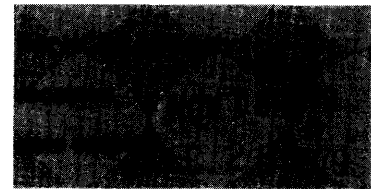


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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



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

**1. Name**

historic Crescent Grange Hall <sup>No.</sup> #512  
and/or common Crescent Grange Hall #512

**2. Location**

street & number Type Lake Road <sup>of Martin Lake</sup> \_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Martin Lake vic. ~~Linwood Township~~  vicinity of congressional district 8th  
state Minnesota code 22 county Anoka code 003

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Crescent Grange #512 c/o Minnie Barrott  
street & number Route 1  
city, town Stacy \_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anoka County Courthouse  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town Anoka state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Statewide Survey of Historic  
title Resources has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date 1978, 1979  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House  
city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

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

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

Crescent Grange Hall #512, constructed in 1881-82, is located in a heavily wooded, rural setting in northeastern Anoka County. This long, narrow, non-agricultural, non-residential structure is a unique element on rural Anoka County's landscape.

The one story 46 by 20 feet structure is constructed of pine that was cut nearby and sawn into lumber at a sawmill at Typo Lake. This gable roofed structure is sheathed in clapboard siding. The original simple design of the Crescent Grange Hall was embellished in 1916 by W.W. Wittig, a Granger who constructed alcoves on each of the hall's longitudinal facades. The alcove on the rear facade contains decorative stained glass. The alcove on the front facade serves as the hall's main entry.

The interior of the hall contains a meeting room, auditorium, and kitchen. Since its construction, interior remodeling has been limited to the lowering of ceilings, and panelling and painting of the meeting room.

The Crescent Grange Hall, in an excellent state of preservation, continues to be used for monthly Grange meetings.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1881-82

**Builder/Architect** Members of Grange #512

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Crescent Grange Hall #512, whose organization was formed in 1874, is historically significant as an early hall built by a subordinate Grange in Minnesota. The Granger movement in Minnesota, with roots dating to the formation of an agricultural society in 1852, was a significant force in Minnesota's history from its formal organization in 1867 throughout the Great Depression. Oliver H. Kelley, whose farm is located approximately ten miles north of Anoka, and six other farmers founded the National Grange, or Patrons of Husbandry, as a secret order of farmers. Early in its history, the Minnesota State Grange (a federation of the National Grange) worked for legislation to benefit Minnesota farmers. A series of acts, known as Granger acts, were passed into law in the 1870s. Blegen points out that "... it was Granger legislation that established the principle that railroads and other corporations clothed with public interest are properly subject to public regulation. In 1876 the Supreme Court validated this principle in its decision in Munn v. Illinois, and other Granger cases, one of them a Minnesota dispute (Winona and St. Peter Railroad Company v. Blake). A constitutional way was opened for more carefully devised regulations than those provided in early laws."<sup>1</sup>

Although the Minnesota State Grange was involved in political issues affecting agriculture, it was not a political party, but an organization to promote education in agriculture and to provide social and cultural opportunities for farmers and their wives, through club meetings. Grange meetings provided a forum for the discussion of a wide range of issues, including information about agriculture, crops, machinery, new devices, and new methods. In addition, the Grange benefitted its members by cooperatively buying and selling such agricultural machinery, implements, and household goods as threshing machines, brooms, groceries, and cattle for breeding stock.

From 1874 until 1882, members of Crescent Grange #512 met in churches and homes. In 1881 the Grange planned for the construction of a hall on land donated by Granger J.G. Green. The logs for the construction of the hall were logged and sawn by members of the Grange. The construction of the hall, begun in the spring of 1881, was completed for a dedicatory service on July 4, 1882.

Crescent Grange #512, whose membership has increased in the recent past, continues to maintain the hall in an excellent state of preservation and uses it for monthly meetings.

<sup>1</sup>Blegen, Theodore C., Minnesota: A History of the State, page 292.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property 1  
 Quadrangle name Typo Lake

Quadrangle scale 7.5

**UMT References**

A 

1	5	4	9	2	2	1	0	5	0	2	5	3	1	5
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification**

T33, R22, Section 4. Commencing at a point 3 rods south of NW corner of Section 3, thence east 16 rods to a post, thence south 12 rods to a post, thence north of west 9 rods to the sunrise & Anoka Road, thence north along said road 4 rods to POB.

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth

organization Minnesota Historical Society date May 1979

contact Dennis Gimmetad

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone (612) 296-9545

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

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

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/1/79

**For HCRS use only**

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

Sally G. Odell date 12/26/79  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin O'Connell date 12/26/79

Chief of Registration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman  
11/19/89

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Crescent Grange Hall No. 512 in  
Anoka County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 79001190

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Anoka

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):**

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** East Bethel

**ADDRESS:**

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

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**Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

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**Date**