

Summary and Recommendations

Summary

The Muscatine County Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey focused on the identification of rural churches and schools throughout the county. It also included the inventory of selected architectural and archaeological sites identified during the survey, with a minimum of one architectural and one archaeological site recorded within each of the 14 townships.

A total of 14 architectural properties and 14 archaeological sites were newly recorded as part of the current study. Recommendations for potential NRHP eligibility of each property was made, with some requiring additional research and/or Phase I Archaeological survey before a final recommendation of eligibility can be made. The research and survey were completed with the assistance of the Muscatine County HPC members as well as other interested volunteers who provided information, photographs, and memories of the properties. The location and basic information for all the schools and churches identified during the survey were entered into Muscatine County's MAGIC geodatabase system.

In total, the survey identified 104 school sites, 40 standing schoolhouses, 37 church sites and 34 standing church buildings. The survey did include reconnaissance of schools and churches in the towns outside of the City of Muscatine, which account for most of the extant church buildings. However, there are a notable number of extant rural church buildings, many of which are still active congregations. A few of the historic churches were moved but not as many as historic schoolhouses that were moved in the county, which often had more than one site location during their active use as schoolhouses.

The school sites consist of the original and moved locations of former schoolhouses that are no longer extant at those locations as well as sites surrounding standing schoolhouses that are on their original locations. Most of the identified site locations have some potential for archaeological evidence of the former school occupations and are recommended in most cases for future archaeological survey. Although some could be identified as having been so impacted by later constructions or road improvement projects that they were noted to have little or no potential for intact archaeological deposits.

The standing schoolhouses are primarily examples where the schools were purchased at auction upon their closing and had to be moved to other locations. Often they became houses, some rural and some in-town locations; while others were adapted for use as sheds, garages, shops, and granaries or cribs on farmsteads. A few were moved into Muscatine County from adjacent counties and some were moved out of Muscatine into nearby counties. The ones that were adapted as dwellings have survived better than those that were used for outbuildings; however, the adaptation for use as a dwelling also involved more impact to the interior and exterior than the outbuilding uses. Some of these modified schoolhouse dwellings are hard to recognize for their original schoolhouse form, while others are easy to identify.

Two historic schoolhouses were moved from their original sites to other locations in order to save those buildings from demolition. One of these was the Swamp School, which was moved from Goshen Township into West Liberty in Wapsinonoc Township where it was restored and now serves as a historic one-room schoolhouse exhibit in Heritage Park at 405 N. Elm Street. The other is the former Melpine Schoolhouse, which was moved from Wilton Township to its current location in Wildcat Den State Park where it serves as a historical schoolhouse museum and research center. In both cases, the schools were saved by their moving. Unfortunately, moved buildings are not automatically considered NRHP eligible and must meet Criteria Consideration B, which states "a building or structure removed from its original

location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event.” In those instances, a moved building can be NRHP eligible despite the move. A rural schoolhouse that is moved to a town setting, would have to have architectural or historical significance sufficient to overcome the impact to its integrity of setting and association. In the case of the Melpine Schoolhouse, it is still in a rural setting but is in a park that also has a grist mill (original to that location). However, the Melpine Schoolhouse has some potential for NRHP eligibility because it appears to be a rare survivor of the two-front entry door form of the rural schoolhouse in Muscatine County. The majority of surviving schoolhouse were of the more common centered front door on the gable end form of schoolhouse, like the Swamp Schoolhouse. As such, the rarity of the Melpine Schoolhouse form in Muscatine County may indicate sufficient architectural significance for this building to be considered NRHP eligible. Currently, the Swamp School is likely not eligible because it is an example of a more common schoolhouse form, but with time and continued rural schoolhouse building loss, the Swamp School may become eligible as it becomes a rare survivor.

The evolution of schoolhouse design in Muscatine County began with the simple frame, front-gabled building with a gable end entry and windows along each side. Some were entered directly and others had front-gabled vestibules through which the students entered. All had two privies in the rear schoolyard, one for boys and one for girls and most had a shed or small barn for horses and buggies. A well and sometimes a storm cellar were common features around the school yard. In the early 20th century, these schools were improved by raising them up and putting concrete or tile block foundations underneath so that they then had basement level space for heating plants and sometimes plumbing. Some schoolhouses were replaced in the early 20th century with new square hip-roofed schoolhouses that were built with foundations and followed the modern school plan of interior upgrades such as heating, plumbing, and better ventilation and light. However, the number of late 19th century schoolhouses of the front-gabled, one-room plan that survived and were simply upgraded with new basements levels is somewhat surprising and warrants comparative study with other counties where it was more common to simply replace the older schoolhouses with the square, hip-roofed plans across the board. The majority of rural schools in Muscatine were closed for good in 1964; however, some districts closed in the 1950s, with a few schools that closed much earlier in the early 1900s in favor of consolidation. There is one stunning example of a new multi-story brick school that was built in 1907-08 as a consolidated school for Wapsinonoc Township; however, lawsuits filed by township residents stopped the building from ever being used. It served other purposes for a while before being demolished. The township was simply ahead of their time since the rural schools would all soon begin the process of consolidation in earnest despite parents wishing to retain the convenience of nearby rural schools.

The church sites are also now potential archaeological sites that are recommended for future survey to determine if they contain significant intact features or deposits associated with the churches that once occupied these locations. The standing churches are primarily on their original sites, with most of those that survive still used as churches even if not on a weekly basis. There are a few examples where the church buildings are now derelict and deteriorating and likely not to be saved. One shining example of a historic church building that was saved from demolition or from falling down is the Pine Mills German M.E. Church, which was restored by a local group led by the person who nominated this building for inclusion in the NRHP. That success story resulted in a saved building and a successful NRHP listing. It now serves as a historical venue where weddings and reunions can be held. The Pine Mills Church is the only example of a stone church building that survives in rural Muscatine County. Most of the other surviving churches are frame and less commonly brick. The church forms are primarily front-gabled with a bell tower and/or steeple on the roof ridge, as a projecting front entry tower, or less commonly off to one side of the front-gabled façade. The stylistic influences included Gothic Revival (most common) and Romanesque. In some cases, the Queen Anne style was favored, with some of the churches built in the early 20th century favoring the Colonial and Classical Revival styles. However, the majority are vernacular types that show influence from these styles rather than being high-style examples. The

exceptions are those churches, mostly located in town settings, that were architect designed and more strongly influenced by a particular style of architecture. The in-town churches were also more likely to be built of stone or brick or were faced with these materials.

Prioritized Recommendations

Archaeological/Ground-Penetrating Radar Survey - The archaeological sites recorded during the current survey are all recommended for Phase I intensive archaeological investigation before a recommendation of potential eligibility can be made. These sites can be examined through conventional archaeological testing such as shovel testing to determine the presence of features such as foundations, privies, wells, and deposits of artifacts related to their use as schools or churches. However, the use of Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR) or other remote sensing techniques would be a non-invasive way to determine whether intact features or foundations are present or not. Then limited testing could be conducted to confirm if anomalies detected are features or not. Completion of these recommendations could be accomplished through a CLG or HRDP grant application. Most of these properties are privately-owned and will require owner permission to conduct the surveys. Therefore, before applying for such a study, the owners will need to be contacted and permission granted. The results of owner contacts will likely reduce the number of sites for survey if permission cannot be obtained.

Additional Survey and Historical Research – The NRHP evaluation of some of the architectural properties hinge on the interior integrity of the church and school properties. However, in some cases, additional research will be required to fully identify the historical associations of these properties with important events, such as immigrant settlements, before final evaluations can be made. These are activities that the Muscatine County HPC can undertake on their own. The questions for the interior inspections is how original or how modified are the church and school interiors. The churches that are still being used as such may have been modernized to the point that little remains intact of their historic interiors. If that is the case, then individual eligibility would be more difficult to attain. The schoolhouses recommended for interior inspection will also need to retain original elements that identify their historical function as a school in order to be individually eligible.

National Register of Historic Places Nominations – While there are properties that could be nominated right now for inclusion in the NRHP, it is recommended that this activity be conducted as a Multiple Property Submission (MPS) under a cover document that provides the historic contexts for the evaluation of Muscatine County's rural schools and churches. The basis for that cover document is presented in the current report as well as the previous report completed by Rebecca McCarley (2017). The properties will still need to be individually eligible or contributing to an eligible historic district in order to be nominated as part of a MPS. Ideally, this task would wait until the Phase I investigations and the additional interior inspections and research tasks are completed because additional eligible sites and properties will be confirmed by that activity. However, there is no reason why an MPS should necessarily be delayed since once listed, a Multiple Property cover document is the tool under which additional properties can be listed in the years to come. Any Multiple Property Cover Document should be accompanied by individual nominations, often around six representative properties.

The prioritizing of the order of these recommendations is up to the Muscatine County HPC and owner interest. This consultant recommends that some priority be given to the completion of the Multiple Property Cover Document along with the NRHP nomination of a minimum of six individual properties, with two representative properties from each of the categories of rural schools and churches. However, the recommended interior inspections and additional research should be conducted for those properties that the HPC is considering as one of the representative nominations prior to applying for grant funding. Any archaeological sites considered for nomination will need to have at least a Phase I archaeological

investigation completed, but ideally will have been examined to the Phase II leveling of testing where test units are excavated to confirm feature size, function, and contents.

The Phase I archaeological investigation and ground-penetrating radar surveys should be conducted as a separate project as these activities will require more time to complete. If it is decided to conduct these surveys after the completion of the Multiple Property Submission, the surveys will result in the list of archaeological properties that can be nominated as well as architectural properties in need of restoration and preservation.

Research Questions

- 1) How many churches and schools are extant as standing architectural properties and how many are at their original locations? A related question concerns their individual integrity at their current locations?

The current survey identified 40 standing schoolhouses and 34 standing churches. The churches are primarily at their original locations, while most of the standing schoolhouses have been moved. In addition are 104 former school sites and 37 former church sites that may have some potential for archaeological evidence of these former occupations.

Rural properties are a challenge to maintain on their original sites because of the decline in the rural population and the costs of maintaining a building that no longer serves a functional purpose. However, it should also be noted that many of the rural schools once in the county moved from one location to the other, often close to their original site, as rural needs changed during their historic use, so a number ended up on locations while still being used as schools that were not their original site.

There is no more tangible evidence of the changes in Iowa's rural populations through the years than the comparison of the large numbers of schools and churches that once stood in the county compared to the low percentage that remain standing and even lower numbers that remain in use for their original purpose. Both churches and schools had to consolidate through the years in order to survive, with many congregations uniting into a single larger congregation and schools consolidating in town settings where there were greater resources and higher population density. The advent of the automobile and buses and the paving of Iowa's rural roads facilitated traveling into town for school and church. While the greatest loss was in the identities of rural communities, the changes were inevitable and necessary.

- 2) What religious affiliations are represented by Muscatine County churches and what does their presence in certain areas tell us about religious and ethnic rural neighborhoods in these townships?

The religious denominations represented by Muscatine County's rural churches (extant and non-extant) included the following: Methodist Episcopal (some with German congregations), Society of Friends (Quakers), Presbyterian, Christian, Catholic (both Irish and German congregations), 7th Day Adventist (not common), Lutheran (primarily German congregations), Congregational, Reformed, Baptist (again some with German congregations), and Evangelical United Brethren (often with German congregations). Many of these churches, some of the buildings that they constructed, reflect their ethnic heritage, the largest number of which were German immigrants in Muscatine County. However, most of the church buildings were designed in the popular architectural styles for churches of the day, such as using Gothic Revival elements. However,

some buildings have the distinctive clipped-gable end rooflines and use of faux-half timber decorative elements that appear to be influenced by European and German architecture in particular. However, most of the buildings with those elements were built in the 20th century rather than the 19th century. Many of the German congregations held services in the German language until World War I when a statewide edict banned the use of foreign languages (particularly aimed at the German immigrants) in public places. The immediate impact was the switch to English-language services only, which was hardest on the elderly members of those congregations.

- 3) What does the location and changing locations of schools and churches in the county tell us about the rural settlement and development of these areas as well as the changes in the rural school system and consolidation of both schools and churches in town settings?

The most common theme in Muscatine rural school and church development was that the rural population was such in the late 19th century that schools and churches were common features on the landscape but by the early 20th century and up to World War II, the rural population had declined to the point that both churches and schools were struggling to maintain numbers sufficient to justify their continued existence. The response was consolidation, with church congregations joining to either use the same church building or the same pastors but on a rotation or circuit where a church may only have services once a month rather than weekly. However, the merging of denominations, such as the merging of the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist churches to become the United Methodist Church, became the norm by the mid-to-late 20th century. Congregations would then meet at one of the old churches or at in-town churches rather than continuing to maintain all of the rural churches.

As for the rural schools, the earliest response in the late 19th century to the changing composition and numbers of the rural population was to move schoolhouses to be closer to the population concentrations or along improved roadways for ease of access. By the early 20th century, the population had declined to the point that school consolidation was a common topic of debate, with the example of Wapsinonoc Township attempting an early centralized consolidation in the construction in 1907-08 of the Central School but failing in the face of organized opposition from the rural residents. However, they only stalled the inevitable for a short period of time as consolidation soon accelerated with the construction of consolidated high schools in the towns beginning in earnest in the 1910s. By the 1930s-50s, rural schools continued to struggle to maintain numbers sufficient to justify their continued existence, with consolidation rapidly increasing by the 1950s and fully complete by 1964. This despite the “baby boom” of the post-WWII years, which immediately resulted in an increase of new elementary, middle and high school construction for a time. However, the improving rural road and highway system made bussing students to town schools much easier and more efficient than trying to maintain rural school buildings. In Muscatine County, most of the rural schoolhouses that were still in use in the 1950s and 1960s were auctioned off and required, in most cases, to be removed from their site. This resulted in both the moving and survival of a notable number of rural schoolhouses into the present day, albeit remodeled for other purposes. Only a few rural schoolhouses remained standing at their last locations where they were still used as schools.

- 4) How does the history of consolidation of schools and churches in Muscatine County compare to that seen in other counties? Did consolidation occur sooner or later and what were the reasons involved in that process?

School and church consolidation in Muscatine County appears to have followed a typical pattern for consolidation in most areas of Iowa. One unique property may have been the 1907-08 Central

School, which represented an attempt at early township school consolidation in a rural setting rather than in a town, although it proved to be a failed attempt and was built but never actually ever functioned as a school. This attempt at rural school consolidation was ahead of its time and warrants more comparative research to see if it followed examples in other counties or was a unique idea to Wapsinonoc Township. Unfortunately, the school building itself is no longer standing.

Table 1 is a summary of the properties and sites identified and recording during the current survey along with the recommendations made for each.

Table 1. Summary and Recommendations

Township Name	Inventory or Site #	Property Name/Type	NRHP Evaluation/Recommendation
Wapsinonoc		Hazel Dell School No. 2	non-extant; site now cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future survey.
		Plum Grove School No. 5	non-extant; original site is now grass and cultivated; has good potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future survey
	13MC372	Pleasant View School No. 1	moved and converted into a garage at 1453 Elder Ave, not eligible; original site is a grassy area surrounded by trees and extends into cultivated field; location has good potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Federal Hill School No. 4	original site is in cultivated field just south of a grassy area on the west side of Bancroft Avenue; location may have potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future survey
		Siloam School No. 8	non-extant; grassy/cultivated area east of a hog confinement; some potential for intact archaeology; location recommended for future survey
		Mudhole/Athens School No. 7	non-extant; location now a cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology; location recommended for future survey
		Union School No. 6	extant but moved and modified into a dwelling at 1151 140th St, not eligible; original location now cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology; location recommended for future survey
		North Prairie School	original location just over the line in Cedar County is now grassy field that is recommended for future archaeological investigation
		Central School	non-extant; rural residence now on the original site at 1261 130th Street; some potential for intact archaeology, recommended for future survey
		First Subscription School	non-extant; grassy area recommended for future archaeological survey
		Hartupee School	Cedar County rural school moved into West Liberty and converted into a residence at 109 E. 5th St; not eligible for lack of historic integrity

	70-01233 70-00643	West Liberty Schools	non-extant but inventoried before demolition; locations extensively disturbed; no further investigation recommended
		South Prairie M.E. Church	non-extant; location now in side yard of house at 1197 130th Street; grassy area recommended for future archaeological survey
	70-01771	Friends Meeting House	original site is now part of North Prairie Cemetery; no further investigation; historic building is extant at its second moved location at 802 N. Calhoun, West Liberty, where it is now a residence. Building has been modified; not eligible.
		West Liberty Presbyterian Church	original site in West Liberty now built over by houses; no further investigation of those locations
		West Liberty Christian Church	non-extant; site built over by house at 105 E. 6th St, West Liberty; no further investigation is warranted of that location. Presbyterian and Christian churches united and built a new First Church United in 1977; modern building is currently not NRHP eligible
		West Liberty St. Joseph's Catholic Church	Built in 1950 church in West Liberty to replace original church that burned in 1946; the 1950 church may have potential eligibility but requires further research into its construction and design history.
		West Liberty Methodist Episcopal Church	historic church burned down with extant buildings at 113 E. 5th Street, West Liberty, dating from late 1950s-60s; some potential for eligibility and recommended for further research into the construction and design history of the 1959 church building
		West Liberty Independent Pentecostal Church	modern building in West Liberty; not eligible
		West Liberty Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	extant building in West Liberty built in 1953 retains good integrity; some potential for eligibility and recommended for further research into construction and design history
		West Liberty Faith Baptist Church	1967 building in West Liberty appears to be pre-fabricated rather than architect designed; building not eligible; original site now a parking lot; no further investigation
Goshen		Atalissa Ind. School	non-extant; torn down in 2014; no further investigation
		Cedarville School No. 5	moved/modified; extant building not eligible; original site is a cultivated field that may have some potential for intact archaeology, that location recommended for future archaeological survey
	13MC373	Penn Avenue School No. 4	moved but appears to be non-extant; original site appears to have been impacted by modern farmstead construction but is recommended for future survey, although is a low priority given the impacts
	70-01772	Union Valley School	1917 schoolhouse is extant but was moved to 1873 Highway 6 and made into a residence; too modified, recommended not eligible; original site has some potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future survey.
		Swamp School (aka Hawker and School No. 8)	moved to West Liberty from rural location and restored; not currently eligible because of the town

			context of the new site; original site is cultivated field that has some potential for intact archaeology and recommended for future survey
		Union School No. 7	non-extant; area is grass covered at the southeast corner of a farmstead parcel at 1641 155th Street; site recommended for future archaeological survey
		Dickerson School No. 2	extant but moved into West Liberty and converted into a house; not eligible; original and second sites are now cultivated fields that are recommended for future archaeological survey
		Independence School	extant on original site but greatly modified for a residence; not eligible
		Presbyterian Church	non-extant; location is cultivated field and has some potential for archaeological evidence; future archaeological survey is recommended
		Cedar Valley M.E. Church	extant; potentially NRHP eligible under Criterion A and possibly C; recommended for interior inspection and further research
		Atalissa Christian Church	extant; retains fair to good integrity; recommended eligible under Criterion A and possibly C
		Atalissa Presbyterian Church	non-extant; location now a modern house at 319 4th Street in Atalissa; no further investigation recommended
		Atalissa 7th Day Adventist Church	non-extant; house now on site at 311 5th Street, Atalissa; yard area recommended for future archaeological survey
		Atalissa German Lutheran Church	extant but has been modified; recommended for interior inspection and further historical research before final NRHP eligibility can be determined
Moscow		Evergreen Nook School	extant but moved into Wilton and modified as residence, not eligible; original site has been heavily modified by highway reconstruction/widening with no further investigation recommended
		Sand Hill School	non-extant; location now in cultivation, with some potential for intact archaeology and recommended for future survey
		Champion Hill School	non-extant; original site in grass and has potential for intact archeology; recommended for future survey
	13MC374	White Prairie School	non-extant; location now cultivated field; recorded herein as a site and recommended for future survey
		Oak Hill School	non-extant; location is grass-covered and has good potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future survey
		North Prairie School	extant but moved and converted into a residence at 2380 152nd Street, recommended for interior inspection; however, unlikely to be considered NRHP eligible; original site is in cultivation and has some potential for intact archaeology, location recommended for future survey
		Cedar Valley School	non-extant; original site now occupied by the extant North Prairie Schoolhouse; yard area around this house may have some potential for intact archaeology of the former Cedar Valley School and is recommended for future survey

		Moscow Ind. School	non-extant; modern house on site of former 1867-1955 school but schoolyard may be partially intact; recommend for future survey. Original 1850s site is now in grass and trees and is also recommended for future archaeological survey.
		Moscow Christian Church	non-extant; modular house now at 1131 6th Street; site may have some archaeological potential related to the church occupation and is recommended for future survey
		Moscow German Lutheran Church	non-extant; house now on lot at 1147 6th Street but church site is in the grassy side yard and may have some potential for intact archaeology; location recommended for future survey
	70-01773	Moscow Methodist Episcopal Church	extant; recommended eligible under Criterion A, with more research recommended under Criterion C.
		German M.E. Church	non-extant; both the 1st and 2nd locations are now occupied farmsteads, although there is some potential for intact archaeology of the church occupations; locations recommended for future survey.
		North Prairie M.E. Church	non-extant; site under cultivation but has some potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future survey.
Wilton	70-01774	Prospect Hill School	extant but deteriorated; retains good historic exterior integrity and may be eligible for the NRHP; recommended for a more extensive interior inspection before a final determination can be made. Surrounding parcel also has good archaeological potential and is recommended for future survey.
		Osage School No. 6/ Gus Gruemmer School	non-extant; location still discernible near a driveway into a cultivated field; site recommended for future archaeological survey
	13MC375	Yankee Hallow School	moved to Durant and attached to chiropractic office in 2020; original site is now a cultivated field; recorded herein as 13MC375; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Sunnyside School Site (aka Norton's School)	original site shown only on 1870s maps, that location is now cultivated and recommended for future archaeological survey
		Sunnyside Schoolhouse	Moved to 3301 130th Street where it operated as a school into the 1960s; converted to residence, retains some playground equipment; modernized exterior lacks historic integrity; not eligible
		Laurel Hill School	non-extant; location recommended for future archaeological survey
		Unknown School - Sect. 23	non-extant; location in cultivated field recommended for future archaeological survey
		Rainbow School	extant on original site but converted into a residence; does not retain historic integrity; not eligible
		Gopher Tail School	non-extant; location now cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future survey
		Melpine Schoolhouse	extant but moved to Wildcat Den State Park and restored; recommended potentially eligible as an

			example of the front-gabled schoolhouse with two entry doors; further research is recommended
	70-00919	Wilton Public Schools	non-extant; buildings were razed in 2016, with the location now a grassy lot. Location likely has little or no potential for intact archaeology related to these schools as their demolitions appear to have disturbed most of this block.
		Wilton College	partially demolished; extant Wilton Academy building now converted to apartments; too modified for individual eligibility but does contribute to a potential historic district, with further research recommended.
		Wilton Zion Lutheran School	non-extant; demolished in 1983 for new school construction; no further investigation recommended
		Peace Evangelical Church	extant; exterior has new siding and expanded façade vestibule; not eligible
		Wilton Salem Lutheran Church	non-extant; site built over by modern house; no further investigation recommended
		Wilton Congregational Church	non-extant; there is now a house built in 1888 on this lot at 207 E. 5th Street in Wilton; no further investigation recommended.
		Wilton M.E. Church	non-extant; modern house on site; not eligible; warrants no further investigation
		Wilton First Presbyterian Church	extant church exterior covered with Permastone in 1958; not eligible under Criterion C but potentially eligible under Criterion A for its historical significance; also contributing in a potential historic district
		Wilton Grace Reformed Church	1904 building is extant and now covered with vinyl siding; not eligible under Criterion C but potentially eligible under Criterion A for its historical significance; also contributes to a potential historic district; original site built over by houses and no further investigation of that site is recommended
		Wilton St. Mary's Catholic Church	non-extant; modern church built on site in 2006. No further investigation recommended.
		Wilton Zion Lutheran Church and Parsonage	1929 church and 1948 parsonage still standing and retain good historic integrity; both eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C if not also Criterion A
		Wilton German Baptist Church	still standing but now used for storage; has potential under Criterion C but requires more research and a review of the interior integrity; also contributes to a potential historic district
		Wilton Free-Will Baptist Church	never had a dedicated church building and worshipped at Wilton College
Fulton		Unknown School - Sect. 1	non-extant; this location is now a cultivated field that has some archaeological potential; recommended for future archaeological survey
	13MC376	Center Grove School	non-extant but school yard still discernible and possible privy structure is still standing; potential for intact archaeology and recommended for future archaeological investigation

		School No. 4	non-extant; two locations in 1874 and 1884 are now cultivated fields recommended for future archaeological survey
		Crabapple School	non-extant; site is now a cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Nolo School	appears to be non-extant with a 1974 house now on site; schoolhouse may have been in the front yard of this house. Recommended for further research and possible archaeological survey in the future.
		Nicholson School	built by WPA on site of original schoolhouse; non-extant with location now a grassy field or pasture; recommended for future archaeological survey
	70-01775	Maple Grove School	remodeled by WPA; later converted to a residence; still standing and recognizable as the schoolhouse; may have some potential for eligibility under Criterion C since it is on its original site and for its remodeling by the WPA. A final determination will likely depend on its interior historic integrity. Recommended for further research.
		Pleasant Prairie School	built by WPA; still standing and remodeled into a residence at 1511 Pleasant Prairie Road; historic integrity is marginal and any NRHP eligibility would depend on the extent of the interior remodeling. Original site is now a grassy lawn and recommended for future archaeological survey.
		Stockton Consolidated School	the 1856/1875 schoolhouse is non-extant but the 1938 WPA school building is still standing; it has been converted into a dwelling and likely does not retain sufficient integrity to be considered NRHP eligible.
		Prairie School	non-extant; location in cultivated field is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Center Grove Methodist Church	non-extant; location in cultivated field is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Center Grove United Brethren Church	moved to Lime City and status is unknown; original site in cultivated field is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Pleasant Prairie M.E. Church	non-extant; location is now a cultivated field; recommended for future archaeological survey
Montpelier		Glendale School	appears to be non-extant but question as to its second location at 1943 Zachary Ave and whether the extant house is the former Glendale School; further research is recommended; the first location of the school is now a wooded parcel that is recommended for future archaeological survey.
		Hazel Dell School	non-extant; modern garage and driveway built over original school site; not recommended for further survey. Schoolhouse was moved to a location on Hwy 61 where it was photographed in the 1990s but is now non-extant.
	13MC377	Patterson School	non-extant; wooded/grassy parcel appears to have good archaeological potential, recommended for future archaeological survey

