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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 90001271

Date Listed: 8/31/90

Church of the Holy Spirit

Polk

FL

Property Name

County

State

Lake Wales Multiple Listing

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Amy Federman

Signature of the Keeper

8/31/90

Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Criteria Consideration A should be checked because this property historically was a religious property.

Discussed and concurred in by Florida SHPO on August 31, 1990.

DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file

Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Church of the Holy Spirit
other names/site number 8 Po 1241 / Lake Wales Cultural Center

2. Location

street & number 1099 Hesperides Road n/a not for publication
city, town Lake Wales n/a vicinity
state Florida code FL county Polk code 105 zip code 33854

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Lake Wales Multiple Property Group
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official [Signature] Date 7/11/90
Florida State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. [Signature] 8/31/90
 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:) _____
Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Religion: religious structure

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Work in Progress

Recreation & Culture: Museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revival: Mission/
Spanish Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

walls Stucco

roof Ceramic Tile

other Metal

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

PLEASE SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance
1927

Significant Dates
1927

Cultural Affiliation
n/a

Significant Person
n/a

Architect/Builder
Samuell, P.C./Burrows, R.W.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Church of the Holy Spirit 50 Year History Committee, "50 Years, 1927-1977, Church of the Holy Spirit," pamphlet produced by the Church of the Holy Spirit, 1977.

The Lake Wales Highlander, December 16, 1927.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Approximately 1 1/2 acres

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The property consists of a lot of land approximately 275' x 290' at the Northwest corner of Hesperides Road and 11th Street.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

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Property Group**SUMMARY:**

The Church of the Holy Spirit at 1099 Hesperides Road contributes to the Lake Wales Multiple Property Group under Associated Property Type F.3, **Public, Transportation, and Religious Buildings of Lake Wales, 1919-1928**. Built at the height of the Florida land boom in 1926, the church is an excellent example of high-style Spanish Mission architecture. The church is situated on a large corner lot dotted with palm trees. Its style is expressed by a gable roof with barrel mission tile, curvilinear parapet ends, large central dome, bell tower, entrance porch with round arch openings, stucco exterior wall fabric, and round arch triple windows with spiral column dividers.

PRESENT AND ORIGINAL PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

The Church of the Holy Spirit is located on the southwest corner of Hesperides Road and Eleventh Street. The lot contains palm trees and shrubbery, some of which date from the historic period. The surrounding walkways also date from the historic period.

The building is constructed of hollow tile with a rough stucco exterior wall fabric. Its steeply-pitched gable roof runs perpendicular to the main facade and terminates at decorative curvilinear parapet gable ends. An octagonal dome with a flared roof, round-arch stained glass windows, and cross finial extends from the ridge of the main roof which is clad with barrel tile. The building sits on a poured concrete foundation.

The main (south) facade consists of a curvilinear parapet gable end wall with a cross finial. A two-story flat roof extension with a curvilinear parapet extends from the center of the facade and has a triple round-arch stained glass window flanked by recessed round-arch openings with inverted conical sconces. A one story, gable roofed entry, with arches, a curvilinear parapet, and cross finial, is attached to the two-story extension (photo 1).

The west side of the building has six bays and an entry similar to that on the main facade. It is distinguished,

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however, by decorative scroll-cap buttresses, placed between large round-arch stained glass windows, and a corbelled arch frieze. The northernmost bay contains three rectangular window openings and a rectangular door approached by a steep stairway with wrought iron railings. A narrow tower with a side gabled, tiled roof rises above the buttress located to the south side of the stairway (photo 2).

The east side of the building is similar to the west side, with five round-arch windows divided by scroll-cap buttresses and a corbelled arch frieze. It is distinguished by a corner bell tower with chamfered corners and a rectangular hipped roof crowned by a cross finial. The belfry has round-arch and rectangular openings (photo 3). At the north end there is an entry and stairway similar to the one on the west side (photo 4).

The rear (north) elevation has a curvilinear parapet gable end wall and a large round-arch window flanked by two smaller windows. A small, rectangular service entrance is located in the east corner and a raised round-arch projection with a battered blind arch extends from the center of the elevation (photo 4).

