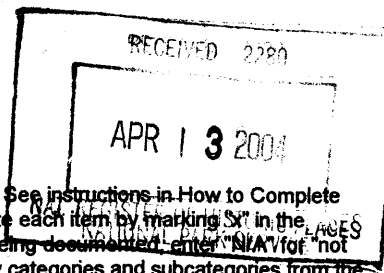


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 NPS Form 10-900
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 Registration Form



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 West Grove United Methodist Church

other names/site number Methodist Episcopal; Methodist

2. Location

street & number 21944 Echo Av.; Bloomfield, IA 52537 (911 address) not for publication

city or town West Grove X vicinity

State Iowa code IA county Davis County code 051 zip code 52538

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

Rowell J. Lake April 9, 2004
 Signature of STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA Date

State of Federal Agency and Bureau

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

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State of Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register
See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register
See continuation form.

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, (explain)

Robert W. Beall 5/26/04
 Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

West Grove United Methodist Church
Name of Property

Davis County, IA
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

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

private

building(s)

Contributing Noncontributing

public-local

district

_____ 1 _____ 0 _____ building

public-State

site

_____ 0 _____ 0 _____ sites

public-Federal

structure

_____ 0 _____ 0 _____ structure

object

_____ 0 _____ 0 _____ objects

_____ 1 _____ 0 _____ Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

_____ N/A _____

_____ 0 _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/RELIGIOUS FACILITY

RELIGION/RELIGIOUS FACILITY

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals

Foundation Concrete

walls wood/weatherboard

Roof Asphalt

other Glass

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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

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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance

1904

Significant Dates

1904

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Methodist Board of Church Extension

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite 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 # _____

Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of Repository: _____

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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

3 _____ | _____ | _____
Zone Easting Northing

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 PASTOR CHRISTINE PAULEY
Organization WEST GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH date July 5, 2002
street & number P.O. BOX 339 202 WEST NORTH telephone 641-724-3549
city or town MORAVIA state IOWA zip code 52571

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:
Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minutes 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 West Grove United Methodist Church
street & number _____ telephone 641-929-3923
city or town West Grove state IA zip code 52538

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Statement of Narrative Description

The West Grove United Methodist Church is a well-maintained, one story, white, wood framed building. It is located in the town of West Grove, Iowa, a small “crossroads community” originally created to serve the neighboring farmers. The town was fortunate due to Allen Sawyers and his forward looking. West Grove was surveyed in 1853 by Major William H. Cheever for Sawyers. It was originally north of the present Iowa Highway 2, but the Sawyers’ Addition added to the east in 1868 and the Biddle’s Addition added to the south in 1869 created the present West Grove. West Grove is located about nine miles southwest of Bloomfield and in 1882 was described as, “... a thriving town and growing steadily, and is surrounded by a splendid country.” The 1880 census stated a population of 1,093 residents in the township.

The site of the church is on about one acre located on the north side of main street on the east side of town. This was the site of the original church of West Grove, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, organized March 20, 1854, and built in 1881. The foresight of Allen Sawyers made this possible as he donated the land for religious purposes. After the death of the Cumberland pastor, the church became a Lyceum Hall, then later used for a school after the original school burned, then it was left unoccupied. The stated reason the church had been abandoned was that its pastor Rev. I.W. Biddle had been killed when his horses were scared and his wagon overturned on him. Members then went to other area churches.

The area around the building is cultivated lawn sloping slightly towards the south and east. To the west is a small graveled parking area. Various types of trees surround the acreage boundaries on the north and west.

Stylistically, the church shows a Gothic Revival influence. Weather has been kind to it, plus the diligence of its faithful members through the years.

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The gable roof is shingled and the exterior walls have weatherboard siding. It maintains its historical integrity and stands as a sentinel for its heritage. Its outward appearance has changed little in the last century.

The two story Gothic style bell tower includes two round stained glass windows (one facing south and one facing west. There are four louvered openings, one facing each direction and a copper cross (added about 1990) tops the spire. The original details of the tower remain intact and the bell is still rung each Sunday announcing its service.

The basement is of poured concrete in the ground and concrete blocks above ground. As part of the ceiling of the basement, the original Cumberland Presbyterian solid hand-hewn beams support the floor of the upper structure. These beams still show the adze marks. A full basement was completed in 1945.

