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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPRINGVILLE (EXPANSION) (Boundary Increase)

other names/site number The Free Baptist Church of Springville, Free Will Baptist Church, Springville Center for the Arts

name of related multiple property listing N/A

2. Location

street & number 29 North Buffalo Street [] not for publication

city or town Springville [] vicinity

state New York code NY county Erie code 029 zip code 14141

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements as set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant [] nationally [] statewide, [X] locally. ([] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Michael E. Lynch Deputy SHPO
Signature of certifying official/Title

18 July 2017
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. ([] see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register [] see continuation sheet
- [] determined eligible for the National Register [] see continuation sheet
- [] determined not eligible for the National Register
- [] removed from the National Register
- [] other (explain) _____

Alexis Abernathy
Signature of the Keeper

9/11/17
date of action

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Narrative Description of Property:

The First Baptist Church of Springville was listed on the National Register on December 5, 2008. At that time, the historically associated parsonage and its garage were mistakenly omitted from the nomination because their historic connection to the church was unknown, likely due to the fact they were under separate ownership. The purpose of this boundary expansion is to enlarge the nomination boundary to include the parsonage and garage. The revised nomination boundary, which now reflects this collection of historically associated properties, includes three resources: the church (1869), its historically associated parsonage (1886-87), and a frame garage (1975, non-contributing due to age).

The First Baptist Church Parsonage is a modest two-story vernacular Queen Anne style house with a stone foundation, wood clapboard and shingle, and an asphalt shingle roof. The parsonage is located on the east side of North Buffalo Street, just south of the First Baptist Church, and south of Franklin Street. The parsonage is set back approximately 27 feet from the street. The parsonage and its garage are located on a 0.1186 acre parcel, which is a narrow lot with an irregular eastern boundary that fits around the parking lot for the church. A driveway which provides access to the garage is located along the south elevation of the parsonage, and a small grassy yard fronts the building.

Constructed in 1886-87 to replace an earlier pre-1860s building, the First Baptist Church Parsonage is a roughly rectangular building with a slight cross-gable cruciform plan due to two projecting wings toward the center of the building. The parsonage is a two-story wood-frame building with a stacked fieldstone foundation, wood clapboard sheathing with corner boards to the main body of the building, with raked dog-eared shingles and scrolled corner brackets in the open gable ends. The building has double-hung vinyl replacement windows with the exception of a large window on the north side of the ground floor, which retains its historic wood sash and a smaller transom light above. A two-bay front-gabled elevation faces west and is wrapped in a full-width front entry porch. The porch, added in 1914, has brick piers supporting square columns with simple bases and capitals and a dentil molding beneath the eaves, suggestive of the then-popular Colonial Revival style.¹ Entry into the parsonage is via an off-center stair with a modern central handrail, which aligns to the main entry door. The main entry is into a small enclosed one-story vestibule which appears to have been added or enclosed around 1915 when the front porch was added. The front entry door is a multi-light wood door which appears early twentieth century rather than Victorian in its design. The porch has a wood floor and the ceiling is also wood tongue-and-groove. The projecting bay at the front has a modern bow window on the first floor and two one-over-one wood double-hung windows on the second floor. The south-facing elevation of the parsonage is similar in materials and features a shallow projecting open gabled wing. This one-bay-wide wing contains a polygonal projecting bay at the ground floor. This bay is perhaps the most ornate part of the building, with

¹ "Baptist Church Remodeled and Rededicated," *Springville Journal*, 4 Feb. 1915.

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bracketed hoods surmounting each of the three windows, and a decorated bracketed cornice above. On the second floor above the projecting bay is a single, one-over-one wood double-hung window. To the east of the projecting wing is a small one-story shed roof entry porch, which provides access to a historic wood paneled door. The porch retains some elements of the Queen Anne style, including chamfered wood columns. The steps up to the porch are large cut stone slabs.² A one-over-one wood window flanks the door to the east, and on the second floor above the porch are located two additional windows. The rear, east facing elevation is simple, with wood clapboard sheathing the entire gable end. This elevation is two bays wide, like the west elevation, with a half-width modern wood deck providing access to a rear door. Two windows are located on the second floor. The roofline of the rear wing is set slightly lower than the rest of the building, and this portion of the building has a partial concrete block foundation. The north elevation is also more simply articulated. Here, the projecting wing with gable end is similar to the west and south elevations, with the raked dog-eared shingles. Fenestration is more irregular at the east end of the building, with the first floor containing more modern units, including a small square glazed opening and a small late-twentieth century paired casement window. At the west end, closer to the street, is a larger historic window with a small transom and fixed glazed pane below. At the projecting wing are two one-over-one windows, one on the north side of the wing and one on the west side, each with a small bracketed pent roof clad in dog-eared shingles above. On the second floor, at the east end of the building, are two windows, and a single central window is located in the projecting wing on the north and west facing sides.

