

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

For HCRS use only

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Grace Church

and/or common St. Michael and All Angels Church

## 2. Location

street & number 3626 Reading Rd. \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town: Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 1st

state Ohio \_\_\_\_\_ code 039 \_\_\_\_\_ county Hamilton \_\_\_\_\_ code 061

## 3. Classification

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

## 4. Owner of Property

name Church of St. Michaels and All Angels

street & number 3626 Reading Road

city, town Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio 45229

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hamilton County Courthouse

street & number Main & Court

city, town Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio 45202

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Cincinnati Historic Inventory \_\_\_\_\_ has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_\_\_ yes  no

date April 1978 \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county  local

depository for survey records Miami Purchase Association  
812 Dayton Street

city, town Cincinnati \_\_\_\_\_ state Ohio 45214

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The St. Michael's and All Angels Protestant Episcopal Church property includes two buildings, a church constructed in 1869 and a parish hall constructed in 1880. The church building is Gothic Revival style, approximately 36' x 65' in size and one and one-half stories high. The symmetrical front facade is composed of random rock faced ashlar limestone with sandstone coping, plinth course, engaged columns, and buttress caps. A large gothic pointed stained glass window is surmounted by a single rock faced ashlar stone course with sandstone trim. A sandstone date plate, "A.D. 1869" is found below the window. The south facade is assymetrical, five bays wide and composed of random rock faced ashlar limestone with a sandstone plinth course. A sandstone raised entrance leads to the narthex whose exterior elements are composed of a half timber detail with vertical beam and ashlar stone below a large hip roof and large double red doors. The window heads are gothic pointed with keystone. A large rock faced ashlar bell tower with open belfry has been rebuilt and is located at the rear of the main building at the south facade.

The frame addition was constructed in 1886 and is approximately 45' x 52' in size and one story in height. It is composed of a limestone rock faced ashlar stone raised foundation with clapboard siding. The windows on the south facade are triangular headed with wooden, center pointed surrounds. The large gable end on the east facade has simple wooden brackets supporting the projecting roof.

The north facade of the church building exhibits the same wall and entrance treatment as the south facade. A large one story addition constructed in 1915 is found to the rear of the main building and is composed of random limestone rock faced ashlar, triple center pointed windows, low parapet roof and raised side entrance.

The roof treatment of the church building is steep gable with polychromic imbricated slates, pierced by small triangular dormers exhibiting quarterfoils and metal decorative finials and exposed rafters. This same roof treatment is utilized for the frame addition except that louvers are found on the triangular dormers. The original roof was probably replaced at the time of the 1886 addition.

The interior of the church building has been remodeled at various periods in its history, however original exposed interior cross beams remain. These are characterized by decorative bracing with geometric designs, pendants and chamfered beams terminating at the anchor irons. A coffered ceiling and decorative carved reredos from the 1950's accentuate the sanctuary today. Four Tiffany stained glass windows accentuate the window treatments.

The Parish Hall building, also Gothic Revival, is 29' x 53' rectangular in plan and one and one-half stories high. It is distinguished by its limestone rock faced ashlar stone wall construction and sandstone trim at the coping buttress and plinth course. The west gable end exhibits a decorative half timber motif above a large five paned window with segmental arch and decorative beaded sandstone sill. An assymetrical, five bay south facade is composed of buttresses, a raised entrance with red painted door, triangular pointed decorative windows with keystone trim and sandstone sills. The north facade is the same except the fenestration is all windows. The steep imbricated slate roof is pierced by small triangular dormers with windows. A small one story frame addition composed of clapboard siding and simple door and window surrounds is found to the rear on the east facade.