The chimney was removed for safety reasons in 2000 with the hopes that it could be rebuilt someday. A canopy awning (added in 1952) covers the double entry doors which lead to the vestibule. The structure outwardly remains much as it was built with the exception of no longer being on ground level, as it was raised to add the basement which necessitated creating a covered door entry under the bell tower leading to the basement. A handicap ramp allowing access to all people to its upper story was added in 2000.

There are a total of eighteen stained glass windows with the newest created by 1903. Eleven windows, plus the two bell tower windows date to 1881 as they were retrieved from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church that was located on the same site as the present building. It was torn down in 1902 so that the present building could be erected. Fifteen of the windows are Gothic arched framed, one is rectangular decorating the top of the back door and two are round rose windows for the bell tower.

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The double entry doors open to a vestibule which includes one gothic framed stained glass window (28" wide and 90" high). The vestibule opens to an overflow room on the north and to the sanctuary on the east. The original woodwork remains intact and is made of southern white pine, cherry stained and darkened through the years from the coal heat. The overflow room and sanctuary are divided with wooden folding doors decorated with panels. The doors stand from the floor to a dividing beam reaching over ten feet tall and covering nearly the width of the sanctuary.

The interior walls are wainscoted with masonite below and blocks of beaverboard above. The ceilings of the overflow area and the sanctuary are vaulted and covered with a lighter color of beaverboard blocks. The wood floors are of Douglas Fir and are of tongue and groove construction. The altar area is outset in the middle of the east wall. There are three chandeliers in the sanctuary and one in the overflow room that date from 1952. There are six sconces on the walls, two on the north, two on the east and two on the south. The lights were chosen to represent the era of the building and installed in 1952. There are a total of 17 oak pews, seven on the south, five on the north, with five center pews.

Four Gothic framed stained glass windows decorate the overflow room, one large (38" wide and 127" high) and two (30" wide and 98" high) smaller on the west and one smaller (30" wide and 98" high) on the north. All the sanctuary windows came from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, thus of 1881 vintage. There are a total of ten gothic framed windows: three face north (two 34" wide and 106" high with the center one 44" wide and 148" high), three face south (two 34" wide and 106" high with the center one 44" wide and 148" high), one faces west (30" wide and 98" high) and two face east (30" wide and 98" high) with one south window (28" wide and 90 inches high) in the outset altar area. There is a door from the outset altar area with frosted

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glass that goes to a very small entry area with a ladder to the basement and an outside door decorated with the rectangle stained glass at the top (30" wide and 16" high). This door window as well as those in the overflow area date to the 1903 construction. The altar area is raised with a circular altar railing decorating it that opens on each side.

The original church was erected by the men of the church and of the community. Renovations were made with the purpose to better minister to the people yet keep the integrity of the building as much as possible in honor of the pioneers who built it. In 1938 Rev. Hawes, pastor, saw the need for a basement. The church rested on a rather crumbling, sandstone foundation. So he personally raised the foundation upon jacks. Services were held in the public hall for a while. Cement blocks were used to support the building. First, a future kitchen space was dug out on the west side of the future basement and the floor covered with poured cement. This was first used as a coal room for a newly installed furnace.

In 1945 a furnace was installed in the cubby hole below the back of the pulpit and was reached by a ladder. In this same year a full basement was dug and a cement floor laid as it remains today. Men of the community, whether they belonged to the church or not, pitched in and helped with the work required.

1952 brought installation of complete interior lighting and an oil heating plant. Now, the kitchen was completed. The church exterior was painted. 1974 brought a new gas furnace and air conditioning was added. There were 88 members at this time. 1981 brought new entrance doors and entry way paneling with items such as an eternal light and a Public Address System.

Though these modernized the church, they did not detract from its historic integrity. The last exterior paint was applied in 1995 by volunteers from the church, community, and the Bloomfield and Drakesville United Methodist Churches. In 2000 a handicap ramp and a bathroom upstairs was built to meet the needs of all people.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The West Grove United Methodist Church is locally significant under Criterion A as the best surviving example of a “crossroads community” church in Davis County and which served as a magnet to the neighboring countryside. According to Molly Myers Neumann’s “Rural Life and Livelihoods ca. 1840-1940: an architectural and historical survey of the Crossroads Communities of Davis County, Iowa,” Crossroads Communities provided goods, services, and activities for the rural “neighborhood” that extended in a four to five mile radius from the community. This distance was established by the distance easily traveled on horse or by foot. The Crossroads Community’s commercial center often included at least one general store, blacksmith and harness shops, mills, and other businesses. The Crossroads Community also contained a school and at least one church. West Grove is unique in Davis County in that although it was originally a Crossroads Community, it later developed into a railroad town.

