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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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REGISTER

1. Name of Property

historic name: Hyde Park Presbyterian Church

other name/site number: Old Hyde Park Baptist Church

2. Location

street & number: 3915 Avenue B

city/town: Austin

state: TX County: Travis

code: 453

zip code: 78751

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private

Category of Property: building

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	1	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing:

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. See continuation sheet.

Curtis J. Powell 27 June 1990
Signature of certifying official Date

Texas Historical Commission
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

Entered in the
National Register

- entered in the National Register Delores Byrum 8/16/90
See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain): _____

fu _____
Signature of Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic: religious structure

Current: religious structure

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Other: vernacular

Other Description: rectangular plan ecclesiastical building

Materials:	foundation	brick
	walls	wood - weatherboard
	roof	asphalt shingles
	other	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

 X See continuation sheet.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: locally

Applicable National Register Criteria: C

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): A B

Areas of Significance: Architecture

Period(s) of Significance: 1896-1921

Significant Dates: 1896 1910 1921

Significant Person(s): N/A

Cultural Affiliation: N/A

Architect/Builder: unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

 X See continuation sheet.

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One of Hyde Park's few nonresidential historic resources, the building at 3915 Avenue B currently serves the congregation of the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. The frame church stands at the southeast corner of Avenue B and West 40th Street, across from Baker School, whose grounds originally housed the Hyde Park Pavilion. As a vernacular building, the church exhibits little ornamentation. Apart from the addition of a frame classroom to the rear, the church's appearance has changed little since its relocation this site in 1921. Consequently, the building is being nominated for its local architectural significance under Criterion C.

The 1-story frame building houses a rectangular plan sanctuary. Finished in weatherboard siding, the building features a 2-story entry tower on the primary (west) facade. As the most distinctive architectural element, the tower displays the only ornamental detailing in a simple denticulated molding beneath the pyramidal hipped roof. Double doors give access to the sanctuary through the tower. Fenestration consists of double-hung wood sash with 4/4 lights on the north and south elevations, and, as is frequently seen on ecclesiastical buildings, emphasize the building's verticality through their narrow proportions.

Originally consisting of a 1-room sanctuary, the building was elongated in 1921 to its current configuration of 5-bay side elevations. A vertical batten visually marks the addition, although compatible proportions, materials and detailing unify the composition. The tower entries, originally on the sides of the tower, are thought to have been relocated at this time.

A small 1-story classroom addition forms a perpendicular wing centered across the building's rear (east) elevation. Attached to the sanctuary by an enclosed hyphen, the addition features drop siding, wood sash with 6/6 lights, and a low-pitched gable roof. A set of double doors provides access on the north elevation. Due to dissimilar materials, scale, and date of construction, this building is categorized as a Noncontributing element of the property.

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Constructed in 1896 to serve the congregation of the Hyde Park Baptist Church, this example of vernacular ecclesiastical architecture currently serves as the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. While the neighborhood historically has hosted numerous religious institutions since its inception, only a few sanctuaries have retained their historic integrity in the face of the pressures of growing congregations. As a result, the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church is nominated under Criterion C as a significant example of nonresidential architecture in the subdivision.

Despite its peripatetic history, the church is the only ecclesiastical facility remaining from the initial period of Hyde Park's development. Exhibiting proportions and materials appropriate to the modest scale and frame construction that typify Hyde Park's residences, the building contributes to the historic character of the neighborhood. Its simple form, frame construction, and modest detailing typify small-scale churches built in Texas during the late 19th century. The composition of sanctuary fronted with a tower is characteristic of Baptist churches and may be traced to the Wren-Baroque ecclesiastical form prevalent in the eastern United States. The understated ornament is also typical of early Baptist churches in Texas. The straight-forward arrangement of the interior reflects the liturgical outlook of the sect; orderly pews directed to a simple altar table and pulpit denote the importance of the spoken word in their service. Provision of the design and construction by members of the congregation is also typical of similar churches, a tradition reflected by the Wesley Brethren Church (1866/1883/1891; NR 1979/1983) in Welcome, Texas.

The history of this building has its roots in the founding of the Hyde Park Baptist Church. On June 1, 1894, Reverend W.D. Beverly preached to a group of devout neighborhood residents at the Hyde Park Pavilion. The session provided the impetus to organize Hyde Park's first congregation. With plans delineated by Reverend Beverly, church members constructed this building in 1896 on land donated by Beverly and his wife. Beverly's design for the sanctuary in part reflected the visual influence of the nearby Hyde Park Pavilion, site of the congregation's first meeting. Built in 1892 to house theater productions, concerts, and dances, the Pavilion was an important social center for the neighborhood. Despite the irony of modelling the church after a pleasure hall, the newly constructed sanctuary served the Baptists until 1909, when pressures of an expanding congregation prompted a search for alternate facilities.

