

## BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:12

SURVEY NO.:B-3977

AREA:Madison Square-Oliver Historic District

MAGI NO.:0439775608

ADDRESS:1301-1309, 1311 North Caroline Street

CURRENT NAME:Memorial Baptist Church of Baltimore



BLOCK:1150 LOT:1

LOT SIZE:78'8" x 99'8"

HEIGHT:

MATERIALS:Granite

CONDITION:Good

OWNER:Memorial Baptist Church of Baltimore

ADDRESS:1301-1309 N. Caroline St.

USE:Religious Structure

ACCESSIBLE:Yes, restricted

DESIGNATION:

LIBER/FOLIO:MLP 6293-59

HISTORIC NAME:Grace Baptist Church and Manse

DATE:1886 (Church)/1890 (Manse)

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:[J. Appleton Wilson?]-architect (Church) John T. Buckley &amp; Thomas A. Winn--carpenters (Church)/ Harry MacLellan--architect (Manse)

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

## DESCRIPTION:

Grace Baptist Church, located at the northeast corner of N. Caroline and E. Preston Sts. in the Oliver Planning district of east Baltimore, MD., is a gable roofed rock faced granite building. The window and entryway treatments are of pressed stone. The church is built in a variation of a cruciform plan, a cross with a southeast wing. At the southwest corner is a octagonal tent roof tower. In the tower are two round arched entry ways, one facing each street, that give the church two primary facades. At the top of the tower are paired rectangular louvered windows above wooden panels decorated with paired wide diamonds. An "1886" weather vane tops the tower. The south elevation has two gables. The west gable contains a large diocletian window with stone mullions above 3 rectangular windows. The east gable has 5 rectangular windows below half timbering. Between these gables is a singular round arched entryway. The west facade has the same diocletian and rectangular windows as the south. The Manse, 311 Caroline, is a 3 story brick building, on a raised basement, with a rock-faced Hall's Springs blue stone facade. The Manse is 3 bays wide with a conical roof turret at the south end adjacent to the church. The cornice, including the turret, has large stone dentils. There is a wide gabled dormer. The front door has a raising sun fanlight. At the center of the second floor is an intricately carved stone panel bearing the word "Grace".

## SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA:Architecture

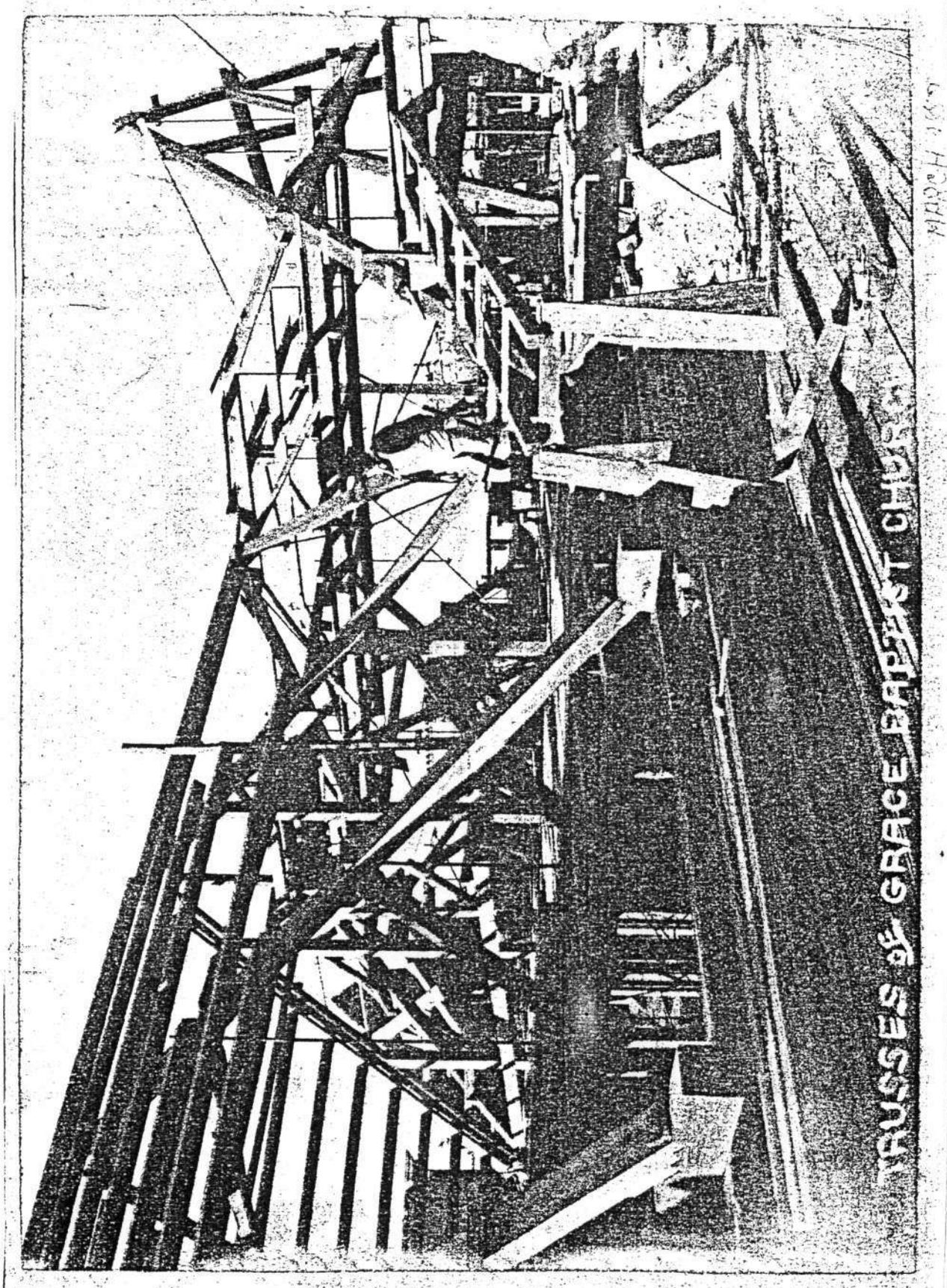
LEVEL:Local

Grace Baptist would be considered a contributing structure to the Madison Square-Oliver historic district. It has architectural significance as a distinct building type--a church. The church's history parallels that of the area. A 1913 history of Grace Baptist describes its development "from a mission station in an unsuitable locality to a large and prosperous church situated in one of the best localities of Northeast Baltimore". (p.5) The Grace Baptist congregation traces its origins back to 1872 when the Young People's Association of High St. Baptist Church established the Shiloh Sunday School on Aisquith St. near Hoffman. The project prospered and members of the Eutaw Place Baptist Church affiliated themselves with it. In 1874 a church was organized. By 1884 a need was felt to relocate. A lot was purchased on Caroline and Preston Sts.. The new church opened in 1887. In 1890 the adjoining rectory was built. The deacon who supervised its construction, John Munro, is listed in the 1890 City Directory as a sculptor. In 1942 Grace merged with the Alameda Baptist Church and sold the Caroline St. properties to Memorial Baptist Church, a black congregation.

SOURCES:Chap Files; City Directory. 1887 & 90; Daily Record. 9/30/90,313,4;Sun.