Churches played a vital role in Crossroads Communities. In addition to being a place for Sunday morning worship, they provided other worship and social opportunities. Meals were often served before, between, or after services, and choirs provided parishioners with the opportunity to socialize with their neighbors.

It is also significant under Criterion C as a good example of the Gothic Revival design promoted by the Methodist Board of Church Extension. The West Grove United Methodist Church is a good example of a frame church constructed in the Gothic Revival style. The style became popular during the mid 1800s, as exemplified by the Gothic cottages of A.J. Downing and Alexander Jackson Davis. It became a common style for church design and remained influential as such well into the 20th century. The key character-defining features of the Gothic Revival style are found in the West Grove United Methodist Church. These include a steeply

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pitched hip or gable roof, windows and doors with pointed arches, and an asymmetrical plan, often with a tower.

The West Grove United Methodist Church was identified along with four other Davis County churches during the 1993-1994 Crossroads Community survey. The Troy Methodist Church, the Savannah Christian Church, and the Parish Christian Church have been altered by the application of modern siding. The Monterey Christian Church has had several modern additions. The West Grove United Methodist Church meets the registration requirements proposed during the survey: it retains its basic shape and proportion, the doors and windows have not been altered substantially, and it has had only minor alterations. Although the survey report does not serve as an official Multiple Property Document, the results of the survey indicate that the West Grove United Methodist Church is the least altered church in the eight Davis County Crossroads Communities.

The church is being nominated because of its architecture and its importance to “crossroad community” development and as such satisfies Criterion Consideration A.

It has served its community religious needs for more than 100 years and has served in the described location for one hundred, plus years. It began as a “crossroads community” serving neighboring farmers. The community served economically through the railroad bringing in supplies and the surrounding area bringing their goods to send out. The church was in the hub of the activity, serving as a meeting place for both spiritual and community needs.

Well-maintained, the church was once one of five churches, but now is the only church in the town and the only church in a five-mile radius that still provides religious services. Its architecture is one of the few existing in the area that reminds people of the heritage of the small country church, yet its stained glass beauty has brought hope to the eyes of many, both in the

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community and those traveling Highway 2. The church building is more than a physical structure, it is a hall of memories.

The site of the church is on about one acre located on the north side of main street on the east side of town. This was the site of the original church of West Grove, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, organized March 20, 1854, and built in 1881. The foresight of Allen Sawyers made this possible as he donated the land for religious purposes. After the death of the Cumberland pastor, the church became a Lyceum Hall, then later used for a school after the school burned, then was left unoccupied.

“The West Grove Cemetery is north of the church about a quarter of a mile. James A. Stinson, the father of Martha Sawyers from North Carolina, died and was buried in one of Sawyer’s pastures. On the fifth day of September 1857 Mr. Sawyer deeded the land on which his father-in-law was buried to West Grove for a cemetery.” (Harper)

When the heirs of Sawyers learned that the church planned to build, they donated the land, signing the Quit Claim Deed for the sum of \$1.00 on September 13, 1902, to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1902 the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was torn down and the men of the church and friends of the church built the present building, utilizing substantial material from the previous building.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

In 1899 the Methodist Episcopal Church formally organized, though it had been in actual existence since 1871 because Rev. W.G. Thorn was listed as pastor. Early pastors boarded about and usually only stayed one or two years. Records were lost concerning pastors until 1892. In 1892 a parsonage was built for Rev. F. M. Pichworth (serving till 1894). Rev. D.G. Abbott (serving 1894-1895) and Rev. E.J. Shook (serving 1895-1897) also lived in this parsonage.

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The heirs of Sawyers donated the land, signing the Quit Claim Deed for the sum of \$1.00 on September 13, 1902, to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Note: On dedication day, January 24, 1904, it was recorded as a “cold, windy day. Services lasted all day. The congregation served dinner across the street in an upstairs room of the hardware store.” The faith of twenty-seven members created this church.

The church carries on a tradition started in 1949 of serving a hot meal to those who visit the graves of their loved ones. Each year on Memorial Day about 100 people come to visit the West Grove Cemetery and come to eat at the West Grove United Methodist Church reminding themselves and others of how the church and the town interacted in their lives. This tradition has continued with the exception of only a few years. There is no other building available in an eight mile radius for people to meet and no restaurant, etc. available to be nourished.

