



**United States Department of Interior
National Park Service**

**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 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89
other names/site number Rosendale Grange No. 697

2. Location

street & number 203 West Division Street N/A **not for publication**
city or town Rosendale N/A **vicinity**
state Wisconsin **code** WI **county** Fond du Lac **code** 039 **zip code** 54974

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)


Signature of certifying official/Title

2/16/15
Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer - Wisconsin

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 commenting official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89

Fond du Lac

Wisconsin

Name of Property

County and State

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.
 - See continuation sheet.
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other, (explain):

Edson G Beall

4-6-15

[Signature]

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- structure
- site
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

contributing	noncontributing
1	0 buildings
	0 sites
	0 structures
	0 objects
1	0 total

Name of related multiple property listing:
(Enter "N/A" if property not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: meeting hall
RECREATION AND CULTURE: music facility/theater/
sports facility

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE
walls WEATHERBOARD

roof METAL

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Period of Significance

1891-1964

Significant Dates

1891; 1943

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographic References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous Documentation on File (National Park Service):

- 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 #

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State Agency
- Federal Agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name/title	date
organization	telephone
street & number	zip code
city or town	state WI

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 is situated along the south side of Division Street (State Highway 23), just west of Lafayette Street, in the Village of Rosendale, Fond du Lac County. The structure is clearly visible from the roadway, as there are no plantings on the lot. The structure is located in a largely residential area and is surrounded by homes (and a church) to the north, west and east, while Taylor Park is located to the south, just beyond a stand of trees. The hall, which is accessed from the street by a sidewalk, is the only structure on the property.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Hall (1891):

Oriented on a north/south axis, this clapboard-sheathed, front-gabled structure rises two stories from a fieldstone foundation and is topped with a metal-seamed roof. Regularly placed, two-over-two-light windows are located along both levels of three elevations of the building, while the rear (south) elevation is devoid of fenestration, less a single, five-panel wooden door at the south southeast corner. Exterior detailing is largely limited to fish-scale shingle and beadboard trim within the north gabled peak; an approximately 2-foot high wainscot along the north, east and west elevations of the first floor, and bead board wooden-panel insets between the first- and second-floor windows.

The entrance (north) elevation features a pair of five-panel, wooden doors at the center of the first level, which is topped by a pent roof overhang covered with wooden shingles and accented by decorative, carved wooden brackets. A single, two-over-two-light window is located to either side of the entrance and above the exterior, ground-level wainscot. Three similar windows are equally spaced along the second floor. Beadboard panels are located between the outer first- and second-floor windows and a smaller panel is located between the center window and the entrance overhang below. The gabled peak is covered with panels of fish-scale shingles and beadboard, while a central panel reads "Rosendale/Lodge No. 89/ I.O.O.F.", along with three, interconnected links, the symbol associated with the Odd Fellows.

Both the west and east facades are largely symmetrical in their arrangement, with the wainscot along the first floor; five, equally spaced, two-over-two-light windows along the first and second floors; and beadboard panels located between the first- and second-floor windows. The two differences between the elevations are that the east wall includes a doorway along the second floor, at its southernmost end, while the northernmost first-floor fenestration opening is a blind window (covered with clapboard).

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Based on historic photographs and Rosendale Grange records, alterations to the exterior include the removal of a rear, one-story, shed-roofed wing (which housed a stage), as well as the removal of exterior wooden shutters (removed prior to 1982). It is believed that the stage wing was added circa 1908, as evidenced in a postcard view of the building from that year. It remains unclear as to when that rear stage wing was removed; however, it is estimated to have been removed sometime between the late 1930s and early 1940s.

An exterior staircase was added to the building in 1954; while the associated second floor exterior door remains, the staircase was removed in 1979.¹

Restoration efforts to the exterior (to date), include window replacement throughout the structure, but with appropriate, wooden-frame, two-over-two-light sash. Sections of wood have been removed and replaced, as needed, where deterioration has occurred, while the wooden shingles that cover the entrance overhang were removed and replaced with replica, hand-cut shingles.

The first-floor interior of the hall includes a small entrance foyer, a ticket booth and a small storage area (beneath the stairs) at the north end, while the remainder of the building is an open hall. A pair of double doors opens to the hall from the foyer and a short set of stairs in the foyer accesses the longer, north/south staircase that runs along the west side of the building to the second floor. The second floor is comprised of three rooms, which originally functioned as: a storage room (northernmost), a robing room (which was later changed to a kitchen) and the actual fraternal meeting room that occupies more than the south half of the floor. A small closet is located near the north end of the hallway. A three-inch-high, raised platform is located around the outside of the meeting room; the north platform area (at the center of which the Noble Grand sat, the area of which is slightly higher than the rest of the platform) is wider than the east and west platforms. A raised platform is also located at the north end of the meeting space (for the Warden), between the two doorways. Original interior features include the maple and pine flooring on the first and second floors, respectively, and wainscoting along the first floor, as well as wooden bullet trim around all doorways. Pressed tin with a texturized pattern covers the walls of the first floor, but that was believed to have been installed at some point in the 1930s and, perhaps, as late as 1943, when the Grange purchased the building. Interior alterations are limited to the 1982 removal of a temporary stage from the first-floor hall. The basement/foundation level consists of only a crawlspace.

¹Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89, Postcard view, 1908 and undated photograph, both images in possession of the Rosendale Historical Society, Rosendale, WI (See Figures #1 and #2). Rosendale Grange No. 697 (Fond du Lac County, WI) Records, 1931-1983, available at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Area Research Center, Oshkosh, WI.

