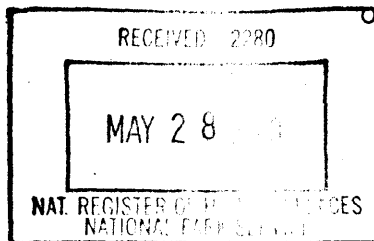


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 any 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 Union Church of Dunnigan

other names/site number Dunnigan Community Church

2. Location

street & number 3615 County Road 89A not for publication

city or town Dunnigan vicinity

state California code CA county Yolo code 113 zip code 95937

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Stephan D. Miller DSXPO 5/23/03
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

California Office of Historic Preservation
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 or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this 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): _____

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Gabson H. Beall 7/10/03
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Union Church of Dunnigan
Name of Property _____

Yolo County, CA
County and State _____

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
- site
- structure
- object

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

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

N/A _____

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion: Religious Facility

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Religion: Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Gothic Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick
roof wood shingle
walls weatherboard

other stained glass windows

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 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 a 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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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 # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Social History

Architecture

Period of Significance

1894-1953

Significant Dates

1894

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Bullder

Builders: Gruing Bros. (Knights Landing); Marsh Peart (College City); Mahogany Pew Co.

Primary Location of Additional Data

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

Name of repository:

Yolo County Archives

Union Church of Dunnigan
Name of Property _____

Yolo County, CA
County and State _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
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2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____	_____

See continuation sheet.

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

name/title Shirley Gooch & Barbara Cotter

organization Restoration & Preservation Committee, Union Church date November, April 2002

street & number P.O. Box 203 telephone (530) 724-3371; 724-3321

city or town Dunnigan state CA zip code 95937

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 the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

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The Union Church of Dunnigan
Dunnigan, CA 95937

Description:

The Union Church of Dunnigan is a one story building located in the rural farming area of Dunnigan California. Construction began on the church back in 1892 and it was completed in 1894. It is designed with definite Gothic influences and is typical of the New England country churches. Built on a box plan, the church has a multi-gabled roofline complemented by a corner tower and steeple. The tower is square and has a pointed roof with a finial. The bell tower rises over the church entrance. A louvered area houses the original bell which still rings with a pull of the rope. The north, south and front sides above the window tops are covered with fish-scale overlay wooden shakes. Pointed arch windows with colored glass and mullions adorn the front and side facades. Smaller pointed arch windows are located on the building as well and their motif is echoed in the entry door also with a pointed arch. The foundation is brick with a vertical wood skirting.

Inside the church there is a sanctuary, a meeting hall and a foyer. Colored glass wooden framed doors separate the rooms. The pews are semi-circle in design and are made of oak. The pulpit is raised with an oak railing in a semi-circle. This area also forms an alcove to the sanctuary by jutting out against what would be a square room. The walls and ceiling are now covered with furtex. The floors are pine wood boards. Original door knobs and door hinges are ornately detailed brass fixtures. Electricity and a natural gas furnace have been added over the years out of necessity. Otherwise the church remains as it looked back in the 1890's.

The community always has taken pride in maintaining the favorable appearances of the structure. It is still used for religious purposes serving all denominations as was written in the original bi-laws. The community is still an agricultural area.

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**Union Church of Dunnigan
Yolo County, California**

Alterations to the Church

The Church has had only a couple of alterations over the years. There was no exact written documentation but the following changes were made during these time periods:

The front paneled door was replaced some time in the early 1950s. The bell tower went from the open trim to an enclosed louvered tower some time in the 1960s. A natural gas furnace was put in around the 1950s as well as electricity. Some of the colored glass has been replaced to cover repairs. About 80% of the glass is original. The exterior has been painted over the years as needed.

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**Union Church of Dunnigan
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The Union Church of Dunnigan is significant in the areas of social history and architecture. It not only serves the community as its only place of worship, it provides a focal point of Dunnigan's history since it is the only historic public building still standing in the town of Dunnigan. The church is also a good example of Gothic Revival architecture and was evaluated as National Register eligible during a 1986 historic property survey of Yolo County.

