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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

West, Deacon, Octagon House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

370 High Street

CITY, TOWN

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Pewaukee

— VICINITY OF

9th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Wisconsin 53072

55

Waukesha

133

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Patrick M. Kirley

STREET & NUMBER

370 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Waukesha

— VICINITY OF



5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Waukesha County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

515 West Moreland Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Waukesha

Wisconsin 53186

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wisconsin Survey of Historic Buildings and Sites

DATE

1971

— FEDERAL STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house was built c. 1856 by Deacon West, a pioneer blacksmith in the area. It is a three-story octagonal house with Italianate features, built of thick cement walls covered with rough-swirled white plaster. With its dark brown painted trim and general simplicity of design, it possesses a distinctive charm. Located near the crest of the only hill in Pewaukee, it overlooks the village and Pewaukee Lake on which the community is located at the northeastern shore. Because it is built into a hillside, part of the house appears to be two stories high and part three stories. Extending westward from the north side of the porch is a random rubble limestone retaining wall separating the higher grade of the lot from the lower.

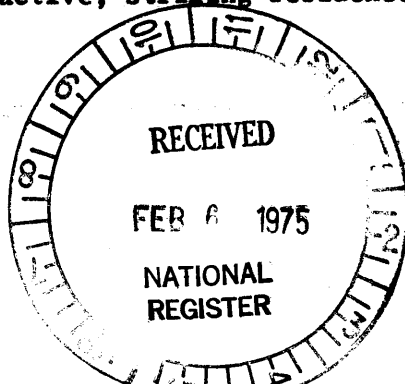
The roof is low-pitched, octagonal, hipped, and roofed with metal with raised seams. At the crest is a small, slightly elevated, octagonal, metal-roofed cap where there may once have been a cupola. One face of the cap has an opening allowing access to the roof. Three chimneys rise at about equal distances from one another, and corresponding fireplaces may be found on two of the three floors inside the house. The eaves are moderately broad, denticulated, and supported by two brackets on each face of the octagon. Windows are mostly 2/2 double hung sash. Those of the third story have shaped lintels with a keystone and have somewhat broadened sills. Those of the second or main story have a curved hood and even more decorative sills--all such trim being of wood.

The main entry is at second floor level on the southwest, and has a simple hip roofed porch with a double round-arched doorway above and a small balustraded deck at third floor level. The second floor (main) entry is also a pair of round-arched doors. The roof of the porch is supported by wall brackets at either end and by four wood columns with a carpentered balustrade at the outer edge. Simple square timbers--apparently 4" x 4"--support the porch floor from the ground level below. At ground level under the porch is a single doorway leading into the first floor level.

At the east side of the house is a two-story wing, the lower part of which is the garage and the second floor portion a sun porch with multi-pane fixed window sash.

Around 1873 the inside of the house was largely destroyed by fire. With not much more than the original 18" cement walls left standing, Colonel N. P. Inglehart, a later owner, rebuilt the house in its present form later the same year and probably imparted to the house the features which enhance its appearance today.

Although the house is in rather poor repair today, with portions of the outside plaster cracked and some fallen off, it is still an attractive, striking residence with an excellent location in a pleasant, small village.



8 SIGNIFICANCE

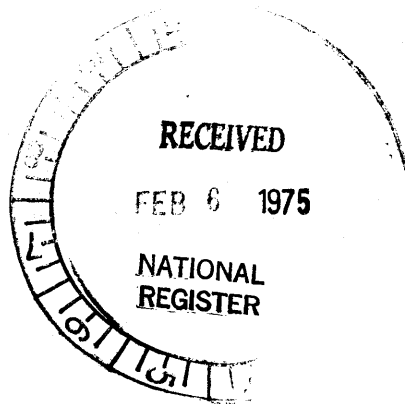
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1856; c. 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Deacon West

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Deacon West Octagon House is purely architectural. Although it does not embody many of Orson Fowler's precepts except for being made of cement and being octagonal, it is a good, simple adaptation of the style and has been preserved in reasonably good condition and served as a residence for a number of families over the years. And while Wisconsin has probably more octagonal houses than any other state outside New York and Massachusetts (Perrin), the Deacon West House is the only such house to be found in the third most populous county of the state, Waukesha County. It is probably the most prominent landmark in Pewaukee and is indeed a striking and pleasing example of its style.



9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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"Pewaukee's Octagon House," n.p., n.d. [c. 1967]

Storck, Lorraine, Research notes, 1969, in collection of Art Department, University of Wisconsin Waukesha County Center, Waukesha

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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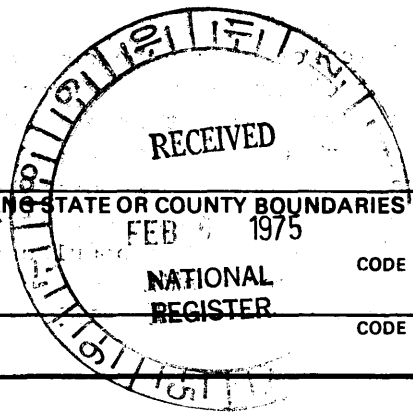
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Donald N. Anderson, Asst. Director, Historic Sites & Markers Division

ORGANIZATION

DATE

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

6 January 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

816 State Street

608/262-0746

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Madison

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

SIGNATURE James Morton Smith

DATE Jan 27, 1975

TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>August A. Cavalley</u>	DATE <u>5/12/75</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST: <u>Ronald N. Anderson</u>	DATE <u>5/9/75</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	