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Integrity

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 has high integrity having retained original features and materials on the exterior as well as having retained its original plan and interior finishes. Alterations have been minor and do not diminish the historic character of the building. On the exterior, the wood shutters were removed, and deteriorated windows were replaced with exact replicas as were the wood shingles at the entrance overhang. Otherwise, the remaining exterior materials and features are original, including the metal roof. The interior is remarkably intact, including its plan, its floor, wall, ceiling, and trim finishes, and most notably, the second floor meeting space retains its original raised platform.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for local historical significance for its association with the fraternal organizations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Community Grange, as well as for its varied and continued use as a social center for the community of Rosendale. Indeed, in 1998, a Determination of Eligibility was completed for the property (as a result of a highway project) and it was determined eligible (in 1999) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Following their organization in 1889, the Odd Fellows were able to build the subject free-standing structure just two years later and remained here until 1939. During the Odd Fellows ownership, the first floor of the structure was, most notably, utilized as an Opera House, as well as the basketball court for the Rosendale high school from 1896 to 1926. In 1943, the structure was purchased by the Rosendale Community Grange No. 697, the entity of which had formed in the village in 1931. Like the Odd Fellows, the Grangers occupied the second floor for their meetings, while the lower level was used, again, for various community recreational activities including (but not limited to) variety shows, square dancing, roller skating, dinners, and card parties. The Grangers ceased meeting at the building as of 1980. Although the two fraternal organizations were independent entities, both were groups with fundamental philosophies geared toward serving the community. The building's ownership and use by a fraternal order, as well as its continual use as a community center in general, encompasses a Period of Significance of 1891 to 1964. The beginning date is the year the structure was constructed, while the end date employs the 50-year rule.

GENERAL HISTORY OF ROSENDALE

The Village of Rosendale is situated in northwestern Fond du Lac County, which was organized in 1839. The first known settler in the vicinity, Samuel Sanborn, arrived in 1844 from Waukesha County. Approximately forty families had reached the area when the township of Rosendale was organized on 2 February 1846 and the community of Rosendale was formed shortly thereafter in the southern part of Section 35. Rosendale Township originally comprised a large parcel of land, from which Springvale, Eldorado and Lamartine townships were later subdivided. In 1848, following the formation of Springvale Township, the village straddled the newly designated township line, partially extending into Section 2 of Springvale. The line separating the townships runs east to west through the community of Rosendale, along a street originally called Town Line Road and now known as Division Street. Most of the community's early settlers were from New England and the mid-Atlantic states; however, after the Civil War, contingents of German settlers began to arrive as well.²

²Emajejan Westphal, *Yesterday, Today & Forever: A Pictorial History of Rosendale, Wisconsin and 100 Years of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church* (Ripon, WI: Ripon Community Printers, 1984), 57; Mrs. Milo (Harriet) Scheid and Mrs. John (Carrie) Griffiths, *Village of Rosendale, Wisconsin, 1847-1974* (Appleton, WI: J & J Printing, 1975), 1-2, 28, 125,

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Agriculture played a leading role in the settlement's early history. Springvale and Rosendale townships were comprised of relatively level land with fertile soil and moderately wooded sections. The west branch of the Fond du Lac River provided a water source along the eastern and southern portions of Rosendale Township, while Springvale received its name due to the prolific number of springs and streams within its boundaries. As was typical of many Wisconsin settlements in the mid-1800s, farmers cultivated wheat as their first cash crop. However, in 1864, a local farmer named Chester Hazen established Wisconsin first commercial cheese factory in Springvale Township. He was soon followed by George Curtis, who built a factory in Rosendale. In 1870, Hazen also helped to found the first Dairyman's Association in Wisconsin. Dairying quickly assumed a leading role in Rosendale's economic development, as well as in the state as a whole. Additionally, local farmers founded the Rosendale Farmers' Insurance Company in 1873. Also in the 1870s, Rosendale's inclusion on a route of the Sheboygan & Mississippi Railroad (later absorbed by the Chicago & NorthWestern) facilitated the community's success as an agricultural support center by providing local farmers with access to distant markets for their products.³

By the turn of the twentieth century, Rosendale boasted an assortment of enterprises, including a hotel, railroad station, farmers' insurance company, wagonmaker, post office, harnessmaker, two general stores, two blacksmiths, three physicians, and five creameries. The village's two grain elevators were located alongside the depot. In 1903, a group of local residents established the Rosendale State Bank. In addition to churches and schools, two notable fraternal organizations—the Masons and the Odd Fellows--had established themselves in the village that numbered just 220 persons in 1890.⁴

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: SOCIAL HISTORY

HISTORY OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

The Masonic Order represents the oldest fraternal organization both in Wisconsin, as well as in the United States. But the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was a close second—at least in Wisconsin. While the Masons had established three lodges in the Wisconsin Territory by 1843, the Odd Fellows counted two. Perhaps this is not coincidental; indeed, there were basic similarities between the two

197; Maurice McKenna, ed., *Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, Past and Present*, 2 Vols. (Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1912), 2/55, 276-277; *History of Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin* (Chicago: Western Historical Co., 1880), 767-769; *Wisconsin State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1895-1896* (Chicago: R.L. Polk & Co., 1895), 922.

³McKenna, ed., *Fond du Lac County Past and Present*, 137, 276-277; Scheid and Griffiths, *Village of Rosendale*, 22-23, 33, 40, 125, 138-141; Ray Thornton and Ruth Shaw Worthing, *A Photographer's History of Fond du Lac County City and Townships* (Fond du Lac, WI: Badger Freund, Inc., 1977), 150; *History of Fond du Lac County*, 188, 413-421, 768-769; Michael Mentzer, *Fond du Lac County: A Gift of the Glacier* (Fond du Lac, WI: Action Printing, 1991), 35, 39.

⁴McKenna, ed., *Fond du Lac County Past and Present*, 276; Westphal, *Yesterday, Today & Forever*, 58; Scheid and Griffiths, *Village of Rosendale*, 147.