The exterior of the building retains its architectural integrity to an unusually high degree. Alterations to the structure are minor, consisting of the addition of an air conditioning unit in a rectangular window opening in the rear of the building and the enclosure of a round-arch opening at the base of the bell tower.

The interior of the church features a large open sanctuary with wood pews and a vaulted, coffered ceiling supported by square columns and decorative cut stone arches (photos 5, 6, and 7). The center of the ceiling is pierced by a dome which has a central stained glass oculus window surrounded by round arch windows (photo 8). The rear of the church has a balcony with a large cut stone arch opening and an arcaded balustrade (photo 9).

The interior has been remodeled several times. The most obvious changes have been made to the sanctuary area. Recessed in a large arched opening, the sanctuary was

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originally lighted by the three round arch windows on the rear elevation of the building (photo 4). A statue of Jesus Christ was perched on a round arch ledge and flanked by angel statuettes. In 1962 the statue and ledge were replaced by a wood panel with a crucifix. In 1970 a wall was constructed to cover the rear windows, the wood panel removed, and the crucifix placed on the wall. In 1989 the Catholic Diocese sold the church to the City of Lake Wales. It is now in the process of being renovated for use as a community art center, but the plans call for little change to the sanctuary. The basement will be remodelled somewhat to provide storage space and a reception hall.

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Property Group**SUMMARY:**

The Church of the Holy Spirit at 1099 Hesperides Road is significant at the local level under Criterion C as an excellent example of high-style Spanish Mission style architecture, one of the most popular designs employed during the Florida land boom era of the mid-1920s. The church contributes to the Lake Wales Multiple Property Group under Associated Context: **Boomtime Development, 1919-1928** and Associated Property Type F.3: **Public, Transportation, and Religious Building, 1919-1928.**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The 1927 construction of the Church of the Holy Spirit was the result of six years of planning and preparation. In 1920, the Lake Wales Land Company donated a lot on the corner of Fourth Street and Johnson Avenue as the site for a new Roman Catholic church. Later, church officials felt that this site would be too small for the future needs of the church and traded the land for the present lot on Hesperides Road. The church was originally intended to be a simple wood frame building; however, the affluence which the community achieved during the Florida land boom enabled the congregation to erect a more substantial structure. They hired architect P.C. Samuell of Winter Park, Florida, to draw the plans. The congregation insisted the building be constructed in the popular contemporary Spanish Mission style and that it cost no more than \$7,000 to build.

Although the church trustees voted in favor of Samuell's design for the building in January 1926, construction was delayed for over a year when the collapse of the Florida land boom dried up available loan capital. Not until March 1927 was ground broken and construction begun. The R.W. Burrows Construction Company, a local contracting firm, was hired to execute Samuell's design. In addition, the church hired landscape architect, A.E. de Leon to apply the exterior stucco and lay out the exotic shrubbery and trees that originally dotted the lot. The church was completed and the first services were held in December 1927.

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The Church of the Holy Spirit is the one of the most architecturally distinctive buildings in Lake Wales. On the occasion of its dedication the local paper wrote of its appearance:

The building is a masterpiece of architecture and representative of the best thought of men who are on familiar terms with church and cathedral architecture and construction in the old world. One might easily believe that this interesting structure, with its time stained walls and ancient tower, slipped in from some bygone day and settled down for centuries to come in its new modern surroundings.

Almost all of the features which inspired such praise in 1927 remain intact. The church is notable for its incorporation of nearly every defining feature of the Spanish Mission Style: curvilinear parapets, red tile roof, towers, and arched entries and windows. The interior displays distinctive features, including an art glass dome, a coffered ceiling, stone arches, and elaborate capitals.

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- 1 1) Church of the Holy Spirit, 1099 Hesperides Road,
 Lake Wales Multiple Property Group
 2) Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida
 3) Stephen Olausen
 4) 1989
 5) Historic Property Associates, St. Augustine, FL
 6) View of Main (S) facade camera facing N
 7) 1 of 9

Items 1-5 are the same for photographs 2-4, unless otherwise noted.