In 1939 the church became the Methodist Church when the union of the Methodist Episcopal, the Methodist Episcopal South, and the Methodist Protestant united. In 1968 it became United Methodist when the Evangelical United Brethren and the Methodist Church took place. It has affected many local people on their road to success and others who have gone out into the world towards success.

It was sold by a Quit Claim Deed to trustees: W. W. Sencensy, D.G. Garner, W.D. Barnett, J.A. Stansberry and W.L. Stansberry and their successors in office in trust for the use and benefit to the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America subject to the *Discipline*, usage, and ministerial appointment of said church.

The original cost was \$2,000.00 recorded in the 1904 minutes of the annual conference of the denomination. B.F. Shane was pastor. The 1903 Conference Minutes states, “A new church is in process of erection at West Grove, B.F. Shane pastor. This church is (being) built after one of

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our church extension plans and will cost when complete about \$2000, \$1800 of which is already secured. The Board of Church Extension greatly aided us in this work by donating \$25.”

The Methodist Board of Church Extension were included in all parts of the building of the West Grove Methodist Church. The church itself was already formed and meeting. A committee notified the Conference that they desired to build a church. A district committee approved the possibility and were updated as plans proceeded. When the land was donated the Board was notified and they came to look at the land and be sure that it was adequate. The Board also viewed the plans and approved them. They showed their support by supplying \$25.00 and giving suggestions for fundraising.

The 1904 Conference Minutes states, “Dr. W.J. Hancher won a great victory, by God’s help, in securing the entire amount necessary to complete the debt on the church at West Grove, and now our people have a beautiful modern church. B.F. Shane, the pastor has won for the Master a signal victory during his pastorate at West Grove.” Dr. Hancher was president of IWC. The remaining debt of \$325.00 paid off in 1907.

The name changes indicate only the unions of its denomination and the church has served continually, though one time services were stopped briefly, but the courage of one pastor kept the church in ministry.

In 1923 the appointed pastor failed to take the work, so in the summer of that conference year West Grove was “supplied by C.R. Rowe, son of Rev. R. C. Rowe“. The minutes states: “Owing to the disintegration of our work at West Grove it is my purpose to unite Wesley Chapel, Bethel, Floris and Locust Grove in one charge with the pastor residing in Bloomfield.-----The West Grove property will be sold, and the proceeds used to purchase a parsonage there.” So the church and the parsonage were sold. Local conditions were awkward and persons who for their own reasons wished to see the church disposed of. But the best laid plans of mice and men go

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oft awry, and the sale of the church was seen headed off and the precious property once again came into the possession of its rightful possessors.” The 1925 minutes says: “Pastor Trostle has labored indefatigably to round the circuit into shape, having traveled 6,500 miles in his flivver to do it. We now have a good strong circuit centering in Bloomfield-----The West Grove people have reopened their church building, which they had nearly lost through abandonment of services. The Quarterly Conference last year sold the inadequate parsonage of West Grove---- Thus, Bloomfield circuit has become one of the best rural charges in the conference.” Just as soon as the members realized what had happened that the church had been sold, they immediately got busy. Rev. Trostle took a definite stand, and secured the key to the padlock, opened the sanctuary, began preaching services, and the miracle took place, to the answer of the fervent prayers of the people. It is a fact that there was too much indifference, a loss of attendance, and a lack of proper support that turned out to be a near tragedy.

The church has been served by over 40 pastors and has been partners in various combinations of circuits. At different times it has been combined with the United Methodist Churches of Bloomfield, Drakesville, Wesley Chapel, Ash Grove, Locust Grove, Pella, and others. Records of the church show details of construction and health of the church. Among the records are:

- No balance in September 1902 after paying W.D. Sawyer \$50.00 for one acre of land.
- Costs of construction were:
 - ↳ In May 1903 the Brady Foundation was paid \$35.00.
 - ↳ The H.J. Southern Freight on stone was paid \$27.96.
 - ↳ Freight on the lumber was paid \$33.60.
 - ↳ In June 1903 Foundation work to Brady \$28.00
 - ↳ Carpentry \$21.25.
 - ↳ J. Southern Freight on stone \$5.82.
- Treasurer J.W. Young recorded that in September 1904 the balance on hand was \$15.20.
- On Nov. 6, 1904, \$1.55 for the a.m. service and \$1.75 for the p.m. service was collected.