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groups. Primarily, English immigrants transported these somewhat mysterious associations to America, where members continued to practice established rituals involving passwords and regalia. Yet, Masonry is traceable to medieval craft guilds that were eventually adapted to include non-artisans, such as American's eighteenth-century Revolutionary figures George Washington and Paul Revere; the Odd Fellows weren't established in the United States until approximately four decades after the start of the War of Independence.⁵

Specifically, Thomas Wildey established the Odd Fellows in Baltimore in 1819. But the roots of the Order are perhaps as tangled as the name is peculiar. By some accounts, the name and the society predate even the Masons, allegedly having emanated from Roman soldiers in the first century, A.D. Conceding that "the origin of Odd-Fellowship as an *institution* is involved in obscurity," a manual regarding the group suggests a more modern heritage. In 1788, a society of "London mechanics and laborers...presumed to be a Lodge of 'Ancient and Honorable Loyal Odd-Fellows'" bore the following as part of their motto: "When Friendship, Love, and Truth abound among a band of brothers." These three elements constitute the building blocks of Odd-Fellowship, wherein fraternity is the cornerstone. Indeed, fraternalism was the natural outgrowth of the aforementioned eighteenth-century English laborers. In a class-based society, they found comfort among those of their "own kind," who endured the same wants and needs of an underprivileged class. Moved by their common lot, laborers came to rely on one another, basing the Odd Fellows "on the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man"; they instituted crude forms of mutual relief, which included burial of the dead and, subsequently, aid to widows and orphans of the brethren. As a nineteenth-century Odd Fellow noted, it was this strong bond of fraternalism that enabled "the practice and diffusion of the principles of Friendship, in every act of kindness expressive of genuine fraternal feeling; of Love, in the synchronous throbs of hearts as one, alike and mutual, because they have the same lessons, experiences, and motives...: of Truth, as the link that binds brother to brother and man to God..."⁶

Given its overwhelming sense of brotherhood, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is arguable the epitome of a fraternal organization. The desire for its brand of unity was strong in nineteenth-century America; many settlers—particularly those of Anglo-Saxon origin—supported Odd Fellow chapters in the fledgling nation. Admittedly, these chapters took on more of a recreational/social function and, perhaps, partly reflected the immigrants' desire to carry over a link with their native land. Regardless, Odd Fellow membership rapidly increased in the United States and nearly surpassed the number of Masons during the 1830s, when a scandal sparked anti-Mason hysteria. The hysteria subsided and

⁵Barbara Wyatt, ed., *Cultural Resource Management in Wisconsin*, 3 vols. (Madison, WI: Historic Preservation Division, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1986), Vol. 3, Social and Political, 5/2-3.

⁶Ibid.; A.B. Grosh, *The Odd Fellows Manual* (Philadelphia: H.C. Peck & Theo. Bliss, 1853), 20-21 (includes all but final quote); Henry Leonard Stillson, ed., *The Official History of Odd Fellowship: The Three Link Fraternity* (Boston: The Fraternity Publishing Company, 1914), 48-49; 837 (includes final quote).

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although the Masons were more numerous by 1850, the Odd Fellows were among the “important cultural institutions that played an instrumental role in the maintenance of group life, particularly in the more isolated rural communities.” This included many in Wisconsin. The number of Odd Fellow lodges in the state soared from fourteen (with 699 members) in 1847 to 311 (and 18,997 members) by 1912. Over that time, collected dues for mutual relief jumped from \$126 to \$34,837. Rosendale’s Lodge No. 89 was, indeed, part of this growth.⁷

HISTORY OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS LODGE NO. 89

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 was organized in Rosendale under Grand Master Dunn in 1889, as a result of the work of the following nine original petitioners: J.E. Ulrich, Andrew Porter, G.B. Pease, J.F. Duley, C.E. McCumber, Jacob Buchner, B.H. Dodd, R.N. Pynch and A.J. Bertrand. Two years later (1891), the subject structure was completed in the community that numbered just 220 persons in 1890.⁸ The following brief article from a local Fond du Lac newspaper, entitled “Dedicated a New Hall,” outlines the building’s dedication:

The dedication of the new Odd Fellows Hall at Rosendale, occurred Thursday evening. Visitors from Oshkosh, Ripon, Fond du Lac and Milwaukee were in attendance, there being in all about 300 members of the order present. Grand Master H.E. Dickenson was present and conducted the services, while Hall’s Orchestra, of this city, furnished the music. It was a gala day for Rosendale, and the Odd Fellows of that little city may well feel proud of their new lodge room and the hospitable manner in which they entertained their guests.⁹

Women also sought the friendship, love and truth flowing from the Odd Fellow’s fraternal bond. Consequently, the Sisters of Rebekah was established in 1851 as the female auxiliary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Rosendale had its own chapter of the Rebekahs (known as Roena Lodge #125), which used the subject structure for meetings twice a month. Aside from the fact that Mrs. A.C. Perry (the wife of the Odd Fellows secretary during the early twentieth century) was once the State President of the Rebekah Lodges, little else has been discovered about Rosendale’s

⁷Wyatt, ed., *Cultural Resource Management in Wisconsin*, Vol. 3, Social and Political, 5/3-4; *Wisconsin State Gazetteer and Business Directory, 1895-1896* (Chicago: R.L. Polk & Co., 1895), 922; Theo. Ross, *Odd Fellowship: Its History and Manual* (New York: the M.W. Hazen Co., 1888), 642; Stillson, ed., *Official History of Odd Fellowship*, 886; Blanshan, telephone conversation with Laura Abing; photocopied material provided by Blanshan, on file at Heritage Research, Ltd., Menomonee Falls, WI. Notably, the first lodge in the state of Wisconsin was established in 1835 by a group of coal miners that had moved from Pottsville, Pennsylvania, to Mineral Point, Wisconsin. “Iowa Lodge No. 1” as it was called, was chartered and a lodge building was constructed in 1838. This building today serves as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows “WI IOOF History” Available online at www.ioofwi.org, Accessed in December 2013.