The Gothic Revival style of architecture was popular in America beginning about 1835 and was used for houses and churches, primarily. By 1880 its use in residential building had declined although it remained popular for church architecture well into the 20th century. The Union Church is a good example of the style in a small and simple rural building. It is the only example in Dunnigan and one of only a few in the county. Some of the aspects of the building that are indicative of the Gothic Revival are its steeply pitched cross-gabled roofs and its pointed arched windows with drip molds. Other notable features of the church are its oak pews and altar railings. The pews are curved to accommodate a semi-circular seating arrangement. The double doors separating the sanctuary from the meeting room are wood with inset glass panes. The original doorknobs and hinges are ornately detailed brass.

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The Union Church of Dunnigan
Dunnigan, CA 95937

Statement of Significance:

The Dunnigan Union Church is significant for its long history with the development of the community of Dunnigan. It is a small farming community which began its growth back in the early 1850's. Early religious groups met in schools until the church was first built in 1892. The land for the church was donated by Phillip and Kate Laugenour, early residents of Dunnigan. The contractors were the Gruing Bros. of Knights Landing and the builder was Marsh Peart of College City. Many local residents helped in the work like Sam Parker who furnished and hauled the gravel. The Article of Incorporation for the church stated that the church was never to be denominational. It should serve as a union or community church. Preachers of the early years came to Dunnigan from all around. Weddings, funerals and baptisms were held there over the years. In the 1960's and 1970's, a group of local women known as the Ladies Aid held a yearly Christmas bazar to sell their handiwork, baked goods and candy to pay the insurance and repairs when the church was not being used by a congregation.

The town of Dunnigan was first called Antelope. It was a stage depot and small settlement in the early 1850's. Anthony Wayne Dunnigan was one of the first settlers to the area along with John Wilson and J.S. Copp. Mr. Dunnigan settled on 700 acres he named the Dunnigan Ranch. In the same time period many other early settlers began to arrive in the settlement. In 1855 Mr. Dunnigan built a hotel known as the Dunnigan House or 'Dunnigans'. The stage would make runs between Knights Landing and Colusa taking passengers, cargo and the mail. There was rapid growth for the settlement in the next 15 years. George Lewis built the first general store, later owned by William Earll; Joe Gray opened a saloon; Z.T. Haines started a drug and notion store; another building owned by Mr. Dunnigan was known as the Lodge Hall; James Johns opened a meat market; Tom Mitchell and Henry Yarick owned and operated a blacksmith shop; other saloons opened; a barber shop and four homes were completed (two of these historic homes are still here today). A brickyard was located about two miles north on Bucheye Creek. In the late 1860's the first school was built. In 1876 the Northern Railway (later known as the Southern Pacific Railroad) completed its roadbed through the community and the Antelope Stage Depot became the railway station with Burnell Wilkerson being the first depot

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Dunnigan, CA 95937

Statement of Significance (continued):

agent. On November 1, 1876, the community of Antelope became the town of Dunnigan. Also in 1876, the Dunnigan Post Office was established. Mr Dunnigan was the first Postmaster. The original post office was in the same location as the current post office today. The first Dunnigan fire truck was purchased in 1926. Bill Morris was hired as the driver/fire fighter/maintenance man. A small tin building was constructed to house the new truck. The Dunnigan Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1941 with John Case as Fire Chief with a salary of \$100 for three months work during fire season.

The church was a great addition to the town in 1892. Through the years, buildings have been lost either through fire or deterioration. The Church is our last remaining bit of history and it is now threatened with deterioration. Repairs are depleting the funds available. Funding has been through personal donation, memorial contributions and lately through some fund raising projects. But these funds only help with minor repairs. We want to preserve it for future generations.

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Yolo County Records Office, Woodland California:

Deed recorded March 7, 1898 between P.T. Langenour and Kate K. Langenour and the Trustees of the Union Church of Dunnigan.

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The Union Church of Dunnigan
Dunnigan, CA 95937

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Personal interviews : May 2002 through October 2002.