		Pine Mill School	non-extant; house built in 1968 on the former schoolhouse site and area appears to have been impacted; no further investigation recommended
		Montpelier School	built in 1963; now the Open Door Church; not eligible under any NRHP criteria
		Unknown Church	shown only on 1874 plat map but at questionable location; recommended for further historical research
	NRHP Listed 70-00010	Pine Mills German M.E. Church	extant stone church built in 1867; listed in the NRHP and restored; support of continued preservation recommended
		Congregational Evangelical German Church	still standing at 2nd location; used as a grain bin; first location was on the north side of 180th Street near the creek crossing; both locations recommended for further research
	70-01776	Montpelier M.E. Church	extant but deteriorated; recommended potentially eligible under Criteria C and A but will require research and interior inspection before a final determination of eligibility can be made.
Sweetland		Unknown School (possibly No. 10)	modern house here now at 1722 Vail Avenue; a school was shown at this location only on the 1874 plat map; reportedly the schoolhouse was later moved and used as a granary but is now non-extant; location recommended for further research
		Fairport School	early 20th century school remodeled for dwelling; still recognizable as the school but too altered on exterior and likely the interior; not eligible under C but recommend further research under Criterion A
	70-01777	Geneva School	built by WPA; remodeled to residence; has some potential to be eligible under Criterion C as a WPA-built rural schoolhouse but recommended for further research before a determination can be made.
		Highland School	non-extant; modern house built over the site; no further investigation recommended
		Union School	non-extant; former location is now extensively reworked by highway/road construction; no further work recommended
		Pleasant Valley School	non-extant; location now a cultivated field with some archaeological potential; recommended for future survey
		Mount Grove School	non-extant; location now occupied by a farmstead, with the school site near a modern machine shed; some potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future survey
	13MC378	Pine Bluff School	non-extant; front yard of house built in 1966; yard recommended for future archaeological testing; recorded by current survey to document location
		Sweetland Center School	non-extant; location is grassy lawn at NW corner of intersection; some potential for intact archaeology and recommended for future survey
		Sweetland Valley School No. 9	Location of this former school is uncertain and is recommended for further historical research.
		Unknown School	shown only on the 1884 plat map; location is now cultivated and grassy field; recommended for future archaeological survey and further research

		Unknown church but suspected to have been the Oakdale Church	shown only on the 1874 plat map; location is now a farmstead at 3024 New Era Road; further research is recommended; may have some potential in front yard area for intact archaeology
		Sweetland Friends Meetinghouse	Location of this 1864-1894 meetinghouse is uncertain. Further research is recommended.
		Sweetland M.E. Church	extant but modernized on the exterior with new siding, new spire, and new windows; not eligible under Criterion C; further research recommended for Criterion A
		Fairport Church	Church at 3383 Pearl Avenue was recently remodeled into a residence and lacks historic integrity, this church recommended not eligible
	70-00556	Zeigler Memorial Lutheran Church at New Era	extant; significant property; previously inventoried and found to be NRHP eligible
		Melpine Presbyterian Church	non-extant; location of 1867-1922 church is now a cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future survey
Bloomington	13MC379 and 70-01778	Fairview School	Extant but moved nearby on the same road. Original site may have some potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future survey; the standing schoolhouse appears to lack sufficient integrity and is recommended not eligible.
		Kalorama School	non-extant; location now built over by a farmstead at 1902 N. Tipton Rd; no further investigation is recommended
		Locust Grove School	non-extant; grassy area along tree line is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Unknown School	a second school was shown just northwest of the Locust Grove School along Mad Creek on the 1884 plat map; recommended for further research
		North Star School	non-extant; location now a cultivated field along the west side of Hwy 38; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Oak Grove School	non-extant; site now built over by a modern residential subdivision; no survey recommended
		Park Place Schools (2)	Two schools built in 1902 and 1936 are still extant but converted to residences; the 1902 school is recommended for interior assessment because it is still identifiable as a schoolhouse and may be NRHP eligible; however, the 1936 schoolhouse has been altered to a greater degree and is likely not eligible
		Shiloh School	non-extant; modern house and garage now on site; low potential for intact archaeology but is recommended for future survey
		Bloomington Friends Church	Church was built in 1978; not currently eligible
		Spangler Chapel Methodist Church	extant building has been modernized on the exterior; recommended not eligible under Criterion C but further research into its history is recommended
Lake		Bayfield School	non-extant; original site now a cultivated field; some archaeological potential and recommended for future survey

	70-01779 and 13MC380	Clearview School	Extant; remodeled into a residence but retains some exterior historic integrity; recommended potentially eligible under Criterion A but eligibility under C will depend on interior integrity. Schoolyard site is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Lucas Grove School	original site now a cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology and recommended for future archaeological survey; extant building was moved and converted into a garage; some potential for eligibility despite the move if the building retains sufficient historic integrity; recommended for further inspection and historical research
		Hope School	non-extant; some potential for archaeology if its last location was the original site; recommended for further historical research
		Prospect School	extant; now remodeled extensively for a dwelling; located at 2151 Seven Springs Rd; does not retain historic integrity and is recommended not eligible
		Star School	non-extant; site is reportedly now grassy yard of the house at 1994 215th St, although aerial photos suggest it was built over by the extant house; location recommended for future survey to determine actual school location
		Union School	non-extant; site location appears to have been reworked but recommended for future survey
		Congregational Church	non-extant; location now alfalfa field; some potential for archaeological evidence of this church; recommended for future survey
		High Prairie Methodist Church	extant but modified in the modern era to the point that it appears to be ineligible
Pike		Adams School No. 1	extant but moved and converted to residence; extensively remodeled on exterior; not eligible; original site has some potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future survey
		Athens/Mudhole School	technically located in Wapsinonoc Township but became part of the Nichols School District when the boundaries were redrawn; site is now a cultivated field; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Buffalo Bluff School	non-extant at both 1st and 2nd locations; both locations may have potential for intact archaeology and are recommended for future survey
	70-01780 and 13MC381	Lacey School	1929 schoolhouse is extant but deteriorated; may be eligible under Criterion C but would depend on interior integrity; site around the school has potential for evidence of the circa 1874 school as well and is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Poole/Wagner School	non-extant; site location in cultivated field and recommended for future archaeological survey
		Wild Rose School	moved to Nichols and converted to duplex; modern siding on exterior and several additions; not eligible; original site in cultivated field that is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Willow Grove School	moved and converted to residence; modern siding and additions; not eligible; original site now

			cultivated, some potential for archaeology and recommended for future survey
		Pike School	moved and remodeled into a church Sunday school rooms; not eligible; original site still fenced and grass-covered, recommended for future archaeological survey
	70-00639	Nichols High School	built in 1915 with 1934 gymnasium and 1955 elementary wing; converted to apartments; previous evaluation of not eligible; however, an interior inspection of the school and gymnasium is recommended to re-evaluate its potential eligibility in light of it now being a somewhat rare survivor of this type of town school construction in the county
		Nichols Public School	built in 1872; non-extant and built at least partially over by the additions to the Nichols Christian Church; future archaeological survey recommended
	70-01765	St. Mary's Catholic Church	previously inventoried and recommended eligible
	70-01221	Nichols Christian Church	previously inventoried and recommended eligible
		Nichols German Lutheran Church	moved and remodeled into the extant Nichols Methodist church; original site of church at 612 Main St now has a modern modular house and garage on this parcel; low potential for intact archaeology; no further investigation recommended.
	70-01745	Nichols M.E. Church	older German Lutheran Church was moved in 1909 to current location, remodeled, and later enlarged to current Methodist church; the extant church was previously inventoried and recommended not eligible for lack of sufficient historic integrity
Orono	13MC382	Brockway School	non-extant; site now a cultivated field; some potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Port Allen School	non-extant; possible site location in grass; location recommended for future archaeological survey and further historical research
		Maxwell School	non-extant; grassy lawn with modular house near site; recommended for future archaeological survey
	70-01781	Conesville High and Grade School; also 1st and 2nd public school locations in Conesville	first and second schools non-extant, with the site of the first school recommended for future archaeological survey; second location appears to have been built over and is not recommended for survey; third school built by PWA is still standing; has many additions; most windows reduced/replaced; integrity likely too marginal to be individually eligible
		Conesville German Reform Church	church built 1891 is still standing; exterior has been modified with newer siding; eligibility would depend on interior integrity but may be eligible under Criterion A
		Conesville Methodist Church	church still standing but no longer a church; now has vinyl siding and lowered tower; any eligibility under C may depend on interior integrity but may be eligible under Criterion A
		Port Allen M.E. Church	non-extant; location partly in grass and partly in row crops; recommended for future archaeological survey

		Unknown Church	shown on the 1884 plat map; location is now a cultivated field with some potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future survey and further historical research
Cedar		Sand Prairie School	non-extant; site now partially built over by modern house but location is recommended for future archaeological survey
		Strawberry Hill School	moved to 1629 275th Street where it became the center section of house; greatly modified and not eligible; original school site is in agricultural field and recommended for future archaeological survey.
	70-01782	Cedar Center School	original site now an agricultural field and recommended for archaeological survey; however, the schoolhouse is still standing but was moved and made into a shop building; not eligible in current state; slated for demolition
		Cranston School	still standing but modified into a residence; not eligible
		Cranston Evangelical United Brethren Church	non-extant; location now grassy lawn; recommended for future archaeological survey
	13MC383	Oak Grove Christian Church	non-extant; burned down and was not rebuilt; site recommended for future archaeological survey
Seventy-Six		Black Oak School	non-extant; site may have been destroyed by widening of intersection; timber area recommended for future testing.
		Burr Oak School	non-extant; location in agricultural field but one mature oak tree still marks the school location; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Central School No. 4	moved and added to rear of a house, ineligible because of move and modifications; original site is recommended for future archaeological testing
		Green Valley School No. 5	moved to L&M School where it was used as a music room; original site appears to be fairly intact and is recommended for future archaeological survey
		High Prairie School No. 2	non-extant but well intact at site; some archaeological potential; recommended for future testing
		Maple Grove School No. 7	non-extant; now an agricultural field; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Oak Grove School No. 6	non-extant; now an agricultural field; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Walnut School	location of this non-extant school is now built over by a modern house; no further investigation recommended
		Franklin School	location in cultivated field may have been impacted by road construction; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Ottenbein United Brethren Church	non-extant church is in east half of Cranston Cemetery; burials here now; no archaeological testing recommended or permitted; parsonage was to the east but appears to have been destroyed by the road realignment.
		St. John United Brethren Church	non-extant; located on same parcel as the High Prairie School site; some potential for intact archaeology; recommended for future testing

	13MC384 and 70-01783	St. Malachy's Catholic Church	original 1856-1990 site on Independence Ave has some potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future investigation; 1902 church is extant at 2429 Jasper Ave and has potential for eligibility under Criteria A and C
Fruitland		Corwin School - 2 locations	original site was to the southwest of the later site, with the schoolhouse later moved to Grandview School where it was used as a band room; schoolhouse is non-extant; original site now a modern farmstead at 2722 Stewart Road; second site is a grassy strip with trees on the east side of Stewart Road to the NE of the original site; this location is recommended for future archaeological survey only if parcel is proposed
		Fruitland School	non-extant; modern house now on site; low potential for intact archaeology
	70-01784	Mittman School	extant but remodeled into residence; lacks historic integrity and is not eligible
	13MC385	Lone Tree School	non-extant; site location is now part of a recreation area; recommended for future archaeological survey
		Olive Branch School	extant but remodeled into a residence; lacks historic integrity and is not eligible although the surrounding schoolyard has some potential for intact archaeology and is recommended for future survey; 1st location has little or no potential for intact archaeology and likely warrants no further investigation.
		Unknown School	There is an unidentified school was shown only on the 1874 plat map in Section 16. This possible early school is recommended for further research and future archaeological survey
		Island Methodist Church	extant; vinyl siding, some modern modifications; not eligible under Criterion C but potentially under A; recommended for further research
		Fruitland Baptist Church	original buildings non-extant; 1970 building extant but not eligible under Criterion C
		Fruitland Community Church	possible location at intersection of Fitzsimmons and Moore streets; appears to be non-extant

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**Appendix A. Historical Architectural Data Base (HADB) and
National Archaeological Data Base (NADB) forms**

Historical Architectural Data Base

Data Entry Form for Studies and Reports

Doc. No.: 70-041

Source of Study: Certified Local Government Project Section 106 Review & Compliance Project

Historical Resource Development Program Project Other

Project Reference #: _____

Authors/Editor/Compiler/Originator:

Rogers, Leah D.

Author Role: Consultant Private Researcher/Writer Teacher Student

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Title of Work:

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

Year Issued: 2021

Type of Work Performed:

(check one only)

Survey:

- Windshield survey minimum level documentation
- Reconnaissance survey to make recommendations for intensive survey(s).
- Intensive survey
- Mixed intensive and reconnaissance survey

Plan:

- Planning for Preservation/Survey
- Community Preservation Plan

Property Study:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa Historic Property Documentation Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Structure Report |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic American Building Survey (HABS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Feasibility/Re-use Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) | <input type="checkbox"/> Architectural/Engineering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management or Master Plan | Plans and Specs. |

National Register:

- Multiple Property Documentation Form

Other (e.g., private research, school project, video): _____

Kind of Work Produced:

(fill in one section only: Report or Monograph or Chapter, etc.)

Report: Published/produced by: Tallgrass Archaeology LLC.

Place issued: 2460 S. Riverside Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246

Client: Muscatine County Historic Preservation Commission

If applicable, include:

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Name of College/University: _____

Paper: Meeting: _____

Place: _____

Other: _____

Geographic Scope of Study:

City/town Township(s) County Region of Iowa Statewide Other: _____

State: IA _____

County: Muscatine _____

Town: Muscatine _____
Township: _____
Range: _____

Time Focus: (check any decades that receive particular attention)

before 1830 1830s 1840s 1850s 1860s 1870s 1880s 1890s
 1900s 1910s 1920s 1930s 1940s 1950s 1960s 1970s 1980/later

Keyword: (Index of any subjects, topics, or people given prominent attention in the report)

Rural Schools

Rural Churches

county-wide survey

standing schools

standing churches

Small town churches

Small towns schools

front-gabled frame schools

hip-roofed square schools

front-gabled churches

Queen Anne style

Colonial Revival Style

Gothic Revival style

Some stone and brick construction

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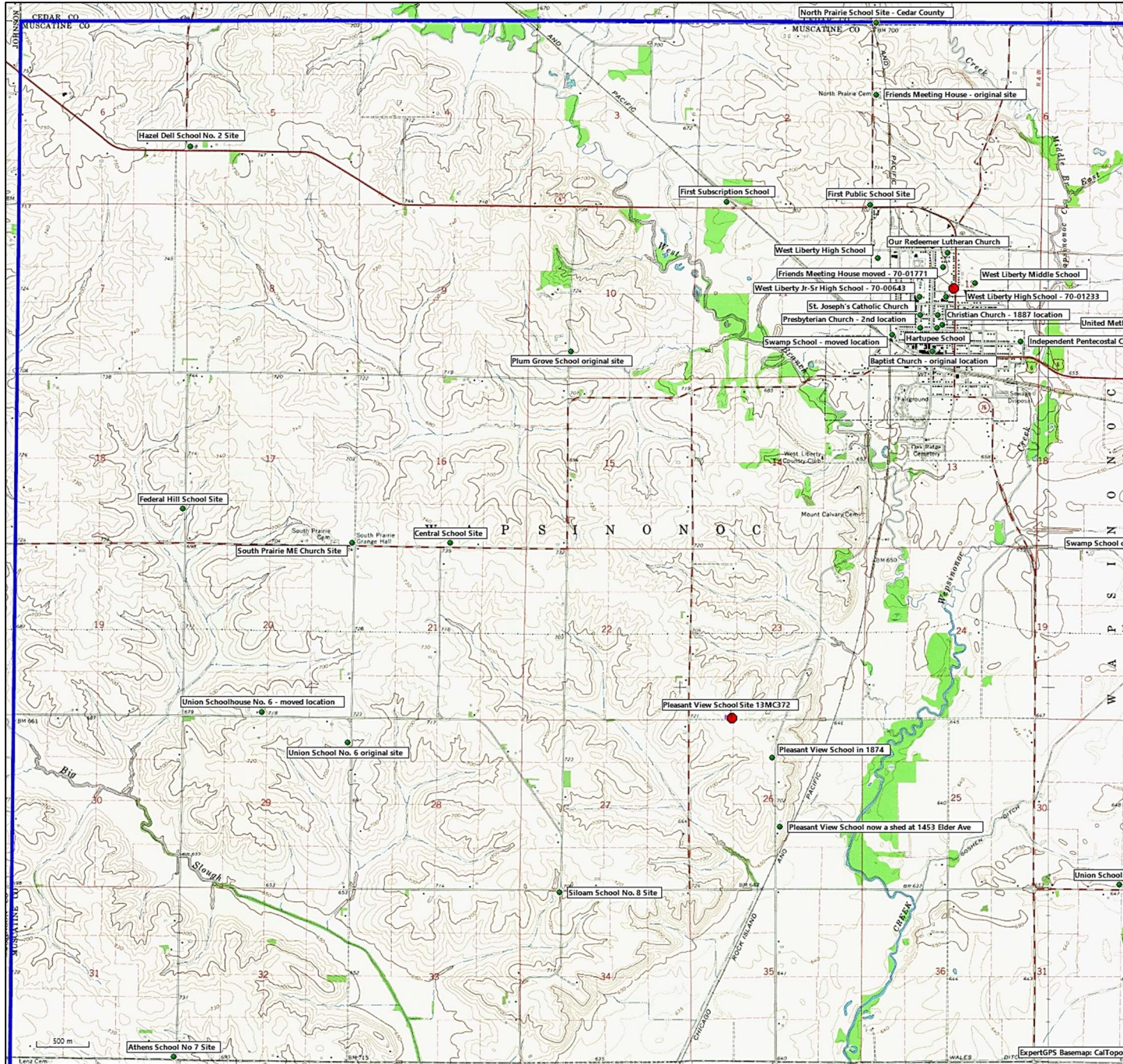
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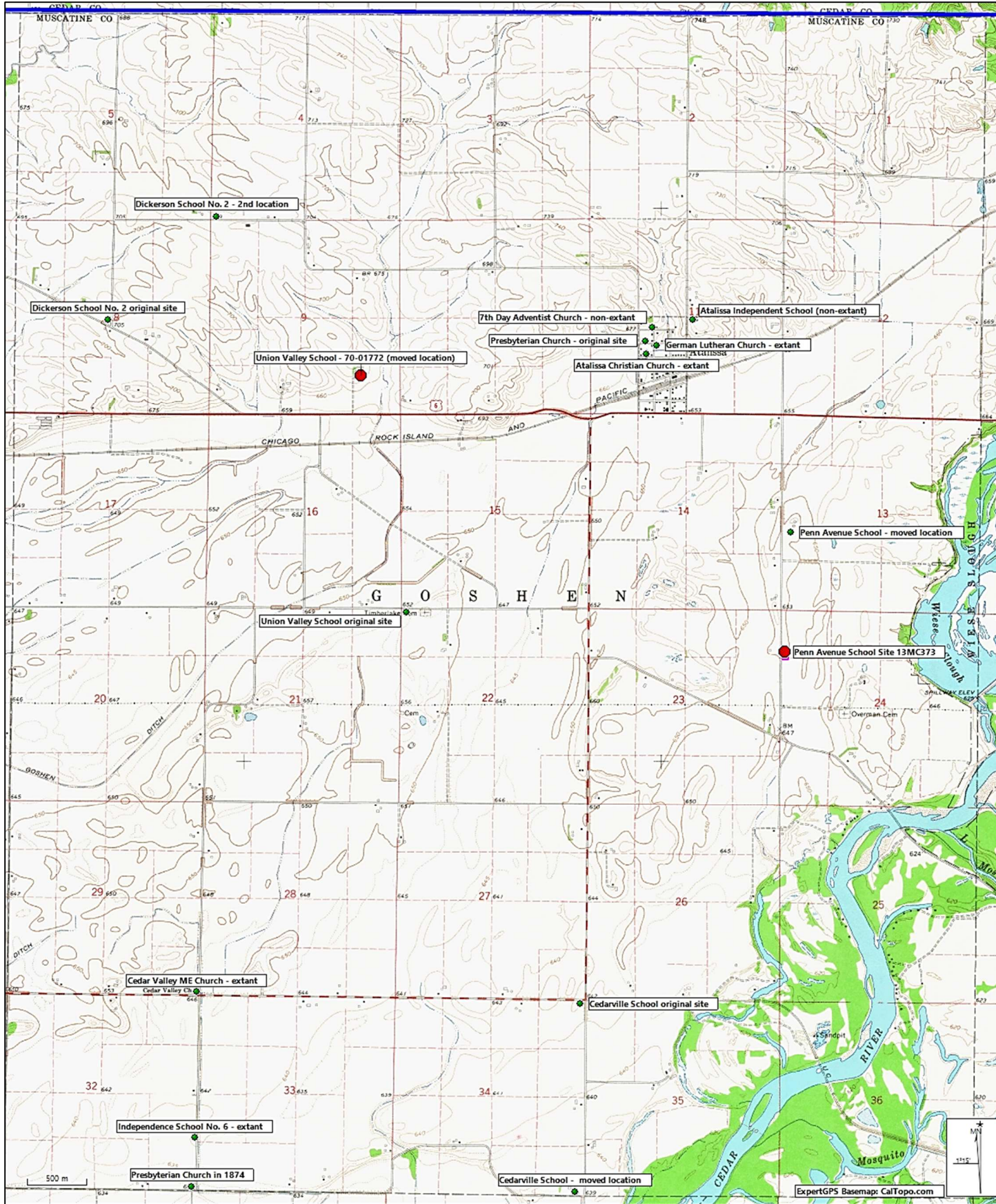
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Appendix B. Township Maps Showing Location of Schools and Churches Identified by the Survey