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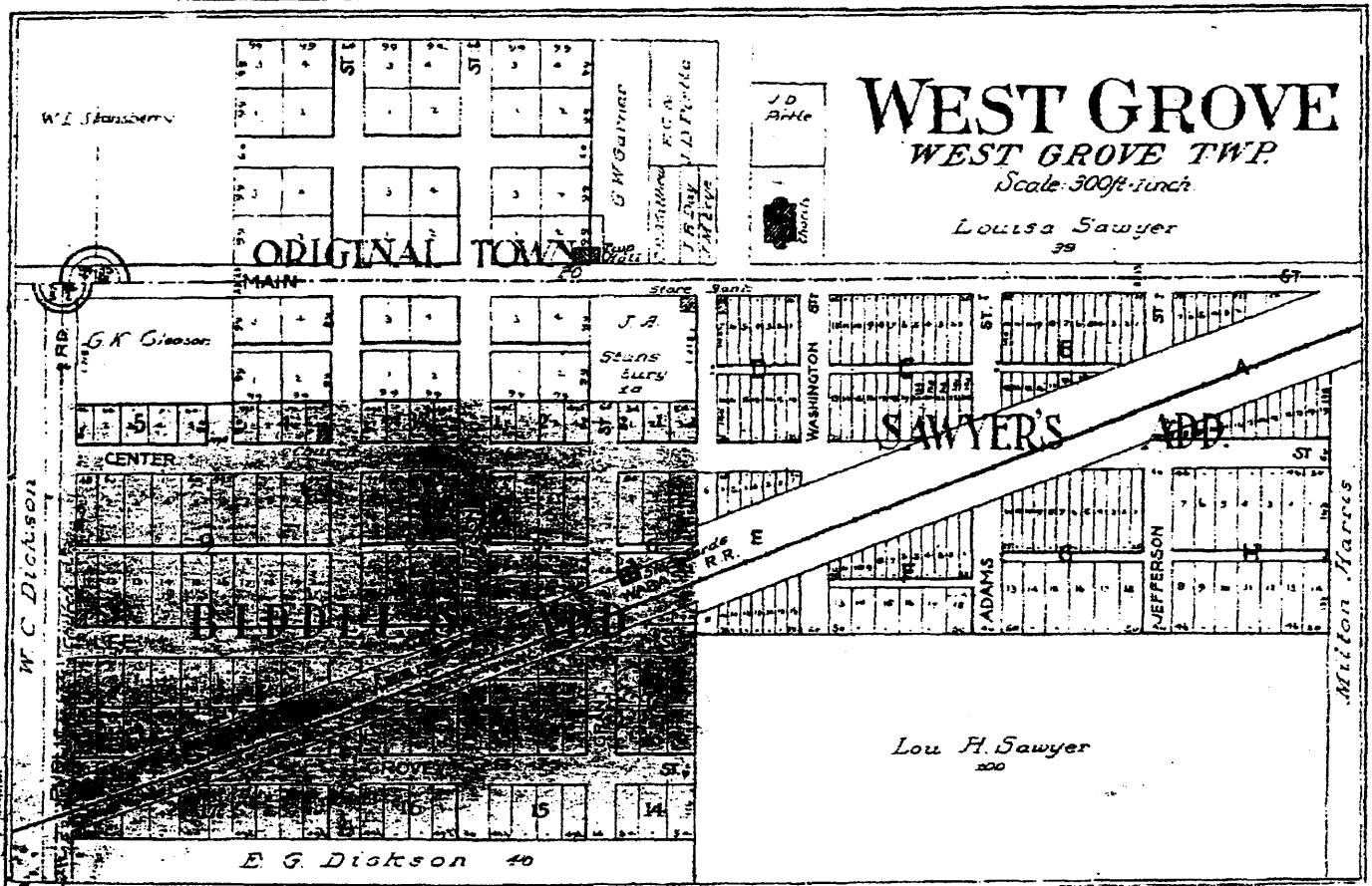
- In January 1905 the balance was \$3.04.
- In October of 1905 the treasurer was W.L. S. Trenz.
- In September of 1907 the treasurer was G.M. Rudd.
- Dr. J. W. Hancher received \$25.00 for his sermon on dedication day, January 1904.
- July 1915 Emma B. Stansberry Treasurer recorded a balance of \$58.98.
- Memorial Day Luncheon first served in 1949 (served 105)and was continuous through 1963 (served 53). Only 28 were served in 1954.
 - ⌘ 1959 made \$61.37
 - ⌘ 1960 made \$37.66
 - ⌘ 1961 made \$42.50
 - ⌘ 1962 made \$78.80
 - ⌘ 1963 made \$55.00
- The dinners continue today after a break of a few years serving between 60 and 100.