The interior of the building has a staircase, with landing, leading to the second floor. This floor has been altered to accommodate the needs of the Russian Orthodox Church. The first floor contains a large open area with plaster and wainscoting wall treatment and a multi-purpose room exists towards the south facade. Little ornamentation accentuates the interior.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input 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** 1869 & 1880 **Builder/Architect** J. W. McLaughlin & A. C. Nash

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Identified in the Cincinnati Historic Inventory for their architectural significance, the St. Michael's and All Angel's Protestant Episcopal Church buildings are excellent examples of Gothic Revival architecture characteristic of the English parish architectural mode. Both buildings were designed by prominent local architects and embody the distinctive architectural detailing and characteristics associated with the style as applied to church architecture. Together with a setting which maintains its integrity, these buildings have functioned as a center for religious activity in the Avondale neighborhood of Cincinnati since 1869. Constructed in 1869, the original church exterior is characterized by its rock faced ashlar wall construction with coping at the gable ends, steep polychromic imbricated slate roof, narthex, gothic fenestration and window enframing. The overall scale and massing affirms the style. A frame addition constructed in 1886 to enlarge the sanctuary and chancel, and a 1915 addition are in harmony with the architectural characteristics and are sympathetic to the style of the original church building. The church building was designed by the noted Cincinnati architect, James W. McLaughlin (1834-1923). A prolific architect, he designed many significant buildings for public and private clients. Several already listed in the National Register include the Alfred T. Goshorn house (1890), the First Unitarian Church (1889), and the Cincinnati Gas, Light and Coke Co. building (1870). The parish hall was constructed in 1880 and exhibits a decorative half timber gable end with quartefoils, rock faced ashlar wall treatment, steep polychromic imbricated slate roof, triangular arched windows and raised side entrance. The architect was A. C. Nash (1826-1890) whose principal designs were for churches in the Cincinnati area. He designed the Glendale Presbyterian Church (1873) in the Gothic Revival style, which is located in a National Historic Landmark district. Because of their setback from the road, large open space in front, and close juxtaposition, the two church buildings affirm a mutual relationship and distinguishable entity when viewed in relation to their surroundings. The church's history began in 1866 when a group of citizens in the suburban community of Avondale, near Cincinnati, began work to establish Episcopal church services in their community. Initial activities resulted in services being held in a nearby school with discussions taking place to formally become incorporated into the Episcopal Church and for the establishment of a church building. In early 1867, a declaration of Association and Conformity to the Constitutions and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church was established and later that year, the first Rector was appointed. In 1869, a lot was purchased and the church building constructed at a cost of \$16,000. It was completed and opened for worship in February 1870. Throughout the years until 1938, the church functioned as a focal point for the Episcopal faith in Avondale. In 1938, it merged with the congregation of St. Luke's Episcopal Church which was located in Cincinnati's West End. For a time, the church was known as Grace - St. Luke's Church of Cincinnati. This was found to be cumbersome and the name was changed to its present St. Michaels and All Angels. Today, the church is sustained by an integrated congregation totalling approximately 100 members.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Cincinnati Daily Gazette, Saturday, Feb. 26, 1870, p. 1

Past and Present of Grace Episcopal Church, 1866-1897

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.4 acres

Quadrangle name Cincinnati East, Ohio

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

A 

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B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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F 

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G 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 36 and 37 of the Cincinnati and Western Railroad Co. subdivision

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Fred Mitchell

organization St. Michaels and All Angels Church date September 11, 1981

street & number 3626 Reading Road telephone 513-221-2306

city or town Cincinnati state Ohio 45229

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature W. Ray

title SHPO date 7/6/82

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Allous Byers Entered in the National Register date 9/16/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