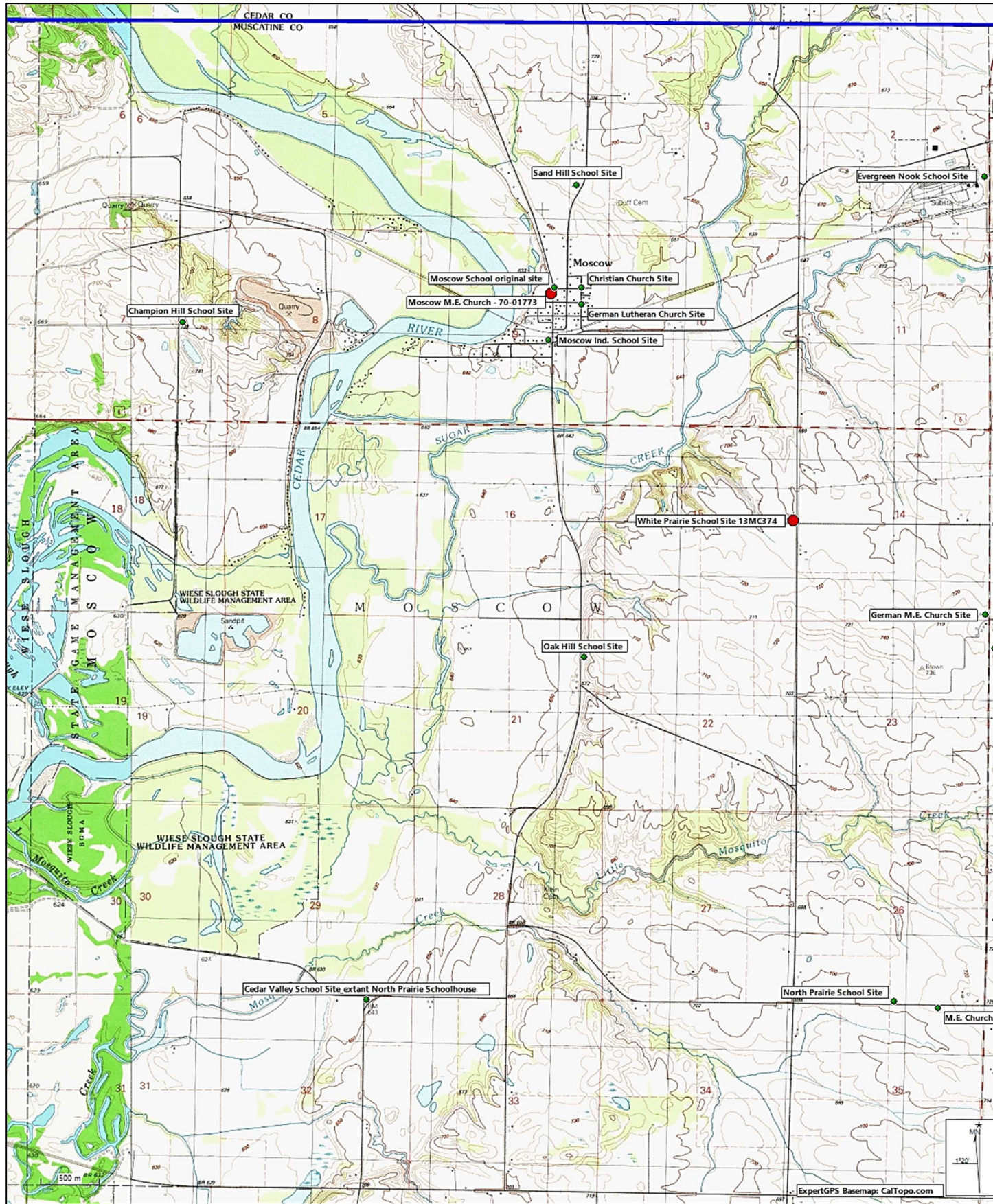
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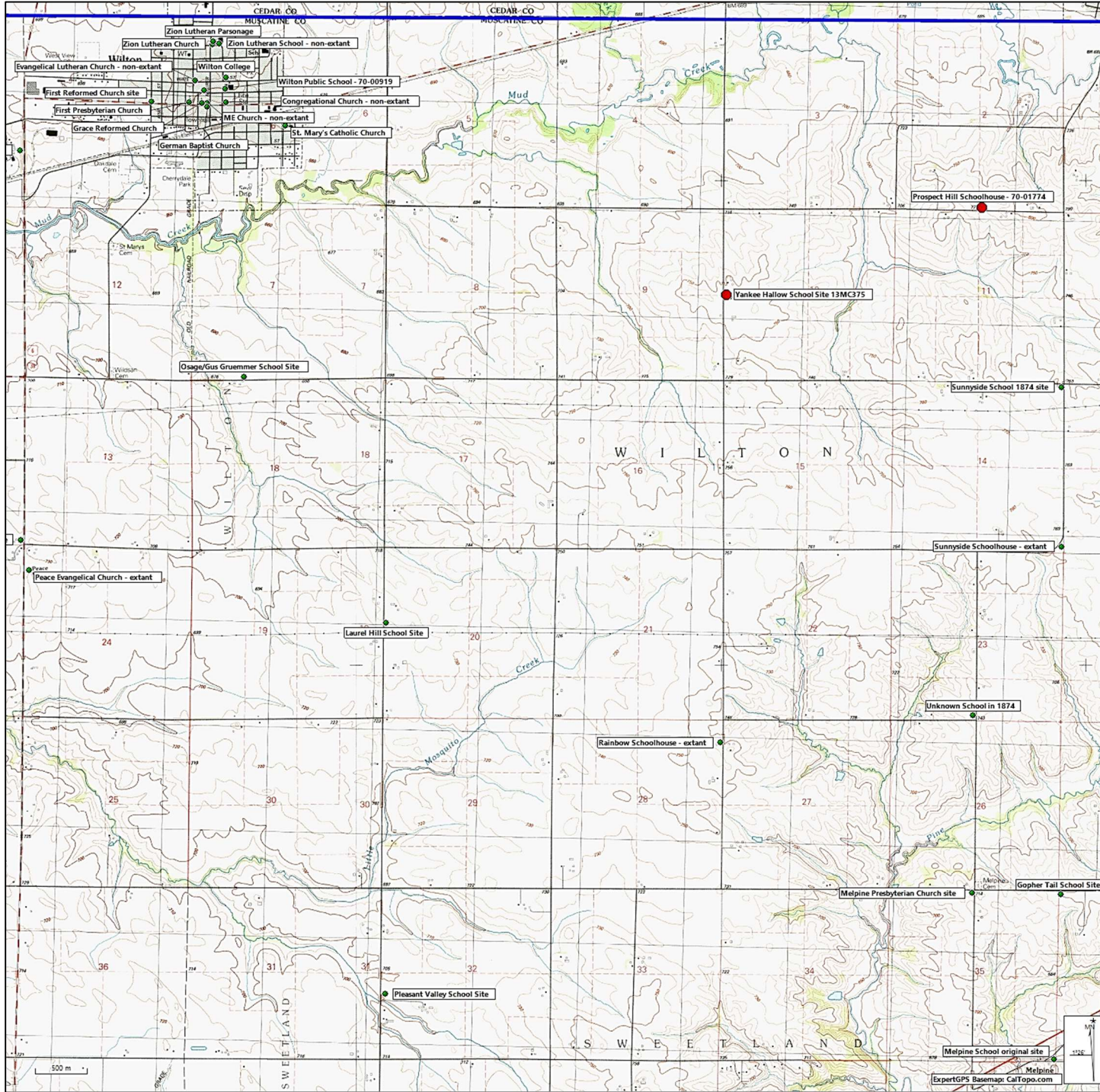
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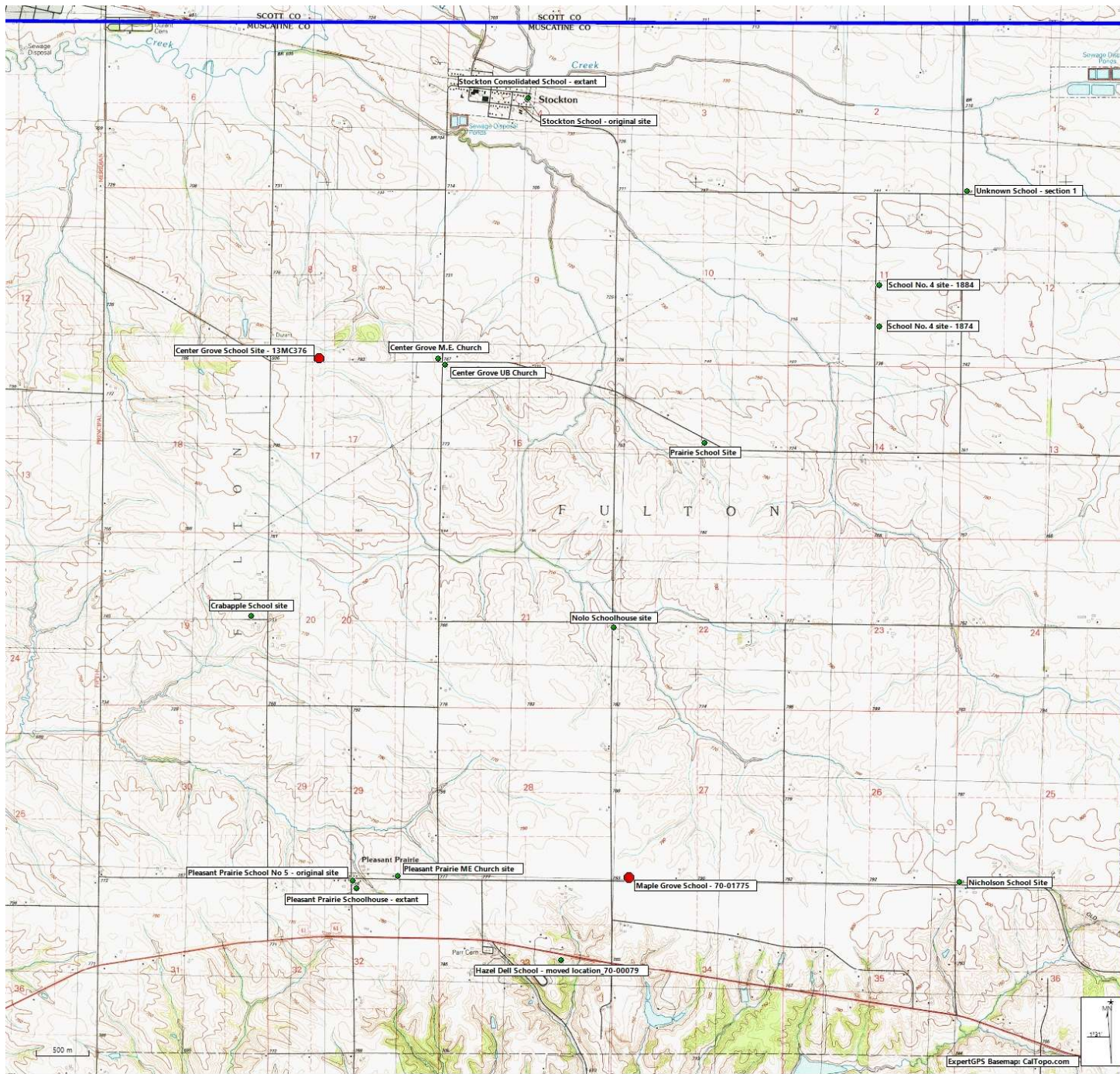
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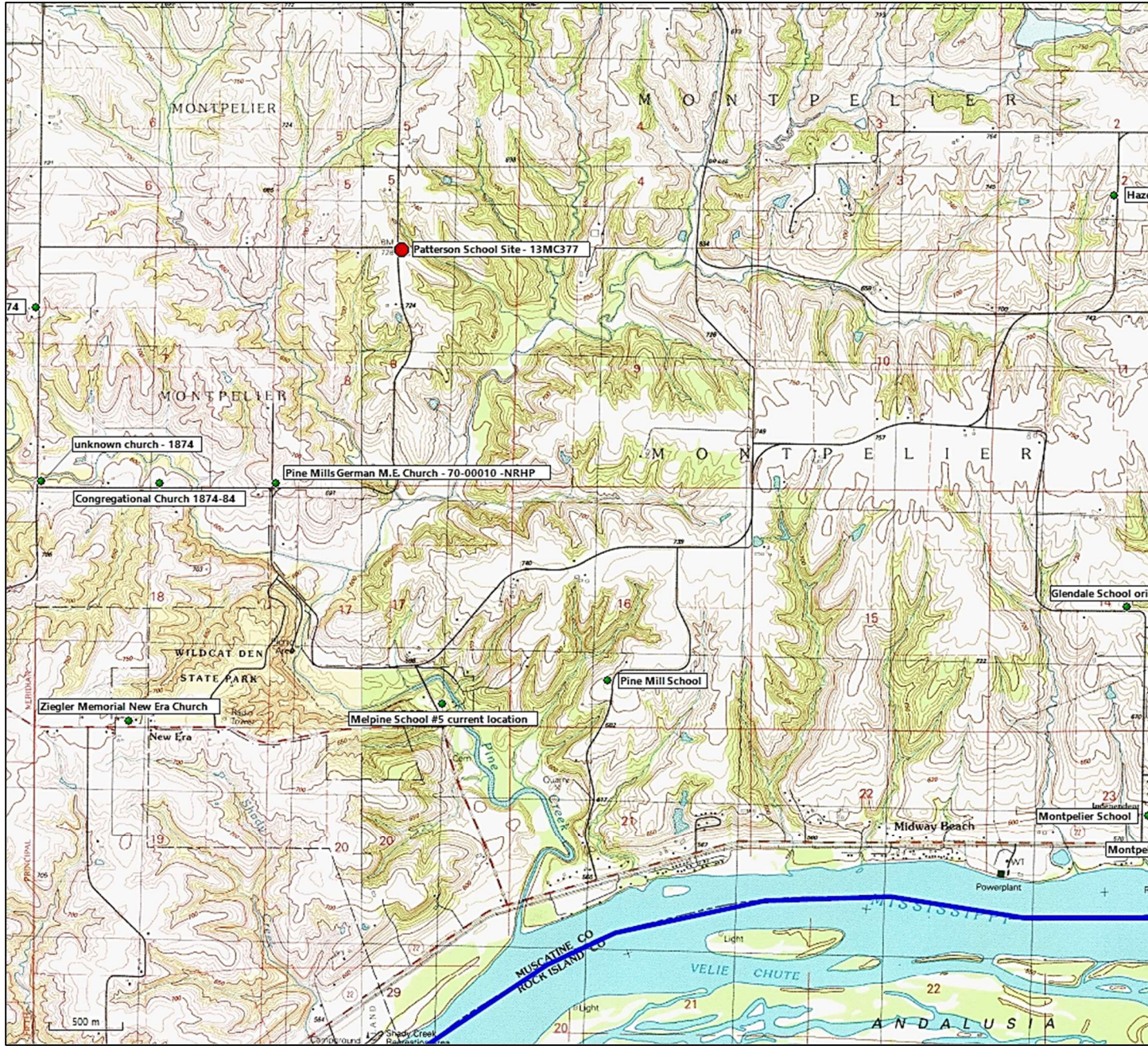
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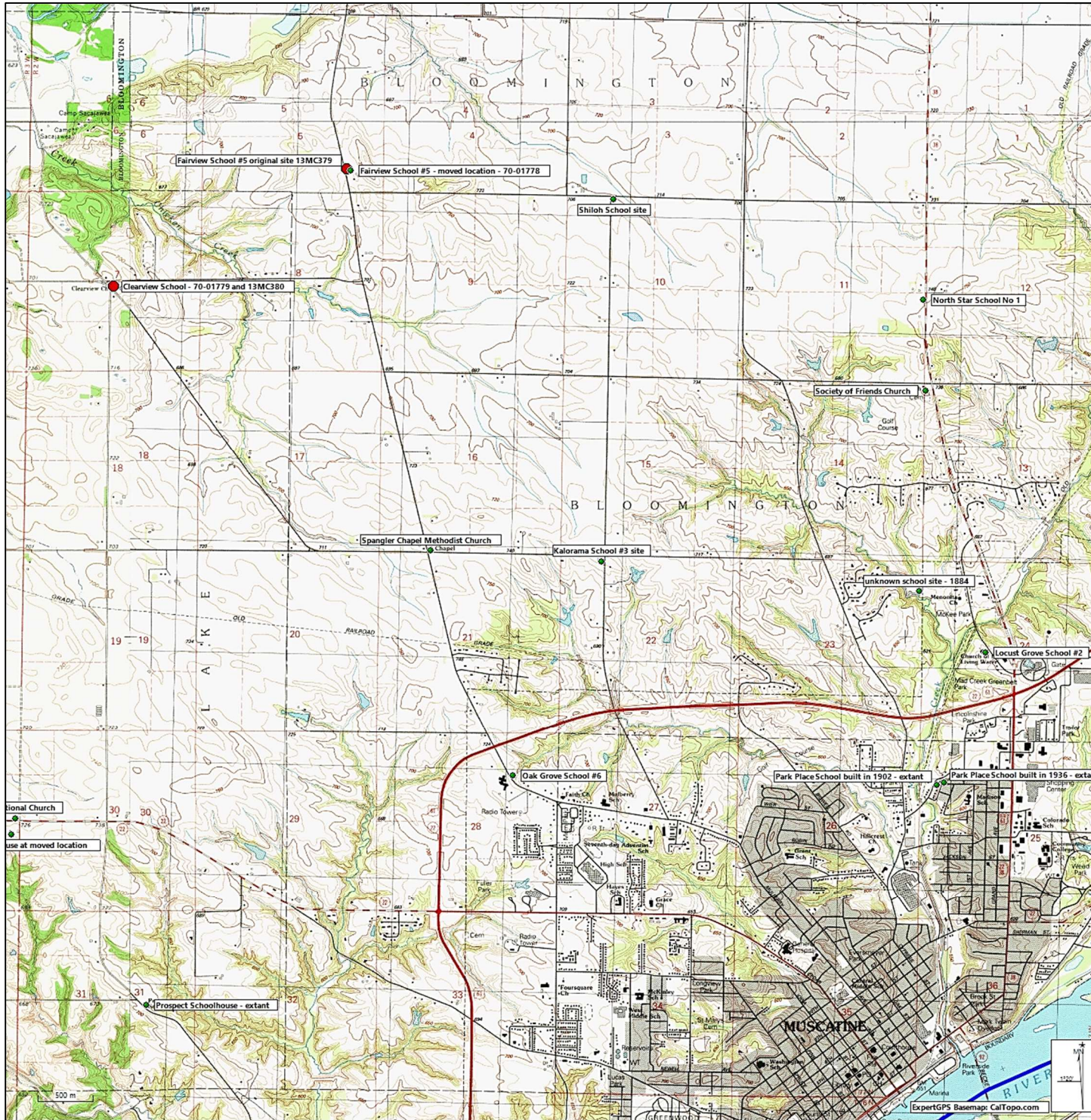
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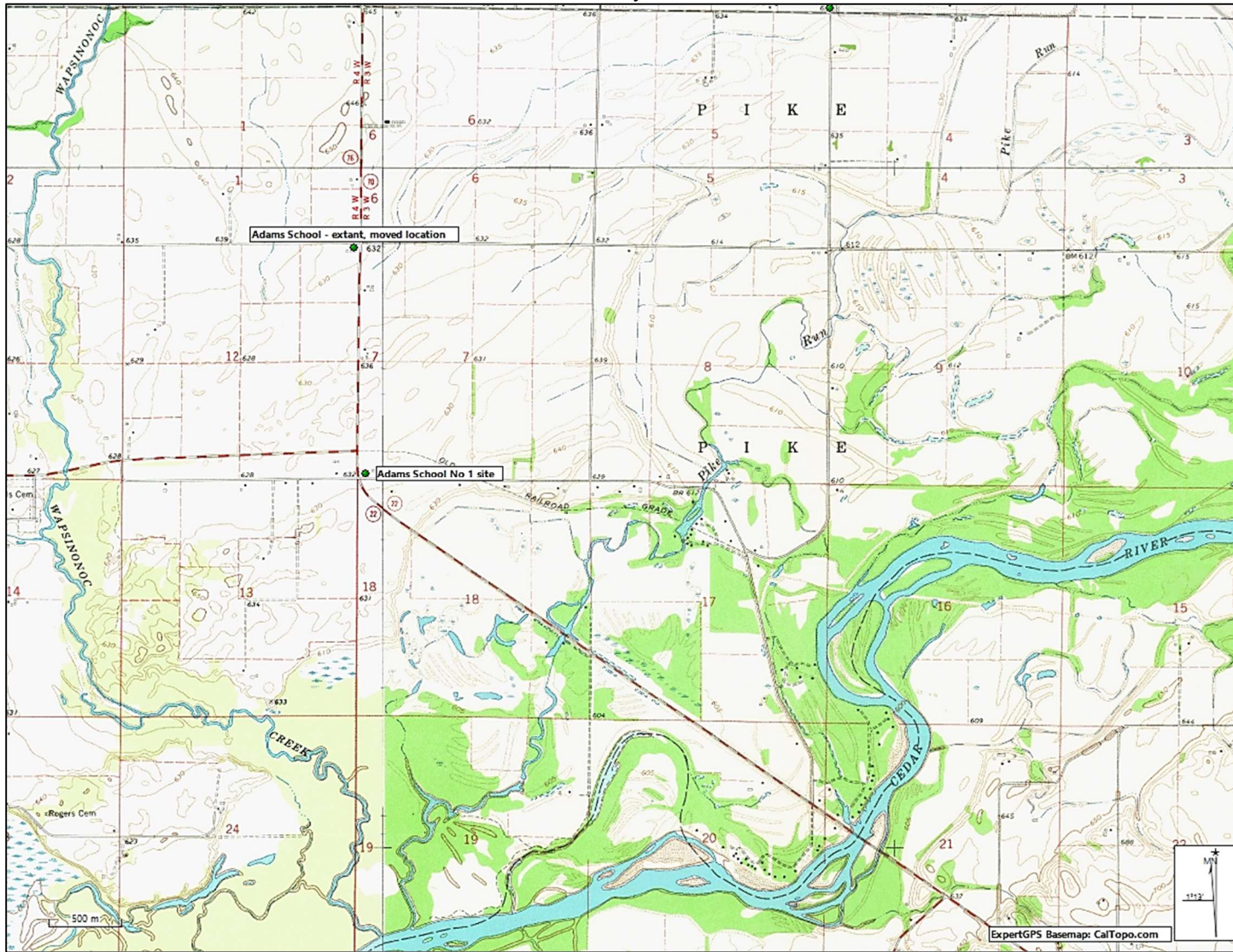
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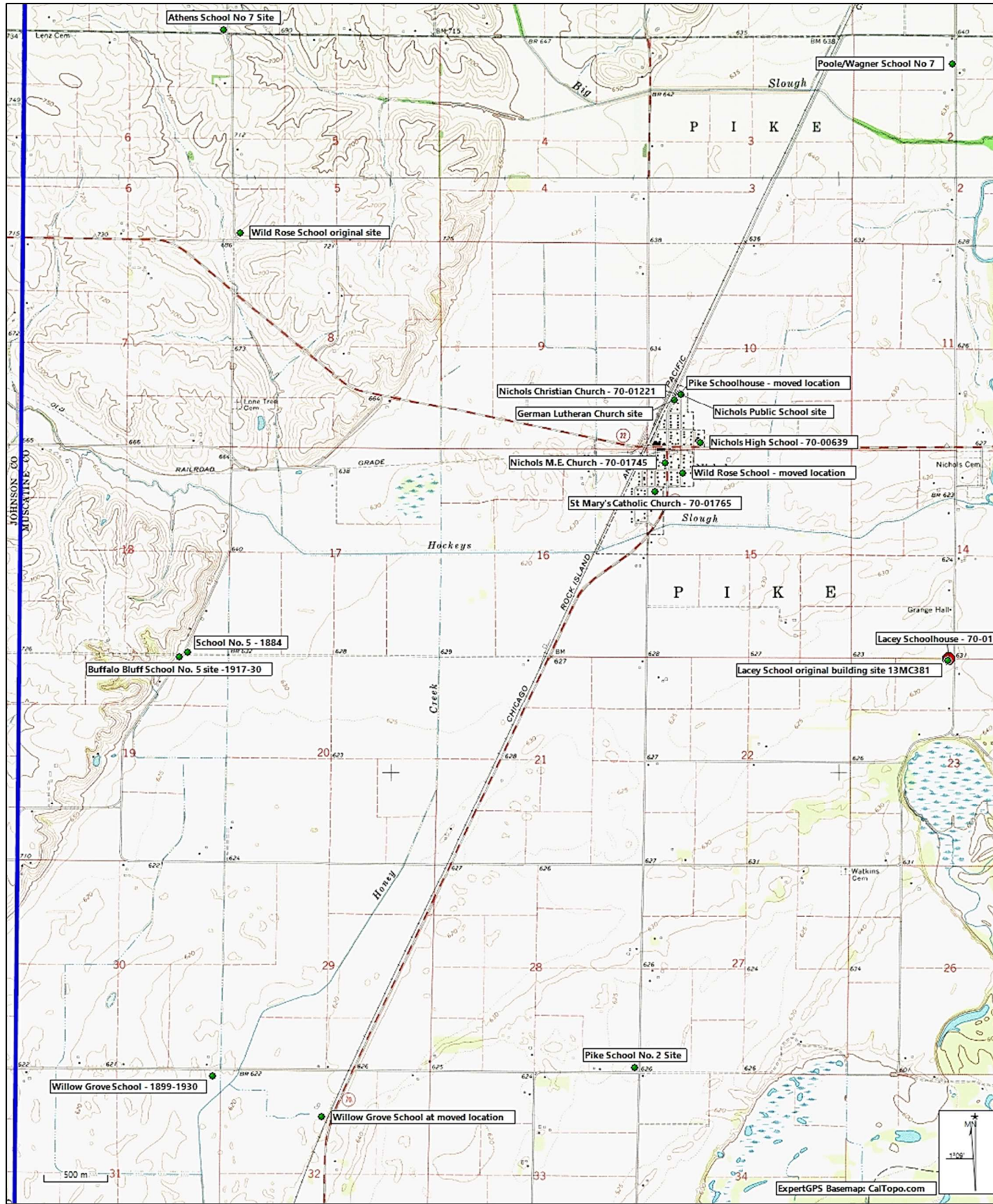
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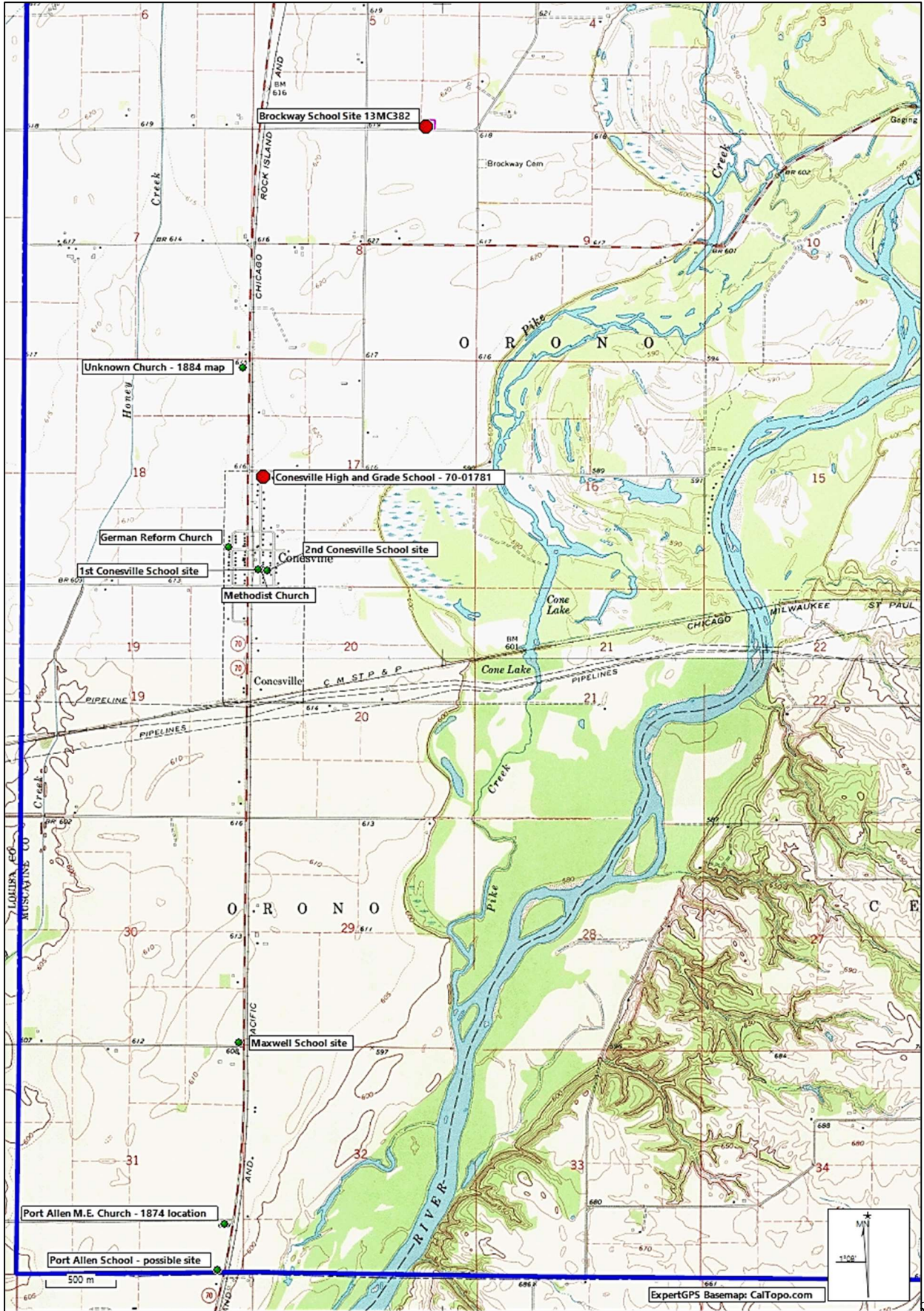
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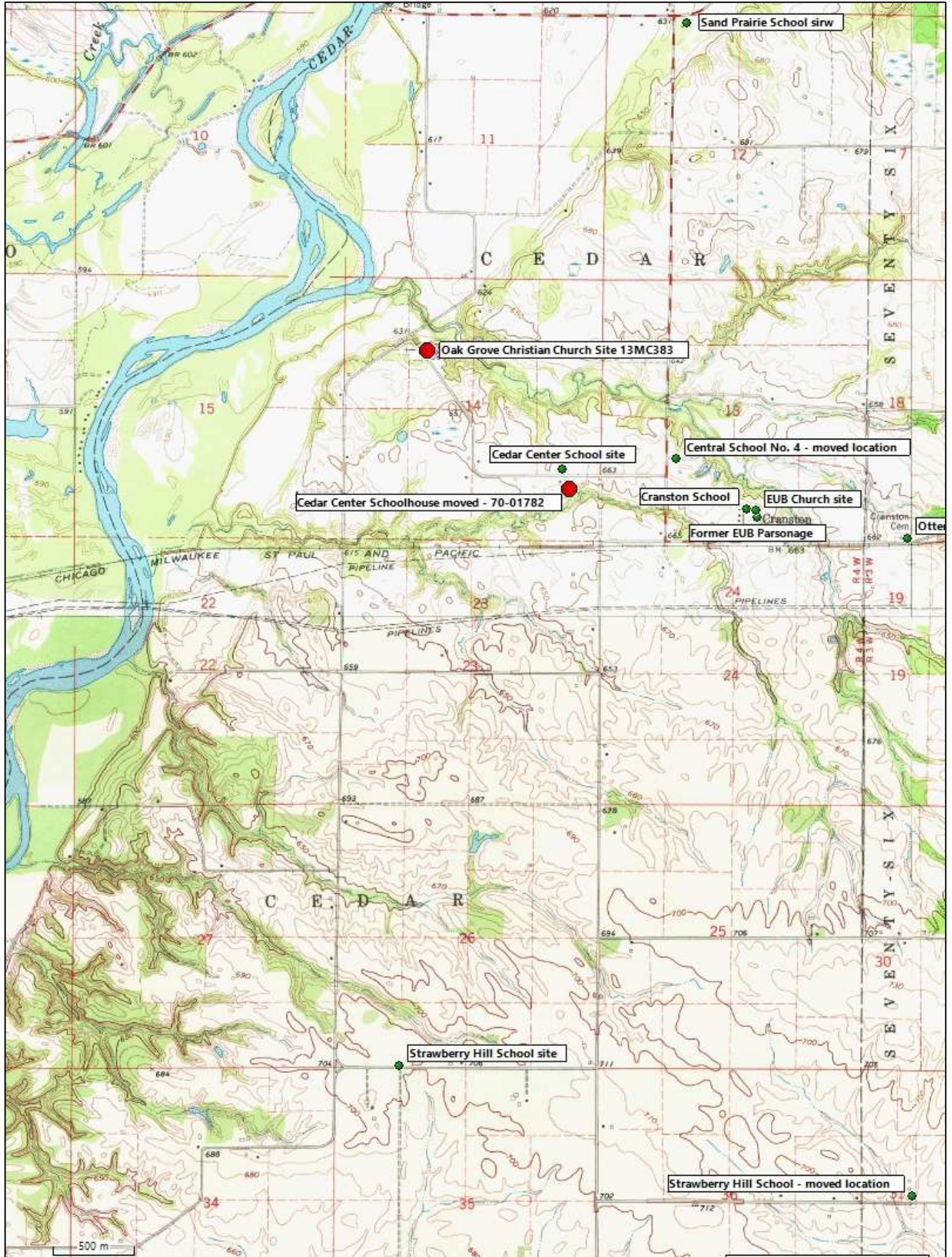
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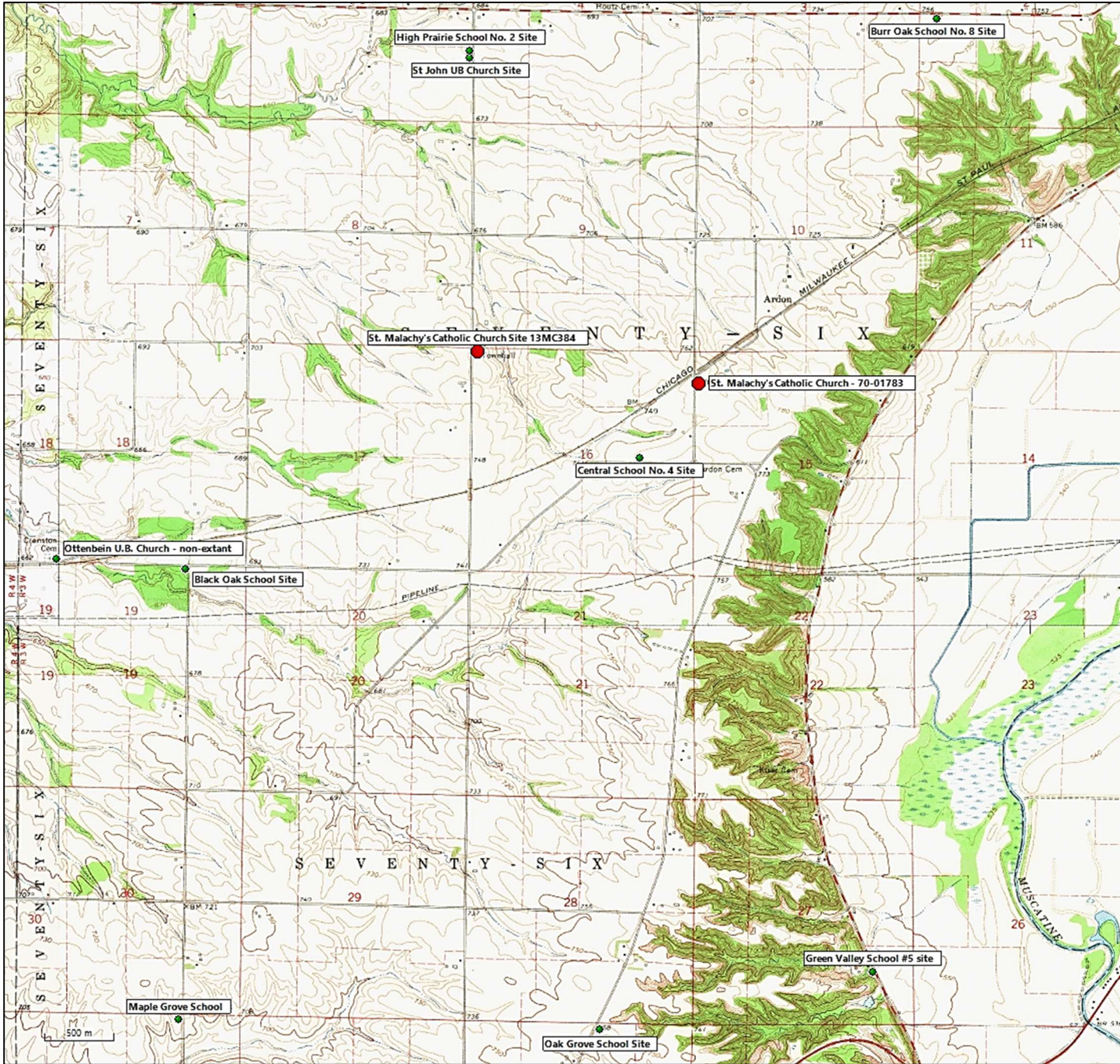
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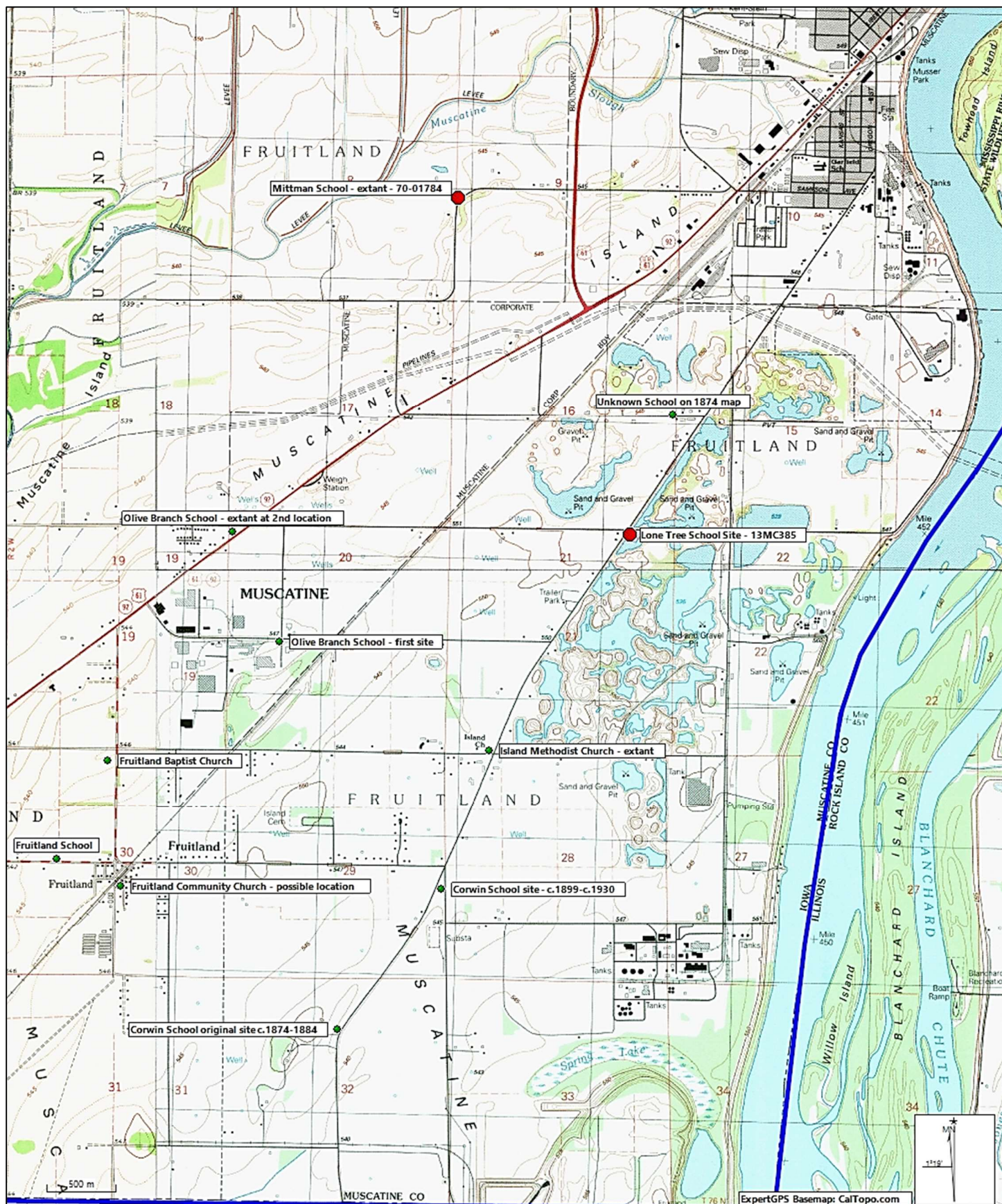
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Seventy-Six Township