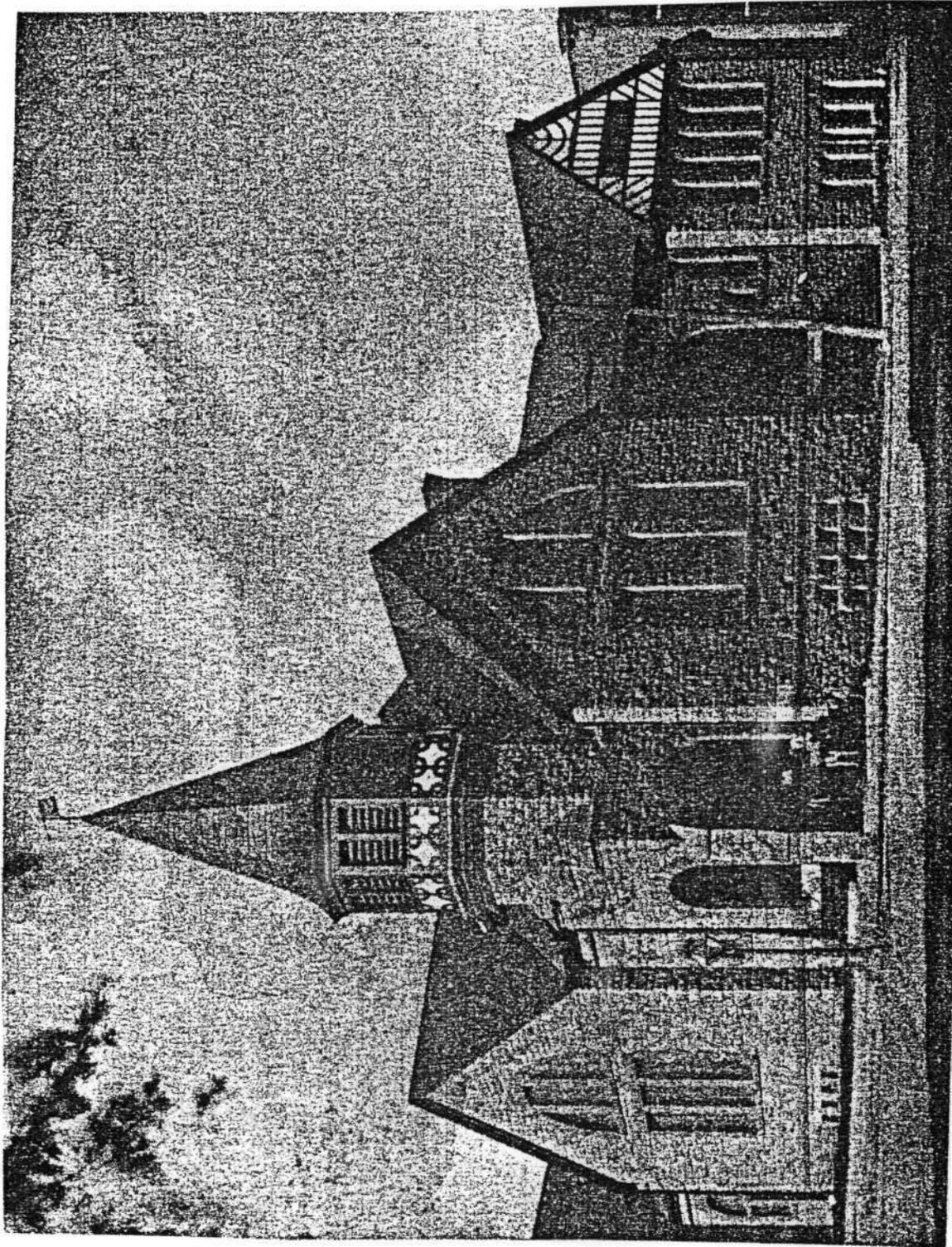
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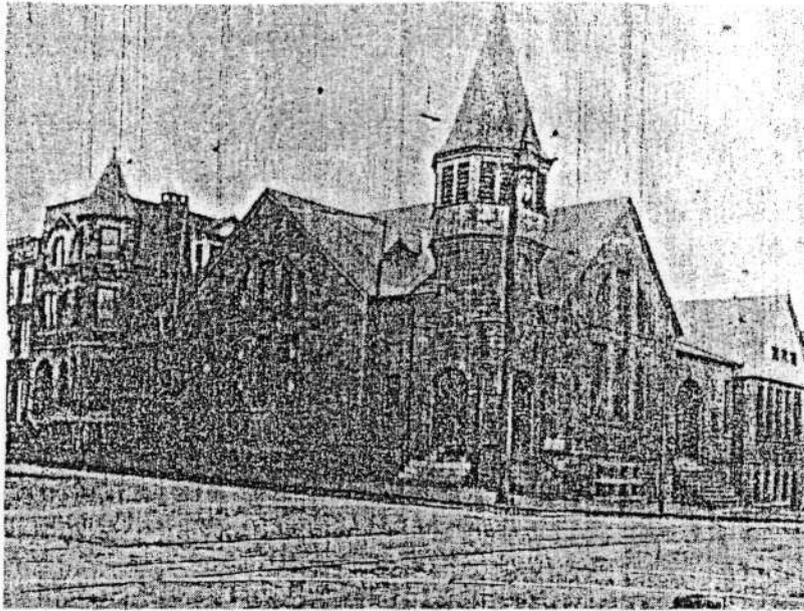
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1887  
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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, [CA.1895]  
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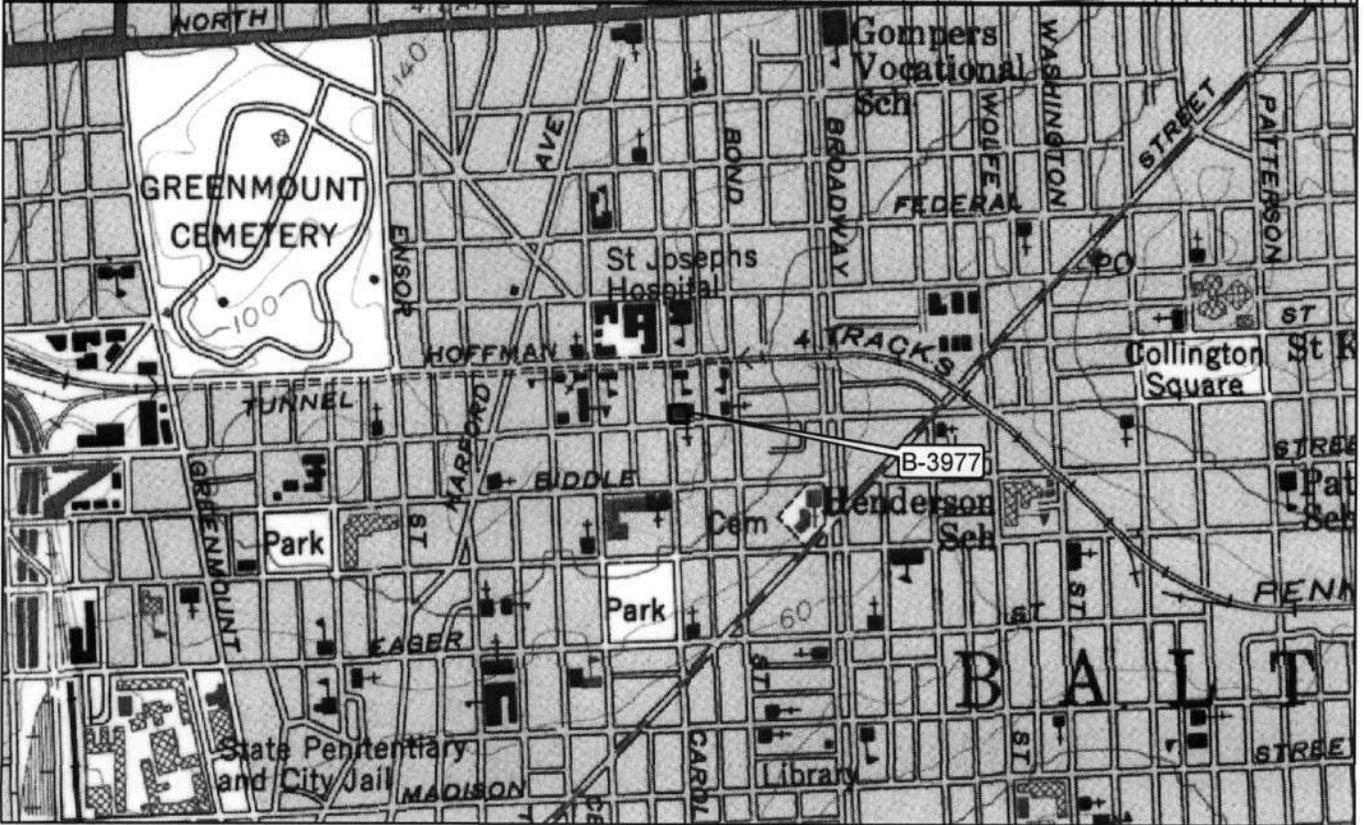
*Old Grace Church, Caroline and Preston*

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Edward M. Spath. A History of the Grace Baptist Church  
Baltimore, Maryland 1872-1962. p.21.



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Grace Baptist Church & Manse (Memorial Baptist Church of Baltimore)  
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Block 1150, Lots 001 & 037  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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Southwest corner view

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West elevation

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Rectory, 1311 N. Caroline, west elevation

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Detail, Rectory, 1311 N. Caroline, stone panel & stained glass window

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