READING

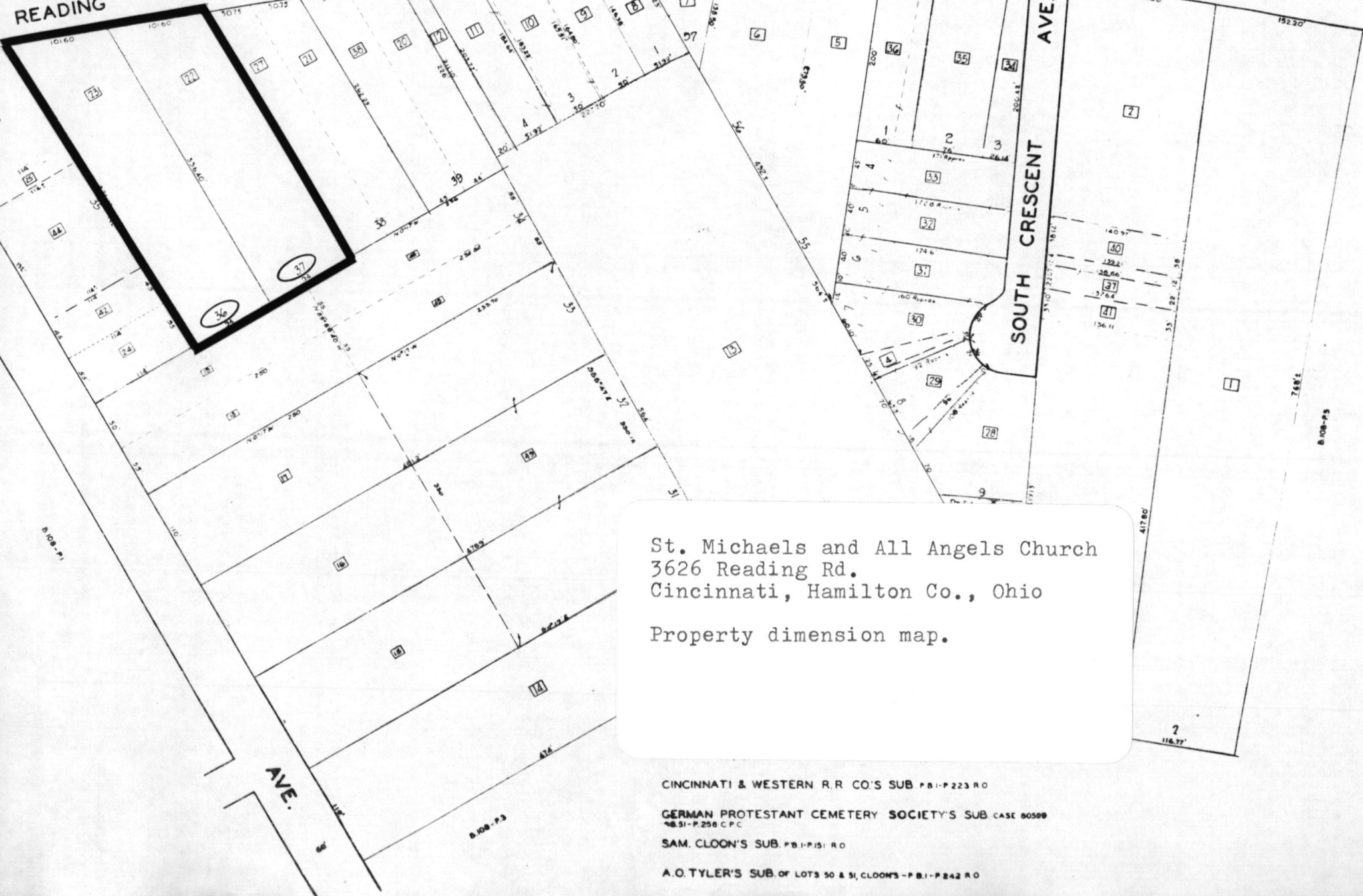
ROAD

AVE.

SOUTH CRESCENT

GLENWOOD

AVE.



St. Michaels and All Angels Church  
 3626 Reading Rd.  
 Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio

Property dimension map.

CINCINNATI & WESTERN R.R. CO'S SUB. P.B.1-P.223 R.O.

GERMAN PROTESTANT CEMETERY SOCIETY'S SUB. CASE 60509  
P.B.51-P.256 C.P.C.

SAM. CLOON'S SUB. P.B.1-P.151 R.O.

A.O. TYLER'S SUB. OF LOTS 50 & 51, CLOON'S - P.B.1-P.242 R.O.