Green dots are identified schools and churches; Red dots are schools and churches that were inventoried and recorded for this survey



Fruitland Township

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Appendix C: Iowa Site Inventory Forms Completed for Survey

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01771 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Friends Meeting House

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 803 North C St

B) City or town: West Liberty (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ of Qtr: _____

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

<i>If eligible property, enter number of:</i>		<i>If non-eligible property, enter number of:</i>	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
—	Buildings	—	1 Buildings
—	Sites	—	— Sites
—	Structures	—	— Structures
—	Objects	—	— Objects
—	Total	—	1 Total

C) **For properties listed in the National Register:**

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) **For properties within a historic district:**

- Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.
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Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

E) **Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:**

MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

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• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Historic functions**

06A01 Religion/church

B) **Current functions**

01A01 DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling/Residence

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Architectural classification**

09G02 Church/Gable End

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete block

Walls (visible exterior): 09 Asbestos

Roof: 08A Asphalt/shingle

Other: _____

C) **Narrative description** **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: *Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria*

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B) Special criteria considerations: *Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none*

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- B: Removed from its original location. F: A commemorative property.
- C: A birthplace or grave. G: Property less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
- D: A cemetery.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1862 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

1869 (1st move); 1915 (2nd move)

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

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See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- Yes No More research recommended
- This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.*

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Iowa Site Inventory Form
State Historic Preservation Office
Continuation Sheet

Site Number: 70-01771
Related District Number:

Page 1

Friends Meeting House	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
803 North C St	West Liberty
Address	City

Narrative Description

This building is a front-gabled frame structure (24x40x12), built in the prevailing style of architecture of Friends Meeting Houses -- plain and utilitarian. This building was moved to this location (having been moved before nearby) in 1915 when the Friends congregation disbanded and the property was sold. At its current location, it was converted into a dwelling, which it remains to the present day.

The house currently has a rusticated concrete block foundation that would date from 1915 and wide replacement siding that the Assessor identified as "Asphalt shingles" but is either Asbestos or Masonite. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A hipped front porch was added after the final move, with that porch now enclosed. It has a rusticated concrete block foundation with a siding covered railing. There are three half-height square posts on top of the railing with screened windows in-between the posts and the porch entry door, which is slightly off-center. The porch style was influenced by the Craftsman style of architecture that was popular in the 1910s. There is a square window in the front gable end above the porch that is now covered over.

The historical photograph of the Friends Meeting House when it was still in use, showed that it then had clapboard siding, wide frieze boards under the eaves, and narrow corner boards. There was a brick chimney on the roof slope. The façade shown in the photograph had a slightly off-center door and one 4/4 window on the gable end, with the visible side having two doors with transom windows and each door flanked by 4/4 windows. The multiple doors allowed for the separation of the congregation by gender. You cannot view the current façade configuration because of the enclosed porch. The current side facing 8th Street does have a door with a 1/1 window to the left of the door and a squat 1/1 window to the right, with a third 1/1 window to the far right on this side close to the façade. It would appear possible that this side door is one of the door side door openings shown in the historical photograph. However, the height of this door is different from the original and any transom window has now been covered over. The opposite side currently has three windows in a row. Regardless, the building has been greatly modified at its current location and use as a dwelling from the look and use of the original building.



. Original location of Friends Meeting house adjacent to the North Prairie Cemetery. The cemetery has since expanded to include the former meeting house location. Photo taken October 27, 2020

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Friends Meeting House
Name of Property
803 North C St
Address

Muscatine
County
West Liberty
City



Friends Meeting House in West Liberty pre-1915. Source: Hise ed. 1938



Muscatine County Assessor photo of the current façade (undated).

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Friends Meeting House	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
803 North C St	West Liberty
Address	City



Friends Meeting House today at 803 N. Columbus St. Photo taken by Tallgrass October 27, 2020.

Statement of Significance

The Friends Meeting House was originally located at what is now 1031 Evans. In 1869, it was moved was then located at what is now 802 North Calhoun Street, and finally to 803 North Columbus in West Liberty. The early Quaker settlers in the township had no house of worship from 1858 to 1862 and held its meetings in North Prairie Schoolhouse or the residence of Stephen Mosher. The membership had increased by 1862 to the point that it was decided to build a meeting house. It was located about a mile and a half north of the present West Liberty, near the southwest corner of the NW1/4 of Section 1 and adjacent to the North Prairie Cemetery but the site was later encompassed by the cemetery. There is now a marker in the cemetery commemorating the location of this meetinghouse. While there could be archaeological evidence here of the early meeting house, the fact that this is now a cemetery precludes such a study. The building was begun by Mathias Wilson and completed by Joseph M. Wood.

In 1869, the meeting house was moved to the corner of Calhoun and 8th streets in West Liberty. However, by 1915 the Society had become so depleted that it was deemed best to discontinue the Meeting and dispose of the property. It was moved to a lot just east and converted for use a dwelling on the west side of Columbus Street just north of 8th Street (from the writings of L.O. Mosher, who wrote a series of memoirs n 1914; also Hise, ed. 1938). This meeting house is still standing at its last location (803 N Columbus St) where it remains a residence. This building now has an enclosed front porch, replacement siding, and replaced and covered over windows and doors. As such, it does not retain sufficient historic integrity to be NRHP eligible under any criteria. This building is being inventoried as 70-01771 to document its history and current location and condition.

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Site Number: 70-01771
Related District Number:

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Friends Meeting House
Name of Property
803 North C St
Address

Muscatine
County
West Liberty
City

References

Hise, ed., George A.T., editor
1938 *One Hundred Years of History: Commemorating A Century of Progress in West Liberty Community, West Liberty, Iowa, June 29, 1938*. Historical Committee, West Liberty.

Additional Documentation



Location of 803 N Columbus Street in West Liberty, Iowa. Source: Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01772 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

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Property Name

A) Historic name: Union Valley School (#3)

B) Other names: _____

Location

A) Street address: 1873 Highway 6

B) City or town: Atalissa (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Goshen

Township No.: 78 Range No.: 3W

Section: 9 Qtr: SE of

Qtr: SE

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

Classification

A) Property category: *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) Number of resources (within property):

If eligible property, enter number of:

If non-eligible property, enter number of:

Contributing	Noncontributing
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—	—
—	—
—	—
—	—

— Buildings

1 Buildings

— Sites

— Structures

— Objects

1 **Total**

C) For properties listed in the National Register:

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) For properties within a historic district:

- Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.
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Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

E) Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:

MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

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Function or Use *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Historic functions

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) Current functions

01A01 DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling/Residence

Description *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural classification

09A01 Front-Gabled Roof

09H01 One-room schoolhouse

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete block

Walls (visible exterior): 02A Wood weatherboard

Roof: 08A Asphalt shingle

Other: _____

C) Narrative description **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

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B) Special criteria considerations: *Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none*

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 B: Removed from its original location. F: A commemorative property.
 C: A birthplace or grave. G: Property less than 50 years of age or
 D: A cemetery achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1917 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

1957 (moved)

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

• **Bibliography** *See continuation sheets for the list research sources used in preparing this form*

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B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:

See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- Yes No More research recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

Iowa Site Inventory Form
State Historic Preservation Office
Continuation Sheet

Site Number: 70-01772
Related District Number:

Page 1

Union Valley School (#3)	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
1873 Highway 6	Atalissa
Address	City

Narrative Description

The Union Valley School (#3) was originally located at what is now 1881 130th Street in the NW1/4, NW1/4 of Section 22 just west of the Timberlake Cemetery. The schoolhouse was moved in 1957 to its current location at 1873 Highway 6 in the SE1/4 of Section 9, a little more than a mile NNW of its original location. The original school building was built in 1872 but burned down in 1917. It was replaced with a new building on the same spot. The school merged the West Liberty School District in 1953 (*Quad City Times*, 24 Feb 1953; *Muscatine Journal*, 06 Apr 1953 and 29 Dec 1956). The 1917 building was then purchased in 1957, moved, and remodeled into a house for the Clarence March family on the SE1/4 of Section 9 (1873 Highway 6). The original site of the school was next to the Timberlake Cemetery on 130th Street. The location is now an agricultural field and has some potential for intact archaeology of the former school occupation. This location is recommended for future archaeological survey.



Original site of the Union Valley School on 130th Street next to the Timberlake Cemetery. View is looking SW. Photo taken October 27, 2020.

The former schoolhouse at its current, moved location is set back far from the road, near a very interesting and very old house that was the ancestral home on this farmstead and is also still standing but in a deteriorated state.

The one-story, front-gabled frame schoolhouse now sits on a concrete block foundation and has a modern wood deck and ramp across the façade. There is also a shed-roofed addition that was made to one side. The siding was partially replaced during the remodel, with the windows and doors all replaced as well. The windows are also likely altered in size and placement from the original windows.

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Site Number: 70-01772
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Union Valley School (#3)
Name of Property
1873 Highway 6
Address

Muscatine
County
Atalissa
City



Former Union Valley Schoolhouse, moved and made into a residence at 1873 Highway 6.
Photo taken by Tallgrass October 27, 2020

Statement of Significance

The original Union Valley School (#3) building was built in 1872 but burned down in 1917. It was replaced with a new building on the same spot. The school merged the West Liberty School District in 1953 (*Quad City Times*, 24 Feb 1953; *Muscatine Journal*, 06 Apr 1953 and 29 Dec 1956). The 1917 building was then purchased in 1957, moved, and remodeled into a house for the Clarence March family on the SE1/4 of Section 9 (1873 Highway 6). The original site is next to the Timberlake Cemetery on 130th Street. The original location is now an agricultural field and has some potential for intact archaeology of the former school occupation. That location is recommended for future archaeological survey.

The 1917 schoolhouse, which was moved in 1957 to its current location at 1873 Highway 6 was remodeled into a dwelling, which included some replacement siding, modified windows, a shed-roofed addition to one side, and a wood deck and ramp added across the façade. The building is not readily identifiable as an old one-room schoolhouse. The modifications, coupled with the move, make the building not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. This building is being recorded by the current survey as 70-01772 to document this property.

References

Oral history from Clarence March family.
Muscatine Journal, 06 Apr 1953 and 29 Dec 1956
Quad City Times, 24 Feb 1953

Iowa Site Inventory Form
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Site Number: 70-01772
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Page 3

Union Valley School (#3)

Muscatine

Name of Property

County

1873 Highway 6

Atalissa

Address

City

Additional Documentation



Muscatine County Assessor's photo of the former schoolhouse at its current location looking NNE.



Historic house on March Farm near where the schoolhouse was moved.

Iowa Site Inventory Form
State Historic Preservation Office
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Site Number: 70-01772
Related District Number:

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Union Valley School (#3)

Muscatine

Name of Property

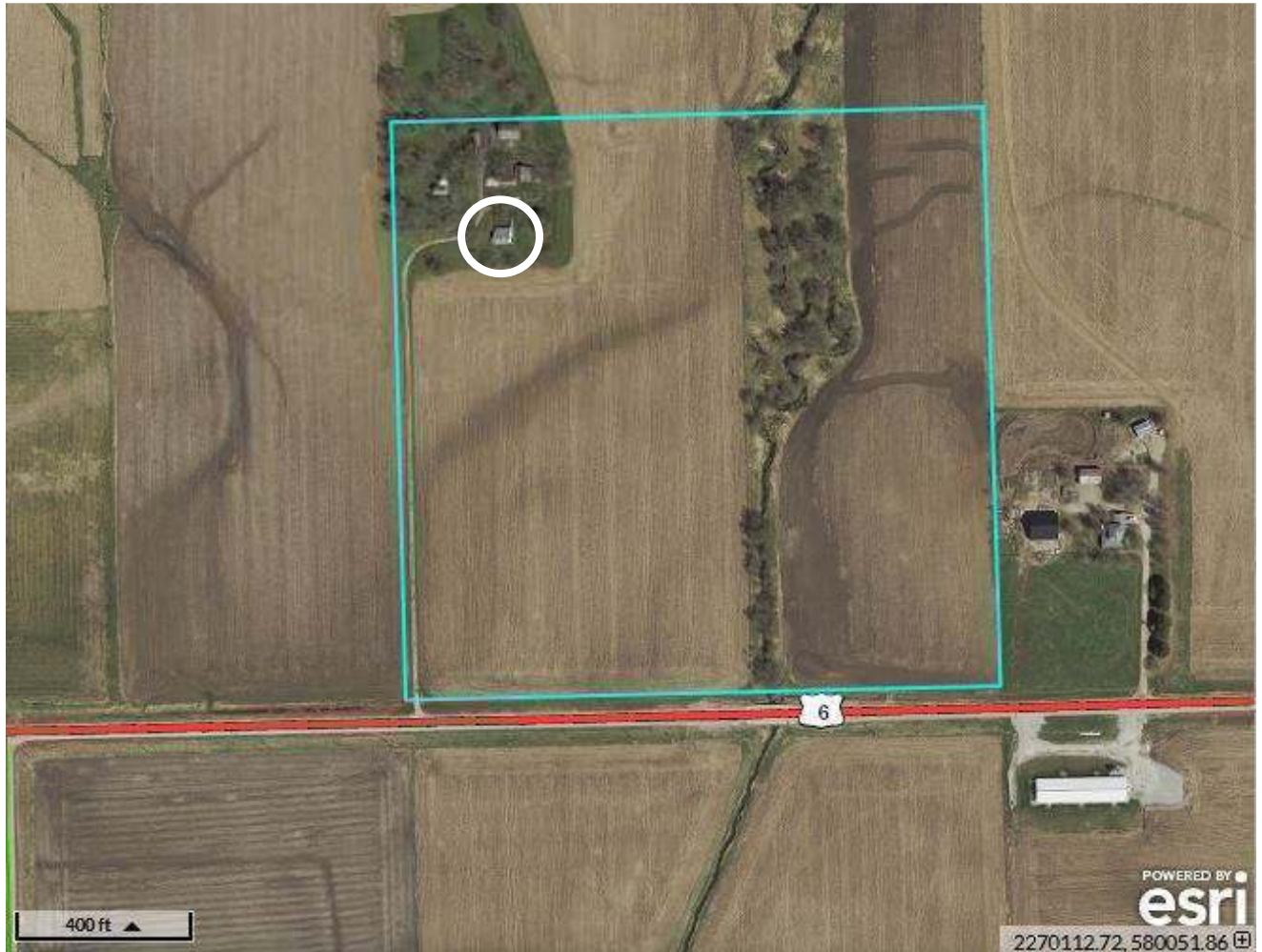
County

1873 Highway 6

Atalissa

Address

City



Aerial map showing current location of former Union Valley Schoolhouse on the March Farm at 1873 Highway 6. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01773 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Moscow Methodist Episcopal Church

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 1144 Moscow Road

B) City or town: Moscow (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ of Qtr: _____

Urban: Subdivision: Moscow Block(s): 15 Lot(s): 6

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>	Buildings	—	Buildings
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—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	—	Total

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06A01 RELIGION/Church

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A) **Architectural classification**

09G02 Gable End

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Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete Block

Walls (visible exterior): 15B Vinyl

Roof: 08A Asphalt Shingle

Other: _____

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G: Property less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

02 Architecture

27I Religion Methodist

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1891 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovations

D) Period(s) of significance

1891-1933

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

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H) Architect/Builder

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Builder/contractor

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4. Site plan of buildings/structures on site, identifying boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.