The interior of the parsonage has a largely intact historic floorplan with a few modifications (based on materials and design, these may have been made during the 1914-15 building campaign). Narrow tongue-and-groove oak wood flooring, plaster walls, and historic baseboard and moldings are found throughout the building. The interior finishes and detailing are simple and minimal. Circulation is through two stair cases; one enclosed toward the center of the building and one at the rear. Typical of residences from the nineteenth century, more public spaces are found at the front (west) end of the ground floor, while more private spaces were located at the east end.

The main front entry opens into a small vestibule which has a carpeted floor over wood, painted paneled walls with historic molded baseboard and trim around the doors. Through a historic wood paneled door the vestibule opens into what was likely the historic dining room for the parsonage, with the polygonal bay window facing south, a notable feature in the room. Here, the walls are curved into the bay, and the baseboard follows this sculptural profile. To the west from the dining room is located a front parlor, accessed through a wide cased opening. To the north of the dining room, through a pair of French doors (each having 12-lights set above a pair of panels), is located what may have been a study or office, and the historic wood paneled door accesses the

² These stone slab steps are monumental in their scale and material, coordinating more with the associated church than a typical residence. It's possible that these steps originally came from the church building, as they are similar to fragments found in the ground closer to the church. These may have come from the front of the church, possibly near the bell tower or the rear door.

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enclosed central stair. While the moldings in the study appear to be consistent with the nineteenth century, painted wood paneling has been installed, likely to cover some cracked plaster walls behind. The easternmost rooms show some evidence of being altered, likely in the second half of the twentieth century, although it's unclear exactly when they were changed. Accessed from the historic dining room space through a wide cased opening is a small room currently used as a dining room, which has the same oak wood floors, but has beadboard wainscot and a painted wood partition wall on the northern side separating it from the kitchen, which is not historic. The current dining room is lacking a baseboard and has a narrow crown molding, indications that changes were made here. However, moldings around the window and door on the south wall of the space appear consistent with that elsewhere in the house. The kitchen, accessed through the current dining room, was remodeled around 1967, which is reflected in the finishes and materials used in the space, and it may be the same era during which the small current dining room was reconfigured.³ The kitchen has a pass-through window cut into the current dining room, a vinyl floor, simple wood (possibly maple) cabinetry with laminate countertops, and a suspended ceiling grid. To the east of the current dining room is a small modern half-bathroom (remodeled in 1948), and to the east of the kitchen is a roughly finished mud room space with wood paneled walls that appear to date to the second half of the twentieth century.⁴

The second floor of the parsonage is similarly configured to the spaces below. Accessed through the central stair, at the top, a historic turned wood balustrade is present in a small carpeted room. Accessed from the west of this area is the front bedroom, which has a modern closet built into it. A second bedroom, located to the south above the historic dining room, is accessed from the stair area. Both bedrooms have older sheet vinyl flooring, probably over wood floors, and retain their historic paneled doors, plaster walls, trim and moldings. The rear (east) end of the second floor has a large storage room, accessed at the east end of the second bedroom, which has historic trim and door surrounds, and a pitched ceiling. A bathroom is located to the east of the stair area, accessed from a small hallway. The door to the bathroom is a three-panel, probably early twentieth century door, but the room contains historic molding around the window. At the east end of the second floor, near the bathroom, is a small bedroom with an angled ceiling and carpeted floor.

Set back at the rear (east) of the property behind the parsonage, the garage is a one-bay single car garage with aluminum siding over wood frame and a simple front-gable asphalt shingle roof. There is a metal overhead door. Based on church records, it was built in 1975 to replace a previously existing two-story barn/garage that was associated with the property since before the 1860s.⁵ It is noncontributing due to its age.

³ *Baptist Church Business Meeting Minutes* (Springville, NY: First Baptist Church, 1964-1970), unpaginated.

⁴ *Baptist Church Trustee Meeting Minutes* (Springville, NY: First Baptist Church, 1913-1972), 167.

⁵ *Baptist Church Clerk's Record Book* (Springville, NY: First Baptist Church, January 1971 – October 1990), 154.