B.112-P.5

B.111-P.5

B.108-P.1

B.108-P.3

B.108-P.5

2

116.77'

Grace Church, Hamilton County, OHIO,

Working No. 8/16/82-2274  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 9/16/82 - 9/30/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 9/16/82

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the  RETURN  
National Register  REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

## 8. 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

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UMT References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

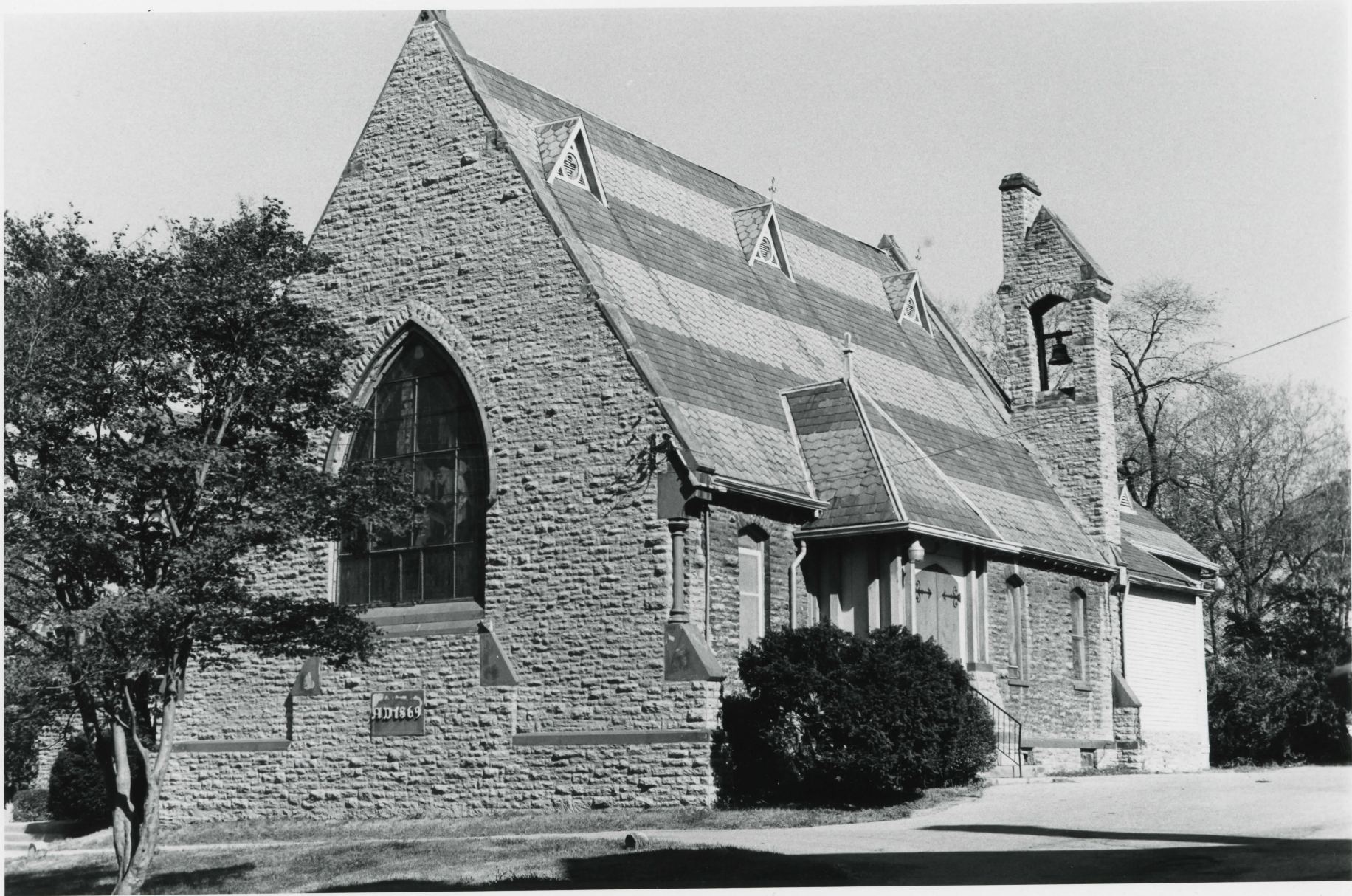
## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



St. Michaels and All Angels Church  
3626 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio  
Photographs by Fred Mitchell  
October, 1981  
Negatives with Historic Preservation  
Associates  
Looking at west and south facades of  
Church Building  
Photo #1 of 5