B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:

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State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- Yes No More research recommended
This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments:

SHPO authorized signature:

Date:

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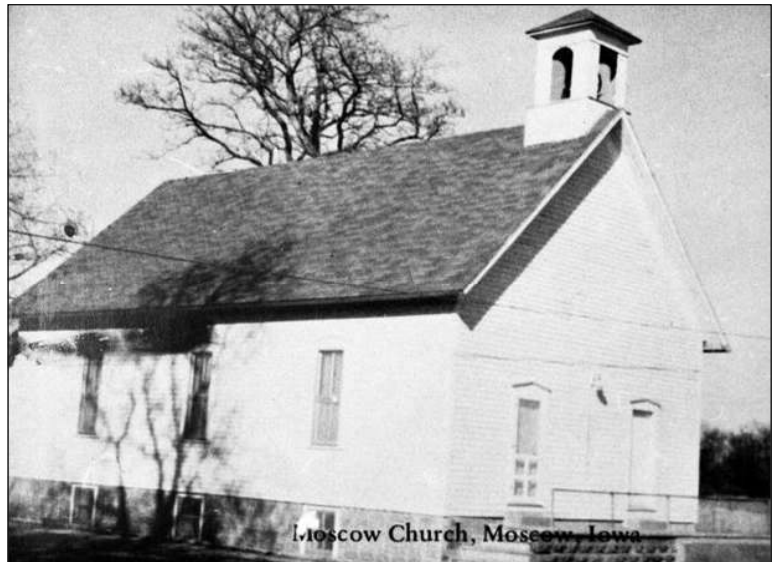
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Moscow Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
1144 Moscow Road
Address

Muscatine
County
Moscow
City

Narrative Description

The extant building at 1144 Moscow Road in Moscow is a frame, front-gabled church. Originally, it had a small open belfry on the roof ridge above the façade, which was removed after 1980. The façade has two entry doors with peaked lintel boards. The basement/foundation added in 1915 is made of rusticated concrete blocks. A raised concrete platform with pipe railing was added in 1915 across the façade with steps to either side to access the front entries. Modifications have included the removal of the belfry, the replacement of the concrete platform/steps with a modern wood deck, railings, and stairs, and the application of vinyl siding. However, the building does retain its front-gabled form, the 2/2 windows with peaked lintels, and the two front entries also with peaked lintel boards. There is a lower gabled ell on the rear that is likely original.



Moscow M.E. Church in 1948 (left) and 1980 (right).
Copies of the photographs provided by the Muscatine County HPC.

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Moscow Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
1144 Moscow Road
Address

Muscatine
County
Moscow
City



Moscow M.E. Church looking SW in 2021. Photo taken by Lynn Ochiltree.

Statement of Significance

The Methodist congregation in Moscow was meeting in private homes in the 1840s, with the 1879 county history noting that the “Methodists have a class at Moscow, but no house of worship” (Western Historical 1879). A church building was built in 1891, with a basement and an addition made in 1915. Beginning in 1933, this church came under the charge of the Wilton Methodist Church. This church is located on the southwest corner of Clay and 4th Streets in the town of Moscow. It was shown at this location on the 1899 map.

The Moscow M.E. Church may retain sufficient historic integrity (if the interior retains historic integrity) to be considered potentially eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C for its survival as an 1891 church building in Moscow. However, a final determination of eligibility will depend on investigation of the interior integrity and further consideration of the modern modifications to the exterior. It is recommended eligible under Criterion A for its historical significance in Moscow’s religious community, with a recommended period of significance from 1891 when it was built to 1933 when it came under the charge of the Wilton Methodist Church.

References

Western Historical
1879 *History of Muscatine County, Iowa*. Western Historical, Chicago.

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Moscow Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
1144 Moscow Road
Address

Muscatine
County
Moscow
City

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing location of church within community of Montpelier. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.

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Moscow Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
1144 Moscow Road
Address

Muscatine
County
Moscow
City



Assessor's photograph of Moscow ME Church looking WNW. Obtained from Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01774 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• Property Name

A) Historic name: Prospect Hill School (No. 3)

B) Other names: _____

• Location

A) Street address: N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave

B) City or town: Durant (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Wilton Township No.: 7&N Range No.: 1W Section: 2 Qtr: SW of Qtr: SE

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• Classification

A) Property category: *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) Number of resources (within property):

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>	Buildings	—	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	—	Total

C) For properties listed in the National Register:

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) For properties within a historic district:

- Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.
- Property contributes to a potential historic district, based on professional historic/architectural survey and evaluation.
- Property *does not* contribute to the historic district in which it is located.

Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

E) Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:

MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

Historical Architectural Data Base #

70-041

• Function or Use *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Historic functions

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) Current functions

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

• Description *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural classification

09A01 Front-Gabled Roof

09H01 One-room schoolhouse

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 16 Clay Tile

Walls (visible exterior): 02A Wood weatherboard

Roof: 05F Metal/steel

Other: _____

C) Narrative description **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

Site Number: 70-01774 Address: N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave City: Durant County: Muscatine

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. [] Yes [x] No [] More research recommended
Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. [] Yes [x] No [] More research recommended
Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. [] Yes [] No [x] More research recommended
Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history. [] Yes [] No [] More research recommended

B) Special criteria considerations: Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none

- [] A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. [] E: A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
[] B: Removed from its original location. [] F: A commemorative property.
[] C: A birthplace or grave. [] G: Property less than 50 years of age or
[] D: A cemetery achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions
02 Architecture

D) Period(s) of significance

1865-1930s

E) Significant dates

Construction date
1865 [] check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance [x] SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED

• **Bibliography** [x] See continuation sheets for the list research sources used in preparing this form

• **Geographic Data** Optional UTM references [] See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments

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• **Form Preparation**

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City or Town: Iowa City State: IA Zip code: 52246

• **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** Submit the following items with the completed form

A) For all properties, attach the following, as specified in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions:

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State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- [] Yes [] No [] More research recommended
[] This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments:

SHPO authorized signature:

Date:

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Prospect Hill School (No. 3)	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave	Durant
Address	City

Narrative Description

This schoolhouse is still standing into the present day but is an abandoned building. Below is a drawing of Prospect Hill #3 School on display in the Melpine School. Also below are historic photographs of the school from the 1930s. These images show a front-gabled, frame building with a lower front-gabled entry vestibule that had the entry door on the side of the vestibule. The building was raised on a basement by the 1930s and was likely added in the 1920s. There was no belfry but there was a brick chimney on the roof ridge to the rear. There was a half-round sign with the school's name and date on the gable peak of the façade. The original windows were 6/6 wood sash windows. The windows on the main building were taller than those on the vestibule.



Drawing of Prospect Hill No. 3 School.
Source: Exhibit at Melpine School in Wildcat Den State Park.



1930s photographs of Prospect Hill School.
Source: Display at Melpine School, Wildcat Den State Park.

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Prospect Hill School (No. 3)
Name of Property
N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave
Address

Muscatine
County
Durant
City

The Prospect Schoolhouse is still standing on its original site but is unused and badly deteriorating. Its future survival is unlikely. The building is being inventoried by the current survey to document it before it is gone. The building does retain its clapboard siding (in most places), but it now has a metal roof, the front door is a metal replacement door, and the front windows have been covered over with metal siding. The brick chimney is still in place on the rear of the building, with the front entry vestibule still in place. Most of the surviving windows are 1/1 wood-sash and would be later replacement windows, while others are now boarded over. The foundation above ground is made of clay tile blocks that have been coated with concrete. The concrete steps up to the side door on the vestibule are also still in place but sinking to one side. The half-round sign on the front gable end is now gone.



Prospect Hill Schoolhouse in 2020 (Taken by Tallgrass)

Statement of Significance

The Prospect Hill Schoolhouse was shown at this location in the SW1/4, SW1/4, SE1/4 of Section 2 on the 1874, 1884, 1899, 1916, 1922 and 1930 plat maps. In 1865, on "March 3, 1865, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Wilton township, a motion was made and carried to finish #2 (Yankee Hallow) schoolhouse and also #3 (Prospect Hill) and #4 (Sunnyside)" (McClellan 1976:63). This indicates that the Prospect Hill School was built in 1865. It was never moved and was still being used as a schoolhouse into the 1930s. Currently, the building is unused and derelict. While in a deteriorated condition, this

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Related District Number:

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Prospect Hill School (No. 3)	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave	Durant
Address	City

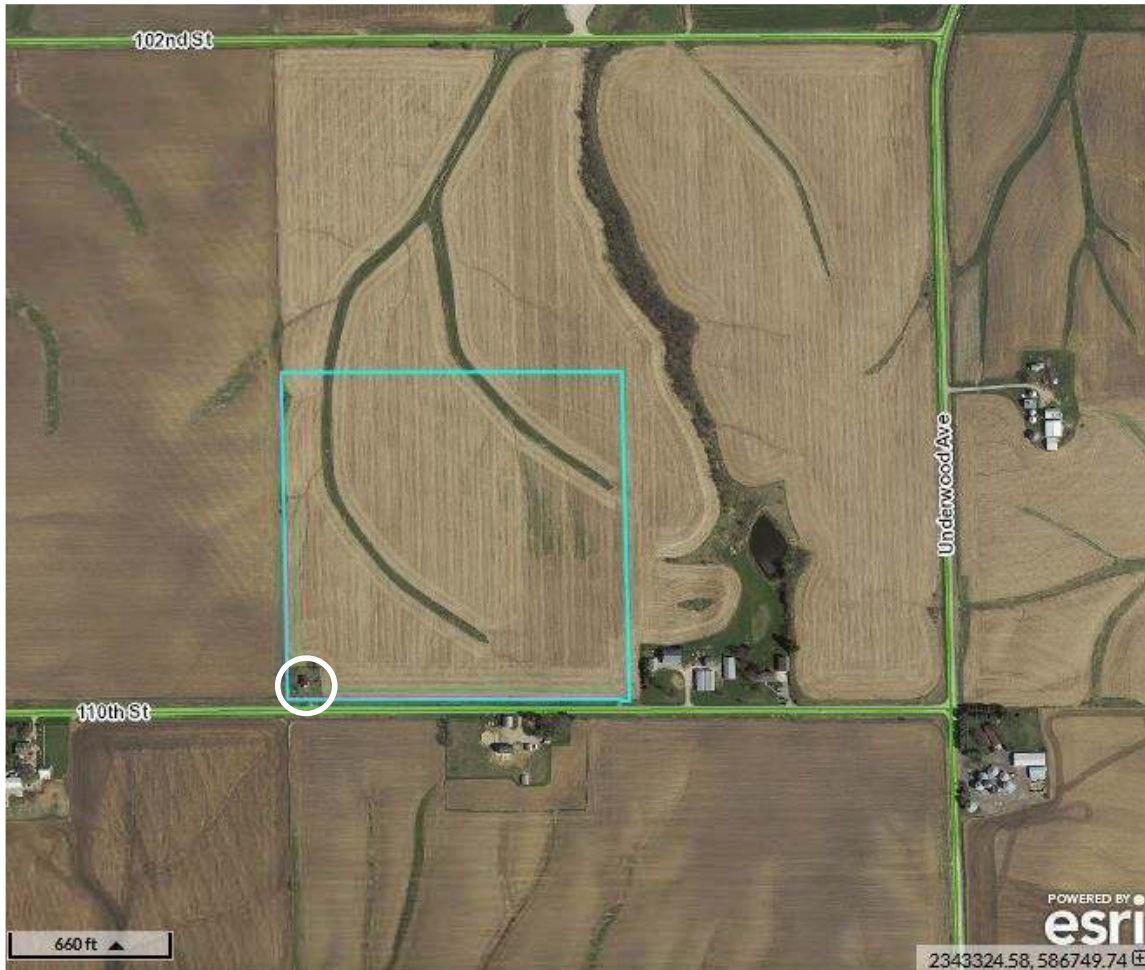
building does retain historic integrity sufficient to be considered for NRHP eligibility. An interior inspection would be needed to make a final determination, but for the current study it is recommended potentially eligible under Criterion C as a comparatively well preserved front-gabled one-room country schoolhouse in Muscatine County still located on its original site.

References

McClellan, Gale

1976 The Schools of Wilton Township. In *Wilton, Moscow and Yesteryear 1776-1976*. Transcribed for the Muscatine County IAGenWeb Project by Elizabeth Casillas.

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing location of Prospect Hill Schoolhouse on 110th Street west of Underwood Avenue. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page. Schoolhouse is circled.

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Prospect Hill School (No. 3)
Name of Property
N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave
Address

Muscatine
County
Durant
City



Prospect Hill School #3. Facing north-northwest.



Prospect Hill School #3. Facing west.

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Prospect Hill School (No. 3)
Name of Property
N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave
Address

Muscatine
County
Durant
City



Prospect Hill School #3. Facing south.



Prospect Hill School #3. Facing east.

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Prospect Hill School (No. 3)
Name of Property
N side 110th Street west of Underwood Ave
Address

Muscatine
County
Durant
City



Prospect Hill School #3. Facing south. Detail of tile block foundation with concrete parging.



Prospect Hill School #3. Facing west. Looking at interior.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01775 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Maple Grove School No. 6

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 3713 150th St

B) City or town: Blue Grass (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Fulton Township No.: 78 Range No.: 1E

Section: 27 Qtr: SW of Qtr: SW

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	Buildings	—	—
—	Sites	—	—
—	Structures	—	—
—	Objects	—	—
<u>1</u>	Total	—	—

If non-eligible property, enter number of:

C) **For properties listed in the National Register:**

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) **For properties within a historic district:**

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Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

E) **Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:**

MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

Historical Architectural Data Base #

70-041

• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Historic functions**

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) **Current functions**

01A01 DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling/Residence

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Architectural classification**

09H01 One-Room Schoolhouse

09A01 Front-gabled roof

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10 Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 09 Asbestos

Roof: 08A Asphalt Shingles

Other: _____

C) **Narrative description** **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Statement of Significance**

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 D: A cemetery. achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

02 Architecture

D) Period(s) of significance

1939

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1874 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

1939 WPA remodel

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

Works Progress Administration

I) Narrative statement of significance *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

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Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD	Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD
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3				4			

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State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

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- Yes No More research recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____

Date: _____

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Site Number: 70-01775
Related District Number:

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Maple Grove School No. 6
Name of Property
3713 150th St
Address

Muscatine
County
Blue Grass
City

Narrative Description

Maple Grove School #6 is in the SW¼, SW¼ of Section 27 in Fulton Township. It is still standing but has been converted into a residence. The building is front-gabled with asbestos siding and an asphalt shingled roof. It sits on a concrete foundation. Fenestration has been replaced with modern, vinyl 1/1 replacements; its original windows were 4/4 double-hung, wood sash windows.

The facade has a diamond pattern and light fixture on the gable end above the centered entry door. The diamond pattern and light fixture were both present in the 1939 photograph of the remodeled schoolhouse. There is now a pedimented hood over the front entry door that is supported by two triangular knee braces. This was added after 1939. The original 1939 door had a decorative, multi-light pattern on the upper portion of the wood-paneled door that was accessed by a set of concrete steps with metal pipe handrails. The steps and pipe railings are still extant but the door now has a modern storm door and the original door may be replaced. There is a 1/1 window to the left of the door. The window to the right now has only the upper sash with the lower sash a board covering. Each side of the building has three windows. The west side has a ground-level entry door. The north (back) side of the building has a brick chimney that rises along its wall and above the roof peak.



Former Maple Grove School as a residence at 3713 150th Street in 2016 (left) and 2020 (right).
Photograph taken 10/05/2016 and 2020.

Statement of Significance

The Maple Grove School was shown at this location on the 1874, 1884, 1899, 1916, 1922, and 1930 plat maps. The schoolhouse is still standing but has been converted into a residence at 3713 150th Street. In 1939, the Maple Grove Schoolhouse was remodeled by the WPA. In the process, it was elevated on a new basement and the interior remodeled and redecorated (*Muscatine Journal*, 29 Dec 1939). The 1939 photograph shows the remodeled school as a front-gabled frame schoolhouse with centered front door on the gable end flanked by 4/4 windows. There was now a ground-level side door that provided access to the new basement level. Despite the new schoolhouse, Maple Grove School was closed in 1945 for having an insufficient number of students (*Muscatine Journal*, 07 Sept 1945). A news item from 1948 noted burglars had made off with metal from the heating plants at some of the rural schools including Maple Grove but it was noted that “this will prove no detriment in the case of the Maple Grove school since it had been closed for some time and it was not contemplated to reopen it”

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Maple Grove School No. 6

Muscatine

Name of Property

County

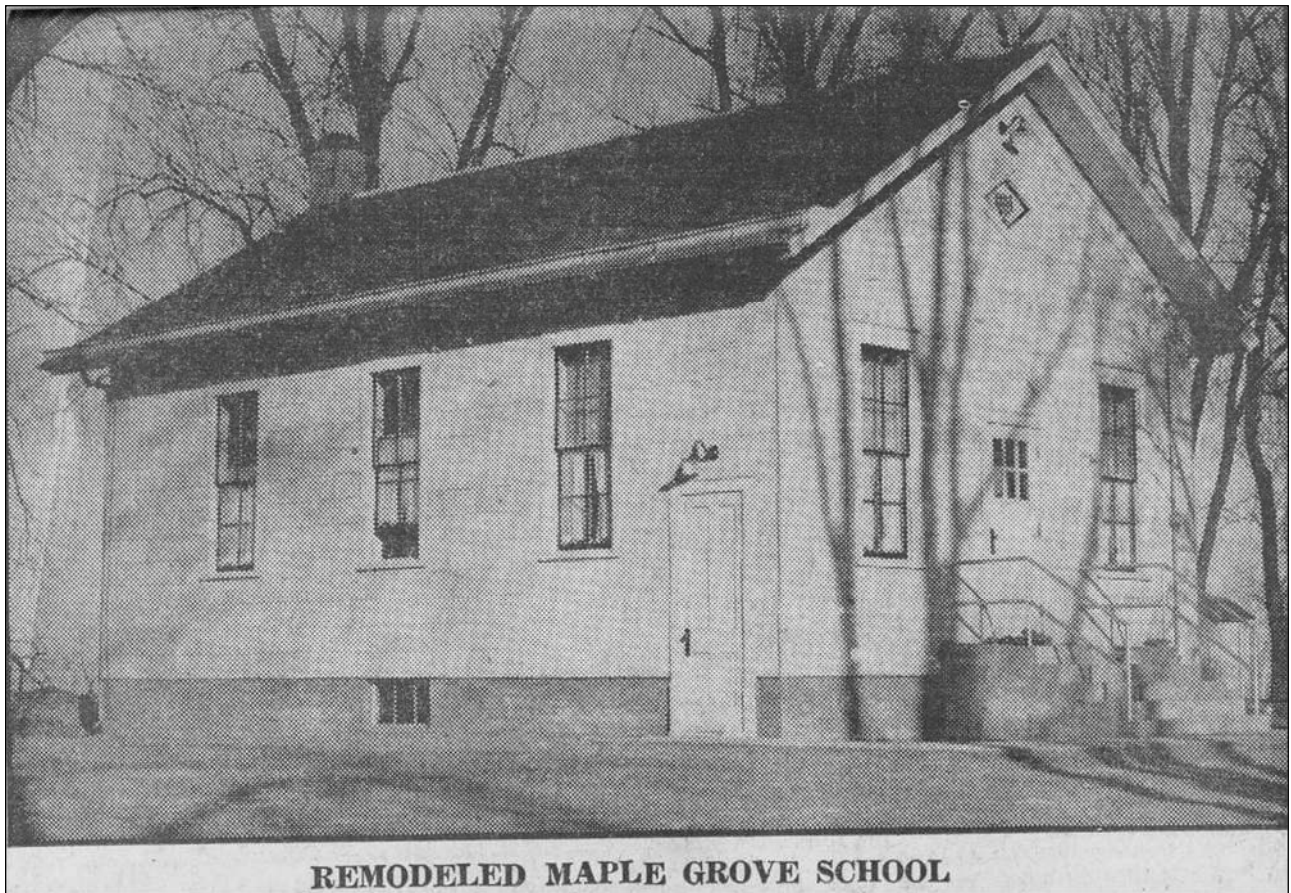
3713 150th St

Blue Grass

Address

City

(*Muscatine Journal*, 17 Aug 1948). The Maple Grove schoolhouse is still standing and was remodeled into a residence. It is still recognizable as a former school and even retains the diamond pattern it had originally in the gable end in 1939. The windows have obviously been replaced along with the front door. In 1939, there was no porch hood over the door; therefore, the extant porch hood is a later addition. The concrete steps with the metal pipe railings remain in place. It is considered to have some potential for NRHP eligibility under Criterion C because it is located on its original site and is still recognizable as the Maple Grove School as remodeled by the WPA in 1939. There have been some obvious modifications and any final determination of eligibility under Criterion C likely will depend on the extent of the interior remodeling.



1939 photograph of the remodeled Maple Grove School.
Source: *Muscatine Evening Journal*, 29 Dec 1939.

References

Muscatine Evening Journal, 29 Dec 1939.

Muscatine Journal, 07 Sept 1945

Muscatine Journal, 17 Aug 1948

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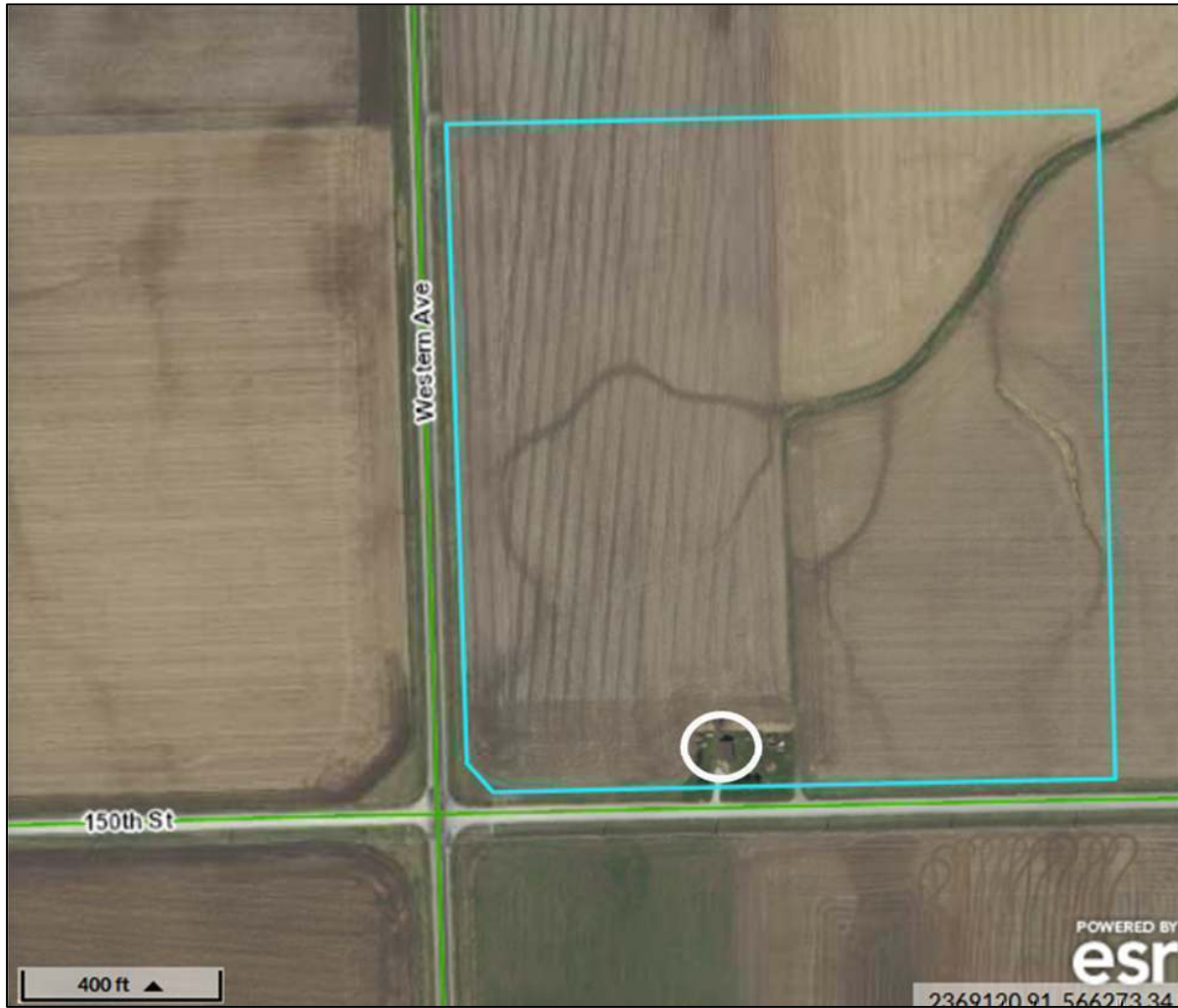
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Related District Number:

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Maple Grove School No. 6
Name of Property
3713 150th St
Address

Muscatine
County
Blue Grass
City

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing location of Maple Grove Schoolhouse on 150th Street east of Western Avenue. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page. Schoolhouse is circled.

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Related District Number:

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Maple Grove School No. 6
Name of Property
3713 150th St
Address

Muscatine
County
Blue Grass
City



East and north sides of school. Facing southwest. Photo taken in 2020.