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Statement of Significance:

The First Baptist Church of Springville was listed on the National Register under criterion C in the area of Architecture and under criterion A in the area of Social History. The period of significance was defined beginning with the initial construction of the church around 1869 and closing in 1914 with the last major phase of alteration and updates made to the church. At the time of listing, the historically associated parsonage and its garage were accidentally omitted from the nomination because they had been sold and their connection to the church was not understood. This amendment to the church nomination expands the boundary to include these two associated properties. The parsonage enhances the significance of the church building by representing the full history of the parish and fits within the general development era and period of significance defined in the original nomination. It complements the significance of the church, as it supported its functions and activities. The garage, although non-contributing due to age, has been association with the parsonage since its construction.

According to church records, the land at the southeast corner of North Buffalo Street and Franklin Streets was purchased by the congregation in 1868.⁶ This area, known as “Fiddler’s Green,” was near the small park, to the north of the growing commercial area of Springville along Main Street, in an area that emerged as the sort of spiritual center for the village in decades to come. According to the 1866 map of Springville, this land appears to have been owned by the Severance family, as the map indicates a small square located on the property owned by the “Severance heirs,” indicated a pre-existing house. This property was owned by a Mr. Albro, who donated the land and the house to the congregation in 1868.⁷

In 1886 due to the rising maintenance costs, church records indicate that discussions were underway to build a new parsonage for the church under the leadership of the Rev. W.E. Dennett, who had assumed the pastorate that same year. The original parsonage was sold to E. S. Piece for \$50 and relocated to 44 West Main Street in Springville.⁸ Plans for the new parsonage were drawn up in September 1886, with instructions not to exceed \$1,000 in cost, but due to a delay in removing the earlier building, construction was delayed. Construction eventually began in spring of 1887 and was completed shortly thereafter.⁹ It was completed at a cost of \$1400 – more than budgeted. Records indicate that funds from the 4th of July Festival in 1887 were used to pay for doors and hooks in the building. The result of the construction efforts was a modest cross-gabled residence, with two porches located along the south side of the building, according to Sanborn maps, and an 1892 birds-eye map of the village. The building was connected to the municipal water service in 1890, when it was run along North

⁶ *Deed to First-Freewill Baptist Society of Springville*, 1868

⁷ *Free Will Baptist Church Member Meeting Minutes* (Springville, NY: First Baptist Church, 1880-1913), 44.

⁸ Derek Otto, Concord Historical Society, Conversation with Seth Wochensky, April 17, 2017. This building was subsequently demolished to make way for the construction of a new Rite Aid pharmacy. It was called the O’Connor Building then.

⁹ *Free Will Baptist Church Member Meeting Minutes* 1880-1913, 8-9.

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Buffalo Street.¹⁰ According to a local newspaper article, while the church itself was undergoing updates and enlargements in the 1910s, the parsonage was also the subject of work.¹¹ A new spacious front porch, replacing a smaller older one, was built on the parsonage to the plans drawn by C.W. Zimmerman. Zimmerman's plans called for the new veranda to be "8 feet wide and extend across the front end of west upright."¹²

The parsonage was frequently the meeting site of the Free Baptist Beneficent Society of Springville and it was the site of lawn socials and indoor get-togethers through the late 1800s.¹³ By the latter half of the nineteenth century it was used primarily as a residence. The front room was used as a study and occasionally small meetings would occur there.¹⁴ In the early 1990s Reverend Siems moved his family to another residence and since that time the building was used less frequently. The front room was used as an office and the dining area became a frequent bible study location.¹⁵ The second floor was used as an additional nursery.¹⁶

While the parsonage has undergone a few, mostly interior, alterations over the years, it retains a good level of integrity. The building received some foundation and basement work in the 1940s when a new heating system was installed. The kitchen appears to have been remodeled in 1967, based on church records.¹⁷ The building was used by the First Baptist Church continually from the 1880s until 2003. At this time, the parsonage and garage were split off as a separate parcel and sold for private residential use. Presently, Springville Center for the Arts is in the process of acquiring the parsonage from the homeowner, and seeks to utilize the building to support its operations.

¹⁰ Free Will Baptist Society of Springville, 1868, MS, Concord Historical Society, Springville, NY, unpaginated.

¹¹ "Baptist Church Remodeled and Rededicated," *Springville Journal*, 4 Feb. 1915.

¹² *Baptist Church Business Meeting Minutes* (Springville, NY: First Baptist Church, 1913-1944), unpaginated.