Many long time residents have shared their information and photographs:
Betty McGrew, Audrey Hanks, Elizabeth Goodman, Myrtis Weidemier, Tom & Gladys Mumma,
Vern & Mildred Cotter, the McCullough Family, Nancy McCullough, Mary Aulman, Teri
Langenour, the Schaad Family, Joyce Dawley and the Hoernlein Family.

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The Union Church of Dunnigan
Dunnigan, CA 95937

Verbal Boundary Description:

The lot sits on County Road 89A in Dunnigan just north of Dunnigan Creek. It is on the east side of road 89A. The north and east sides are bordered by fences of surrounding properties. The lot measures 105' by 156'.

Lot 16 of the Laugenours Addition to the town of Dunnigan CA.
Lot 16, Section 15 T12N R.1W. Parcel #51-210-03

Verbal Boundary Justification:

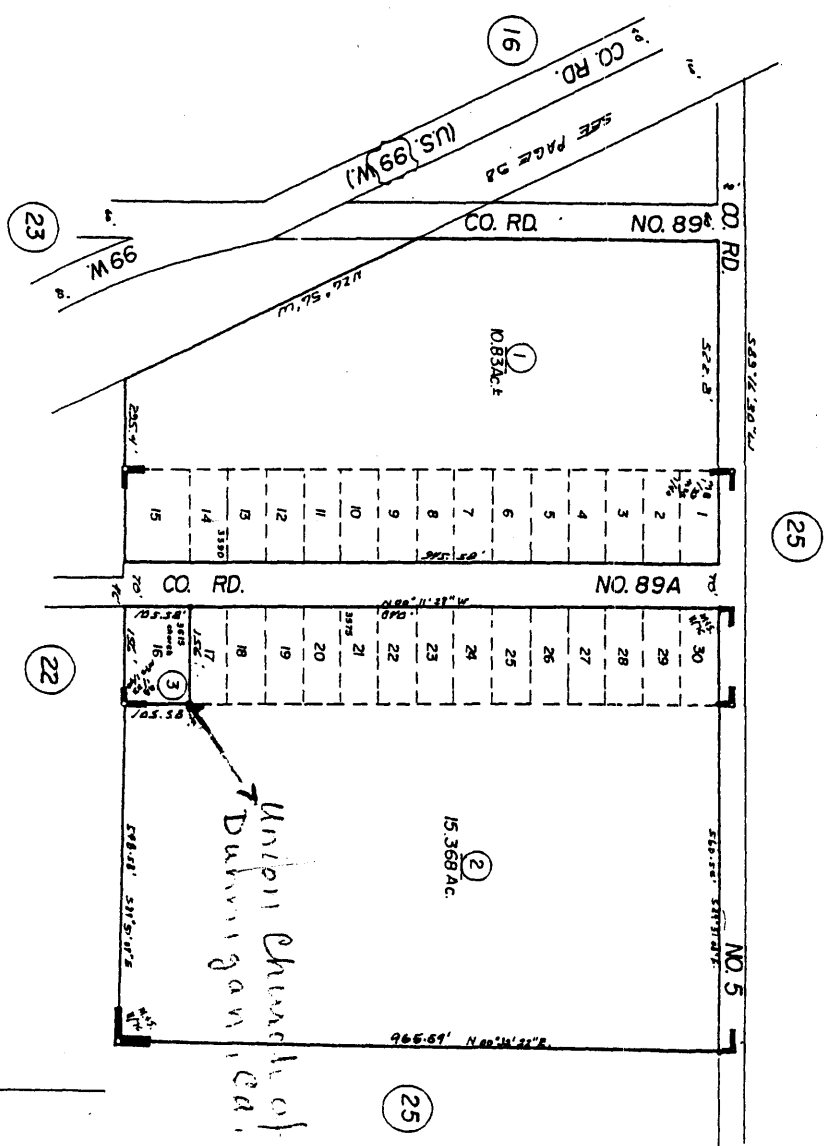
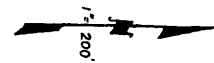
The property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the church.

FOR SEC. 15, T. 12N., R. 1W., M.D.B.&M.