Fulton Township. Section 27. Maple Grove School. Current Residence. Facing north. Photo taken in 2020.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01776 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Montpelier Methodist Episcopal Church

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 3885 HWY 22

B) City or town: Montpelier (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: _____ Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ of Qtr: _____

Urban: Subdivision: Montpelier Block(s): 4 Lot(s): 3

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>	Buildings	—	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	—	Total

C) **For properties listed in the National Register:**

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) **For properties within a historic district:**

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Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

E) **Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:**

MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

Historical Architectural Data Base #

70-041

• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Historic functions**

06A01 RELIGION/Church

B) **Current functions**

70 VACANT/Not in Use

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Architectural classification**

09G02 Gable End

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete Block

Walls (visible exterior): 02A Wood weatherboard

Roof: 08A Asphalt Shingle

Other: _____

C) **Narrative description** **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: *Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria*

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C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

02 Architecture

271 Religion Methodist

D) Period(s) of significance

1894-circa 1960

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1894 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

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Architect

Builder/contractor

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Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____

Date: _____

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Montpelier Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
3885 HWY 22
Address

Muscatine
County
Montpelier
City

Narrative Description

The Montpelier M.E. Church is extant at the base of the hill along the highway that extends through Montpelier but it is no longer used as a church. The front-gabled building has a lower front-gabled vestibule with lower hipped enclosures to either side stepped down on the façade. The door is centered and reached by a set of concrete steps with metal pipe railings. But the door is now boarded over, as is the transom window above the door. The transom and the side windows all have peaked lintel boards. The extant windows are 4/4 wood-sash windows. The foundation is rusticated concrete blocks, with the church raised up for a basement level addition likely made in the early 20th century. The building is deteriorating but still retains its clapboard siding and many of its original exterior details. The interior condition is unknown. The small bell tower that topped the façade's gable is non-extant.



Montpelier M.E. Church in 2016. View is looking NE.

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Montpelier Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
3885 HWY 22
Address

Muscatine
County
Montpelier
City



Montpelier M.E. Church on November 19, 2020. View is looking NE.

Statement of Significance

This church was built in 1894 when it was mentioned in reference to some boys firing a pistol within 300 feet of the church, although the extant cornerstone at the church has “1895” as the year built (*Muscatine Journal*, 20 Jun 1894). The construction date was confirmed in a 1971 news item about its history (*Muscatine Journal*, 15 Jan 1971). In 1948, the local election for incorporating the town of Montpelier was held in this church (*Muscatine Journal*, 16 July 1948). By 1960, the church had become the Montpelier Community Church, with the church noted in 1971 had become an independent church in 1963 and was the only church in town in 1971. At the time it was known as the Montpelier Community Bible Church (*Muscatine Journal*, 23 Dec 1960 and 15 Jan 1971). The 1971 photograph shows a frame, front-gabled church with an entry bell tower projecting from the gable end of the face. The 1971 news article also notes that the church was first affiliated with the Methodists and then with the Lutherans before becoming independent by 1963 and open to all denominations.

The Montpelier M.E. Church does retain sufficient historic integrity (at least on the exterior) to be considered potentially eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C and possibly Criterion A for its historical significance in Montpelier’s religious community. It is recommended for further research inot its history and an inspection of its interior integrity before a final determination of eligibility can be made.

References

Muscatine Journal, 16 July 1948
Muscatine Journal, 23 Dec 1960

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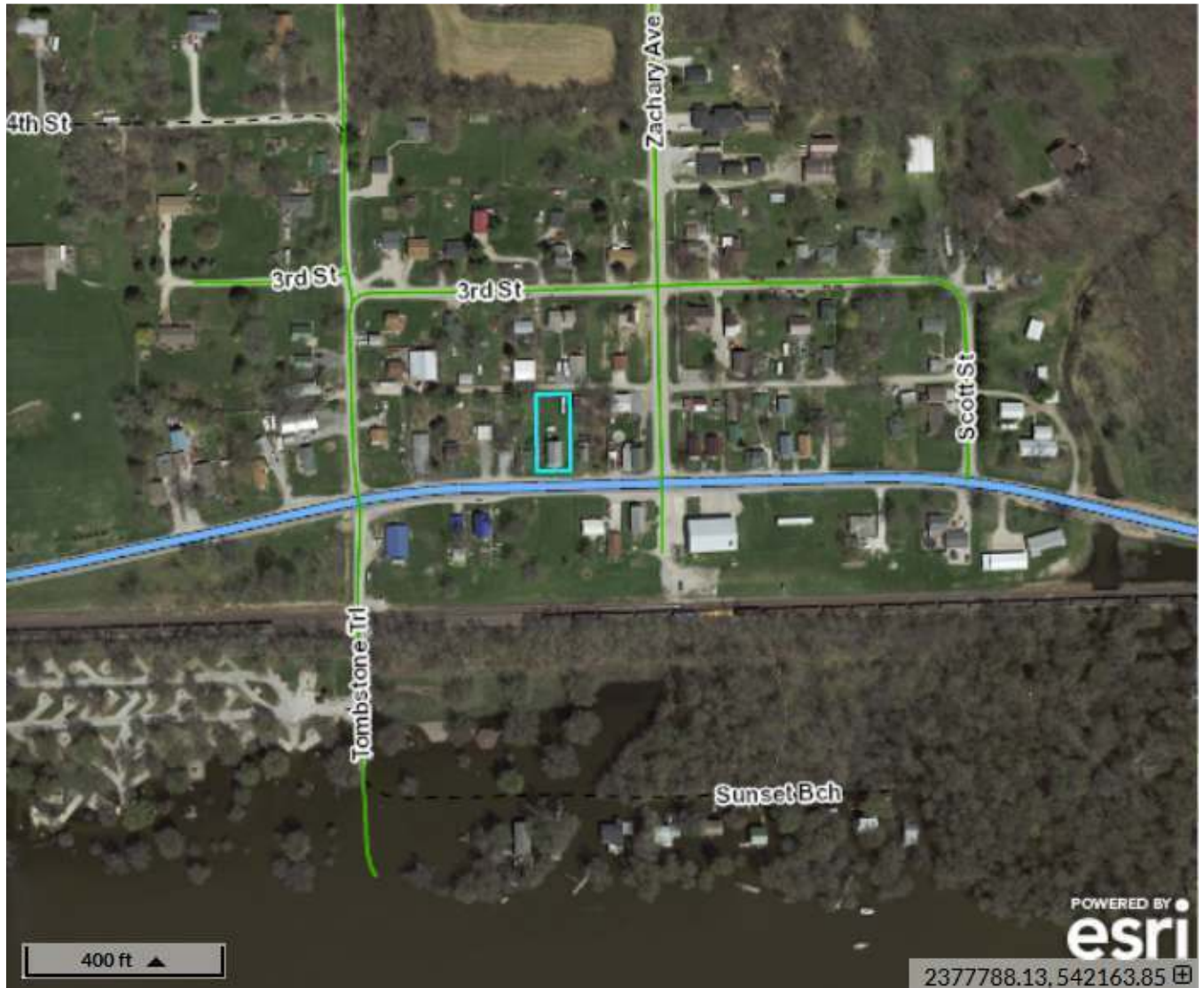
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Montpelier Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
3885 HWY 22
Address

Muscatine
County
Montpelier
City

Muscatine Journal, 15 Jan 1971.

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing location of church within community of Montpelier. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.

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Montpelier Methodist Episcopal Church
Name of Property
3885 HWY 22
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County
Montpelier
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Assessor's photograph of Montpelier ME Church looking NE. Obtained from Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021.



Montpelier Church in 1971.
Source: *Muscatine Journal*, 15 Jan 1971.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01777 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

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• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Geneva School

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 2923 Highway 22E

B) City or town: Muscatine (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Sweetland

Township No.: 77 Range No.: 1W

Section: 29 Qtr: SW

of Qtr: NW

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	Buildings _____
_____	Sites _____
_____	Structures _____
_____	Objects _____
<u>1</u>	Total _____

If non-eligible property, enter number of:

_____ Buildings

_____ Sites

_____ Structures

_____ Objects

_____ **Total**

C) **For properties listed in the National Register:**

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) **For properties within a historic district:**

Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.

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Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

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MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

Historical Architectural Data Base #

70-041

• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Historic functions**

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) **Current functions**

01A01 DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling/Residence

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Architectural classification**

09H School

09A09 Cross-gabled roof

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete Block

Walls (visible exterior): 15E Wood fiberboard

Roof: 08A Asphalt Shingle

Other: _____

C) **Narrative description** **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: *Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria*

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Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history. Yes No More research recommended

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 C: A birthplace or grave. G: Property less than 50 years of page or
 D: A cemetery. achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

02 Architecture

D) Period(s) of significance

1937

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1937 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

Works Progress Administration

I) Narrative statement of significance **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

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Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____

Date: _____

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Geneva School	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
2923 Highway 22E	Muscatine
Address	City

Narrative Description

This schoolhouse was built in 1937 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) as part of the federal response to recovery during the Great Depression. It and retains some of its original Colonial Revival design. The school is cross-gabled and has cornice returns on the gabled ends. A shed-roofed addition was made to the former front of the school, with this addition covering the original front door. The current siding is identified as "pressed wood" by the Assessor, which is a replacement material or cover-up siding probably wood fiberboard (Masonite). The building appears to have a rusticated concrete block foundation. At least one of the windows is now boarded over, with most of the windows likely to have been replaced.



WPA-built Geneva School in 1937. View is looking SE.
Source: *Muscatine Journal*, 30 Dec 1937.



Assessor's photograph of the former Geneva School at 2923 Hwy 22E. View is looking ESE.
Obtained from <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com>, April 2021.

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Geneva School
Name of Property
2923 Highway 22E
Address

Muscatine
County
Muscatine
City



Former Geneva School built in 1937, now a dwelling at 2923 Hwy 22E. View is looking north.
Photo taken November 19, 2020.

Statement of Significance

The Geneva School was mentioned in 1876 as the site of a Sunday school (*Muscatine Journal*, 01 Dec 1876). In 1935, an election was held to decide on building a new Geneva School building as the old one was in poor condition. This was a WPA project, with the current two-story school nearing completion in December 1937. The school continued to operate until January 1964 when the students started attending the new Colorado School in Muscatine (*Muscatine Journal*, 23 Jan 1964). In 1986, there was a reunion of Geneva students that noted the original schoolhouse was now a house and that the first school was named Hare School after the landowner. The road that went by the school was on the north side of the school originally but the road was moved to the south side when the road was paved. The 1937 building was noted as still standing in 1986 (*Muscatine Journal*, 08 Apr 1986).

The 1937 photograph of Geneva School shows its design was influenced by the Colonial Revival style of architecture having cornice returns on the gable ends and a centered door with transom and side lights and a cornice above the door. This schoolhouse is still standing at 2923 Hwy 22E at the intersection with Geneva Hill Road. The Geneva School is still recognizable as a schoolhouse having rows of windows on the sides. It retains the cornice returns as well. It appears to have a rusticated concrete block foundation. At least one of the windows is now boarded over, with most of the windows likely to have been replaced. A shed-roofed addition was made to the former front of the school, with this addition covering the original front door. Depending on the extent of the interior modification, this former schoolhouse may have some potential for eligibility under Criterion C as a surviving example of one of the WPA-built schoolhouses in Muscatine County. It is recommended for further research before a final determination can be made.

References

Muscatine Journal, 30 Dec 1937.
Muscatine Journal, 23 Jan 1964.
Muscatine Journal, 08 Apr 1986.

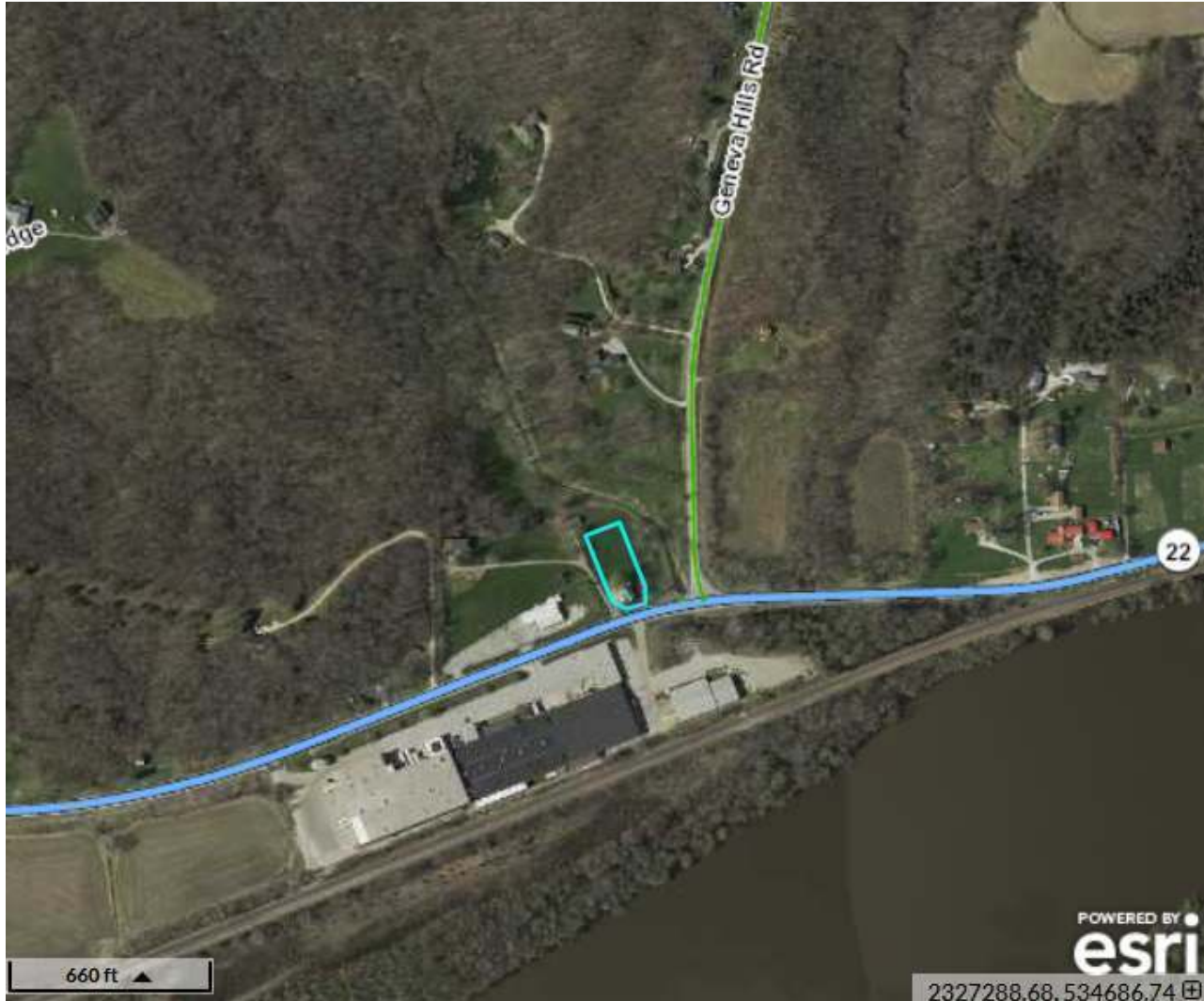
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Geneva School	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
2923 Highway 22E	Muscatine
Address	City

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing location of Geneva Schoolhouse on 150th Street east of Western Avenue. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine Area Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01778 New Supplemental

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Non-extant Year: _____

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• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Fairview School #5

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 1685 Mulberry Road

B) City or town: Muscatine (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Bloomington Township No.: 77 Range No.: 2W Section: 5 Qtr: SE of

Qtr: SE

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
—	Buildings	—	1 Buildings
—	Sites	—	— Sites
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—	Objects	—	— Objects
—	Total	—	1 Total

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05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) **Current functions**

09H07 Machine Shed

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A) **Architectural classification**

09H01 One-room Schoolhouse

09A01 Front-gabled roof

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): _____

Walls (visible exterior): 02A Wood weatherboard

Roof: 05 Metal

Other: _____

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C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1874 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

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SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

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Fairview School #5	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
1685 Mulberry Road	Muscatine
Address	City

Narrative Description

The former Fairview Schoolhouse is still standing but was moved after the 1960s a short distance from its original location onto the adjacent farmstead to the southeast at 1685 Mulberry Road where it was used as a machine shed. The building is now derelict and deteriorating. The extant building is definitely lacking the original height that it once had because it is not sitting on any kind of substantial foundation. The belfry was removed and a large machine door opening was cut into one side that was then covered with a sliding door. The window glass is broken out but some of the wood sash remains. The door is also missing and its transom is now covered over. The building now has a metal roof but it does retain the original clapboard siding.



Fairview Schoolhouse at its moved location. Photo taken October 31, 2020.

Statement of Significance

Historical plat maps show the Fairview School at the same location in the SE1/4 of Section 5 on all available maps from 1874 to 1930. The school closed in January 1964 as part of the Area Six school consolidation (*Muscatine Journal*, 23 Jan 1964). This school was a frame, front-gabled schoolhouse that never had a basement level. The open belfry was on the roof ridge above the centered gable end doorway. There were rows of windows along the sides. This schoolhouse is still standing but was moved a short distance in the 1960s from its original location to a nearby farmstead (1685 Mulberry Road) where it was used as a machine shed. The building is now derelict and deteriorating. The extant building is definitely lacking the original height that it once had because it is not sitting on any kind of substantial foundation. The belfry was removed and a large machine opening was cut into one side that was then covered with a sliding door. The window glass is broken out but some of the wood sash remains. The door is also missing and its transom is now covered over and it has a metal roof. The building does retain the clapboard siding. This building had some potential for NRHP eligibility because it was not moved far from its original site and still faces the same road that it did historically. It is also still recognizable as a country schoolhouse; however, the integrity has certainly been diminished by the adaptation of this building for a machine shed and the loss of the historic belfry, windows, and door.

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Fairview School #5	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
1685 Mulberry Road	Muscatine
Address	City

The interior integrity is uncertain as well. As such, it does not appear to retain sufficient historic integrity to be considered individually eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

The original site to the northwest is now a cultivated field but likely has some potential for archaeological evidence of this former school occupation and is recommended for future survey. It should be noted that the 1970s aerial of the original site location shows an area of disturbance on the old school site, with the 1980s aerial showing a somewhat large building then on site that appears to have been removed by 2013 (Iowa Geographic Map Server 2020). Therefore, the original site may have been impacted by that earthmoving and construction/demolition. This site is also being recorded by the current study as 13MC379.



Fairview School circa 1960.
Photograph on display at Melpine School, Wildcat Den State Park.

References

Muscatine Journal, 23 Jan 1964
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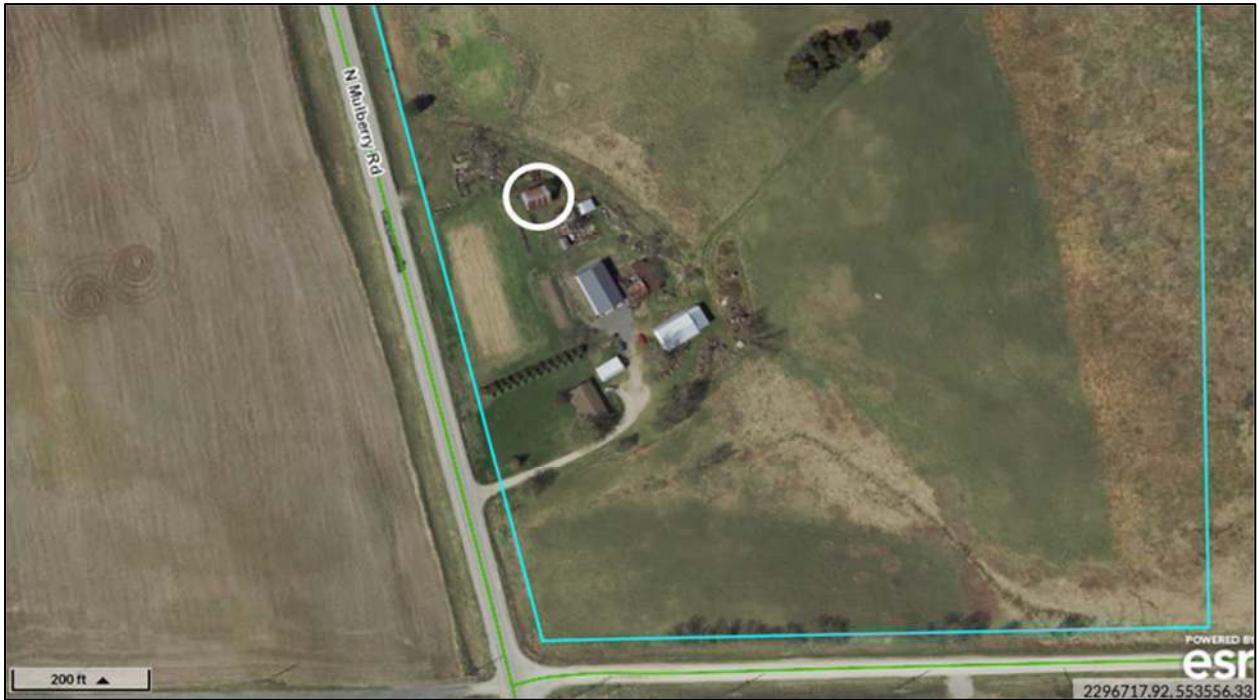
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Fairview School #5
Name of Property
1685 Mulberry Road
Address

Muscatine
County
Muscatine
City

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing current location of former Fairview School at 1685 Mulberry Road. Building circled. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.



Original site of Fairview School #5 on hilltop near the fence and tree.
Photo taken October 31, 2020.

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Fairview School #5
Name of Property
1685 Mulberry Road
Address

Muscatine
County
Muscatine
City



Current location of former Fairview Schoolhouse looking east. Photo taken October 31, 2020.



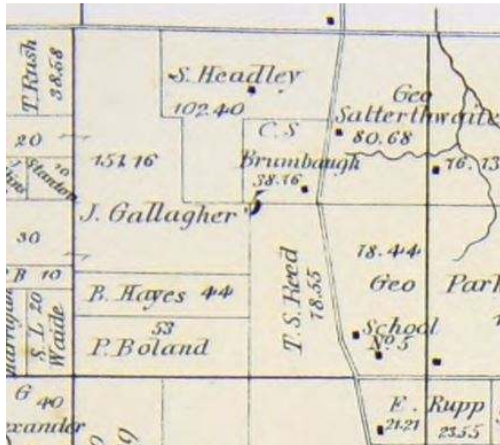
Current location of former Fairview Schoolhouse looking NE. Original location of schoolhouse was on the higher ground in the upper left of the photograph. Photo taken October 31, 2020.

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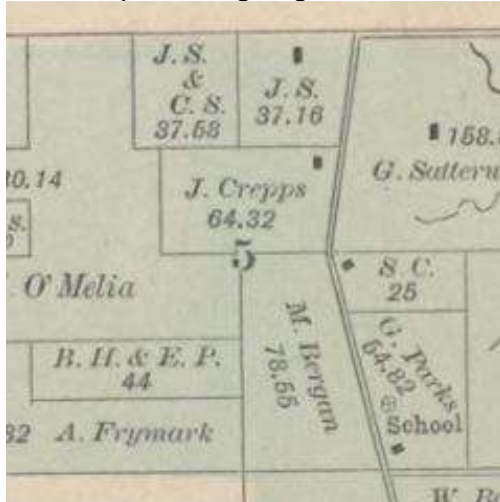
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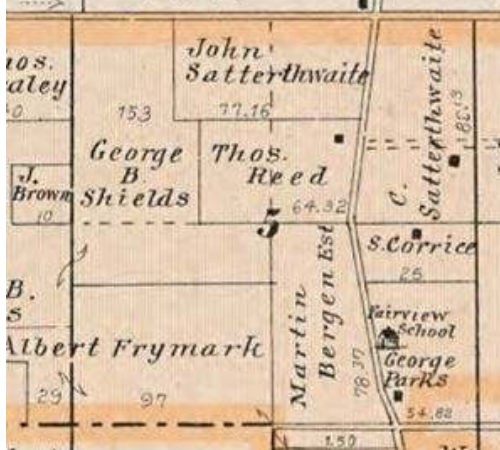


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1874 map showing original site of Fairview "School No. 5."



1884 map showing Fairview School (circle labeled "School") at same location as in 1874.



1899 map showing "Fairview School" in same location as in 1874 and 1884. The 1916 and 1930 maps also show the school in this same location.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

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Non-extant Year: _____

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• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Clearview School (#2)

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 1751 Lindle Avenue

B) City or town: Muscatine (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Lake Township No.: 77 Range No.: 2W Section: 7 Qtr: NW of Qtr: SE

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
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—	Sites	—	Sites
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A) **Architectural classification**

09H01 One-Room Schoolhouse

09A04 Pyramidal or Hipped Roof

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete Block

Walls (visible exterior): 15B Vinyl

Roof: 08 Asphalt Shingle

Other: _____

C) **Narrative description** **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. [X] Yes [] No [] More research recommended
Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. [] Yes [X] No [] More research recommended
Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. [] Yes [] No [X] More research recommended
Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history. [] Yes [] No [X] More research recommended

B) Special criteria considerations: Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none

- [] A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. [] E: A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
[] B: Removed from its original location. [] F: A commemorative property.
[] C: A birthplace or grave. [] G: Property less than 50 years of age or
[] D: A cemetery achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

11 Education

02 Architecture

D) Period(s) of significance

circa 1910-circa 1960

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1910 [X] check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance [X] SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED

• **Bibliography** [X] See continuation sheets for the list research sources used in preparing this form

• **Geographic Data** Optional UTM references [] See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments

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• **Form Preparation**

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State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- [] Yes [] No [] More research recommended
[] This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments:

SHPO authorized signature:

Date:

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State Historic Preservation Office
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Site Number: 70-01779
Related District Number:

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Clearview School (#2)	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
1751 Lindle Avenue	Muscatine
Address	City

Narrative Description

This schoolhouse is still standing on its original site and is now being used as a residence at 1751 Lindle Avenue at the intersection with 7 Springs Road. It is angled to front Lindle Avenue, which angles from northwest to southeast. The schoolhouse is now covered with vinyl siding and has vinyl replacement windows in addition to the brick chimney and belfry now removed. However, the window openings do not appear to have been altered and the door still has a transom window, with the concrete steps still in place with their iron pipe railings. The house has a pyramidal roof that has been covered with asphalt shingles. The southwest facing façade has a door with transom that is accessed from a very wide set of concrete steps with metal handrails. To each side of the door is a modern 6/6 window where originally there were 2/2 wood-sash windows. However, the size of the windows does not appear to have been modified. The northwest side of the house has three windows and a ground-level entry. Historical photographs show that the southeast wall of the building has always lacked fenestration. Interestingly, on the modern USGS topographic map, this building is labeled as the "Clearview Church," suggesting that the schoolhouse was used as a church for a time after the school closed.



