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National 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
CU 5. USGS Quad No. 2997-121 Site No. 1084
City/Rural CUERO UTM Sector 666-3218

2. Name ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 6. Date: Factual 1930 Est. _____
Address 202 N MCLEOD 7. Architect/Builder Gaenslen, F.B.
Contractor Falbo & Guide Co.

3. Owner St. Michael's Catholic Church 8. Style/Type Romanesque Revival influences
Address 202 N. McLeod Cuero TX 77954 9. Original Use religious

4. Block/Lot OTS/Blk 11/Lots 6,7 Present Use religious

10. Description Brick church w/ gable roof; facade is dominated by twin square towers w/ paired round archways, hip roofs and finials; round-arched windows; cast-stone detailing; double-door primary entrance surmounted by arcade that visually supports round-arched window w/ stained glass; window molding w/

11. Present Condition good; virtually unaltered

12. Significance ARCHITECTURE; St. Michael's Parish was established in 1875 and a church was built on this property which was donated by the Cuero Land and Immigration Co. This structure, built in 1930-31, is the third to occupy

13. Relationship to Site: Moved _____ Date _____ or Original Site *(describe) in a mostly residential area east of the CBD; at the northwest corner of McLeod and Church streets.

14. Bibliography Tax Rolls, Sanborn Maps 15. Informant _____
THC marker files 16. Recorder Hardy-Heck-Moore Date July 1986

DESIGNATIONS

PHOTO DATA

TNRIS No. _____ Old THC Code _____

RTHL HABS (no.) TEX _____

NR: Individual Historic District

Thematic Multiple-Resource

NR File Name Cuero M-R Nomination

Other _____

B&W 4x5s _____ Slides 5

35mm Negs

YEAR	DRWR	ROLL	FRME	ROLL	FRME
		19	34		
		59	31	59	34

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to _____
to _____

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Description continued: floral motifs; twin door w/ carved hood moldings; apse at E. elev.; cast-stone parapets w/ arched corbeling at gable ends; similar detailing in towers; brick pilasters highlight bays.

Significance continued: the site. The first facility was sold to the 2nd Baptist Church (Colored) - now the Macedonia Baptist Church - and moved to its present site on S. Indianola (see Site No. 892). The present Catholic Church is an imposing structure with finely crafted Romanesque Revival detailing. Of all Cuero's historic churches, this is the most outstanding in scale, craftsmanship and ornamentation and is second only to the nearby DeWitt County Courthouse as the city's grandest architectural landmark.