⁸Photocopied material supplied by Blanshan (identified only as page 25); “History of Rosendale and the High School,” *Fond du Lac News*, 27 October 1905, Article available online at www.wisconsinhistory.org, Accessed October 2013.

⁹“Dedicated a New Hall,” *Fond du Lac Daily Commonwealth*, 16 October 1891, 3/4.

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Rebekahs. Similarly, no other specific documentation has been found regarding the activities of the Odd Fellows associated with Lodge No. 89. In addition to providing mutual relief, its members presumably led efforts to help the elderly and poor. These were activities spearheaded by the Odd Fellows nationwide as the fraternal spirit developed a broader context throughout the twentieth century. Yet, all that can be documented is that meetings of both the Odd Fellows (held every Saturday night as of 1903, but changed to Wednesdays as of January 1904) and Rebekahs (held the second and fourth Tuesdays in 1903) took place on the second level of the subject building; the first level included a stage and entertainment hall that served as the village's entertainment center.¹⁰

Perhaps the most notable and enduring activity that occurred there, from 1896 to 1926, was the local high school basketball games (and practices) by both the girls and boys teams. Additionally, community plays, band concerts, wedding receptions, and church dinners occurred here. Furthermore, the hall was specifically identified as an "opera house" during the early twentieth century and included a shed-roof wing to the rear that included a staging area. It is believed that the stage wing was added circa 1908, as it is evidenced in a postcard view of the building from that year. No doubt, that staging area was utilized for the 1911 commencement ceremonies, as noted in the Rosendale High School graduation program. During the winter in the 1930s, A.H. Bluemke & Sons, Co., along with John Deere, hosted a "tractor school" which was held at the Odd Fellows hall. It remains unclear as to when that rear stage wing was removed; however, it is estimated to have been removed sometime between the late 1930s and early 1940s. Lodge No. 89 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows continued to hold their meetings in the building until 1939, after which they consolidated with the Ripon Lodge.¹¹

HISTORY OF ROSENDALE GRANGE NO. 697

While the Odd Fellows membership was beginning to decline in the 1930s, another fraternal organization—the Rosendale Community Grange No. 697—was organized on 4 June 1931 by William Armstrong. Although generally identified as a fraternal organization, women were among its members from the beginning of Rosendale's chapter. Grange No. 697 evolved from the greater nationwide Granger movement, which Oliver Kelley initiated among farmers in 1867, the full name of which is the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. These "Patrons of Husbandry" belonged to

¹⁰Scheid and Griffiths, *Village of Rosendale*, 280-281; *The Rosendale Journal*, 15 May 1903, 1; "Rosendale is a Thriving Village," *Rosendale Daily Reporter*, 23 October 1913; Wyatt, ed., *Cultural Resource Management in Wisconsin*, Vol. 3, Social and Political, 5/5. The Ripon Lodge lost its charter in the late 1970s.

¹¹Information regarding the first-floor usage obtained by Emajean Westphal, who gathered stories and anecdotes from longtime local residents (Fern Wittchow, Grace Shafer and Dorothy Gransee), as well as materials held in possession of the Rosendale Historical Society for which she serves as president. Such materials include a 1935 photograph of the interior of the Grange Hall, which shows the tractor school in session, photograph in possession of the Rosendale Historical Society. As of 2013, there are nineteen active Odd Fellows and twelve active Rebekah lodges in the state of Wisconsin, Lodge information gleaned from the state Odd Fellows website, www.ioofwi.org, Accessed in December 2013.

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local units known as granges, which worked to secure farmers' interests in an era when market prices and railroad rates stirred an agrarian revolt. The early Grangers' principle of working for mutual benefit is echoed in Rosendale's Depression-era Grange No. 697, which sought to promote "Community service work of every kind and detail." The first meeting of the Rosendale Grange was held on 6 May 1931 and, within three weeks, it was agreed that meetings would be held in the "Lodge Room" of the Odd Fellows hall at a cost of \$50 per year. Membership was cited as nineteen brothers and eleven sisters. Within a year of its organization and meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall, the group showed interest in a new meeting place. Despite a narrow vote in favor of moving (25-24), no change was made and the group continued to rent space at the Odd Fellows hall at a cost of \$50/year (which was raised to \$75/year as of June 1933 and to \$80/year in 1939. Four years after the Odd Fellows physically left their Division Street building, the Grange purchased the structure in 1943 for \$1,000.¹²

Among its varied efforts, this group was responsible for the following: working with other local granges to ensure free delivery of rural mail to all; securing approval for installing the first stop signs at the intersection of State Highways 23 and 26 in the village; building and maintaining the Fondrose Grange Wayside, a picnic area created north of Rosendale in 1954; serving the homebound; hosting dinners for community organizations; maintaining the upkeep of area cemeteries; and sponsoring educational courses and scholarship contests. Like the Odd Fellows, members of Grange No. 697 utilized the first floor for a variety of community activities such as variety shows (1930s-1940s), band concerts, square dancing (1950s-1960s) and card parties. Recollections of long-time members of the Grange include going to see the polka band of Cousin Fuzzy and his Cousins. Beginning in 1947, the first floor was utilized once a week as a roller rink. In 1952, the hall was redecorated by a five-woman committee and, eight years later, the Rosendale Grange received the award for best community service among state granges. Additional local groups to meet there in the 1960s included the area 4-H Club and the senior citizens (beginning in 1966).¹³

In June 1971, the Rosendale Grange celebrated its 40th anniversary. Earlier that year, the five remaining members of the Lamartine Grange merged with Rosendale and, four years later, Grange No. 697 consisted of just forty members. The group continued to use the extant building as a meeting

¹²Scheid and Griffiths, *Village of Rosendale*, 178; Rosendale Grange No. 697 Records, 1931-1983; Suzanne Lehman, "Grange Growing Old, but Members Still Dedicated," *Oshkosh Northwestern*, 13-14 March 1982, copy of newspaper page in possession of the Rosendale Historical Society. Please note that the 1982 newspaper article, as well as the 1998 Determination of Eligibility for the structure, cites that the Grange met in the Town Hall when it organized. At this time, it is believed that the reference to a "town hall" was a colloquial reference, but was, instead, a reference to the Odd Fellows Hall.