¹³ *Records of the Free Baptist Beneficent Society of Springville* (Springville, NY: First Baptist Church, 1875-1892), unpaginated.

¹⁴ Stephen Foulk, son of Reverend Foulk, Email to Seth Wochensky, 8 May 2017.

¹⁵ Christy (Siems) Komenda, conversation with Seth Wochensky, 8 May 2017.

¹⁶ Deb Powers, conversation with Seth Wochensky regarding layout of the building upon purchase, 9 May 2017.

¹⁷ *Baptist Church Trustee Meeting Minutes* 1913-1972, 306.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary is indicated with a heavy line on the attached maps with scale.

Boundary Justification

The original boundary only included the church building. This revised boundary encompasses all historically and functionally related buildings and property associated with the First Baptist Church of Springville, prior to its closing and sale in 2003. This boundary appears to largely correspond with the historic property boundaries of the church dating to the 1860s.

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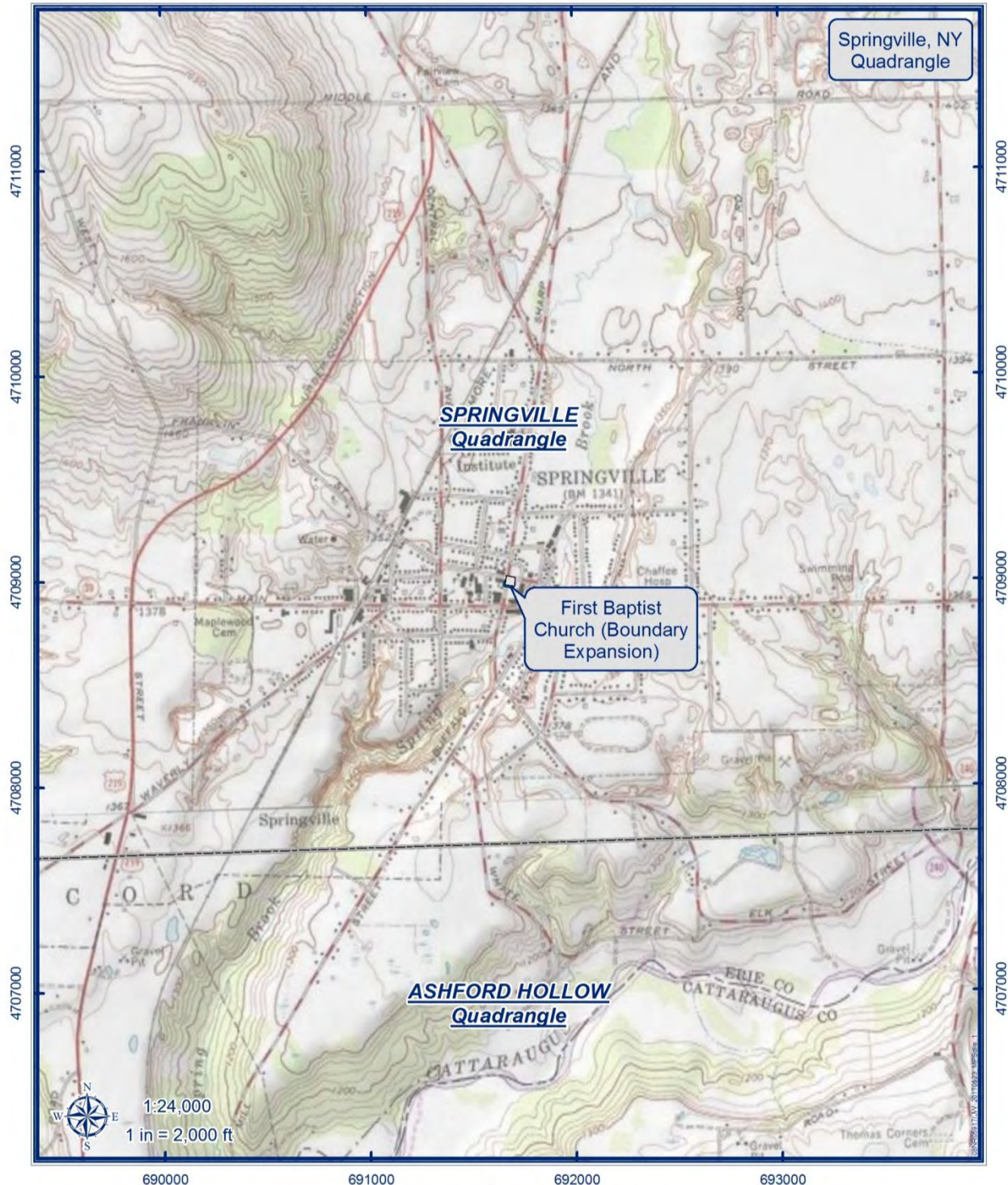
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▨ Expansion Area



