

# Spokane Register of Historic Places

## Nomination Form

City/County Historic Landmarks Commission  
Fourth Floor - City Hall  
Spokane, Washington 99201-3333

Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name** Grace Baptist Church

historic \_\_\_\_\_

and/or common \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location** Spokane Washington

street & number 1527 West Mallon Ides Addition 1-3  
block 5

city, town Spokane \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of Fourth Congregational District

state Washington 99201 county washington

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property

name Grace Baptist Church congregation

street & number 1527 West Mallon

city, town Spokane, Wa. 99201 \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Spokane County courthouse

street & number W 1116 Broadway

city, town Spokane \_\_\_\_\_ state Washington 99201

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title City of Spokane Survey of Historic Resources

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

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# Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The great historic fire that destroyed the down-town district of Spokane occurred in August of 1889. During the severe winter that followed the people began to build a new city. With the new city, began the church that is now known as Grace Baptist. The original meeting took place in the old county court house, making January 2, 1890 the official birthday of the church.

Grace Baptist was one of the first churches built on the North side of the river. At the time there were only about 50 homes scattered throughout the area. Several prominent people were charter members of the church. History records these few who were active in the civic affairs of the community--Rev B.F. Morse, James Johnson, Edward A. Thomas, Finch Clark, M.D. Dobson, Jonathan Heaton, Frank Clapp, Edward S. Ross, Oliver Ross, Charles M. Graves. There was a total of only 18 charter members but by the end of the century the church had over 200 members. One of these was Mrs Francis E.R. Linfield, head of the Foreign language department of Spokane South Side High School. After her death, the gift from her estate endowed the Baptist school, Linfield College at McMinnville, Oregon.

The church has been most active in the movement of Christianity in Spokane. The group started Missions which grew into independent Baptist churches known as Union Park, Central Baptist, Hillyard Baptist, Minnehaha Baptist, Immanuel Baptist. The church was most supportive of the original Chinese Mission beginning as far back as 1894. The Chinese worshiped in this building until 1987 when they bought their own building and moved to E 2326 Queen, Spokane.

# 8 Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In excellent condition. Original physical appearance has been maintained. It is used daily by a congregation of 400 people.

The building is rectangular in shape, 75 feet by 90 feet. The front of the building faces North. The entry way and Tower are on the North-West corner. The front of the church is covered by a large stained glass window--twenty feet wide, forty feet high. The side walls (East side-- West side ) each have 12 stained glass windows (six feet by six feet ) giving the sanctuary a royal appearance of worship and sacrament. The stained windows have religious pictures so that by night they tell a story to the outside world and by day they give a regal appearance to the sanctuary.

The floors are varnished--the isles are covered with red carpeting. The pews on the main floor are stained oak and provide seating for 320 worshippers. There is a 20 foot balcony across the back and on both sides of the auditorium. It has 250 opera chairs--all facing the worship center. The main floor, balcony and choir loft have a seating capacity of 550 people.

The worship center is beautifully done. Designed in such a manner that it is the focal point of everyone in the building. The ceiling, which is three stories high, gives the feeling of spaciousness but the altar commands everyone's attention and gives them a feeling of rapture and belonging. Directly behind it is the baptistry and overhead the choir loft, which seats 36 members. Behind them are the 51 pipes of the organ. They are painted gold, cover 22 feet and stand 36 feet in height. The stained oak lumber, built into the background, was all picked by hand and every panel is matched.

On the North side of the building--back of the worship center--an educational plant has been added to the building. It is a separate building and cannot be seen from the front.

The building was built by John K. Dow, a prominent architect who practiced in Spokane 1889-1937. Other buildings this man built are:

- 245 E 13th--Paulson residence
- 909 W Riverside--Great Western/Empire State Building
- 517 W Riverside--Mohawk Building
- 108 N Washington--American Legion Building
- 9 S Washington--Hutton Building
- 407 S Washington--Westminster Congregational Church

An architect used the following words to describe this church:  
Complex design of this church is buff-colored brick with terra cotta detail and green copper roof. Arches in the gable bayed apse, narthex etc. are painted arches with compound mouldings in upper surrounds. Crenellated turrets and parapets add gothic qualities as do buttresses. Stained glass is enriched by interlaced trefoil mullions. The structure's richness suits this congregation founded in 1889 as North Side Baptist.