¹³Scheid and Griffiths, *Village of Rosendale*, 179-180; Rosendale Grange No. 697 Records, 1931-1983. Recorded recollections of Wittchow, Shafer and Gransee; "Rosendale Grange Honored," photo and caption, *Milwaukee Sentinel*, 21 October 1960.

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facility until 1980, at which time they moved their meetings across the street to the basement of the Rosendale State Bank building. The group officially disbanded in 1983.¹⁴

RECENT HISTORY OF THE BUILDING

In 1980, the Grange sold the property for \$6,500 to Erv Zamrow, who had planned to develop it; however, the downturn in the economy did not support those plans. Two years later, Zamrow sold off the vacant land to the south to the property owner adjacent to the west, while the subject building and a smaller parcel was sold to Chicago attorney Dewey Suster, who operated the building as an antiques store, known as Grange Hall Antiques. The business was discontinued in 1986; however, Mr. Suster maintained ownership of the building and utilized it for storage. In May 2010, Philip and Susan Pinch donated the monies that allowed the Rosendale Historical Society to purchase the subject property. Shortly thereafter, the foundation was repaired where necessary and the original metal roof was painted in order to prevent further rusting. In 2011, the original windows were measured and new, wood-frame examples were custom-made. Sponsorship of a new window was \$500, for which the sponsor received a name plaque near their window. The exterior beadboard panels were replicated and replaced, as deteriorated boards had become host to swarms of bees. As well, the cedar shingles of the entrance overhang were hand cut and replaced, and the entire exterior was re-painted from the previous white to the current cream color. In 2012, the ground floor interior was painted and the I.O.O.F. name, date and three links symbol in the gabled peak was re-painted more prominently. Since that time, interior improvements continue to be made; including the repair of the second-floor ceiling. By May 2014, and following the installation of plumbing (a luxury that the building has never had), the Rosendale Historical Society hopes to move permanently into the building.¹⁵

CONCLUSION:

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 is significant at the local level for its association with the fraternal organizations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Community Grange, as well as for its varied and continued use as a social center for the community of Rosendale. It is among the few physical reminders of a period of time when fraternal organizations dominated the social fabric of small towns. Also notable, the structure was built specifically for the use of a fraternal

¹⁴“Grangers Start 41st Year,” *Fond du Lac Commonwealth Reporter*, 22 June 1971, 16/5-7, including photo; Grace Shafer, Former member of Grange No. 697, telephone conversation with Laura Abing, 18 December 1998, notes on file at Heritage Research, Ltd., Menomonee Falls, WI.

¹⁵Rosendale Grange No. 697 Records, 1931-1983; Lehman, “Grange Growing Old, but Members Still Dedicated”; Dewey Suster, owner of subject structure from 1982 to 2010, telephone conversation with Traci E. Schnell, 11 December 1998, notes on file at Heritage Research, Ltd., Menomonee Falls, WI; restoration efforts supplied by Emajeane Westphal, Rosendale Historical Society president, email correspondence with Traci E. Schnell, 5 December 2012.

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organization rather than simply renting quarters in already extant structures in the community. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 in Rosendale is among twenty eight Odd Fellows Lodges identified in the state. Eight others are listed in the National Register of Historic Places as contributing resources in an historic district and only one other has been listed individually. Notably, of these other NRHP listed buildings, one has wood siding, the rest are of masonry. Finally, but not any less significant, was the building's first-floor hall which was utilized for numerous community social, educational and recreational activities including (but not limited to) variety shows, dancing, card parties, dinners, as well as high school sports and band concerts. The building was, indeed, the primary social location within the community of Rosendale for over three quarters of a century.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL:

An archaeological survey was done in conjunction with the STH 23 reconstruction project in 1998, the limits of which were restricted to the parameters defined by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Although no official archaeological deposits have been reported, the archaeological potential for the property itself remains unassessed at this time.

PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES:

The Village of Rosendale does not have a preservation or landmarks commission; however, they do have an active historical society. The society, and specifically Emajean Westphal, was helpful during the 1998 historic resource survey associated with the STH 23/Division Street reconstruction project. As a result of that survey project, four Determinations of Eligibility (DOEs) were completed, three of which were Determined Eligible--one of which was for the subject property, another was for Sisson's Peony Gardens, located on North Main Street, just north of STH 23/Division Street. In 2005, the garden was purchased by the Westphals for the Rosendale Historical Society and the group has since restored the peony beds, which they continue to maintain, along with members of the community. In 2006, with support of the Society, the property was listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The garden is open daily at no charge; however, donations are accepted for their maintenance. In early June, the Society celebrates "Peony Sunday" with a lunch and homemade desserts.

As noted in this nomination, in 2010, with monies donated by Philip and Susan Pinch, the Society was able to purchase the subject structure. Since that time, they have replaced the windows and made several repairs including the foundation and exterior cladding, among others. Work on the interior continues to date, including floor refinishing, painting, rewiring, and, most significantly, the eventual installation of plumbing. The building is planned to serve as the Rosendale Historical Society headquarters and museum. The nomination of this property was pursued by the Society for no other reason but for their passionate interest for its preservation.

