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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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TEXAS HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM—TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION (rev.8-82)

1. County DEWITT DEW
City/Rural CUERO CU
2. Name FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Address 301 E COURTHOUSE
3. Owner First United Methodist Church
Address 301 E. Courthouse Cuero 77954
4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 11/Lots 4,5
5. USGS Quad No. 2997-121 Site No. 377
UTM Sector 666-3219
6. Date: Factual 1886/1929 Est. _____
7. Architect/Builder _____ Contractor Finck, Z.A. (1886)
8. Style/Type Gothic Revival church
9. Original Use religious
Present Use religious
10. Description Frame church w/ stuccoed exterior; raised foundation w/ partial base-
ment; cross-gable roof w/ composition shingles; squared tower at NW corner of
building; double-door entrance w/ pointed-arch transom at base of tower;
secondary front entry w/ similar detailing at NE corner of building; pointed-
11. Present Condition good; stucco applied in 1929; building raised and reoriented in 1929.
12. Significance ARCHITECTURE: This structure, with Gothic Revival detailing, was built
in 1886 by local contractor Z.A. Finck. Extensive alterations took place in
1929 when a basement was added. The church was organized in February 1876.
13. Relationship to Site: Moved _____ Date _____ or Original Site x (describe) in a mostly residential
area east of the CBD; at the southeast corner of Courthouse and Clinton sts.
14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant _____
THC marker files; Cuero Star Oct '95 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1986

DESIGNATIONS

TNRIS No. _____ Old THC Code _____

☐ RTHL ☐ HABS (no.) TEX _____

NR: ☒ Individual ☐ Historic District

☐ Thematic ☐ Multiple-Resource

NR File Name Cuero M-R Nomination

Other _____

PHOTO DATA

B&W 4x5s _____ Slides 6

35mm Negs

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME		ROLL	FRME
		29	6	to		
		52	35	to	52	36
		53	1	to	53	5

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5. USGS Quad No. 2997-121 Site No. 377
UTM Pt. 14/666620/3219080
Acreage less than one acre

Description continued: arch opening w/ stained-glass windows; tower w/ small rose window and triple arches on each elev.; extensions w/ small finials at each corner of tower; pyramidal roof w/ finial caps on tower.

Significance continued: This is Cuero's oldest extant church and is one of the best local examples of Gothic Revival ecclesiastical architecture. Despite 1929 changes, the structure retains its historic integrity and closely resembles its original appearance.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic GroupName Cuerto MRA
State DeWitt County, TEXAS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

21. Eicholz, William and L.F., House
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Arlene Byers 10/31/88

Attest _____

22. English-German School Substantive Review

Keeper Carol Shull 10-31-88

Attest _____

23. Farris, J.B., House
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Arlene Byers 10/31/88

Attest _____

24. First Methodist Church Substantive Review

Keeper Carol Shull 10-31-88

Attest _____

25. Friar, Alfred, House
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Arlene Byers 10/31/88

Attest _____

26. Frobese, William, Sr., House
Substantive ReviewKeeper Carol Shull 10-31-88

Attest _____

27. Grace Episcopal Church
Entered in the
National RegisterKeeper Arlene Byers 10/31/88

Attest _____

28. House at 1002 Stockdale Substantive Review

Keeper Carol Shull 10-31-88

Attest _____

29. House at 404 Stockdale
Entered in the
National Registerfor Keeper Arlene Byers 10/31/88

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30. House at 609 East Live Oak

Keeper Carol Shull 10-31-88

Attest _____

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY First Methodist Church
NAME:

MULTIPLE Cuero MRA
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, De Witt

DATE RECEIVED: 9/16/88 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 9/27/88
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/13/88 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/31/88
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 88001952

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: Y SLR DRAFT: Y

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 10/31/88 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*Significant as one of the best local examples of
Gothic Revival ecclesiastical architecture.*

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept - A
REVIEWER Noble
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 10/31/88

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



"Historic Resources of Cuero, Texas" Multiple-
Resource Nomination; city limits of Cuero,
DeWitt County, Texas.

Photo: David Moore of Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc.
1986; negative with Texas Historical
Commission, Austin, Texas.

Subject: First Methodist Church, Site No. 377
301 E. Courthouse

View: Camera looking 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: 64000839