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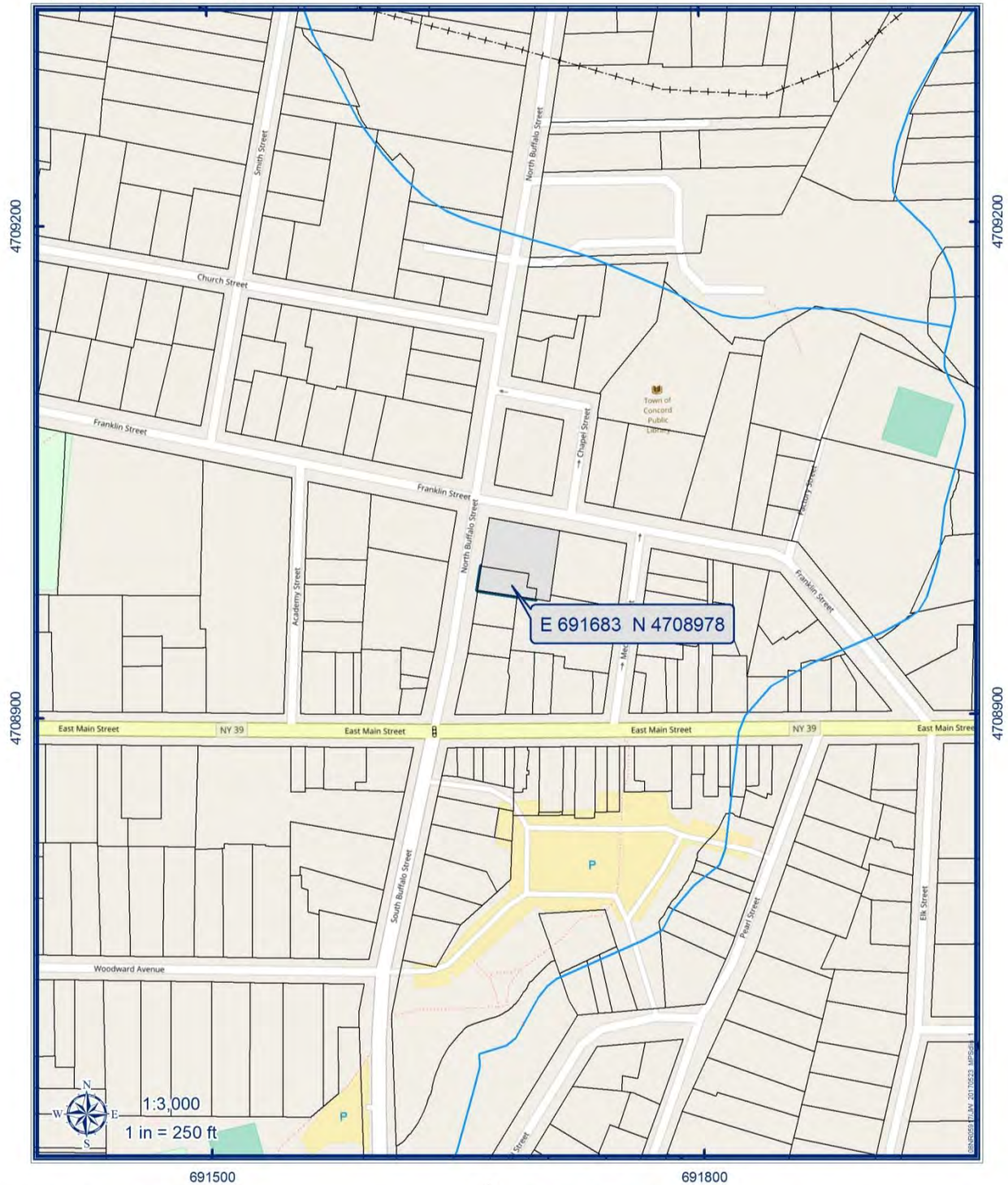
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