- 2 6) W elevation, camera facing E
 7) 2 of 9
- 3 6) Oblique view of E elevation, camera facing NW
 7) 3 of 9
- 4 6) Rear (N) elevation, camera facing S
 7) 4 of 9
- 5 3) Max Monarch
 4) 1990
 6) Sanctuary, camera facing N
 7) 5 of 9
- 6 3) Max Monarch
 4) 1990
 6) Sanctuary, camera facing N for S balcony
 7) 6 of 9
- 7 3) Max Monarch
 4) 1990
 6) Detail of interior arches, columns, and windows,
 camera facing W
 7) 7 of 9
- 8 3) Max Monarch
 4) 1990
 6) Interior of dome
 7) 8 of 9

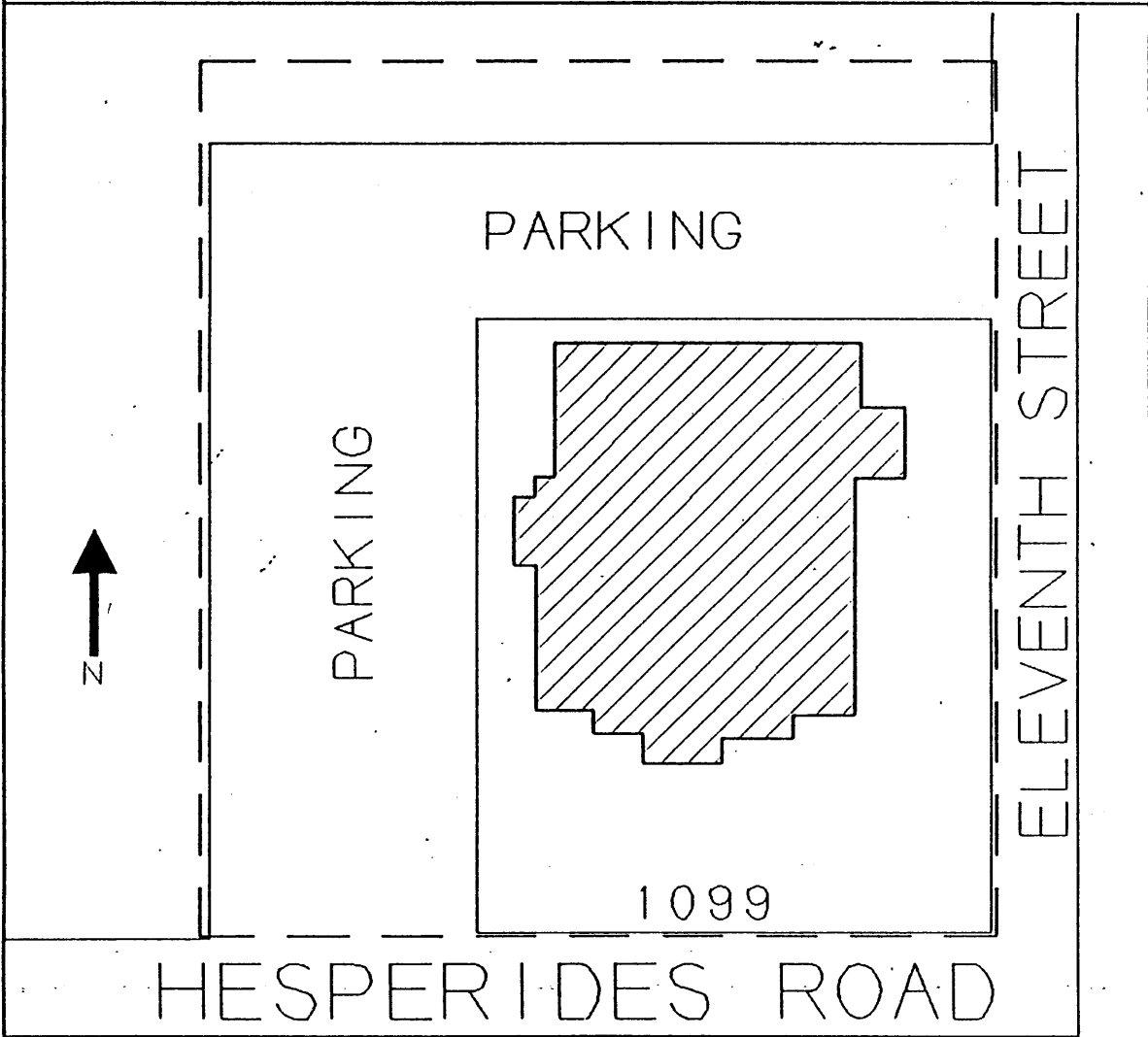
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 - 3) Max Monarch
 - 4) 1990
 - 6) S wall, camera facing S
 - 7) 9 of 9