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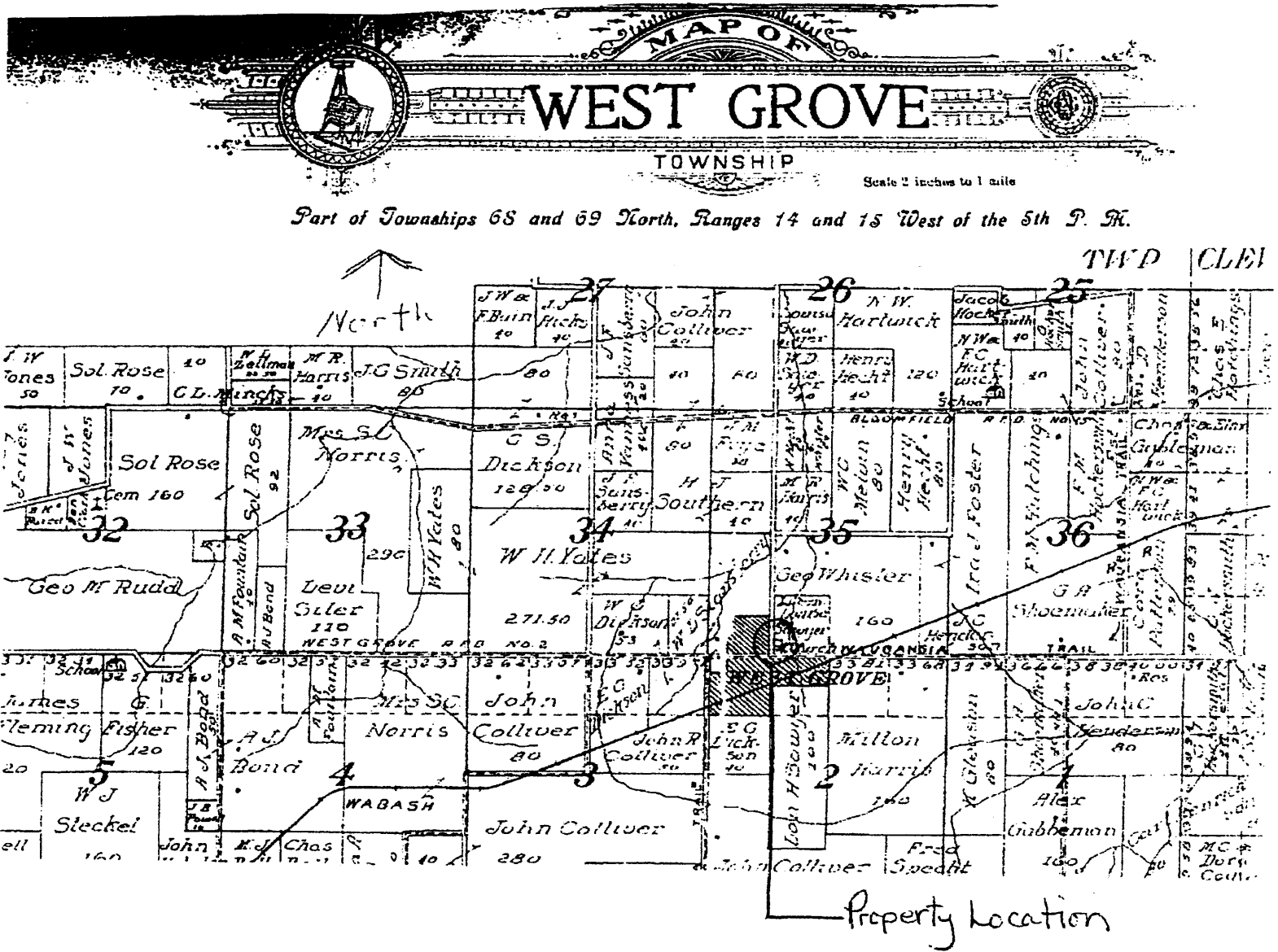
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Verbal Boundary Description

“A tract of ground about one acre in the South west Corner of the Southeast quarter of the South west quarter of Section Thirty five in Township, Sixty nine North, Ranger 15 West of the 5th PM...and being about square in shape...” (sic) Sept. 13, 1902.”