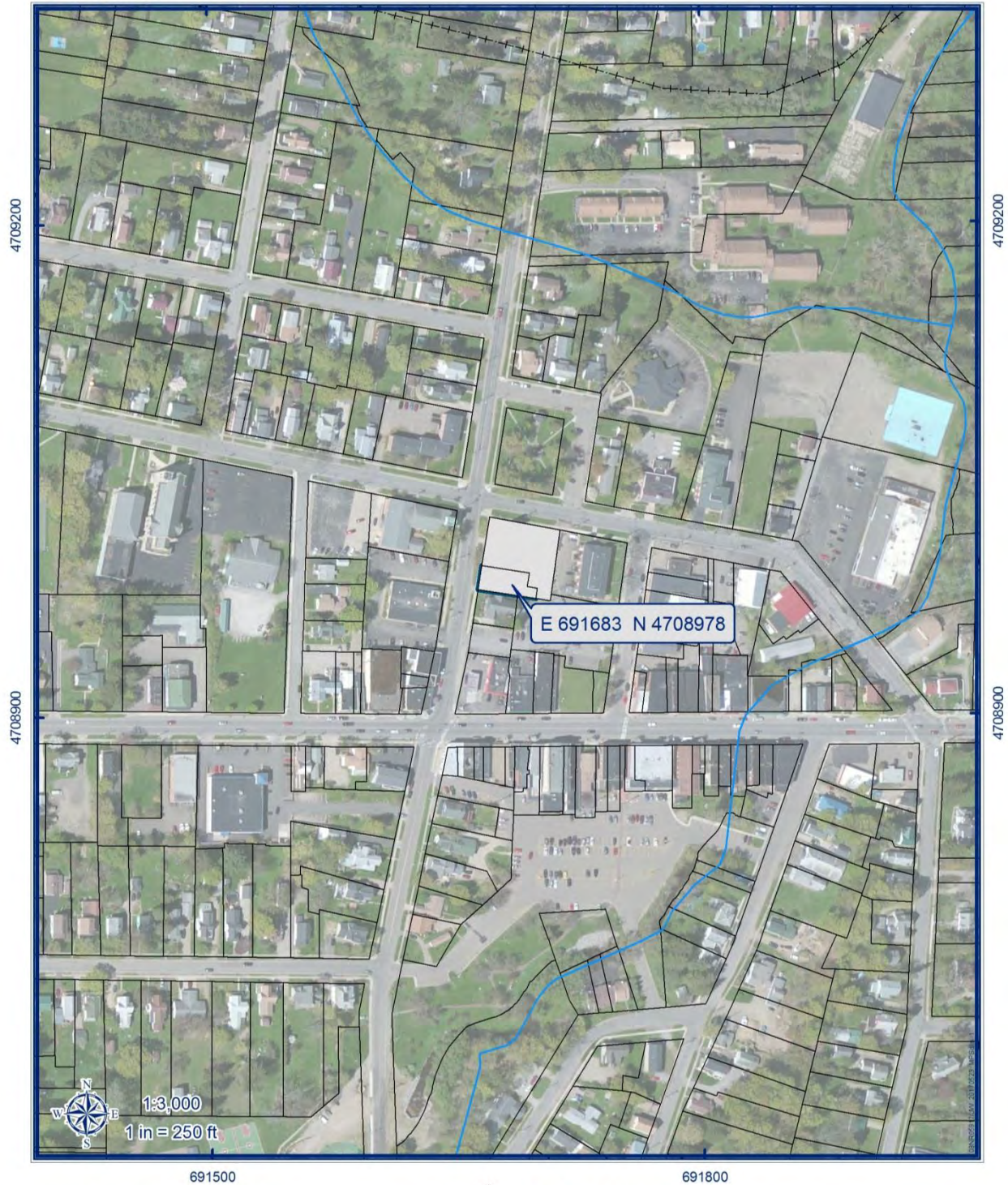
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Photo Log:

Name of Property: First Baptist Church of Springville (Expansion)
City of Vicinity: Springville
County: Erie
State: New York
Name of Photographer: Seth Wochensky
Date of Photograph: April, June 2017
Location of Original Digital Files: Peebles Island Resource Ctr, PO Box 189, Waterford, NY 12188
Number of Photographs: 3

Photo # 1 NY_Erie County_First Baptist Church of Springville (Expansion)_0001.tif
General view looking northeast, showing parsonage (center), and church (left)

Photo #2 NY_Erie County_First Baptist Church of Springville (Expansion)_0002.tif
View of parsonage, looking northeast

Photo #3 NY_Erie County_First Baptist Church of Springville (Expansion)_0003.tif
View of parsonage, looking southeast

Photo #4 NY_Erie County_First Baptist Church of Springville (Expansion)_0004.tif
View looking east, showing garage and south side of parsonage

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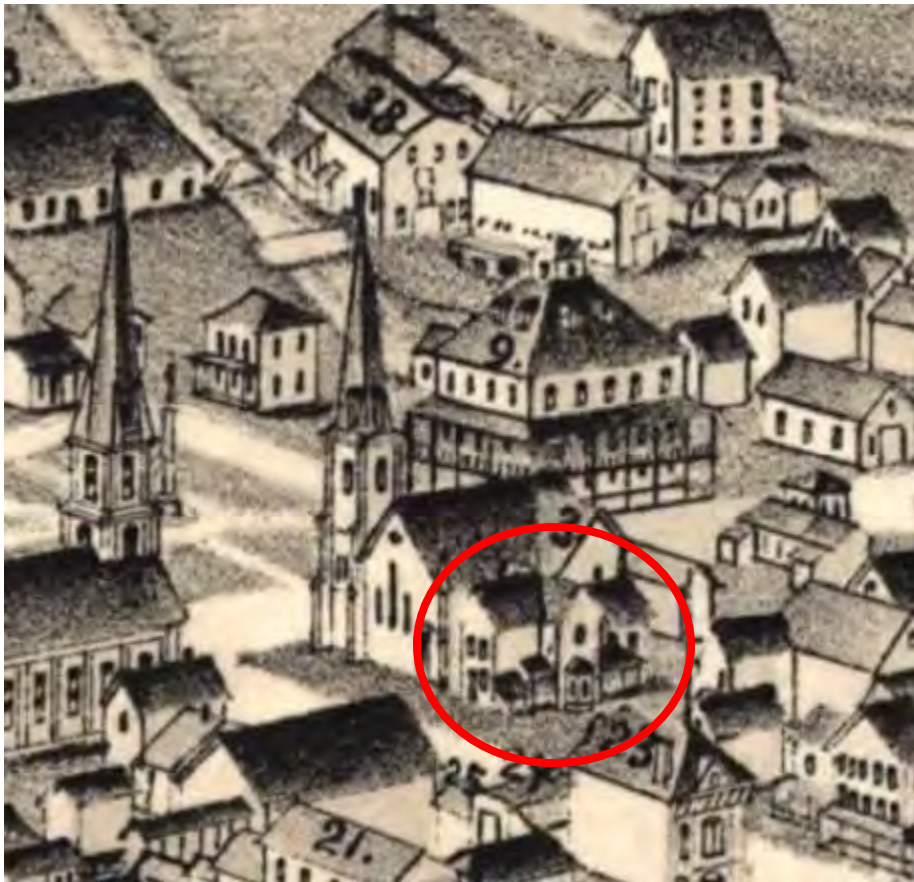
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Additional Information

Research provided by:

Seth Wochensky

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Detail, Bird's-Eye Map of Springville (1892)

The Free Will Baptist Church is marked "3" here, and the current form of the parsonage is roughly sketched out just to its right. Note that the small entry vestibule is indicated here, served by a small entry porch on the side of the building. The entry porch on the south side of the building, toward the east end, is also depicted.

