

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Wisconsin
COUNTY: Winnebago
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
First Presbyterian Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
110 Church Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Oshkosh

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55** COUNTY: **Winnebago** CODE: **139**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

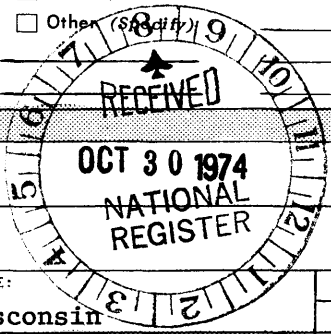
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
First Presbyterian Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
110 Church Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Oshkosh

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Winnebago County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
415 Jackson Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Oshkosh

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Wisconsin Historical and Architectural Field Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1973** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The First Presbyterian Church of Oshkosh is a good example of the Richardsonian Romanesque which dominated one of the wealthiest periods of Oshkosh's development. In this building by W.A. Holbrook the early picturesque works of Richardson have been the source of inspiration. In other Oshkosh buildings, for example the Algoma Street Methodist Church of 1890, the works of Richardson's later, less picturesque phase have served as models. The architect of the First Presbyterian Church was W.A. Holbrook. Born in Sacketts Harbor, New York, Holbrook began his career as an architect in Oshkosh as an apprentice to A.E. Bell and Company. About 1871 he left Oshkosh to practice in Milwaukee where he spent the rest of his life. He was associated with the well-known Milwaukee architect Edward Townsend Mix first as a draftsman and then as Mix's partner. Their firm was responsible for the Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, the Old Milwaukee Exposition Hall, the Globe Building and the Guarantey Building in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Milwaukee. Holbrook is known especially for his church designs.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1893**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Presbyterian Church of Oshkosh is akin to the early buildings of Henry Hobson Richardson. The rambling and complex plan recalls most especially his early libraries, for instance the Winn Memorial Library of Woburn, Massachusetts. The silhouette of the First Presbyterian Church is broken and picturesque with a profusion of turrets, chimneys and towers. The church is constructed of red brick with a rock-faced stone foundation, stone buttress-heads, stone trim around the tops of the arched windows, a stone chimney, and stone banding around the square corner turrets of the square tower. The corner turrets and the tower itself have steeply pitched roofs; and the mass of the church is spanned by a hipped-roof pierced by Richardson's distinctive eyebrow dormers and covered with shingles. The effect of the church is one of "medieval" picturesqueness. The additive composition gives the effect of having been built up over many decades. Actually the church was constructed in 1893, and a manse and minister's office were added in 1905. The seating arrangements for the First Presbyterian Church are innovative. The church normally seated 500 persons, but a larger auditorium could be created by raising a set of doors which usually served to separate the Sunday school rooms and small lecture rooms from the main sanctuary.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lawson, P. A History of Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Chicago, 1908. pp. 554-5.
 W.A. Holbrook, Wisconsin Necrology, Vol. 11, pp. 187-8.

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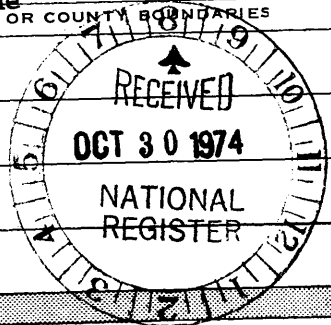
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		U.T.M.		
SE	° ' "	° ' "		Zone 16: 376,680 E.		
SW	° ' "	° ' "		4,875,090 N.		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charlene Stant Engel, Preservation Planning Assistant

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** DATE: **Sept. 5, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name James Morton Smith
James Morton Smith

Title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Date Oct. 23, 1974

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 12/27/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date **DEC 26 1974**