

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: IOWA
COUNTY: WAPELLO
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ENTRY DATE MAR 27 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Chief Wapello's Memorial Park

AND/OR HISTORIC:
(other names: Chief Wapello's Gravesite and Site of Sac and Fox Indian Agency)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *SE of Agency off U.S. 39*
Rural Route #1 (Agency Township, Section 31)

CITY OR TOWN: Agency *vic.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Wapello

STATE: Iowa CODE: 14 COUNTY: Wapello CODE: 179

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Indian History</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
William B. Street (long deceased) In trust for the heirs of General Joseph M. Street

STREET AND NUMBER:
% Joseph Dewey Street, 1136 East Curtiss

CITY OR TOWN: Bozeman STATE: Montana CODE: 25

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Recorder's Office, Wapello County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courth and Fourth

CITY OR TOWN: Ottumwa STATE: Iowa CODE: 14

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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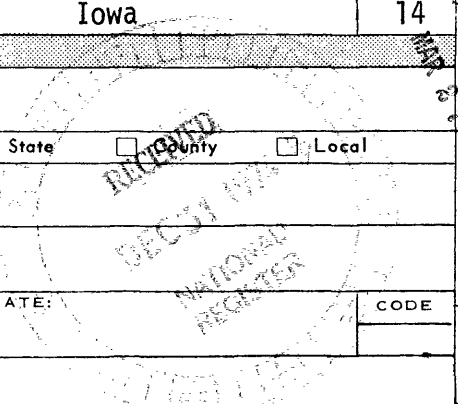
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Location, Size and Shape (from an old abstract):

"One eighth acre, in the SW corner of that part of the west half of the SW quarter of section 31, township 72, North range 12, West of the fifth PM, Wapello County, Iowa; lying North of the right of way of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad; so as to include the graves of General Joseph M. Street and other members of his family, with that of the Indian Chief Wapello, described as beginning at a stone standing a little North-East from the Grave of General Street, about two rods East, of the East or NorthEast corner of the lot as now fenced; thence in a Southwesterly direction, with the fence, six rods to a stone; thence Northwest, with the fence, six rods; and two thirds rods; thence Northeast, parallel with the fence, six rods; thence Southeasterly six and two thirds rods to the beginning."

Present Description of Location:

The Memorial Site is about one-eighth of an acre located less than one mile East and South of the town of Agency. The double tracks of the Burlington Northern Railroad determines the boundary of the south side; a gravel road runs along the Southwest side; and the Harold McDowell farmland Northeast and Northwest sides.

Contents of the Park (refer to sketch of the park):

1. Gravesite of General Joseph M. Street (vault-like, horizontal stone monument, erected above the grave) and other members of his family: his wife, Eliza Street (horizontal monument); Lucy Elizabeth-Infant (small obelisk); Lucy Frances, wife of Major John Beach and daughter of General Street (vertical stone with round ornament on top); and two smaller stones for infants "John Beach" and "Horace Pearce", sons of Alexander and Amelia F. Street.
2. Chief Wapello's gravesite (vault-like horizontal stone monument) is included with the above mentioned gravesite, all of which are surrounded by a wooden, high picket fence.
3. A stainless steel marker toward the center of the park to draw attention to the Park.
4. A stone memorial Southeast of the gravesite, on which is read: "This stone marks the site of the Agency House which stood about fifty yards East. Agency House was built by General Joseph M. Street in 1839 for use of the Indian Agency. Placed by Elizabeth Ross Chapter of D.A.R., September 17, 1946."
5. A stone memorial Southwest of the gravesite, on which is read: "IN MEMORIAM. The site of the signing of the treaty, October 11, 1842, for the purchase of Iowa from the Sac and Fox Indians...The first Christian service in interior Iowa, held in A.D. 1838, by a Methodist Circuit Rider, Reverend Thomas M. Kirkpatrick, in the wigwam of Chief Wapello, located on a knoll about 1/4 mile northwest of this place. The influence of the church in community development has been inestimable. God gave the increase--I Corinthians 3:6. This plaque erected by the Methodist Church, Agency, Iowa."

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4. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>Indian History</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Iowa park commemorates certain past actions associated with white-Indian relations during the early 1840's. Its significance derives from being:

1. The precise location of the October negotiations that culminated in the 1842 Treaty by which the Sauk and Fox tribes reluctantly ceded to the U. S. Government the remainder of their holdings in Iowa. A stone marker indicates the spot where the signing occurred.
2. The exact site of the Sauk and Fox Indian Agency, built in 1838-39.
3. The general location of the Fox Indian encampment led by Chief Wapello.
4. The gravesites of Indian agent General Street along with others of his family and of Chief Wapello, whose request to be buried beside his good friend, General Street, was honored upon his death in 1842.
5. The area of the first Christian service in the interior of Iowa (indicated by a stone memorial marker) held in the wigwam of Chief Wapello by a Methodist Circuit Rider, Reverend Thomas Kirkpatrick in 1838.

