

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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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

Stony Hill School *whr*

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

*NE of Waubesa on SR I*

County Trunk Highway "I"

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Waubeka

VICINITY OF

9th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Wisconsin 53021

55

Ozaukee

089

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: Site of

~~annual Nat'l Flag Day~~  
ceremony.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

National Fraternal Flag Day Foundation, Richard C. Wolter, President

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Aid Association for Lutherans

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Appleton

VICINITY OF

Wisconsin 54911

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Ozaukee County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Port Washington

Wisconsin 53074

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Volume II: The Inventory

DATE

1975

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Madison

Wisconsin 53706

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a small, single-story, gable-roofed, one-room schoolhouse of random fieldstone rubble construction. Date of construction is unknown but was c. 1880 or earlier. Across the front is a hip-roofed porch supported by slender squared timbers. At the front gable end is a small semicircular attic window with a brick surround and radiating muntins. The main opening is a pair of 4-panel doors. Side windows have stone lintels and sills and vertical board shutters. The attractiveness of the small schoolhouse is enhanced by its variegated fieldstone walls and its setting on a well-kept ground.

Although the building was once quite run-down, the owning foundation restored it faithfully in the late 1940's, helped considerably by the fact that there was an identical twin of the school in the same general area to use as a model. Stony Hill School is now in an excellent state of preservation.

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Property: Stony Hill School  
Waubeka, Wisconsin vicinity  
Ozaukee County

NRHP 10-08-76

New ownership as of June 14, 1977:

Ozaukee County Historical Society  
c/o Mr. Edward Rappold, President  
N69 W5771 Bridge Street  
Cedarburg, Wisconsin 53012

(Sent to NPS 06-15-77)

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			Public Affairs.

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SPECIFIC DATES      1885; 1916; 1949                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Association with historically significant person.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stony Hill School is the site in which Bernard J. Cigrand, a nineteen-year-old Waubeka-born school teacher, and his students held the first recognized observance of "Flag Birth Day" on June 14, 1885. On that occasion the graduating class devoted its exercises to honoring the American flag. To prepare for it, the students turned in assigned essays on the flag to be read on the 108th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes by the Continental Congress. They also discussed the flag's history and meaning. Observers recall that in a bottle on the teacher's desk stood a flag ten inches high, carrying 38 stars.<sup>1</sup>

Although the federal government had called for a centennial observance of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes to be held on June 14, 1877, requesting that on that date all public buildings fly the flag in commemoration of the 100th anniversary, it was not termed "Flag Day" and did not lead to further observances at the national level. Hence comes the significance of the observance by Cigrand and his students in 1885, which ultimately resulted in the establishment of a national Flag Day.<sup>2</sup>

Cigrand, who left Waubeka in 1886 to study dentistry, had early become interested in history and especially in flag lore and believed that an officially proclaimed national observance of "Flag Birth Day" should occur each year on June 14. After the 1885 celebration at Stony Hill School, he launched his crusade for a Flag Day, continuing it over a period of thirty-one years "by means of newspaper and magazine stories as well as through the use of the lecture platform."<sup>3</sup> In 1894 in Chicago, Dr. Cigrand was instrumental in organizing the Illinois Corporation, later known as the American Flag Day Association. For many years he was active as its president.

The event for which Cigrand worked nearly half a lifetime... "finally happened. On May 30, 1916, President Wilson issued a proclamation which read... 'I therefore suggest and request that throughout the Nation and, if possible, in every community the 14th day of June be observed as Flag Day.'<sup>4</sup> Eventually, by a joint resolution approved August 3, 1949 (63 Stat. 492), Congress designated June 14 of each year as Flag Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling for its observance. During Dr. Cigrand's long crusade for a Flag Day there had been a number of other efforts and movements toward the same goal. Moss, who published a thorough study of the flag, lists a chronology of thirteen early efforts.<sup>5</sup> The 1885 observance at Stony Hill School is the first of these, and Dr. Cigrand is credited with being the originator of the annual June 14 observance of Flag Day. A notation in the Wisconsin Magazine of History in 1925 remarks about Cigrand, "His advocacy of Flag Day and its general adoption redounds both

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.0

UTM REFERENCES

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A	1,6	<del>2,0</del> 7,4,0	4,8	1,4	3,2,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C						D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald N. Anderson, Historian & Registrar, Historic Preservation

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

12 March 1976

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608/262-0746

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

## 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 National Park Service.

S.H.P.O. Signature

James Norton Smith

5/21/76

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

10/8/86

DATE

ATTEST:

10/7/26

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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STONY HILL SCHOOL

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to his honor and to that of his native state."<sup>6</sup>

In the late 1940's the National Fraternal Flag Day Foundation acquired and began restoration of Stony Hill School. The site is now the national shrine of the organization, which has 99 member societies and approximately 10,000,000 members in the United States and Canada, and Flag Day is celebrated there annually. The Foundation's quest for national recognition of Stony Hill School (through nomination to the National Register) has received approval from the Wisconsin American Revolution Bicentennial Commission as a recognized bicentennial project.<sup>7</sup>

1. Appleton Post-Crescent, June 12, 1964
2. Wisconsin Magazine of History, 9:465, 1925
3. Ibid., 29:244, 1945
4. Idem.
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