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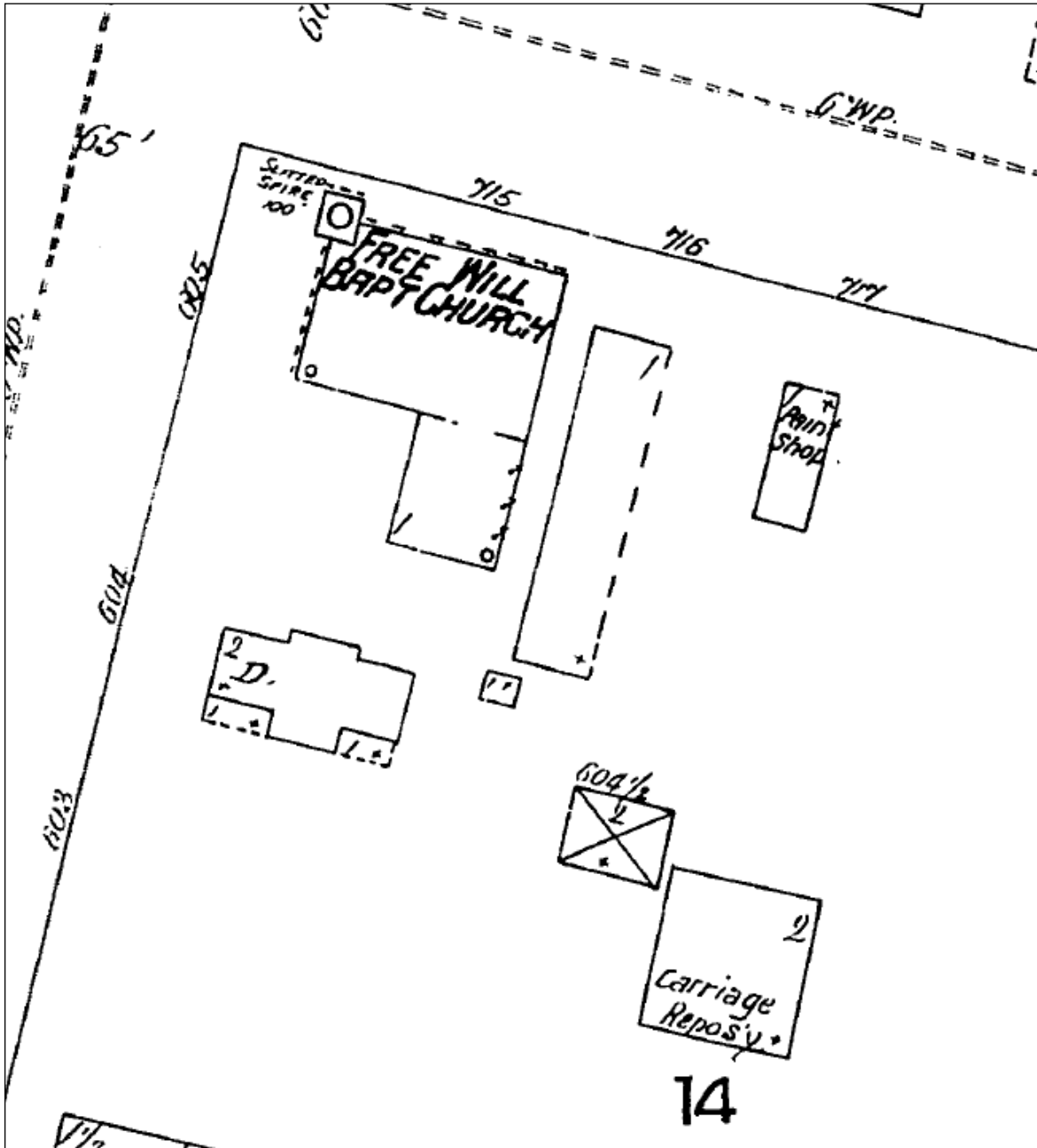
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Detail, Sanborn Map sheet 2 (February 1897)

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Detail, Erie County Atlas map of Village of Springville (1909)

This map clearly defines the property of the former Free Will Baptist Church, including the present parsonage and the former carriage barn. The large horse barn is not extant.

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Photo showing First Baptist Church and Parsonage (ca. 1940-1975)





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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: Date of Weekly List:

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Reason For Review:

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Accept Return Reject 9/11/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria:

Reviewer Alexis Abernathy Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2236 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : **Yes**

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

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VILLAGE OF SPRINGVILLE

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Kenneth Kostanskiak
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Lieutenant Nicholas Rudney
Code Enforcement
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June 2, 2017

Jennifer Walkowski
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Dear Jennifer,

The Springville Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the application for the Expansion of the First Baptist Church of Springville at 29 and 37 North Buffalo Street to the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

Dave Batterson, Chairman of the Commission, has reported to me that that the Historic Preservation Commission endorses to the inclusion of the First Baptist Church Parsonage as part of the existing historic First Baptist Church of Springville site.

The Village is pleased that another parcel is being considered for inclusion on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. Two of our Comprehensive Plan goals are to preserve the architectural heritage of our Village and to inform the public of the benefits of historic preservation.

Sincerely,

William Krebs
William Krebs, Mayor





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24 July 2017

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Mail Stop 7228

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Re: National Register Nominations

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am pleased to submit the following four nominations, all on disc, to be considered for listing by the Keeper of the National Register:

Oak Hill Historic District, Greene County
Newberry Building, Genesee County
Linde Air Products Factory, Erie County
First Baptist Church of Springville (Expansion), Erie County

Please feel free to call me at 518.268.2165 if you any questions.

Sincerely:

Kathleen LaFrank
National Register Coordinator
New York State Historic Preservation Office