The thirteen year period of Sauk and Fox tenure in Iowa ended in 1846 when the provisions of the 1842 Treaty demanded their removal beyond the Missouri River. This interlude in Iowa represented a final phase in their rapid decline that followed the Indian 1832 defeat in the Black Hawk War.

With the defeat of resisting elements within these tribes, their holdings in eastern Iowa were ceded in 1832. Moving on into Iowa's interior when white population pressures compelled another land cession in 1837, by 1842 the tribes of the Sauk and Fox Nation relinquished their remaining ten million acres of Iowa land. With the way now open for the final white settlement of Iowa, the tribes moved to western Iowa temporarily and in the fall of 1845 journeyed on to the headwaters of the Osage River in Kansas.

Joseph Street, an old acquaintance of the Sauks and Foxes, served them faithfully as agent from 1834 until his death in 1840. His son-in-law,

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Treaty With The Sauk and Foxes" October 11, 1842
 "Indian Agency in Wapello County" by Major John Beach, Agent (Found in Chapter III of History of Wapello County, Iowa, by Waterman)
 William T. Hagan, The Sac and Fox Indians (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1958)
 Wendell H. Oswalt, This Land Was Theirs (second edition; New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1973), pp. 215-62

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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SE	0 ' "	0 ' "			92 17 30	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

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 60

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One eighth acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Reverend Wm. C. Trembly and Mrs. E. S. Hollenbeck**

ORGANIZATION **Wapello County Historical Society** DATE **May 1974**
Wapello County Bicentennial Board of Directors

STREET AND NUMBER: **405 Chester Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Ottumwa** STATE **Iowa** CODE **14**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:
 National State Local

Name Adrian D. Anderson
 Title State Preservation Officer
 Date 12/20/74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.
A. B. Montross
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date 3/27/75

ATTEST:
W. Montross
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date 3-26-75

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6. To the South of the gravesite are large cement letters, spelling: "CHIEF WAPELLO".
7. Several trees and shrubs are included within the park. A farm fence surrounds it on three sides.

The property described has not been moved or altered from its original position. The Agency House, built for General Street, was torn down in 1912, and its location is about 50 yards beyond the limits of the present park. It is hope that the park may be extended to include the excavated foundations of the house.

Future Development:

If possible, it is hoped by some that the following future improvements can be made:

1. Restore the deteriorating stone monuments of the gravesite (especially Chief Wapello's grave).
2. Because of recurrent vandalism & deterioration due to exposure to the elements, it seems wise to erect a protecting roof over the entire gravesite, completely surrounded by a hurricane (woven wire) fence that extends from the ground to the roof. Also, fill and decorate the ground upon which the gravesite monuments stands.
3. Seek an enlargement of the park to include the site of the old Agency House, with perhaps the future dream of rebuilding the Agency House for a County Museum.
4. Erect a sturdy fence around the boundaries of the park.
5. Plant trees and shrubs and flowering spots in the park.
6. Erect better parking, walkway facilities, night lighting and perhaps a few benches for resting (not picnicing).
7. Erect signs to identify the park, with information about its unique history.

We believe that the Chief Wapello's Memorial Park is of unique historical significance, and is worthy of much more care, improvement and promotion than it has received. It should be recognized as one of the major sites of the state of Iowa.

NOTE: When the CB&Q Railroad requested an easement through the old Agency property belonging to the Street family, an agreement was made to grant right-of-way if the Railroad company would continue the maintenance and repair of the park. This, they have done, along with installing the stainless steel spire-shaped marker. However, it is hoped that greater improvements can be made with the cooperation of all involved.

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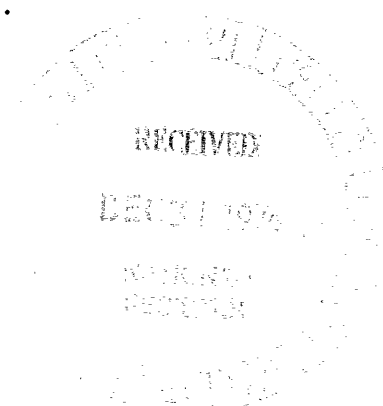
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a retired army officer named John Beach, pursued a similar sympathetic approach. The Street family did well by the 1842 negotiations. The appreciative Indians presented the General's widow with a section of land on the Indian Agency surrounding the grave of her husband. Perhaps remembering Black Hawk's fate, whose bones had been stolen from his grave within a year of his death in 1838, the Indians insisted that their former chief Wapello continue to rest in his grave near General Street, whom he had admired.

The present park comprises what was the garden area of the old Agency. This site contributes to a fuller appreciation of Iowa's early period of settlement and the course of Indian-white relations in general. On the one hand it indicates the deep enduring social consequences that accompanied white settlement, even upon particular Indians that were generally very friendly to the whites. On the other hand, as a reminder of the friendship that existed between General Street and Chief Wapello, the site refreshingly commemorates the spirit of accommodation and mutual tolerance that occasionally penetrated this sad history of conflict and despair.