# Major Lithographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less than 1

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Bounded on the North by Mallon--on the west by Maple ave.  
Three blocks west of Spokane County courthouse

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_

state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Frank S. Duncan, Moderator

organization Grace Baptist Church

date 7-20-90

street & number 1527 Mallon

telephone 482-8330

city or town Spokane, Wa. 99201

state \_\_\_\_\_

## 12. Signature of Owner(s)

Grace Baptist Church  
Frank Duncan, Moderator

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: 9-14-90

Date Heard: 10-3-90

Commission Decision: Approved

Council/Board Action: Approved

Date: October 22, 1990

Attest: Elizabeth Davidson  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
Andy Shultz  
Ass't. Corporation Counsel

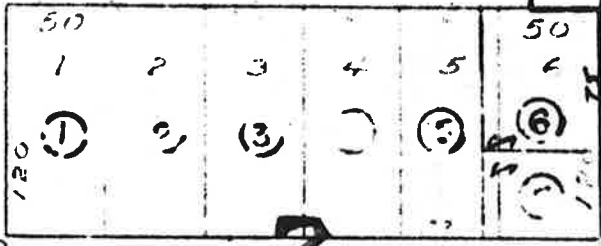
We hereby certify that this property has been listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places:

Sharon S. Barnard  
Mayor, City of Spokane or Chair, Spokane County Commissioners

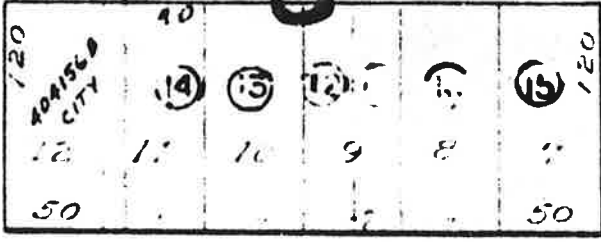
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Chair, Spokane City/County Historic Landmarks Commission

Katherine W. Danell  
City/County Historic Preservation Officer

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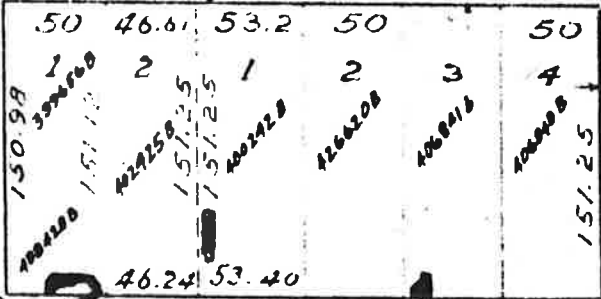


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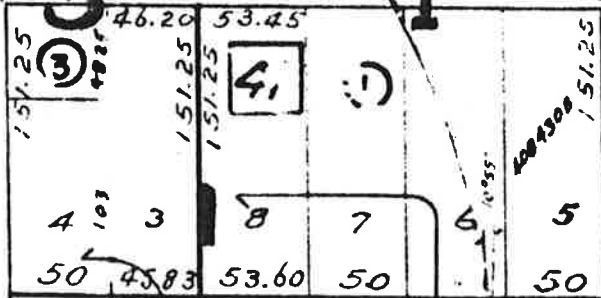


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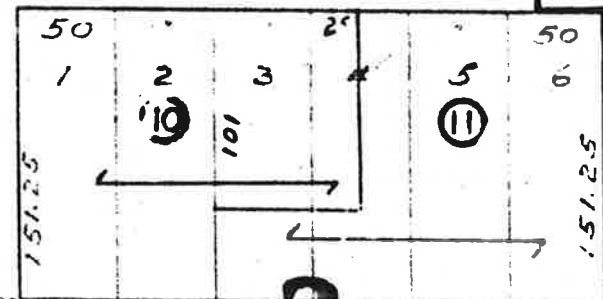
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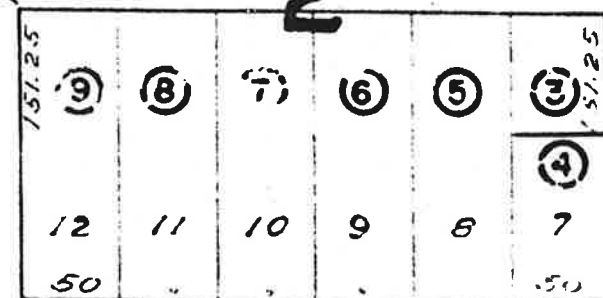
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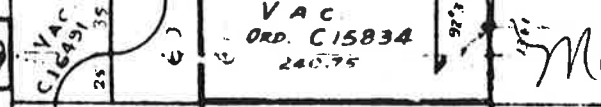


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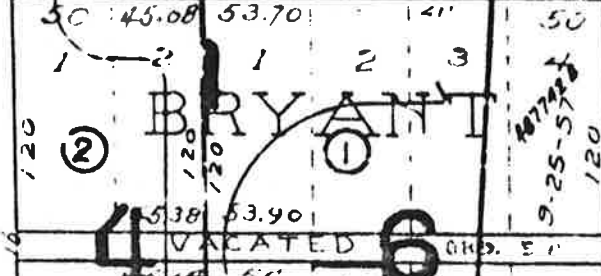


Mallon AVENUE

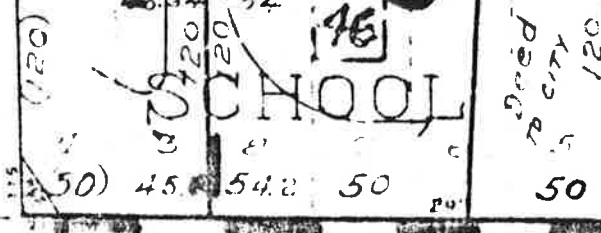
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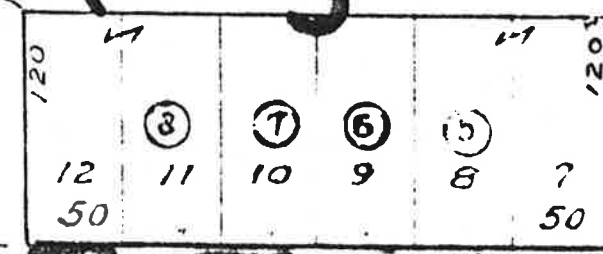