On a 1912 Map of West Grove its location is shown. The townships are 68 and 69 North, Ranges 14 and 15 West of the 5th P.M.

Boundary Justification

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

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West Grove United Methodist Church; 21944 Echo Av.; Bloomfield, IA 52537 (911 address).

All photos taken by Jackie White; 13430 220th St.; Bloomfield, IA 52537-9808; 641-722-3856.

Photos retaken on December 20, 2002. (using black and white film)

Jackie White has the negatives in her possession.

Photo views described below:

#1 South facade of the church

Camera facing north.

Front view of church

#2 East side of church

Camera facing west

#3 North side of the church

Camera facing south

Back view of church

#4 West side of church

Camera facing east

#5 Inside of church

Altar of church located on east side of church

Camera facing west

#6 Inside of church

Original folding doors located across back of sanctuary (west side)

Camera facing west

#7 Inside of church

Original hewn beams located in basement on east side, original undercarriage of church
(Beams are located over the entire undercarriage of church; these are samples.)

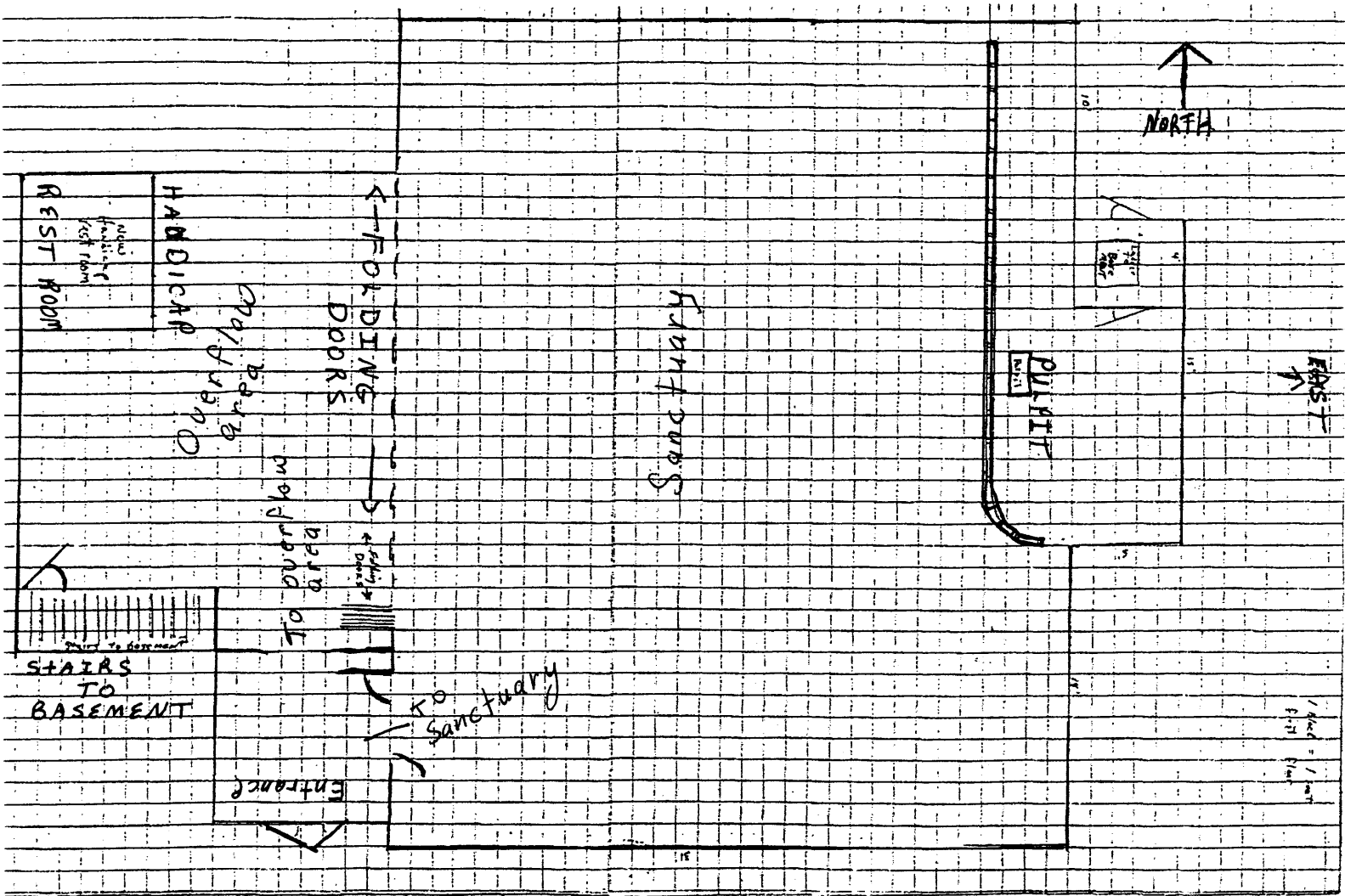
Camera facing up and east

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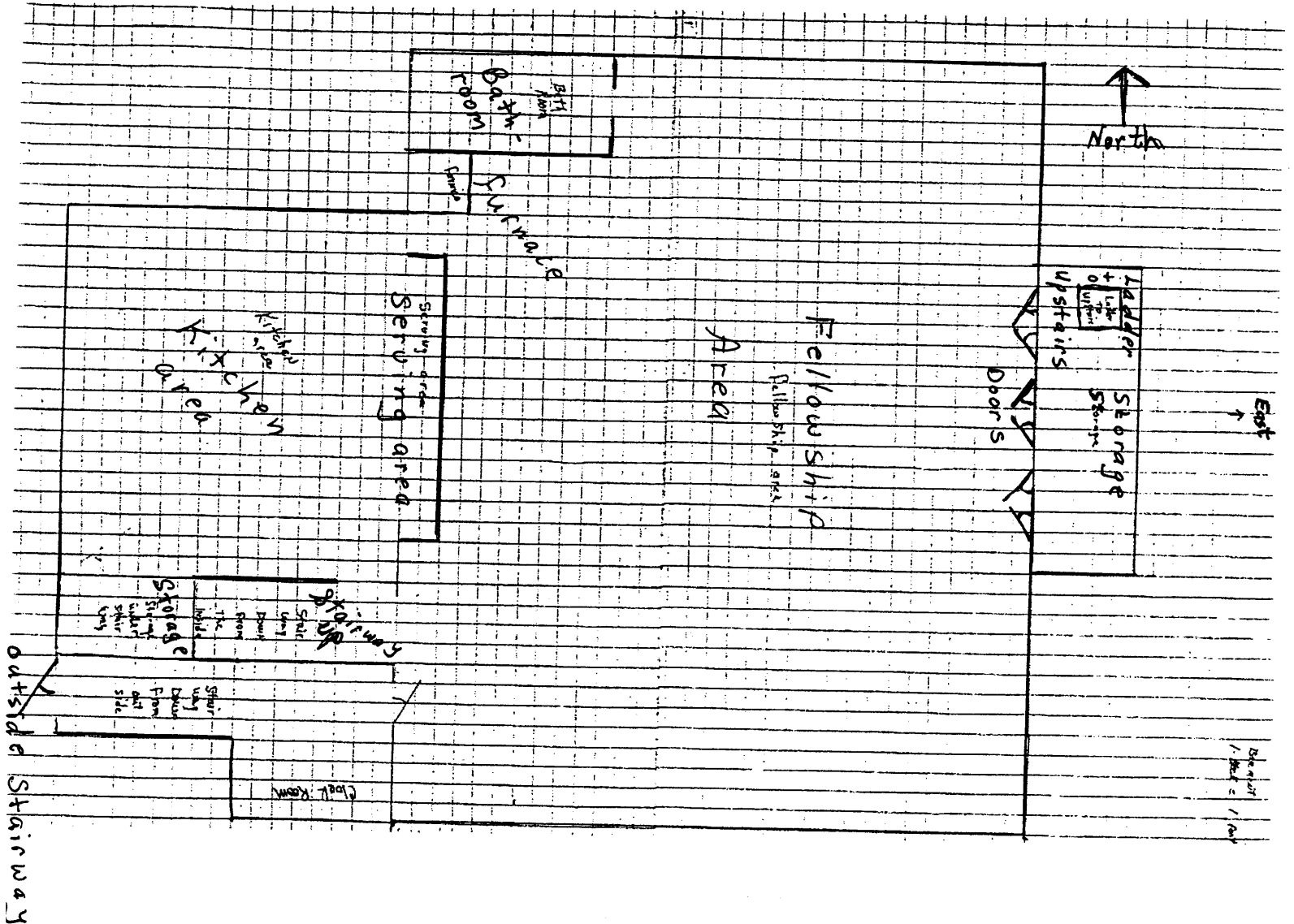
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