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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** *Pardeeville Presbyterian Church*  
HISTORIC  
First Presbyterian Church of Pardeeville  
AND/OR COMMON  
Pardeeville Presbyterian Church (preferred)

**LOCATION**  
STREET & NUMBER  
105 South Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Pardeeville  
STATE  
Wisconsin  
VICINITY OF  
2nd  
COUNTY  
Columbia  
CODE  
55  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
2nd  
CODE  
021

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Reverend Russell Tomlinson, minister, Pardeeville Presbyterian Church  
STREET & NUMBER  
105 South Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Pardeeville  
STATE  
Wisconsin  
VICINITY OF  
53954

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Columbia County Court House  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Portage  
STATE  
Wisconsin  
53901

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places  
DATE  
1974  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Historic Preservation Division, State Historical Society  
CITY, TOWN  
Madison  
STATE  
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		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pardeeville Presbyterian Church is a 35 x 56 foot structure built on a knoll at the southwest corner of South Main Street (STH 22) and West Chestnut Street (CTH "P") in the primarily residential village of Pardeeville. The building faces Main Street to the east. In 1957, a small 20 x 35 foot vestry of a complimentary style was added to the back of the church. Located on the same half acre of land and directly to the south of the church is the manse, constructed in 1955, and a garage. Neither of these is included in the nomination.

The frame building displays the symmetry and stylistic influences of Greek Revival simplicity. Each side of the low-pitched gable-roofed structure has three tall, twelve-light, triple-sash windows. The main entrance is marked by paired six-panelled doors and transom set between engaged piers under a denticulated cornice. Tall, rectangular windows like those in the sidewalls flank the entrance. An early picture of the church indicates that the words "First Presbyterian Church" painted in the transom are a recent addition, as is the date "1857" that is painted on the circular inset in the pediment. In 1957, a basement entry protected by a plain, wooden door at the bottom of a shallow stairwell was built into the front of the building at the northeast corner. A wheelchair ramp was added along the front of the building to the south of the entrance landing in 1978.

A copper-sheathed spire rises above the louvered belfry over the pediment. The spire, constructed of heavy mortised and pegged timbers, was originally covered with wood shingles and finished with a weathervane. The vane was damaged nearly fifty years ago in a storm and replaced with the present Greek cross.

Stepping inside the church, one finds a semi-circular vestibule graced by two original lecterns--one holding the memorial book and one the guest book. Stairs at the north wall immediately to the right lead to the basement. Two doors, one at either side of the vestibule, enter the nave. The back wall of the nave contains a cartouche embellished semi-elliptical niche between the entry doors. In 1956, more stringent fire regulations required that the original side aisle pew design be changed to a center aisle plan. At the same time, the pulpit rostrum was lowered and the rostrum side stairs and railing were removed. In 1957, a small one-story addition of a design in keeping with that of the original structure was constructed at the rear of the church. Doorways on either side of the pulpit rostrum lead to this vestry addition which houses two Sunday School rooms and the pastor's study. At the back of the larger Sunday School room are stairs to the basement that was dug under the main hall between 1908 and 1910. A large Sunday School/dining room takes up most of the basement, which also includes a small Sunday School room, the kitchen, restrooms, and the furnace room.

A new oak altar and new oak pews were installed in the nave in 1968, and carpeting now covers the oak floors. Current renovation plans are limited to remodeling the basement and updating the kitchen.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1863-1865<sup>1</sup> BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pardeeville Presbyterian Church is an example of Greek Revival style church architecture as designed and built by local craftsmen, and is a prominent visual landmark in this old central Wisconsin village.

The Pardeeville Presbyterian Church was constructed by local parishoners between 1863 and 1865 at a cost of \$2500. Dedicated in 1864, seven years after the congregation had organized, the building was copied from the Welsh Congregational Church in nearby Cambria.<sup>2</sup> This latter congregation disbanded at the turn of the century and the building no longer stands.

The church building represents a style not common to Wisconsin religious structures. The symmetry, low-pitched roof, full pediment, and hooded windows and doorway with pilasters together suggest influence of Greek Revival styling design elements more often seen in Wisconsin houses of this period. Located on the main road into town from the south, its placement on a knoll set back from the street and surrounded by lawn and trees enhances the temple effect of the building and creates a visual impact upon the viewer.

Pardeeville was first settled in 1848, when an agent for Milwaukee merchant John S. Pardee established a store on the south shore of what is now called Park Lake. The village was founded as a speculative saw and gristmill site--one of many such places founded by a variety of persons during this time of phenomenal growth in Wisconsin. The completion of the gristmill in 1856 and the arrival of the La Crosse and Milwaukee Railroad (now the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific) in early 1857 assured the existence and growth of the tiny community.

In January 1857, at about the same time that the railroad arrived in town, the Presbyterian Church of Pardeeville was organized. That spring a Sunday School program was begun. On December 29, 1858, a building fund was started, and in one month its committee members collected \$1130. At that time four members of the congregation were appointed a committee to decide the building plan. They concluded that the design of the Welsh Congregation Church in Cambria best suited their needs. However, it was almost two years before they could acquire property on which to build their church. In January, 1861, John Pardee, owner of the grist

<sup>1</sup>Church records, Pardeeville Presbyterian Church

<sup>2</sup>Butterfield, History of Columbia County....., p. 717

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 C. W. Butterfield, History of Columbia County.... (Western Publishing Company, Chicago, 1880).  
 J. E. Jones, A History of Columbia County, Wisconsin, Volume I and II (Lewis Publishing Company, Chicago, 1914).  
History of the First Presbyterian Church, Pardeeville, Wisconsin, 1857-1957, (Pardeeville, Wisconsin (?), 1957 (?)). (See continuation sheet)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .5 acres / Quadrangle Scale 1:62500  
 UTM REFERENCES Quadrangle Name Portage, Wisconsin

A	<u>1, 6</u>	<u>3, 1, 3, 9, 7, 5</u>	<u>4, 8, 2, 2, 6, 2, 5</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot One Block Two Wescher's Addition to the Original Plat of the Village of Pardeeville.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE  
 Evelyn Spicer, Eva Mae Steiner, Inez May Carter (continued)  
 ORGANIZATION DATE  
 United Presbyterian Women of Pardeeville Presbyterian Church August 1979  
 STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE  
 210 Roosevelt Street (608) 429-2795  
 CITY OR TOWN STATE  
 Pardeeville Wisconsin 53954

# 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Paulina Murray*

TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE 10/16/79

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

*Coral D. Shuck*

DATE 1-15-80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DATE 1/14/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Regional Coordinator*

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mill and father of the Milwaukee merchant who had helped found the village, deeded to the church trustees the half acre site where the church building and manse now stand. The Civil War further slowed construction: it finally began in 1863 and ended two years later. The building was dedicated on March 30, 1864.

Despite the slight modifications that have occurred in the building, the congregation has long recognized and attempted to retain the beauty and simplicity of the original design. For example, in the late 1960s, in an attempt to reduce maintenance costs, it was thought best to side the building with aluminum siding. However, recognizing the potential historical and architectural value of the church, the congregation consulted Dr. John Kienitz, Professor of Art History at the University of Wisconsin, as to any possible harm that might be caused. Following, Dr. Kienitz' advice that the building is a "perfect example of . . . Greek classic revival," and that siding would substantially reduce its value, the congregation painted the building.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Records, Pardeeville Presbyterian Church, July 6, 1969, pg. 80.

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Historic Preservation Division, State Historical Society August, 1979

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