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Concurrently, seminary students approached Dr. Daniel Allen Penick with plans to open a Presbyterian Church in the neighborhood. Penick, an instructor at the University of Texas and a pioneer in the campus ministry movement, approached Monroe M. Shipe to arrange for the donation of a tract of land. Shipe saw an opportunity to rid the neighborhood of an unwelcome saloon which, through omission of the characteristic deed restriction prohibiting such operations in Hyde Park, was tainting the dignified character of West 40th Street. If Penick and the students could open a church by a specific deadline, the saloon would be forced to close in the face of a state law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages in the vicinity of a church.

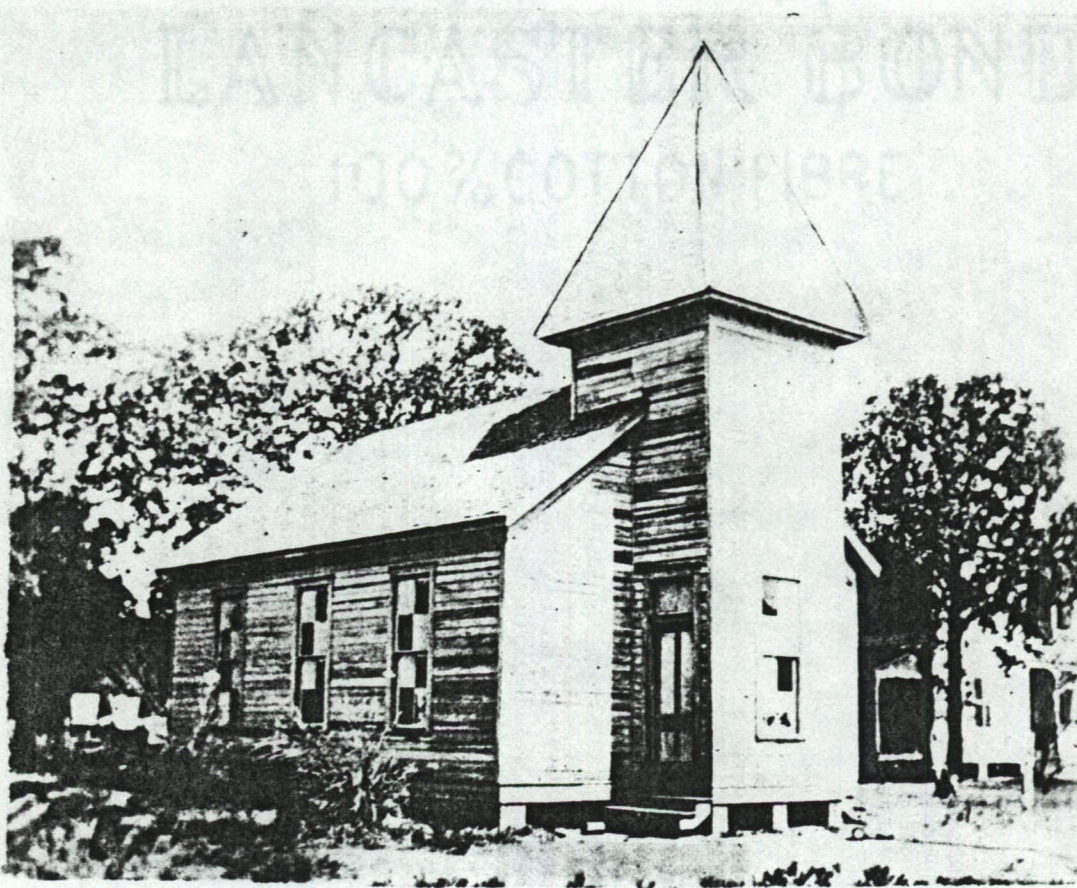
As the needs of the Baptist and incipient Presbyterian congregations coincided, Penick arranged to purchase and relocate the Baptist sanctuary. By moving the church to the new site, Penick met Shipe's conditions and secured the future of the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. The Baptists and Presbyterians held services in shifts at the sanctuary's new location at 406 West 40th Street until the Baptists occupied their new building in 1911 (DR 333:537; Austin City Directory 1912).

In 1921 the Hyde Park Presbyterian Church was moved to its present location at the corner of Avenue B and 40th Street (DR 333:482). The sanctuary was expanded at this time. Following World War II, a social hall was appended to the rear of the sanctuary to provide additional space for classroom facilities. Oral tradition maintains that this addition is a surplus building moved onto the site from Camp Swift, a nearby military base.

