gone. Interior details and plan are unchanged.  
 23. Interior details  
 24. Associated outbldgs./structures  
 25. Present condition good; remodeled in 1951 w/ brick veneer  
 26. Significance : SOCIAL. The Webster Church was founded soon after the Civil War, for the newly freed slaves. The first sanctuary was built in 1889. Since then, the church has been extensively altered but it remains an extremely important landmark to the black community of Victoria.  
 27. Context: Moved Date or original site x  
 28. Area description mostly residential area in S.E. quadrant of the original townsite; Diamond Hill neighborhood  
 29. Bibliography County tax rolls, City directories, THC files  
 30. Informant(s)  
 31. Designations: HABS (no.) TEX- RTHL; File name NR; File name  
 32. Other UTM: 14/69486Q/3186680  
 33. Recorder DH/Hardy Heck Moore Date 1983

6. USGS Quad No. 2897-441 Site No. I-787  
 7. UTM Sector No. 694-3186  
 8. Date: Factual 1889/1951 Est  
 9. Architect/Builder N/A  
 Contractor  
 10. Original Use religious  
 11. Present Use religious  
 13. No. stories  
 16. Roof type gable, cross-gable on tower

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME		ROLL	FRME
THC		8	5	to		6
				to		
				to		

34. Photos: 35.Slides  
 36. 35mm B & W  
 37. Other

VIEW:

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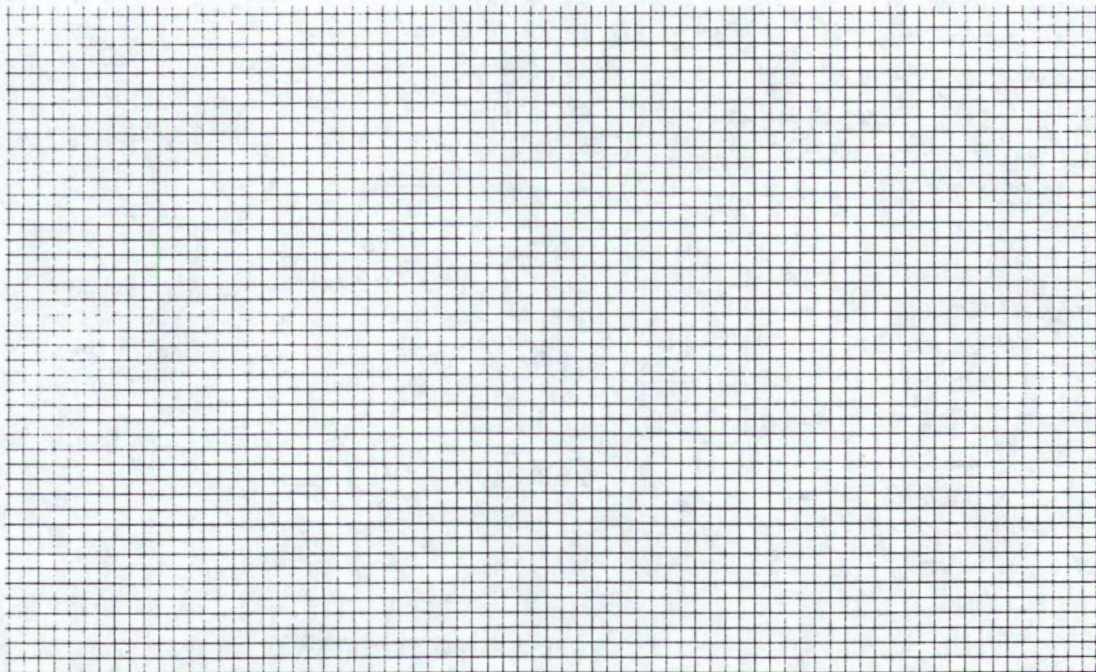
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Continuation #14. roof

#19. cloverleaf windows above door



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Webster Chapel United Methodist Church  
(Victoria MRA)  
Victoria County  
TEXAS

Substantive Review

Working No. AUG 11 1986

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: 9/10/86 - 9/25/86

Action:  ACCEPT

RETURN 9-24-86

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

historically significant - to local Black community  
- must be returned for technical reason  
noted on reverse

Recom./Criteria Return

Reviewer Patrick Andrews

Discipline Historian

Date 9/24/86

\_\_\_\_\_ 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	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	
	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	

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**

**X 10. Geographical Data**

Y Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide acreage*

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 Patrick Andrews                      Date 9/24/86                      Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Multiple Resource Area  
Thematic Group

Name Victoria MRA  
State TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

101. Weber--Schuchert House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Melvyn Byrum* 12/9/86

Attest

102. Webster Chapel United  
Methodist Church

Substantive Review

*for* Keeper

*William B. Bushy* 12/9/86

Attest

*Bruce J. Noble, Jr.* 12/8/86

103. Wheeler, William, House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Melvyn Byrum* 12/9/86

Attest

104. Williams, B.F., House

Substantive Review

*for* Keeper

*William B. Bushy* 12/9/86

Attest

*Bruce J. Noble, Jr.* 12/8/86

105. Woodhouse House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Melvyn Byrum* 12/9/86

Attest

106. Zahn, Herman and Alvina,  
House

Substantive Review

*for* Keeper

*William B. Bushy* 12/9/86

Attest

*Bruce J. Noble, Jr.* 12/8/86

107. Gervais House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Mark L. Baker* 5 July 1990

Attest

108. Roselle--Smith House

Entered in the  
National Register

*for* Keeper

*Mark L. Baker* 5 July 1990

Attest

Keeper

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Victoria County  
TEXAS

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Working No. 8/11/86  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88  
Date Due: 12/9/86  
Action:  ACCEPT 12-9-86  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
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- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample     request     appeal     NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Technical corrections completed.*

Recom./Criteria Accept, A  
Reviewer Noble  
Discipline Historian  
Date Accept. 12/8/86  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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"Historic Resources of Victoria"

Multiple Resource Nomination

Victoria, Victoria County, Texas

Site I-787

405 S. Wheeler

Webster Chapel United Methodist Church

Photographer: Daniel Hardy, 1984

Negative on file with Victoria Preservation Inc.

Camera facing Northwest

Photo

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Webster Chapel United Methodist Church

Historic Photograph circa 1920

Original in collection of Church

Photo

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000855