Clearview School #2 (70-01779), 1751 Lindle Ave, now a residence.
Photo taken October 31, 2020.

Statement of Significance

This school was operating by at least 1906 and continued in operation into the 1960s (*Muscatine Journal*, 27 Feb 1906, 12 Sept 1963). Photographs of the Clearview School show a squarish, pyramidal hip-roofed building with a small belfry set on the corner of the roof slope to one side of the façade. There was a centered front door with transom flanked by two windows. This building was likely built in the 1910s to replace an older schoolhouse.

While the schoolhouse has been modified in the modern era, there is some potential for it to be considered NRHP eligible as a survivor of an early 20th century model schoolhouse. However, any eligibility under Criterion C will depend on whether the interior retains any historic integrity. It still may hold potential for eligibility under Criterion A for its historical significance as a representative example of

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Clearview School (#2)

Muscatine

Name of Property

County

1751 Lindle Avenue

Muscatine

Address

City

an early 20th century model schoolhouse designed to improve the educational and physical experience of the students who attended this school. This property is inventoried by the current study as 70-01779. The parcel also has potential for intact archaeological features and evidence associated with the use of this property in the late 19th and early 20th century versions of this school. Therefore, it is also being recorded as archaeological site 13MC380 and is recommended for future archaeological investigation.



Two 20th century photographs of the Clearview School. The one on the right is from the early 1960s; the date of the one on the left is uncertain but probably before the 1960s.

Source: Exhibit in the Melpine School, Wildcat Den State Park.



Undated but post 1960s photograph of the Clearview School. Notice the belfry is now gone but the chimney is still in place. Source: Exhibit in the Melpine School, Wildcat Den State Park.

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Clearview School (#2)

Muscatine

Name of Property

County

1751 Lindle Avenue

Muscatine

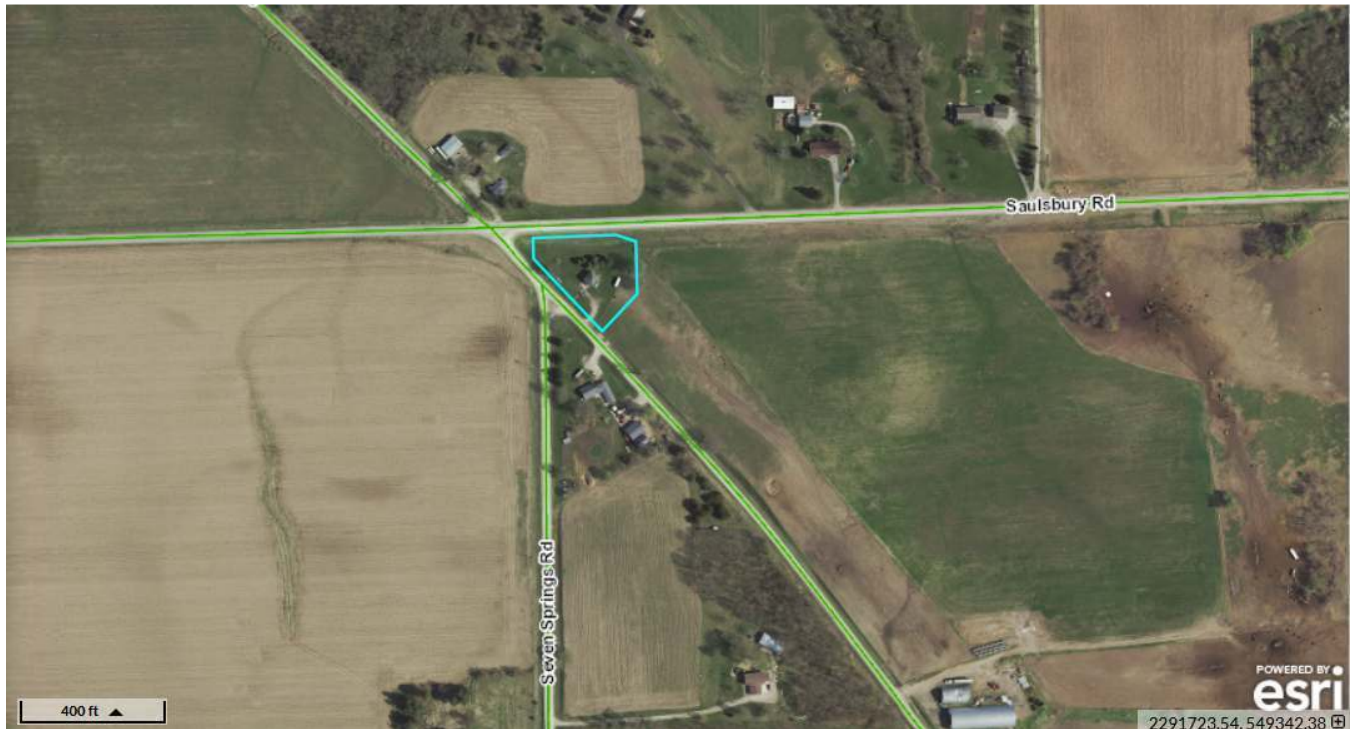
Address

City

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Muscatine Journal, 27 Feb 1906, 12 Sept 1963
Exhibit in the Melpine School, Wildcat Den State Park.

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing current location Clearview Schoolhouse at 1751 Lindle Avenue. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is up.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01780 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Lacey School

B) Other names: Pike No. 3, Hubbard School

• **Location**

A) Street address: 1900 Elder Avenue

B) City or town: West Liberty (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Pike Township No.: 77 Range No.: 4W Section: 14 Qtr: SE of Qtr: SW

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>	Buildings	—	Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total	—	Total

C) **For properties listed in the National Register:**

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

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Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

Historical Architectural Data Base #

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• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Historic functions**

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) **Current functions**

70 VACANT/Not in Use

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Architectural classification**

09H01 One-room Schoolhouse

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10A Concrete Block

Walls (visible exterior): 02A Wood weatherboard

Roof: 08A Asphalt Shingle

Other: _____

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C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

02 Architecture

11 Education

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1929 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

D) Period(s) of significance

1929-1946

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

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Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____

Date: _____

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Lacey School
Name of Property
1900 Elder Avenue
Address

Muscatine
County
West Liberty
City

Narrative Description

The extant Lacey Schoolhouse has a pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles. It has historic, narrow-reveal clapboard siding, with many windows intact. Below the eaves is a wide, wood frieze. The building sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation. The east-facing façade has a centered pediment with cornice returns above the entry door, which retains a three-light transom, although missing a pane of glass. To the left of the door is a 3/2 window, and to the right of it is a window opening that has been covered with plywood. The south side of the schoolhouse has a ribbon of three small windows flanked by more standard-sized double-hung windows. The major exterior changes have been the removal of the belfry from the roof, replacement of the front door, and the loss or covering over of some windows. The state of the interior is unknown. The historic integrity is considered fair to good depending on the state of the interior.



Former Lacey Schoolhouse, now vacant, at 1900 Elder Avenue. Note that the belfry was removed; otherwise the building retains good historic integrity. Taken October 2020.

Statement of Significance

The Lacey School (aka Hubbard School in its early years) was located east and south of Nichols (Figure 239). In the 1860s, the early services of what became the Nichols Christian Church were held in the Hubbard Schoolhouse (Muscatine Journal, 27 Oct 1967). The school was later called Lacey School and was also used as the Pike Grange Hall for many years. News items in the *Muscatine Journal* indicate the school was in operation at least by 1888 (7 Apr 1888); however, "School No. 3" is shown in the northeast corner of the NW1/4 of Section 23 on the 1874 map. The extant schoolhouse is just to the north in the southeast corner of the SW1/4 of Section 14, with a historical photograph confirming that

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Lacey School	Muscatine
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1900 Elder Avenue	West Liberty
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the original school was just southwest of the later schoolhouse, which was built in 1929. Although the 1884 and 1899 maps both show the Lacey Schoolhouse in the southeast corner of the SW1/4 of Section 14 just over the quarter-section line. Technically, the extant 1929 schoolhouse sits on the quarter section line, with the older school site having to have been just to the south in Section 23 conforming to the 1874 map location and the 1920s photograph of the two buildings still standing.

In 1929, bids were being taken to remodel two rural school buildings - Lacey and Wild Rose. Entryways and cloak rooms were to be added. The remodeling was completed at the Lacey School that same year, when it was described as a "model one-room country school" (*Muscatine Journal & New Tribune*, 31 Oct 1929). However, that same article included a photograph of the "new and old Lacey School," with the new hip-roofed school sitting next to the older front-gabled, frame building (Figures 239-240). Therefore, instead of remodeling, the Lacey School appears to have been replaced with a brand new school in 1929. The design of the 1929 Lacey School appears to be identical to the design of the 1929 Adams School (see Figure 240). However, as with the other Pike Township schools, voters were voting on whether this school and six other rural schoolhouses were to be sold as they are no longer in use. The Lacey School had closed in 1946 (*Muscatine Journal and News Tribune*, 30 July 1947). In 1948, it was noted that the Pike Grange was meeting at the Lacey School, but by 1951, the Lacey Schoolhouse was sold at public auction in 1951 along with the Pike Schoolhouse (*Lone Tree Reporter* 18 Oct 1951; *Muscatine Journal* 2 Dec 1948). It continued to be used as the Pike Grange Hall into the 1980s.

The building today is vacant and deteriorated. It does retain the original narrow-reveal clapboard siding, some of the original wood-sash windows (although much of the glass is broken out and some windows are boarded over), the pediment with cornice returns above the entry door, and the rusticated concrete block foundation. The major exterior changes have been the removal of the belfry from the roof, the replacement of the front door, and the loss of some windows. The state of the interior is unknown. This building has potential to be NRHP eligible given that it is located on its original site and retains fair to good historic integrity despite its deteriorated state. The site surrounding the schoolhouse also has the potential for archaeological evidence of the original school since it was located next to the 1929 schoolhouse. The extant school is being inventoried by the current study as 70-01780, with the schoolyard, encompassing both the extant 1929 schoolhouse and the location of the original circa 1870s schoolhouse, recorded as archaeological site 13MC381 and recommended for future archaeological investigation.

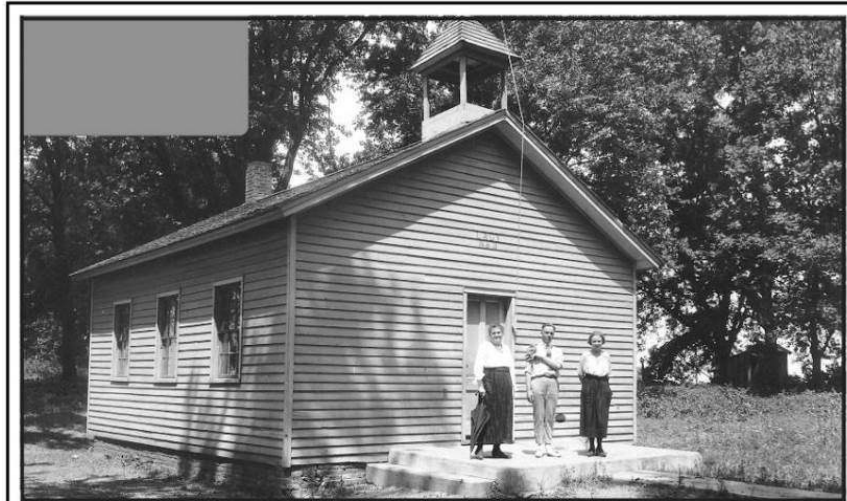
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1900 Elder Avenue
Address

Muscatine
County
West Liberty
City



Lacy #3 in Pike Township, A One-Room Rural Schoolhouse in 1921

Lacy #3, one of several rural schoolhouses in Pike Township, was located less than a mile due south of the Samuel Nichols brick home and the Nichols Cemetery. The three persons standing in this picture, left to right, are Della Rummells, her son, Harolde Rummells, and her daughter, Amanda Rummells Shannon. Each of them, during various school years, served as the solo teacher at Lacy. Photo Source: Mike Appleby

1921 photograph of the original Lacey Schoolhouse. Photograph obtained from Smith 2020.



1929 photograph of the new (right) and original (left) Lacey Schoolhouses. This view is looking WSW. Note the belfry on the 1929 schoolhouse. Source: *Muscatine Journal and News-Tribune*, 13 Oct 1929.

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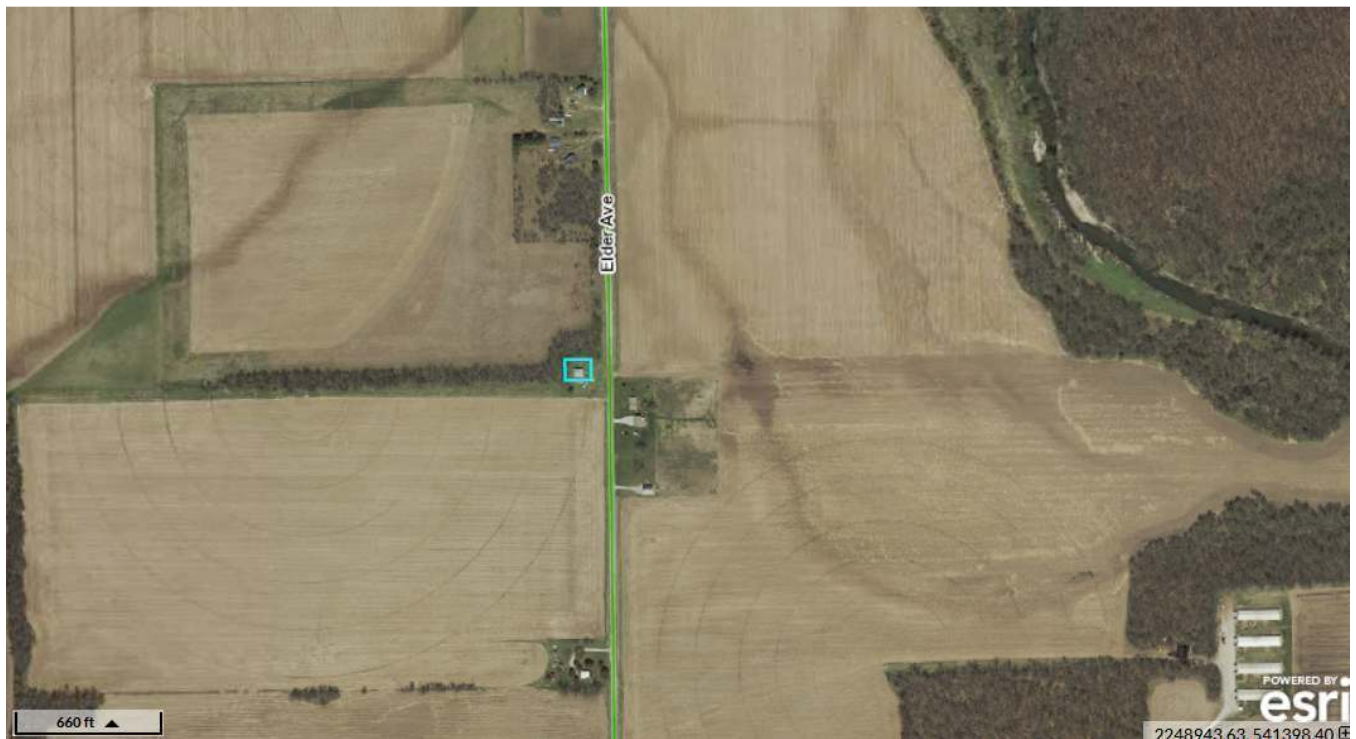
Lacey School	Muscatine
Name of Property	County
1900 Elder Avenue	West Liberty
Address	City

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- Muscatine Journal & News Tribune*, 31 Oct 1929.
- Muscatine Journal*, 27 Oct 1967.
- Muscatine Journal and News Tribune*, 30 July 1947.
- Lone Tree Reporter* 18 Oct 1951; *Muscatine Journal* 2 Dec 1948.

Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing current location of former Lacey Schoolhouse at 1900 Elder Avenue. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.

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Address

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City



Assessor's photograph of the Lacey Schoolhouse at 1900 Elder Avenue. Obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021.

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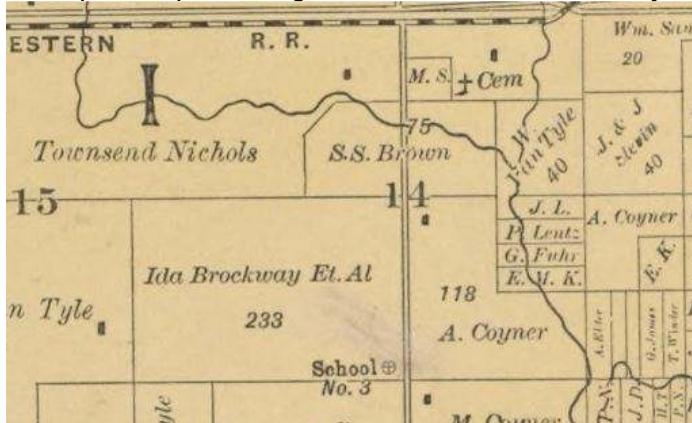
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 Name of Property
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1874 plat map showing location of "School No. 3" just over the section line in Section 23.



1884 map now depicting "School No. 3" in the southeast corner of the SW1/4 of Section 14.



1899 map also depicting the "Lacey School" in the southeast corner of the SW1/4 of Section 14.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01781 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

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• Property Name

A) Historic name: Conesville High and Grade School

B) Other names: _____

• Location

A) Street address: 612 Burlington Street

B) City or town: Conesville (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Orono Township No.: _____ Range No.: _____ Section: _____ Qtr: _____ of Qtr: _____

Urban: Subdivision: Singleton's Subdivision Block(s): _____ Lot(s): Pt Parcels, Pt Lot 5

• Classification

A) Property category: *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) Number of resources (within property):

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
—	Buildings	—	<u>1</u> Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
—	Total	—	1 Total

C) For properties listed in the National Register:

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

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Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

Historical Architectural Data Base #

70-041

• Function or Use *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Historic functions

05A09 Consolidated School

B) Current functions

02A Business

• Description *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural classification

09H03 School Rectangular Plan (Central Hall)

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10 Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 03 Brick

Roof: _____

Other: 04 Stone

C) Narrative description **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

Site Number: 70-01781 Address: 612 Burlington Street City: Conesville County: Muscatine

• **Statement of Significance**

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- D: A cemetery.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1934 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor
Public Works Administration

I) Narrative statement of significance *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

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Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

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Site Number: 70-01781
Related District Number:

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Conesville High and Grade School
Name of Property
612 Burlington Street
Address

Muscatine
County
Conesville
City

Narrative Description

The former Conesville School is situated in the town of Conesville at 612 Burlington Street on the east side of the street. It is two stories tall and its walls are buff or polychrome brick veneer. Nearly all of windows have been replaced/reduced or covered over with vinyl siding panels. The centered entrance is stepped out slightly from the façade and has a shaped parapet. Two original metal-framed open-out windows remain on the upper story of the front entrance that also have two-light transoms above, although one of the windows no longer functions as such having a vinyl panel on the interior. The exterior front doors are modern glass and metal double doors but the historic doors may be extant on the interior of the vestibule entryway. There are concrete steps up to the front door that have pipe railings. An inscribed stone panel above the front door reads "High and Grade/19 School 34." The upper part of the building's corners have slight stone quoins. There are many additions to the south and west sides of the building, although the gymnasium section of the building is still extant on the east (rear) side of the building. However, the exterior of the gymnasium is largely covered by the modern additions.



2020 Photograph of the Conesville School built in 1934. Looking ESE.
Photograph taken October 7, 2020.

Statement of Significance

The first Conesville school was known as the "little brown schoolhouse," was located in the eastern part of town. It was used as a school but also as a church for the Methodists until their church was built in 1901. The schoolhouse was moved across the street when a second school building was erected and was later moved to the Kate Cone farm (later C.M. Else and the Gerald Allen family) north of town. That schoolhouse was finally torn down in the 1920s (*Muscatine Journal*, 24 June 1958).

The second Conesville School was built circa 1880-81 across the street from the moved location of the first schoolhouse and east of the alley from the 1901 Methodist Church. This was a two-room school, with two more rooms added on the west side about 1899. This building was torn down in August 1937 (*Muscatine Journal*, 24 June 1958). The location is now built over by a modern house.

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Conesville High and Grade School
Name of Property
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City



Conesville School (second building) circa 1902 with the Methodist Church in the background to right.
Source: Musser Public Library Photograph Collections, Muscatine, Iowa.



Current view of the location of the second Conesville School. Taken October 7, 2020.

In 1934, the furniture and equipment from the second school building and domestic science cottage were moved to the new, third schoolhouse, which was erected in 1934 as one of a number of Public Works Administration (PWA) projects in Muscatine County as part of the federal response to the Great Depression in the 1930s (*Muscatine Journal and News Tribune*, 23 Aug 1934). The new building had grounds ample for a playground in addition to a baseball diamond and athletic field and a gymnasium. The 1934 building was built to house grade and high school classes, with four large rooms on the first floor along with a gym and stage across the back of the building. Two class rooms, assembly room, and a home economics room/lunch room were upstairs. In the fall of 1941, the Brockway and Port Allen

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rural schools were consolidated with the Conesville School and the rural schools were closed. In 1958, the Conesville High School officially became part of the Columbus Junction school district, although the Conesville school continued as the grade school with some students now bussed in from Columbus Junction (*Muscatine Journal*, 24 June 1958). In 1982, the Columbus Community School Board voted to close the Conesville School because of declining enrollment. The school building was given to the City of Conesville (*Muscatine Journal*, 30 Jan 1982). The 1934 school building is still standing and is now being used by a private company. The integrity of this building has likely been compromised by the many modern additions and the loss of most of the historic windows. In its current state it appears unlikely to be NRHP eligible individually under any criteria.



1958 Photograph of the Conesville School built in 1934. The gymnasium is visible as the slightly shorter building and stepped out building on the rear of the school. The playground is in the foreground.
Source: *Muscatine Journal*, 24, June 1958.

References

- Muscatine Journal*, 24 June 1958
- Muscatine Journal and News Tribune*, 23 Aug 1934
- Muscatine Journal*, 30 Jan 1982

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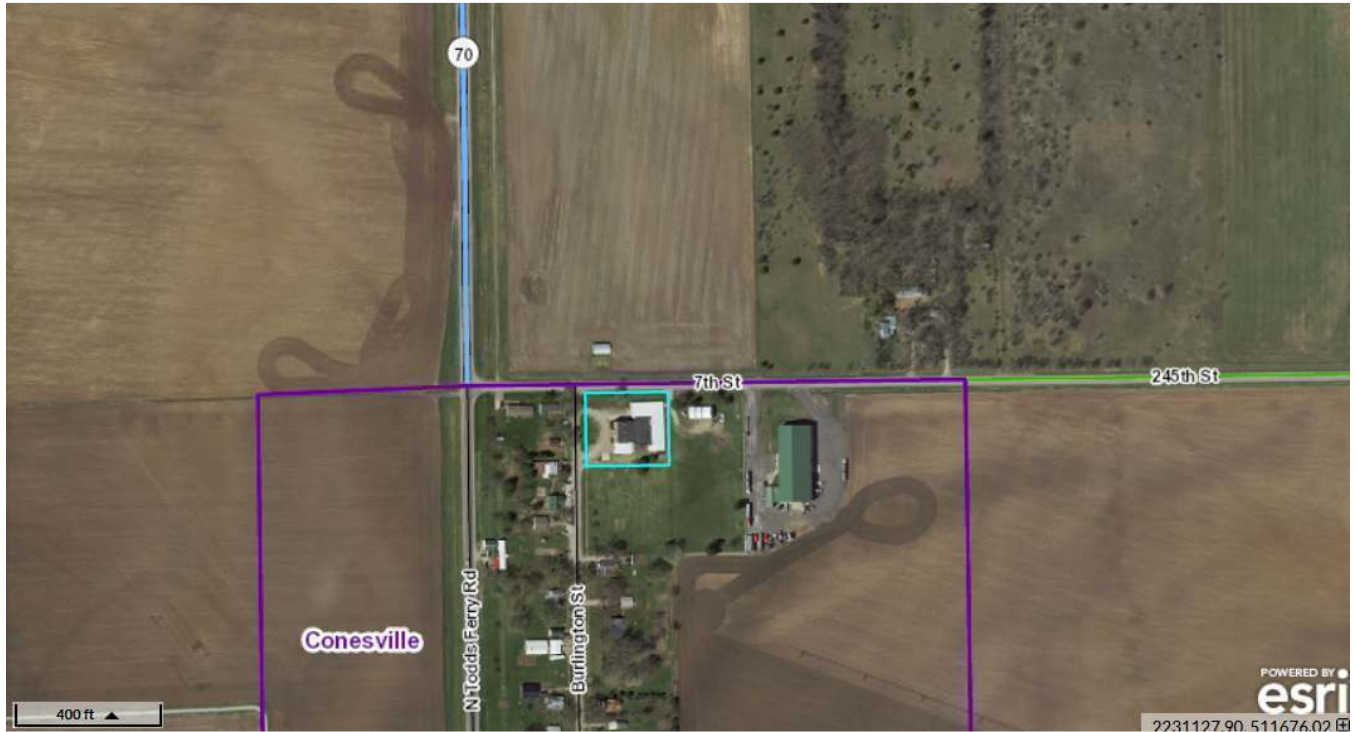
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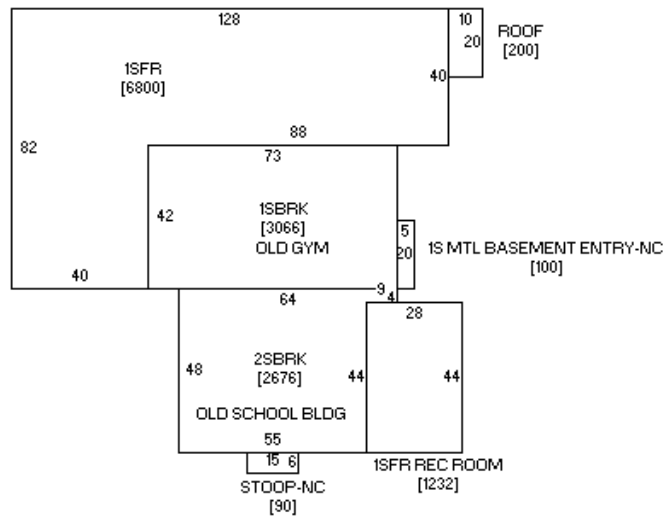
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Aerial map showing site of school at 612 Burlington Street. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.