St. Michaels and All Angels Church  
3626 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio  
Photographs by Fred Mitchell  
October, 1981  
Negatives with Historic Preservation  
Associates  
View of west and south facades of  
parish hall  
Photo #2 of 5



St. Michaels and All Angels Church  
3626 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio  
Photographs by Fred Mitchell  
October, 1981  
Negatives with Historic Preservation  
Associates  
View of west facades of Church and  
parish hall  
Photo #3 of 5



St. Michaels and All Angels Church  
3626 Reading Road  
Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio  
Photographs by Fred Mitchell  
October, 1981  
Negatives with Historic Preservation  
Associates  
View of side entrance and addition  
on north facade of Church  
Photo #4 of 5



St. Michaels and All Angels Church

3626 Reading Road

Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio

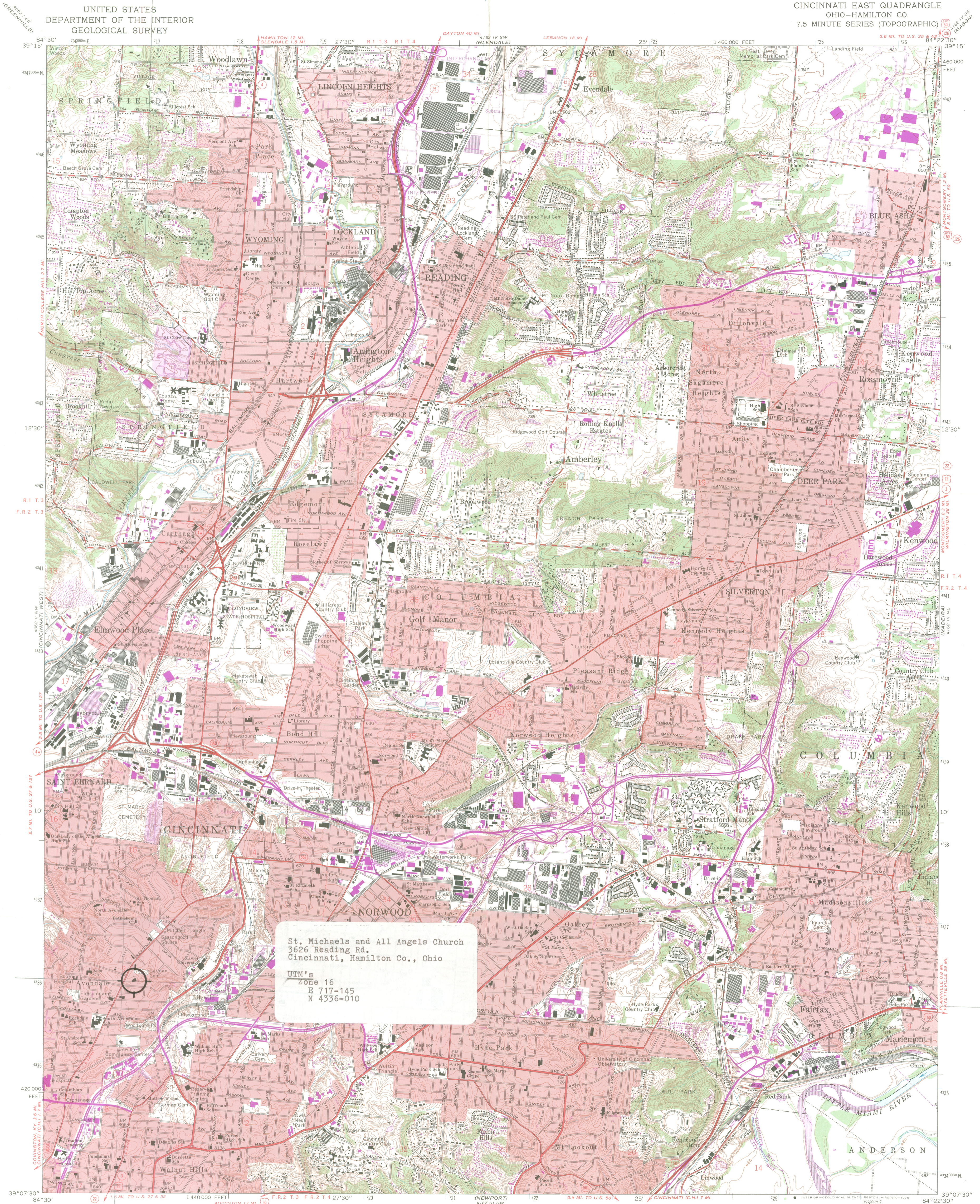
Photographs by Fred Mitchell

October, 1981

Negatives with Historic Preservation  
Associates

View of rear additions on east (rear)  
facades

Photo #5 of 5



St. Michaels and All Angels Church  
3626 Reading Rd.  
Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio

UTM's  
Zone 16  
E 717-145  
N 4336-010

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, USCE, and City of Cincinnati  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1949 and in part by City of Cincinnati  
Field checked 1953. Revised 1961

Polygonic projection. 1927 North American datum, 10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone 1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 16, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Area east of the Little Miami River lies within the Virginia Military District. Area west of the Little Miami River lies within the Between the Miamis. Land lines based on the Great Miami River Base. Dotted land lines established by private subdivision of the Symmes Purchase

UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000  
1 000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET  
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———  
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

CINCINNATI EAST, OHIO  
N3907.5—W8422.5/7.5  
1961  
PHOTOREVISED 1970 AND 1974  
AMS 4162 III NW—SERIES V852

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken 1970 and 1974. This information is not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

QUADRANGLE LOCATION



# City of Cincinnati

EB 02 1982



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ROOM 222, CITY HALL  
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PHONE 352-3471

HERBERT W. STEVENS  
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ERWIN E. HOFFMAN  
ADMINISTRATOR,  
LAND USE AND ZONING

February 1, 1982