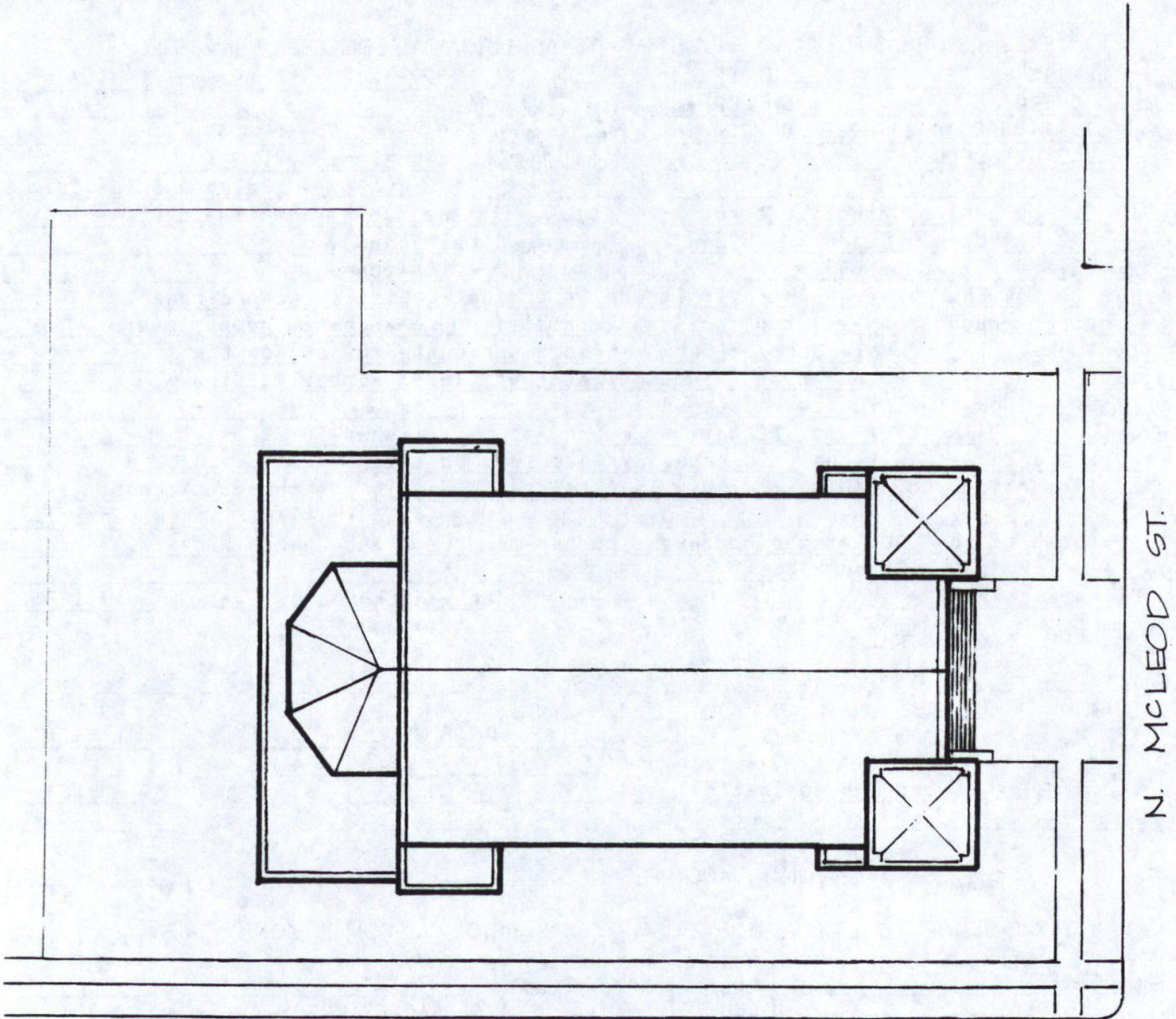
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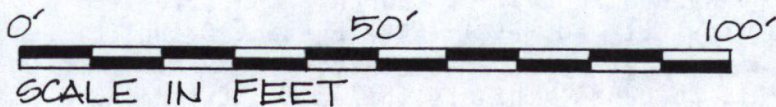
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E. CHURCH ST.

N. MCLEOD ST.

SITE NO. 1084
ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
202 N. MCLEOD
CUERO, TEXAS



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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Cuero MRA
State DeWitt County, TEXAS

- | Nomination/Type of Review | Date/Signature |
|---|--|
| 41. Old Beer and Ice Warehouse
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 10/31/88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 42. Ott, Charles J. and Alvina, House
Substantive Review | Keeper <u>Carol Oshum 10-31-88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 43. Ott, S.I., House
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 10/31/88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 44. Prigden, O.F. and Mary, House
Substantive Review | Keeper <u>Carol Oshum 10-31-88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 45. Reuss, J.M., House
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 10/31/88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 46. St. Michael's Catholic Church
Substantive Review | Keeper <u>Carol Oshum 10-31-88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 47. Stevens, Elisha, House
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 10/31/88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 48. Terrell-Reuss Streets
Historic District
Substantive Review | Keeper <u>Beth Boland 11/4/88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 49. Thomson, W.F., House
Entered in the National Register | Keeper <u>Melrose Byers 10/31/88</u>
Attest _____ |
| 50. Wittenbert, Dane, House
Substantive Review | Keeper <u>Beth Boland 10/31/88</u>
Attest _____ |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: St. Michael's Catholic Church

MULTIPLE NAME: Cuero MRA

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: 88001971

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:

Cuero's most important church in terms of architectural significance.

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
 UTM's 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: St. Michael's Catholic Church,
Site No. 1084, 202 N. McLeod

View: Camera looking southwest

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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