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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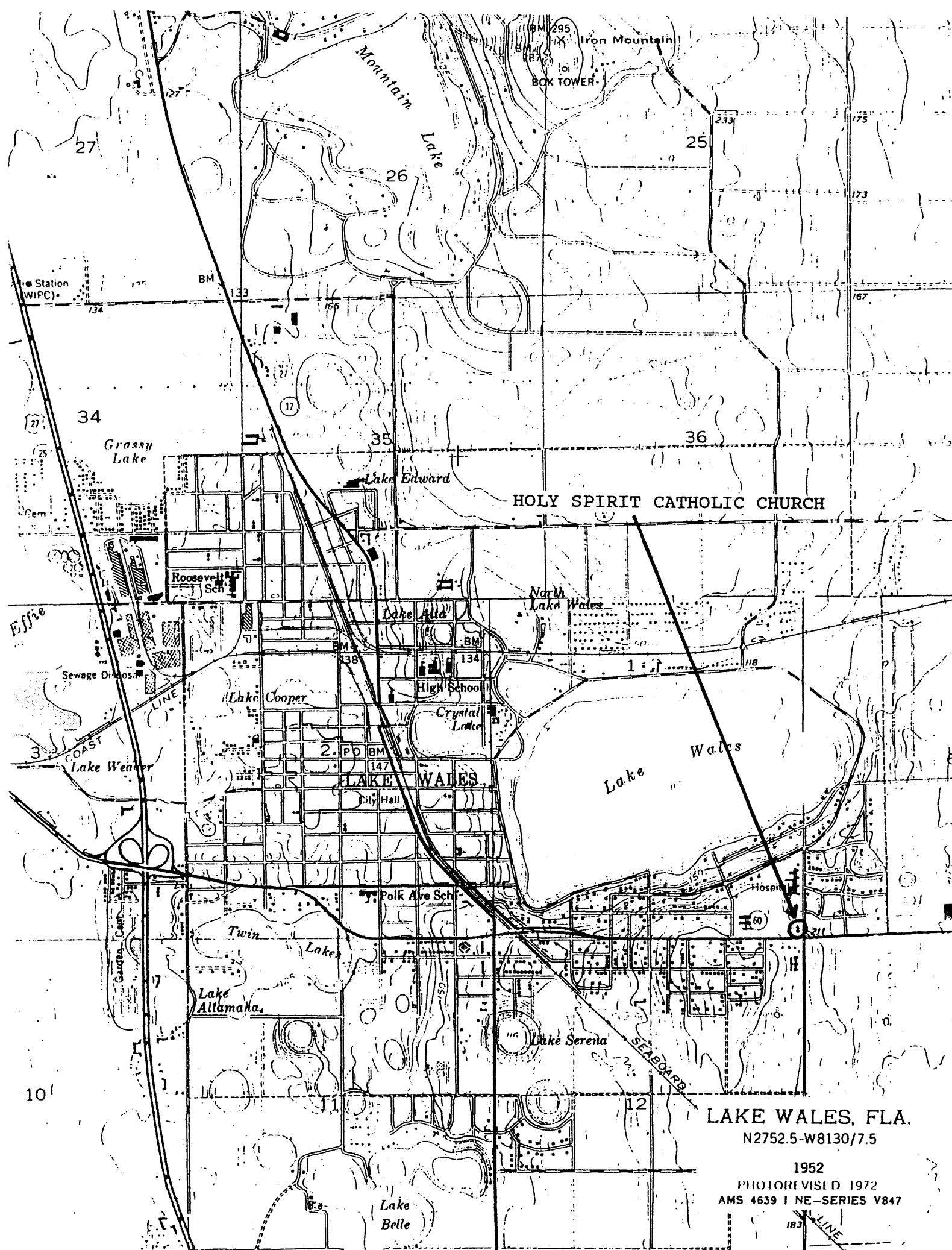
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CONTRIBUTING PROPERTY

SCALE: 1" = 60'

LAKE WALES, FL





HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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