Mr. W. Ray Luce  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
Ohio Historical Center  
I-71 & 17th Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43211

Dear Mr. Luce:

This letter is in regard to the nominations of buildings in the City of Cincinnati which will go before the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board for final approval February 5, 1982. The following ten nominations were reviewed by the Cincinnati Historic Conservation Board at its January 25, 1982, meeting.

1. Grace Church
2. The Bernard Ratterman House
3. The Samuel Burdsal House
4. Gilbert Row
5. The Moses Goldsmith Building
6. Underwriters Salvage Corps
7. The Sycamore, 13th Street Grouping
8. The William Groesbeck House
9. The Charles Broadwell House
10. The John H. Endebrook House

The Historic Conservation Board acknowledged its support of all ten nominations. The contribution to a potential historic district of the Groesbeck, Broadwell and Endebrook Houses and their historic association with Cincinnati's early growth and expansion was acknowledged, despite the fact that the Historic Conservation Board questioned their nomination on an individual basis.

Sincerely,

Adele Cramer  
City Planner II

AC:rmc

# Ohio Historic Preservation Office

Ohio Historical Center I-71 & 17th Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43211 (614) 466-1500

August 10, 1982

Ms. Carol Shull  
Chief of Registration  
National Register of Historic Places  
Department of the Interior  
440 G Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed are ten new National Register nominations and one resubmission. All the appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the new submissions.

We are recommending that four of the nominations receive a substantive review: the Krumm House, Franklin County; the Miller House, Franklin County; the Wright House, Hamilton County; and the Ropes Building, Hamilton County. Questions arose on the Krumm House, Ropes Buildings, and Wright House during the ERTA Part 1 certification process which we feel have been addressed in the nomination form. The Miller House was approved by the state review board but I have questioned its basic eligibility on a signed continuation sheet that is enclosed with the form.

## New Submissions

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>
Roas-Ihhardt Farm and Winery	Clermont
Snow Houses	Cuyahoga
Krumm House	Franklin
Miller, Orlando, House	Franklin
✓ Grace Church	Hamilton
Ropes Building	Hamilton
Wright House	Hamilton
YWCA	Hamilton
Diver House and Storebuilding	Portage
First Reformed & First Lutheran Churches	Stark

## Resubmission

Ratterman, Bernard, House	Hamilton
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Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

*W. Ray Luce*  
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