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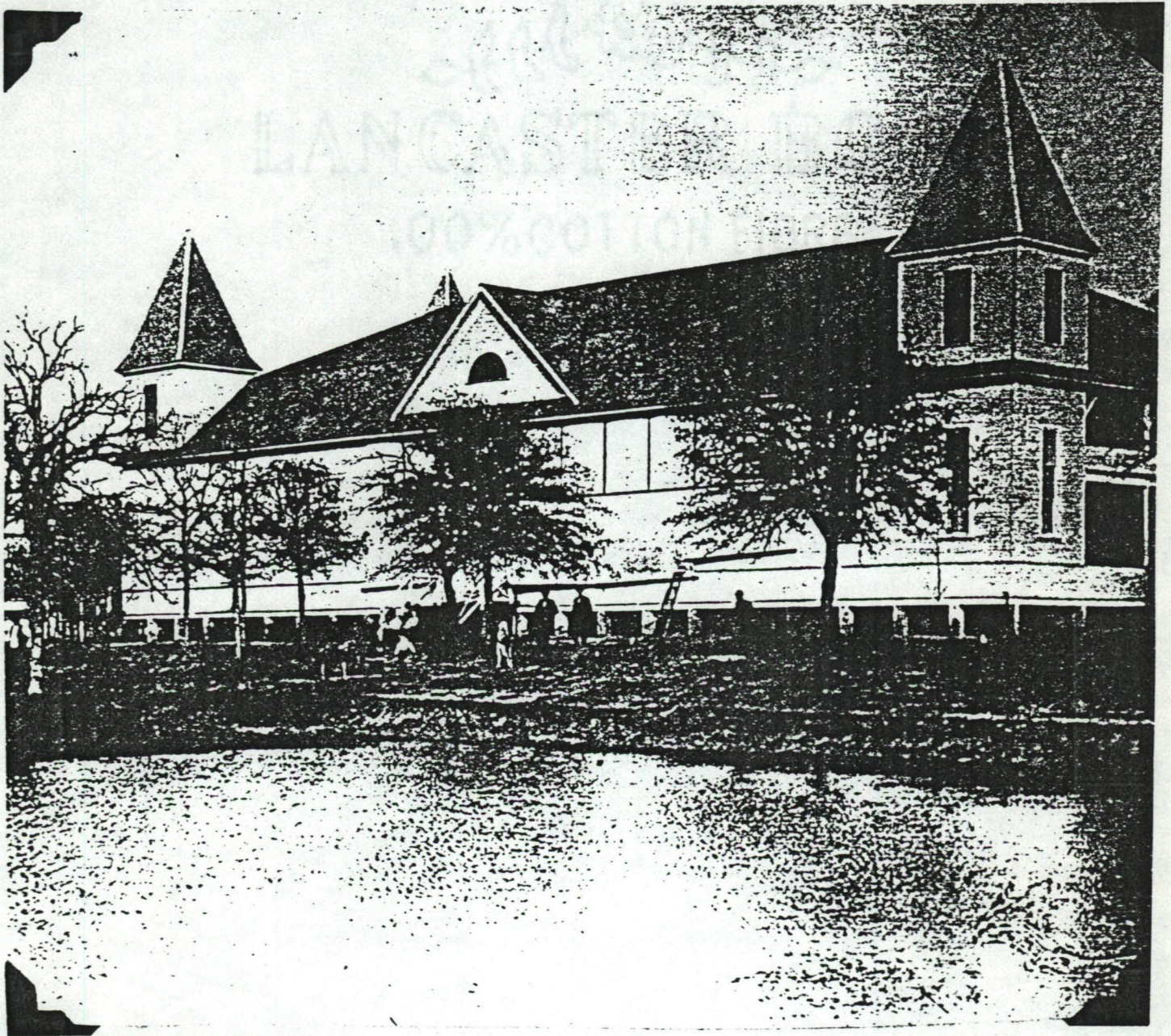
Hyde Park Presbyterian Church Building, original site and configuration as Hyde Park Baptist Church before 1910.

Photo courtesy of Hyde Park Baptist Church

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Hyde Park Pavilion, c. 1894 (demolished)

Photo courtesy of the
Austin History Center

9. Major Bibliographical References

X See bibliography for associated historic context.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

_ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

- _ previously listed in the National Register
- _ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- _ designated a National Historic Landmark
- _ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey# _____
- _ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record# _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

- x State historic preservation office
- _ Other state agency
- _ Federal agency
- _ Local government
- _ University
- _ Other -- Specify Repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

A	14	621700	3352940	B	_____	_____
C	_____	_____	_____	D	_____	_____

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lots 1-3, Block 9, Hyde Park Addition No. 2

Boundary Justification:

Boundaries are those historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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| 4. Hildreth-Flanagan-Heierman House | 8/10/90 |
| 5. Hyde Park Historic District Substantiva Review | 8/10/90 |
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| 11. Page--Gilbert House | 8/10/90 |
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| 14. Sears, Rev. Henry M. and Jennie, House | 8/10/90 |
| 15. Shadow Lawn Historic District | 8/16/90 |
| 16. Smith--Marcuse--Lowry House | 8/10/90 |
| 17. Williams, W. T. and Clotilde V., House | 8/16/90 |
| 18. McCauley, Robert H. and Edith Ethel, House | 8/10/90 |
| 19. Robbins, Alice H., House | 8/10/90 |

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Hyde Park Presbyterian Church

MULTIPLE NAME: Hyde Park MPS

STATE & COUNTY: TEXAS, Travis

DATE RECEIVED: 7/05/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 7/17/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 8/02/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/19/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90001175

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: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 8/16/90 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:50 AM

Hyde Park Presbyterian Church

HYDE PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3915 AVENUE B

AUSTIN, TRAVIS CO., TEXAS

DANIEL HARDY

MARCH 4, 1987

NEGATIVE WITH TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

Negative with Texas Historical Commission

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View looking southwest

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500640