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Latitude/Longitude:

43.807590/ -88.677086

Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated parcel is a rectangle that measures 66 feet x 142 feet and is a portion of the legal parcel corresponding to the legal description, which is be described as follows:

UNPL LAND S2 T15N R15E COM 475.20' W OF TH E 1/4 POST TH W 66' S 165' E 66' N 165' TO BEG (958840).

Boundary Justification:

The historic boundary is justified as follows: the north boundary line (66 feet) follows the existing curblineline of Division Street/STH 23; while the south (66 feet), west (142) and east (142) boundary lines reflect the property's existing lot lines. Per available online county land records, the actual lot extends to the center line of Division Street/STH 23; however, the roadway itself has been drawn out of the boundary.

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Name of Property: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89

City or Vicinity: Rosendale

County: Fond du Lac

State: Wisconsin

Name of Photographer: Traci E. Schnell

Date of Photographs: November 2012

Location of Original Digital Files: Heritage Research, Ltd., Menomonee Falls, WI

Number of Photographs: 9

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View to southwest

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89

View to southeast

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89

View to northwest

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 (Detail: gabled peak trim)

View to south

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 (First-floor interior: Entrance, ticket window and door to hall)

View to east southeast

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 (First-floor interior: view of entrance doorway (left) and ticket booth doorway (right))

View to north northwest

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 (Second-floor interior: hallway door to right, Warden's platform at center, doorway to robing room at right)

View to north northwest

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 (Second-floor interior: View of meeting hall from robing room)

View to south southwest

December 2012

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 (I.O.O.F. virtue/theme boxes)

View to north northwest

December 2012

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Figure #1: 1908 postcard view (north and east elevations) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89.



Figure #2: Undated photo (north and west elevations) of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89.

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Figure #3: Undated photo of the high school basketball team with first-floor entrance and ticket booth doors, as well as the basketball hoop, behind them.



Figure #4: Rosendale Band, 1918.

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Figure #5: Tractor School in first-floor meeting hall, March 5, 1935. Stage wing likely still attached at rear (which would be located in front of the audience and not visible).

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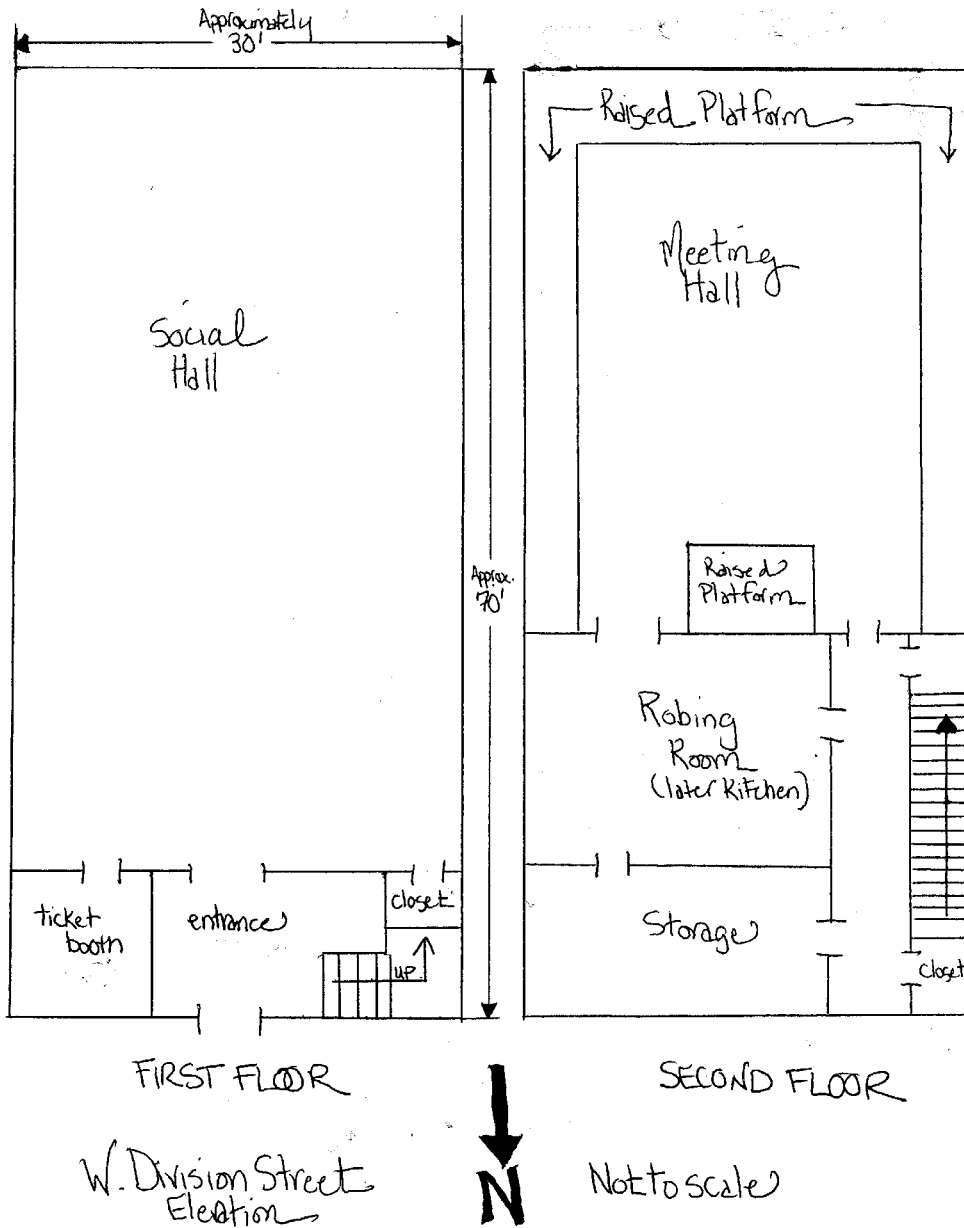