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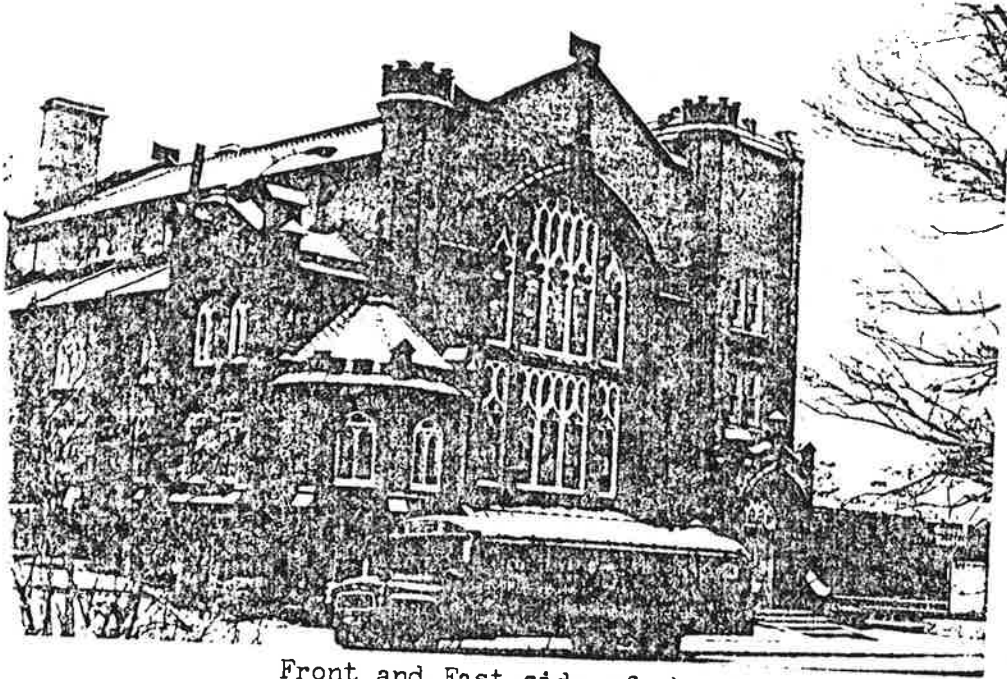
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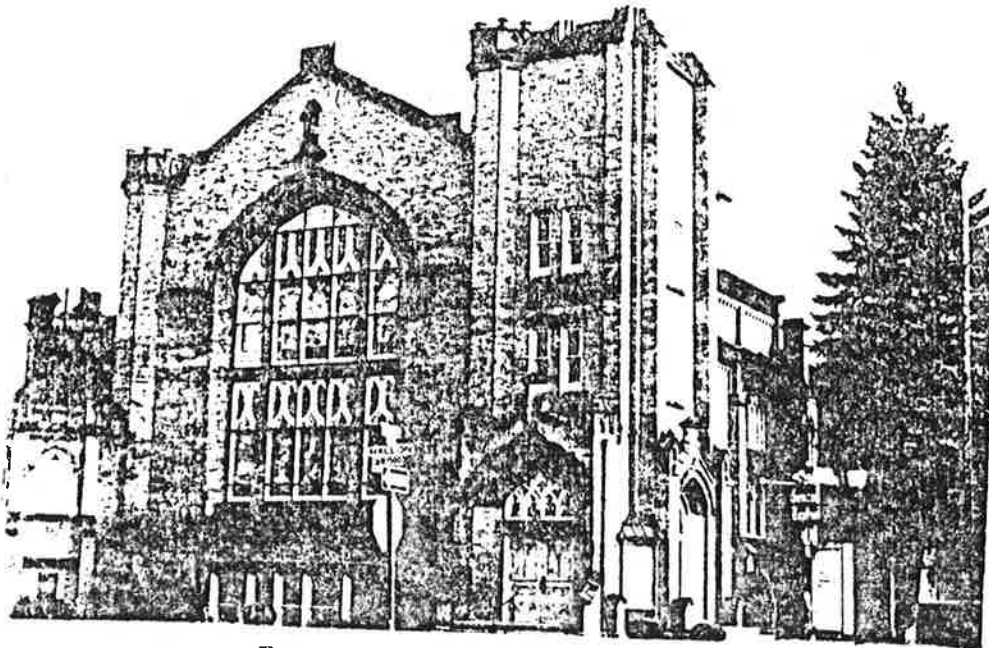
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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH



Front and East side of church



Front and West side of church