Sketch by www.camavision.com

Building sketch map. Obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021.

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Assessor's photograph of the Conesville School at 612 Burlington, Conesville.
Obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021.



2020 photograph of the Conesville School looking ESE. Photograph taken October 7, 2020.

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(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01782 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• Property Name

A) Historic name: Cedar Center School

B) Other names: _____

• Location

A) Street address: 1488 Oak Grove Road

B) City or town: Letts (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Cedar Township No.: 76N Range No.: 4W Section: 14 Qtr: SE of Qtr: SE

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• Classification

A) Property category: *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) Number of resources (within property):

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
—	Buildings	—	<u>1</u> Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
—	Total	—	1 Total

C) For properties listed in the National Register:

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) For properties within a historic district:

- Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district.
- Property contributes to a potential historic district, based on professional historic/architectural survey and evaluation.
- Property *does not* contribute to the historic district in which it is located.

Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

E) Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:

MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

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• Function or Use *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Historic functions

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) Current functions

70 VACANT/Not in Use

• Description *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural classification

09H01 One-room schoolhouse

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10 Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 02A Wood weatherboard

Roof: 05 Metal

Other: _____

C) Narrative description *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: *Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria*

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. Yes No More research recommended
 Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. Yes No More research recommended
 Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. Yes No More research recommended
 Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history. Yes No More research recommended

B) Special criteria considerations: *Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none*

- A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. E: A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 B: Removed from its original location. F: A commemorative property.
 C: A birthplace or grave. G: Property less than 50 years of page or
 D: A cemetery. achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1865 check if circa or estimated date

*Other dates, including renovations
moved after 1910*

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

- **Bibliography** *See continuation sheets for the list research sources used in preparing this form*

- **Geographic Data** *Optional UTM references* *See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments*

Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD	Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD
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3	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____

• **Form Preparation**

Name and Title: Leah Rogers, Principal Investigator, Ashlynn Brown, Ray Werner Date: May 2021

Organization/firm: Tallgrass Archaeology LLC E-mail: lrogerstallgrass@gmail.com

Street address: 2460 S. Riverside Dr. Telephone: 319-354-6722

City or Town: Iowa City State: IA Zip code: 52246

- **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** *Submit the following items with the completed form*

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4. **Site plan** of buildings/structures on site, identifying boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.

B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:

See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- Yes No More research recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____

Date: _____

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1488 Oak Grove Road	Letts
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Narrative Description

The extant building now sits on a concrete foundation banked into a slight slope. The building is a frame, low-pitched front-gabled schoolhouse that retains the original clapboard siding fastened with square nails and some of the original 6/6 windows that are distinctive for having a three-light transom window at the top. The interior retains the beadboard ceiling, floor boards, and the chalk boards that wrap around two walls of the interior. Modifications have included the moving of the building, the addition of a wide entry door on the façade with a sliding door and a shed addition to one side. The building is in an advanced state of deterioration and is going to be demolished soon by the owner.



Former Cedar Center Schoolhouse at its moved location.
Photo taken November 6, 2020.

Statement of Significance

This rural schoolhouse was built in 1865 and operated until 1910 when a new Cranston School was built in 1911 (*Muscatine Journal*, 17 Aug 1911, 18 August 1928, and 16 Aug 1930). The Cedar Center School is still standing but was moved from its original site on the north side of Oak Grove Road to the south side where it has been used as a shop building for a farmstead. The move occurred sometime between 1910 and the late 1930s. The original site is now a cultivated field but the road ditch is now much wider than it would have been when the school was here. However, the field is still recommended for future archaeological survey to determine if there is intact evidence of the school use of that property in the late 19th to early 20th centuries.

As an 1865 schoolhouse it is a rare survivor, but the move and the modifications have impacted its historic integrity. It is being inventoried by the current survey as 70-01782 to document this building before it is demolished but it is recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP in its current state.

References

Muscatine Journal, 17 Aug 1911, 18 August 1928, and 16 Aug 1930

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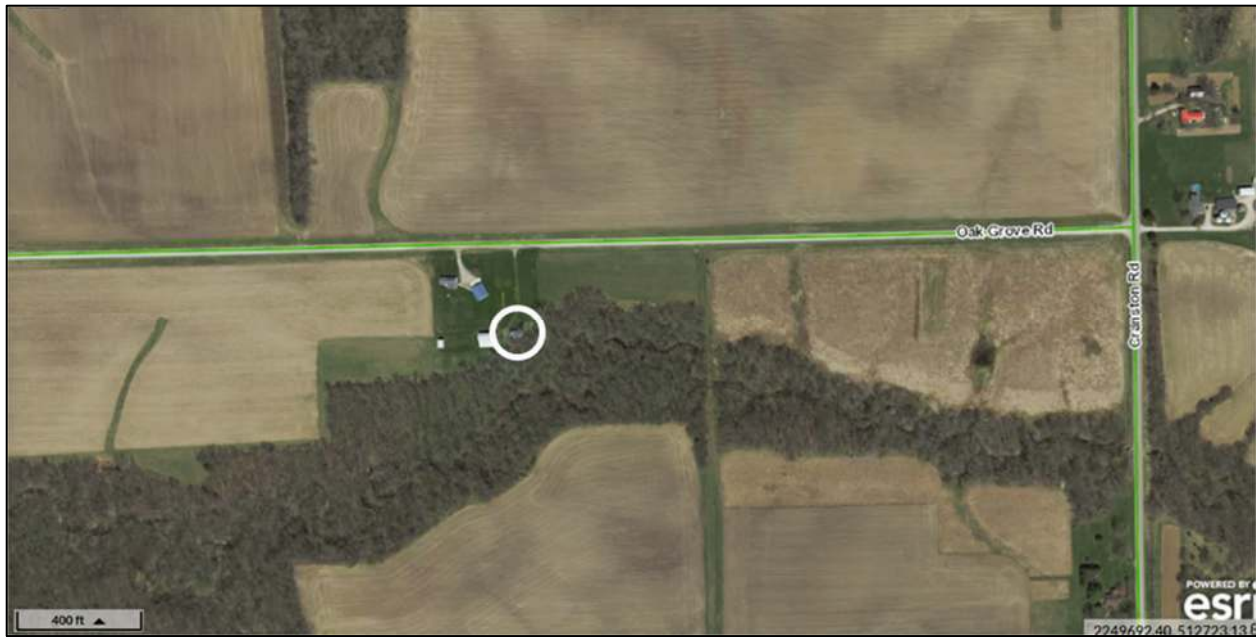
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Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing current location of former Cedar Center School's relocated position on the farm at 1488 Oak Grove Road (circled). Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.



Original site of Cedar Center School on north side of Oak Grove Road. Photo taken November 6, 2020.

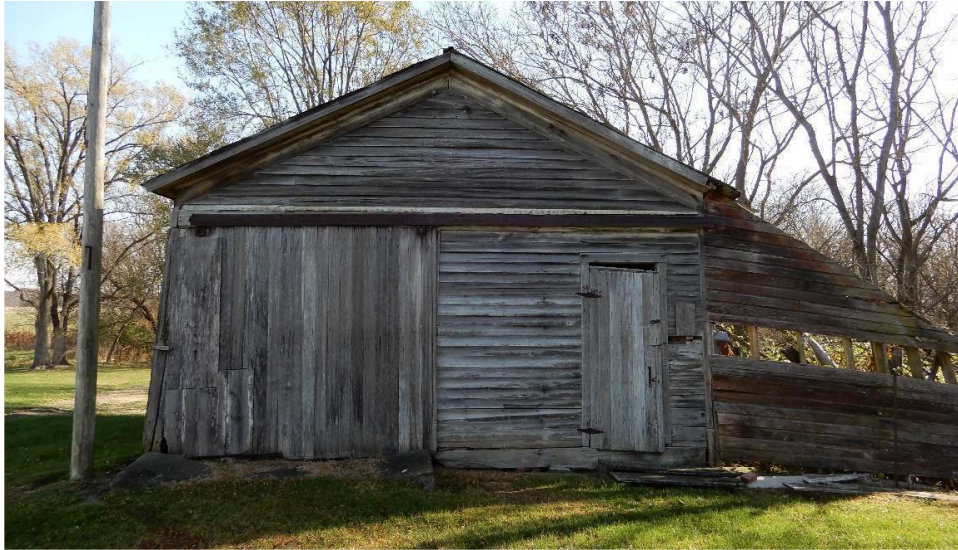
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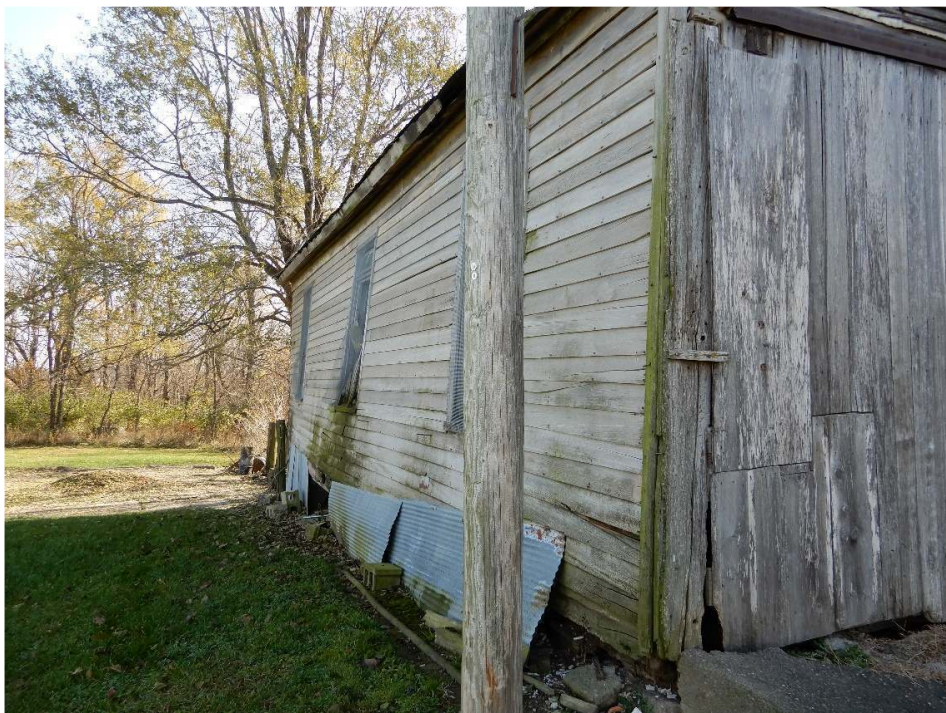
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Cedar Center Schoolhouse at moved location; Façade looking East. All field photos taken 11/06/2021.



North side of Cedar Center Schoolhouse.

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Looking SW at Cedar Center Schoolhouse showing north and rear sides of building.



Detail of original window on north side of building showing distinctive three-light transom above 6/6 double-hung wood-sash window.

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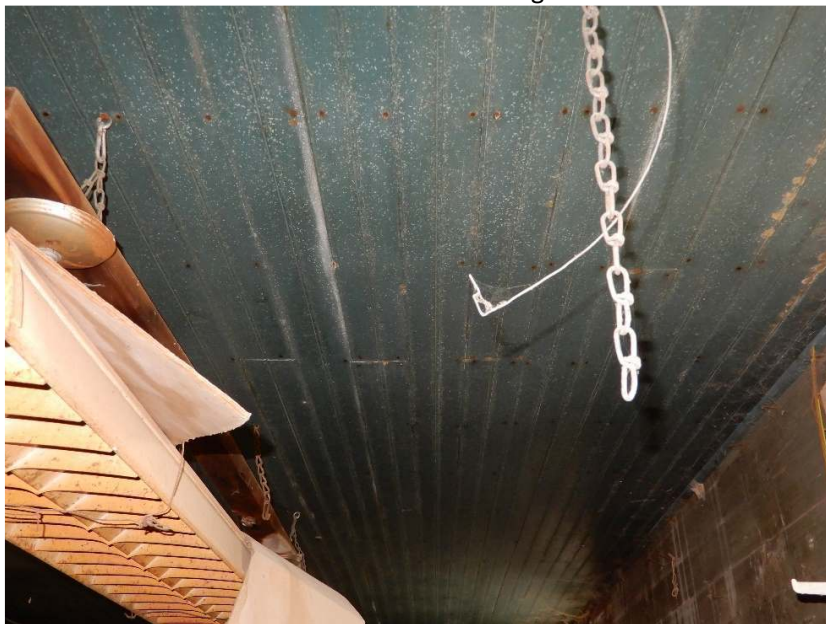
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Interior of Cedar Center Schoolhouse looking ENE and showing remnant chalk boards, original hardwood floors, and beadboard ceiling.



Detail of beadboard ceiling on interior.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01783 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

Read the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website.

• Property Name

A) Historic name: St. Malachy's Catholic Church

B) Other names: _____

• Location

A) Street address: 2429 Jasper Avenue

B) City or town: Letts (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Seventy-Six

Township No.: 76 Range No.: 3W

Section: 15 Qtr: NW

of Qtr: NW

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• Classification

A) Property category: *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) Number of resources (within property):

If eligible property, enter number of:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	Buildings
—	Sites
—	Structures
—	Objects
<u>1</u>	Total

If non-eligible property, enter number of:

— Buildings

— Sites

— Structures

— Objects

— **Total**

C) For properties listed in the National Register:

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

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Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

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A) Historic functions

06A01 Church

B) Current functions

06A01 Church

• Description *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Architectural classification

09G01 Center Steeple

06E Late Gothic Revival

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 03 Brick

Walls (visible exterior): 02A Wood weatherboard

Roof: 08A Asphalt shingle

Other: _____

C) Narrative description **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

Site Number: 70-01783 Address: 2429 Jasper Avenue City: Letts County: Muscatine

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- F: A commemorative property.
- G: Property less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

02 Architecture

27B Religion Catholic

D) Period(s) of significance

1902-1971

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1902 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

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- Yes No More research recommended
- This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.*

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

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Narrative Description

This extant historic church building retains good to excellent historic integrity retaining its original clapboard siding, brick foundation, Gothic-arched windows, and cornice returns. The building also has a centered entry vestibule/bell tower that also retains most of its original components except for the lowering of the top of the tower ten feet in order to remove the center open section that was there originally. The stained glass windows are also now covered with Plexiglas on the exterior to protect the historic windows. The pipe railings on the concrete steps were replaced with wood railings. The parcel around the church is also still intact.



St. Malachy's Catholic Church in 2020 at 2429 Jasper Avenue.
Photo taken November 13, 2020.

Over the years, the appearance of St. Malachy's has been altered as weather and time took their toll. The stable for horses no longer sets across the road and two stained glass windows high in the tower are gone, but a side door has been added. In 1918 a choir loft was built and in 1927 the present cement steps and porch replaced narrow wooden steps, Later, the ceiling

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frescoes were covered over and in the 1940's Miss Bride Coady paid for the installation of electricity. In the early 1950's the old wood and coal burning furnace was replaced with an oil burner.

In 1952, the present interior was completed and later the round, stained window behind the altar was removed. The grounds were landscaped with trees in 1982 and the windows protected from vandals and the elements with clear Lexan in 1984. The trains that interrupted many a Sunday service and thrilled the children in summer Bible school finally ceased and the high wooden bridge spanning the tracks was removed in 1984.

During this period, the cemetery was improved also by the donation of a wrought iron front fence in 1952 by Miss Bride Coady. In 1983 a heavy duty panel fence surrounding the graveyard was installed.

Father Steve Ebel celebrated Mass weekly at St. Malachy's of Ardon in a setting the 1902 parishioners would be comfortable with, as the original pews, statues, altars and railing, and stained glass windows are intact. In 1981 the old brick church was torn down.

St. Malachy's parish was suppressed June 29, 1991 by the Bishop of Davenport due to a severe shortage of priests in the diocese. A non-profit corporation (St. Malachy's of Ardon Preservation Society) was formed in June of 1991, to take ownership of the building, contents and grounds (St. Malachy's Church of Ardon, Iowa, Cookbook, 1988 accessed at <http://iagenweb.org/muscatine/Societies/stmalachy.htm>, February 2021.

Statement of Significance

The first St. Malachy's Catholic Church was built in 1856, with this new church built in 1902 (*Muscatine Journal*, 23 Nov 1979). In 1979, the remains of the original brick church was noted to be along County Road X-43 nine miles southwest of Muscatine, one mile southwest of Ardon, and seven miles northeast of Letts. It was described in 1979 as "an old, crumbling brick building," from which "all the glass has been broken from the windows. Bricks have worn completely away from a portion of one side of the building leaving a huge, gaping hole" (*Muscatine Journal*, 23 Nov 1979). At the time the interior was stacked with bales of straw. This church had been founded by Irish Catholics who had settled in this area in the late 1840s and early 1850s having fled the potato famine in Ireland. The first church was built from bricks fired in a kiln "one-fourth mile north of the church" (*Muscatine Journal*, 23 Nov 1979). The original 1856 church was still standing at 2403 Independence Avenue until circa 1980 when it was demolished. Although the site location, now in grass, shows evidence of the foundation of this church being just under the surface sod (see former site photo in additional documentation). As such, this site appears to have the potential for intact foundations, features, and deposits related to this early Irish Catholic church and is recommended for future archaeological survey. This site has been recorded as 13MC384.

As their congregation grew, a new church (the extant building) was erected in 1902 one mile west of Ardon next to the Milwaukee Railroad tracks. This church is still standing at 2429 Jasper Avenue. This church is recommended eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C (but will need an interior inspection before a final determination under C can be made) but also Criterion A for the historical significance of its association with the Irish Catholic settlement of this township. The significant date is the year it was built (1902). The end date for the period of significance is suggested to be 1971, which

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is the current 50-year cut-off for basic NRHP eligibility. However, it is likely that further historical research will refine the end date to reflect its historical association in the community and may be an earlier date, such as when the congregation was at its peak.



St. Malachy's Catholic Church in 1979.
Source: *Muscatine Journal*, 23 Nov 1979.

References

Muscatine Journal, 23 Nov 1979.

<http://iagenweb.org/muscatine/Societies/stmalachy.htm>, February 2021.

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Additional Documentation



Original location of 1856 brick church looking on the east side of Independence Avenue in the NW corner of Section 16 where the former foundation appears to be just underneath the sod. Note the brown lines where the grass does not grow as well as the surrounding grass. This is now recorded as archaeological site 13MC384. Photo taken November 13, 2020.

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Assessor's photo of St. Malachy's looking NE.
Obtained from <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com>, June 2021.

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Looking NE at St. Malachy's. Photo taken 11/13/2020.



Looking at rear of St. Malachy's with later privy to left of building and cellar entry projecting out from rear of building. Photo taken 11/13/2020.

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Detail of rear gable end of St. Malachy's. Photo taken 11/13/2020.



South side of St. Malachy's looking WNW. Photo taken 11/13/2020.

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Front gable end of St. Malachy's looking NNE. Photo taken 11/13/2020.

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 70-01784 New Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____

Non-extant Year: _____

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• **Property Name**

A) Historic name: Mittman School

B) Other names: _____

• **Location**

A) Street address: 2393 Mittman Road

B) City or town: Muscatine (Vicinity) County: Muscatine

C) Legal description:

Rural: Township Name: Fruitland

Township No.: 76 Range No.: 2W

Section: 9 Qtr: NW of

Qtr: SW

Urban: Subdivision: _____ Block(s): _____ Lot(s): _____

• **Classification**

A) **Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

B) **Number of resources (within property):**

If eligible property, enter number of:		If non-eligible property, enter number of:	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
—	Buildings	—	1 Buildings
—	Sites	—	Sites
—	Structures	—	Structures
—	Objects	—	Objects
—	Total	—	1 Total

C) **For properties listed in the National Register:**

National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE

D) **For properties within a historic district:**

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Historic district name: _____ Historic district site inventory number: _____

E) **Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable:**

MPD title

Historic Country Schools and Churches Survey, Muscatine County, Iowa

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• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Historic functions**

05A01 EDUCATION/Schoolhouse

B) **Current functions**

01A01 Single Dwelling/Residence

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) **Architectural classification**

09A01 Front-gabled Roof

B) **Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): _____

Walls (visible exterior): 15B Vinyl

Roof: 08A Asphalt Shingle

Other: _____

C) **Narrative description** **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Statement of Significance**

A) Applicable National Register Criteria: Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events.
Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history.

B) Special criteria considerations: Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none

- A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B: Removed from its original location.
C: A birthplace or grave.
D: A cemetery.
E: A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F: A commemorative property.
G: Property less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

C) Areas of significance

Enter categories from instructions

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1874 [X] check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovations

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder/contractor

I) Narrative statement of significance [X] SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED

• **Bibliography** [X] See continuation sheets for the list research sources used in preparing this form

• **Geographic Data** Optional UTM references [] See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments

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• **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** Submit the following items with the completed form

A) For all properties, attach the following, as specified in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions:

- 1. Map of property's location within the community.
2. Glossy color 4x6 photos labeled on back with property/building name, address, date taken, view shown, and unique photo number.
3. Photo key showing each photo number on a map and/or floor plan, using arrows next to each photo number to indicate the location and directional view of each photograph.
4. Site plan of buildings/structures on site, identifying boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.

B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:

See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:

- [] Yes [] No [] More research recommended
[] This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

SHPO authorized signature: _____ Date: _____

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Mittman School
Name of Property
2393 Mittman Road
Address

Muscatine
County
Muscatine
City

Narrative Description

The extant house at 2393 Mittman Road contains the circa 1874-1966 Mittman Schoolhouse, which is a single-story, front-gabled, frame building, with a lower, projecting front-gabled vestibule, which is now an enclosed porch. The schoolhouse was added onto with a shed-roofed extension to the south and another gabled addition to the rear (west) as part of the later remodeling as a dwelling. The entire building is covered with modern vinyl siding and has modern vinyl windows, many of which are also modifications of original openings.



Mittman School at 2393 Mittman Rd where it was remodeled into a residence.
Photo taken October 31, 2020.

Statement of Significance

This school was in operation by at least 1902 when it was noted in the *Muscatine Journal* (19 Oct 1902). However, historical maps dating from as early as 1874 show a schoolhouse at this location, with the later maps labeling it as the Mittman School. It operated until the 1960s when in 1966, the school had closed and the Muscatine School Board was making plans to sell the schoolhouse along with three others -- Lone Tree, Olive Branch and Oak Grove (*Muscatine Journal*, 11 Oct 1966). The schoolhouse remained on site but was remodeled into a dwelling that now carries the address of 2393 Mittman Road. The circa 1874-1966 front-gabled schoolhouse is still somewhat recognizable in the extant dwelling; however, the historic integrity has been impacted by modern siding, window replacements and modifications, and at least two additions. As such, the historic schoolhouse does not retain historic integrity and is recommended not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

References

Muscatine Journal (19 Oct 1902; 11 Oct 1966)
Muscatine County, Iowa plat maps from 1884, 1899, 1916, and 1930.

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Additional Documentation



Aerial map showing current location of former Mittman School at 2393 Mittman Road. Map obtained from Beacon Muscatine County Geographic Information Consortium (MAGIC), 2021. North is to top of page.



Assessor's photo of 2393 Mittman Road obtained from <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com>, June 2021

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Location of Mittman School on the late 1930s aerial (building is standing at location of green dot). Source: Iowa Geographic Map Server, 2021. North is to top of page.



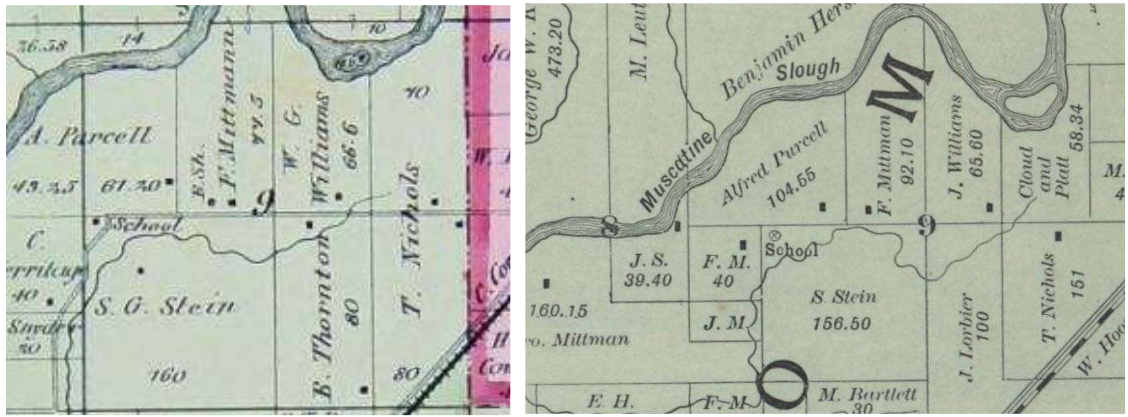
Location of Mittman School on the 1950s aerial. Building is standing and noted with green dot. Source: Iowa Geographic Map Server, 2021. North is to top of page.

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1874 plat map (left) and 1884 plat map (right) showing location of Mittman School labeled "School".



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1899 plat map showing location of Mittman School as a schoolhouse icon and labeled "School Mittman."



1916 plat map showing location of Mittman School as a school icon labeled "Mittman School".



1930 plat map showing location of Mittman School as a black square labeled "Sch".