Figure #6: Floorplan

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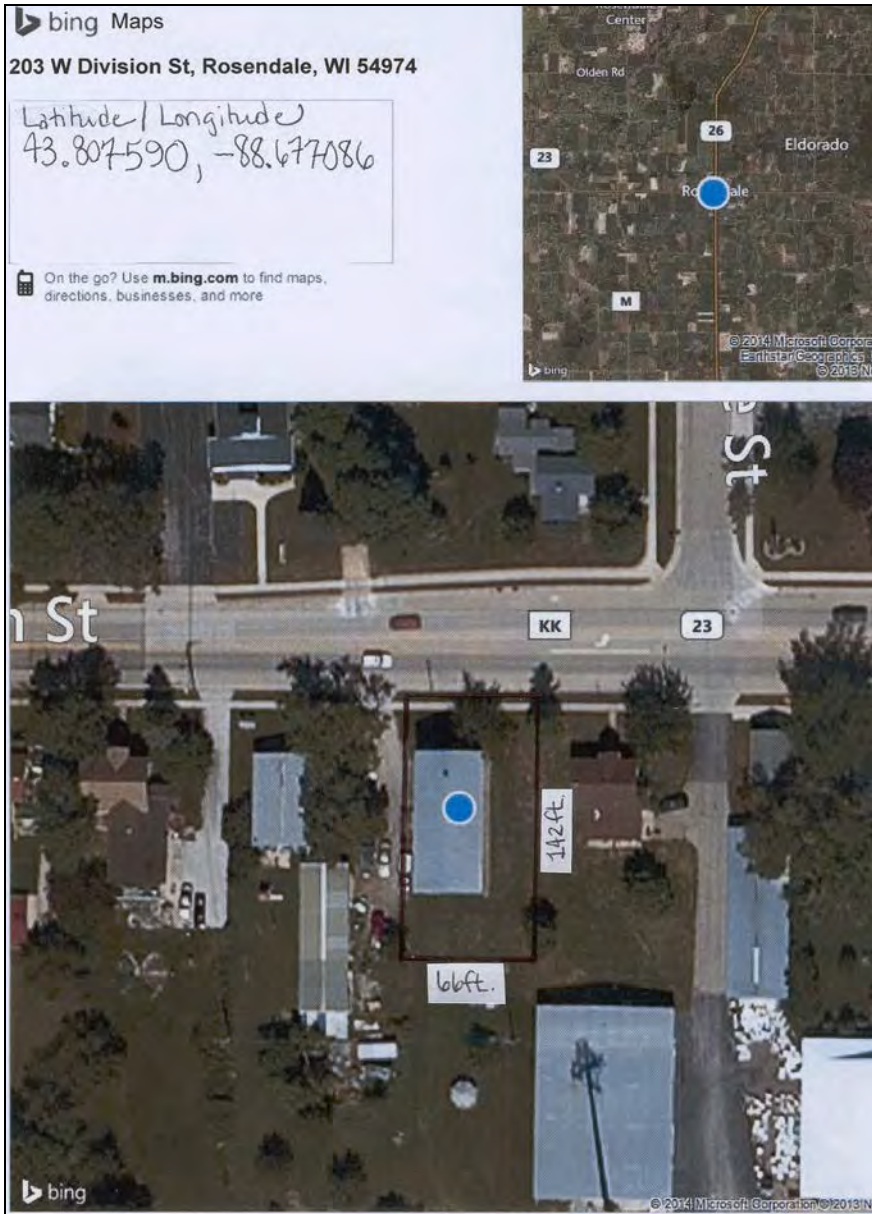
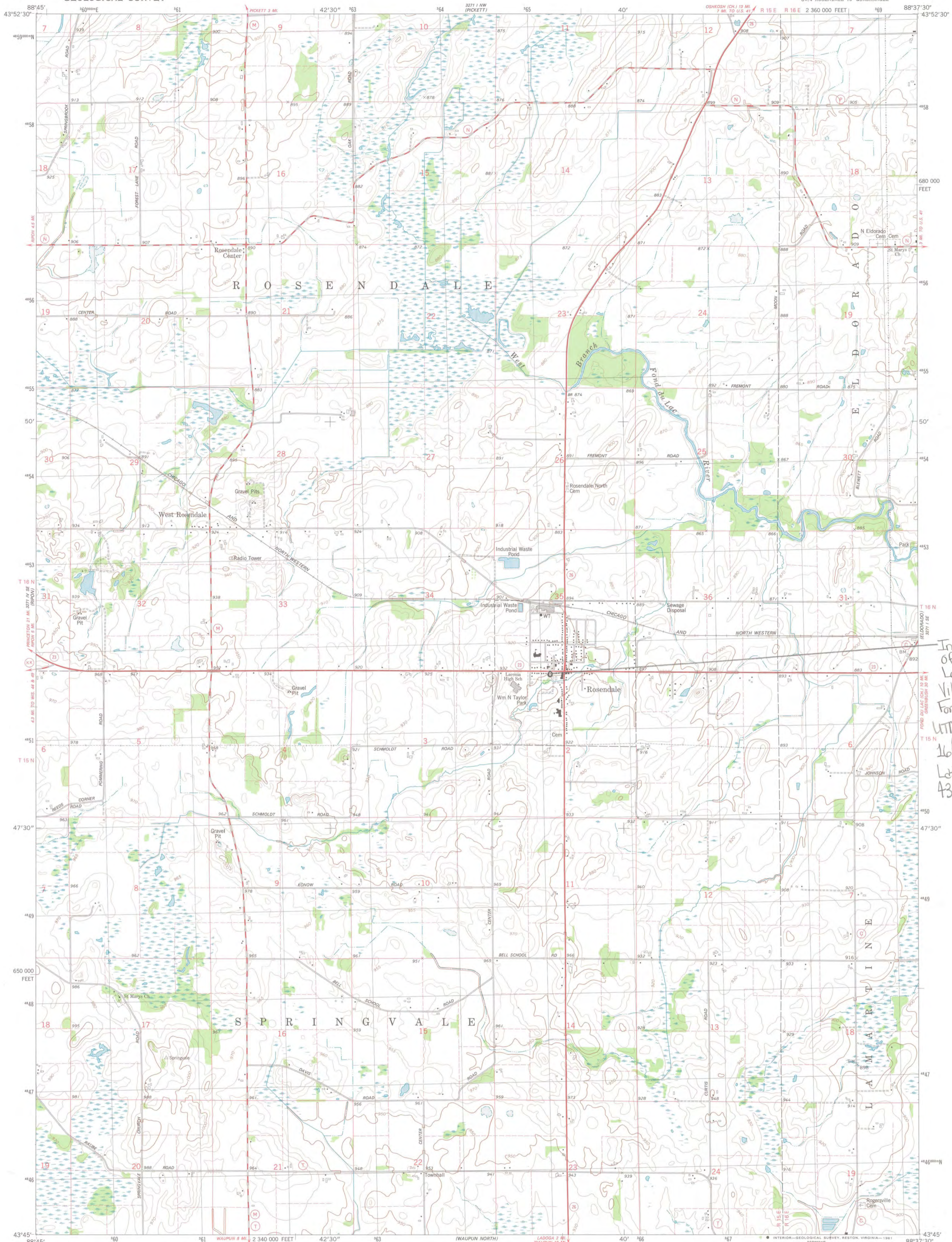
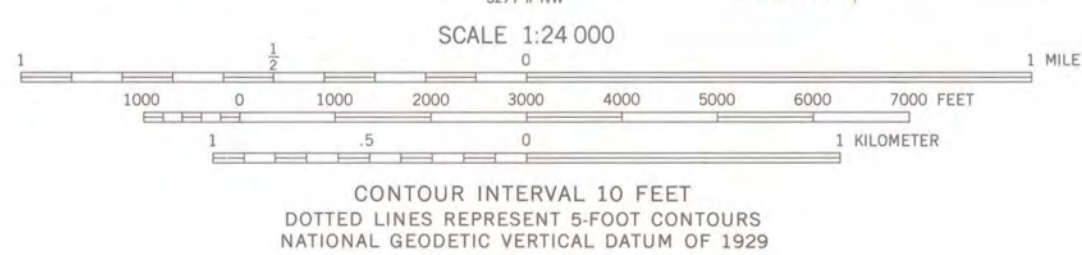
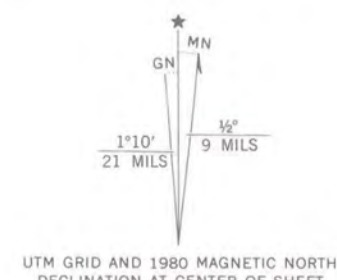