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Union Church of Dunnington
 Dunnington, Ca. 95927

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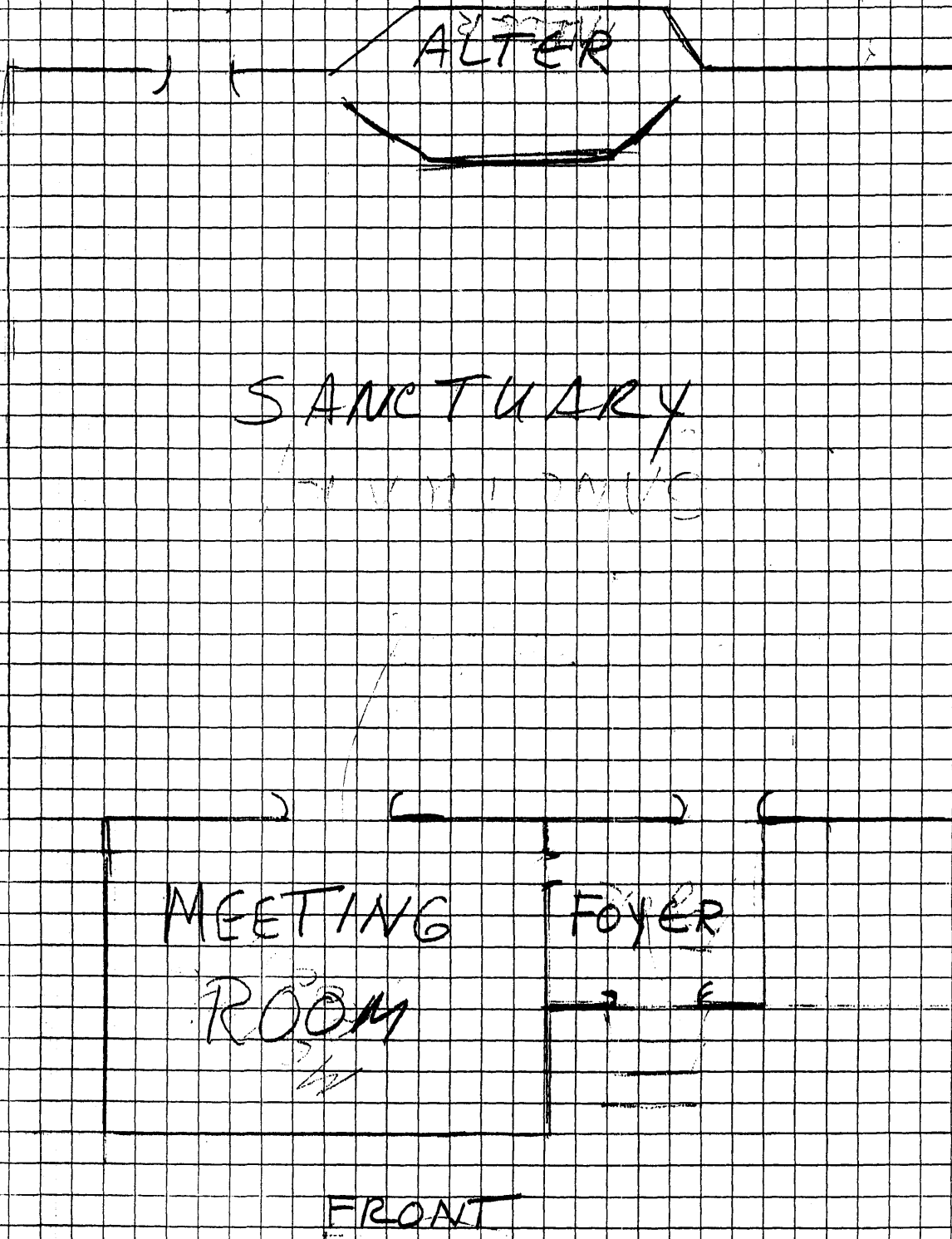
TOWN OF DUNNINGTON
 Assessor's Map Bk. 51, Pg. 21.
 County of Yolo, Calif.

(Formerly 19-20)

NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses.

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Union Church of Dunnigan
FLOOR PLAN
REAR





Dunnigan Cal, Shinkle

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Photo taken in 1906

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