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Volume 6, pages 90-91, 375

UNPUBLISHED ARTICLES IN THE OTTUMWA, IOWA LIBRARY

"Essays on Wapello County", sponsored by Elizabeth Ross Chapter D.A.R.

Copy 1 - pages 13, 14

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"Wapello County" (scrapbook of news clippings and pictures)

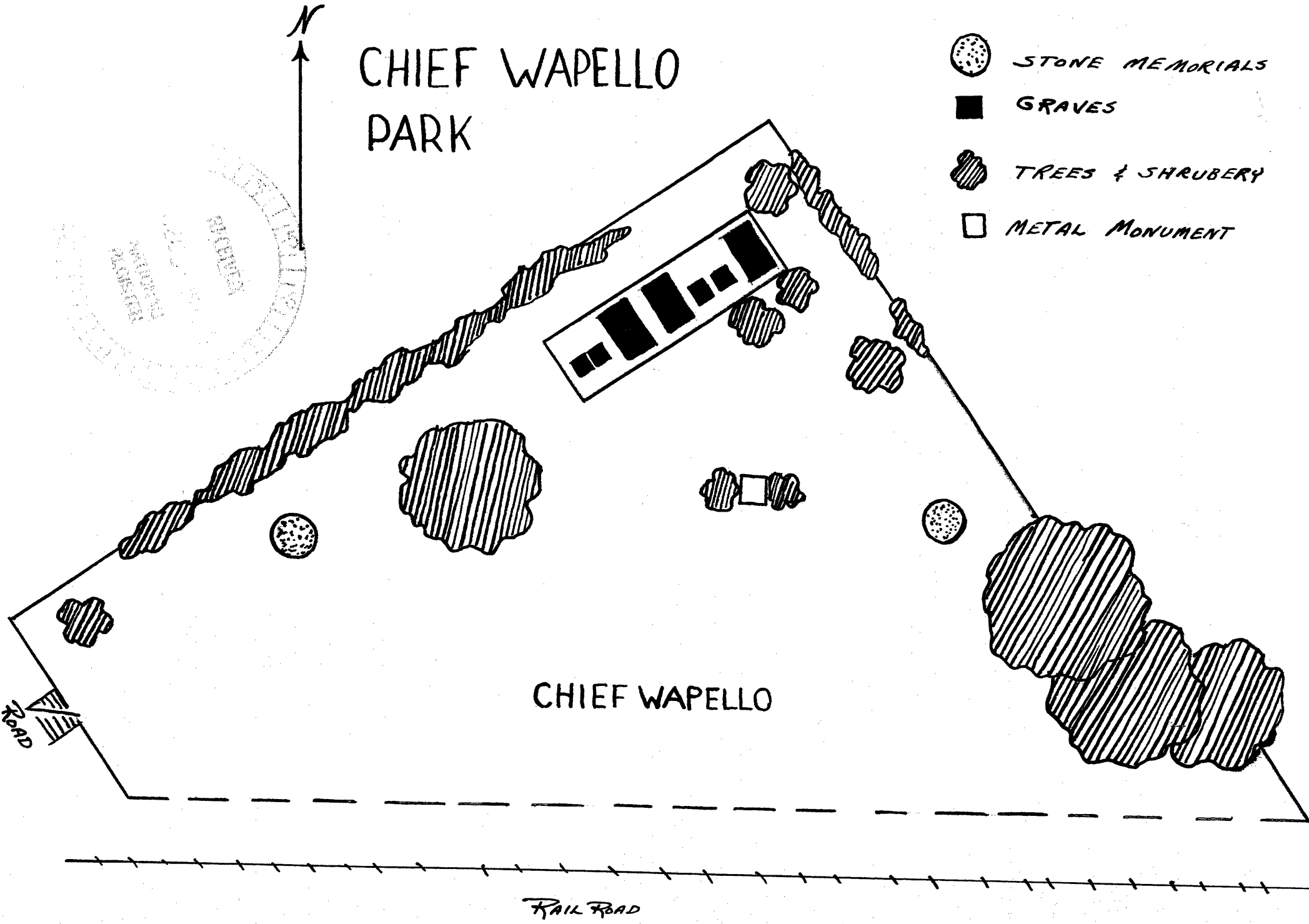
AUDIO/VISUALS

"Tell It Like It Was" by the Confirmation Class of Agency United Methodist Church, 1973. A slide/tape presentation of the History of Agency and its Church.

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list of resources. The background and significance of the Chief Wapello Memorial Park is well documented.

CHIEF WAPELLO PARK

-  STONE MEMORIALS
-  GRAVES
-  TREES & SHRUBERY
-  METAL MONUMENT



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