Figure #7: Location & Boundary Map



Independent Order
of Odd Fellows
Lodge No. 83
Village of Rosendale,
Fond du Lac County
UTM Coordinates:
160365100 / 4451640
Lat/Long.:
43.807590, -88.171086

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9 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	Slate Route

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SW/4 ROSENDALE 15' QUADRANGLE
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LODGE NO 85
I.O.O.F.



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1888





ROSENDALE

LODGE NO. 89
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WISCONSIN, Fond Du Lac

DATE RECEIVED: 2/20/15 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 3/17/15
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 4/01/15 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 4/07/15
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 15000137

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

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DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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Wisconsin Historic Preservation Review Board
c/o Peggy Veregin
Wisconsin Historical Society
816 State St
Madison, WI 53706

February 14, 2014

Members of the Board:

Thank you for taking the time to consider our letter in support of the nomination of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 in Rosendale to the Wisconsin State Register of Historic Places and National Register of Historic Places.

We strongly believe in preserving our state and community history. Organizations like the IOOF were an intrinsic part of Wisconsin's heritage and culture, not only in small communities like Rosendale, but also throughout the state as a whole. In fact, the IOOF in particular actually predates Wisconsin's statehood by 13 years. It's incredibly important to us to remember the organization and Lodge No. 89, and being added to the prestigious Wisconsin and National Registers of Historic Places will help keep the memory alive and history preserved.

As you continue your service on the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Review Board, please carefully consider the nomination of IOOF Lodge No. 89 and our strong support for it. We hope that you will find it worthy of addition to the Wisconsin State Register and National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Michael Schraa
State Representative
53rd Assembly District

Rick Gudex
State Senator
18th Senate District



WISCONSIN
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY



TO: Keeper
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Peggy Veregin

SUBJECT: National Register Nomination

The following materials are submitted on this 16th day of February 2015,
for the nomination of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 89 to the
National Register of Historic Places:

1 Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form

 Multiple Property Nomination form

9 Photograph(s)

1 CD with NRHP Nomination Form Word Document

1 CD with electronic images

1 Original USGS map(s)

5 Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)/historic photograph(s)

1 Piece(s) of correspondence

 Other _____

COMMENTS:

 Please insure that this nomination is reviewed

 This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67

 The enclosed owner objection(s) do _____ do not _____
constitute a majority of property owners.

 Other: _____