

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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received **AUG 4 1980**  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Pleasant Grove (Masonic) Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M.

and/or common Same

**2. Location**

street & number E of Stewartville \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Stewartville vic Pleasant Grove Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Olmsted code 109

**3. Classification**

|   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <b>Category</b>                                 | <b>Ownership</b>                            | <b>Status</b>                                       | <b>Present Use</b>                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress           | <input type="checkbox"/> educational       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                   | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government        |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered   | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted          | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial        |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military          |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> museum            |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> park              |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religious         |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific        |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation    |
|   |   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other: fraternal  |

**4. Owner of Property**

name Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M. % Lyle Buchholtz, Secretary

street & number 613 Third Street S.W.

city, town Stewartville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Olmsted County Courthouse

street & number 515 Second Street SW

city, town Rochester \_\_\_\_\_ state Minnesota 55901

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1973; 1979-80 \_\_\_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ state Minnesota

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M. is located in the community of Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Grove Township, along the route of the Dubuque-St. Paul Territorial Road. It is an uncomplicated three-story white wood frame building, rectangular in shape, with stone foundation exposed on the south end. It has a gable roof with brick chimney on the south end. Fenestration consists of large two-over-two double hung sash in rectangular openings with simple trim and hinged wood shutters (not original). There are entrance doors on the north (front) and east sides with no doors or windows on the west side. Historical accounts indicate that a false store front was removed in 1876. Large double doors in the north side were replaced in 1956 by the present single door. The exposed south basement wall is penetrated by a door and two window openings. With the noted exceptions, the exterior retains complete integrity. The interior remains structurally intact but cosmetically altered.

# 8. Significance

| Period  | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric          | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic    | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture            | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> architecture           | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> art                    | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | humanitarian                                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce               | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications         | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation     |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)    |

**Specific dates** 1868

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Pleasant Grove Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M. is significant as the oldest known building in Minnesota constructed for, and in continuous use for, Masonic purposes. The lodge was organized in 1858, the year of Minnesota statehood and a few years after the organization of Pleasant Grove Township and community. In 1868, the lodge joined with merchant W.H. Mills to construct the present building, under joint ownership. The building housed Masonic rooms on the second floor, Mills' store on the first floor, and a meat market in the basement. The Masonic Lodge assumed full ownership in 1874 and thereafter the first floor served as a community center. Through the village's nineteenth century decades of prosperity, the lodge building served as the social center of the area, housing not only Masonic functions but also dances, theatrical productions, and meetings in the first floor hall. Despite considerable decline in the village's prosperity during the twentieth century, the Masonic Lodge building continues to actively serve the community in the same functions.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Dunn, David J. Historic Sites in Olmsted County. Rochester: Olmsted County Historical Society, 1967. pp. 17-19.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Stewartville, MN

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of lot one, block ten, Barrows and Britendall's Addition, Pleasant Grove, Minnesota.

### 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 Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society date April 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9074

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

# 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 7-15-80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Forrest W. Ray date 10/10/80  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Linda Hunt McClelland date 10.7.80

Chief of Registration

Property

*Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge No. 22 A.F. & A.M.*

80002162

State

*Mo. Limited*

Working Number

*8,480,2008*

**TECHNICAL**

Photos

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Maps

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**CONTROL**

**HISTORIAN**

*MN's oldest masonic hall in continuous use (since 1868). It has also served small rural community as social center since mid-19th century and originally housed several commercial businesses. Basic frame building maintains integrity in spite of few minor alterations.*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

*Accept*

*Jude Flint McLelland*

*10/7/80.*

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_

Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered OCT 10 1980

Federal Register Entry 2,3,81

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge No. 22  
A. F. and A. M. in Olmsted County,  
Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80002102

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Olmsted

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:** off Co. Hwy. 1

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge  
Olmsted County  
MINNESOTA

Working No. 24 June, 1988

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Action:  ACCEPT 1/9/89

RETURN \_\_\_\_\_

REJECT \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

*Approved*  
Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The National Register has accepted additional information submitted by the SHPO. This information clarifies name, address and geographic location information on the original documentation.

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership |                    | Status     | Present Use |
|----------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-------------|
|          |           | Public Acquisition | Accessible |             |
|          |           |                    |            |             |

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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Pleasant Grove (Masonic) Lodge  
No. 22 A.F. & A.M.  
Pleasant Grove Twp.; Olmsted Co.  
Robert Frame  
1980  
Minnesota Historical Society, 690  
Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101  
Facing northeast 03468/10 1/2

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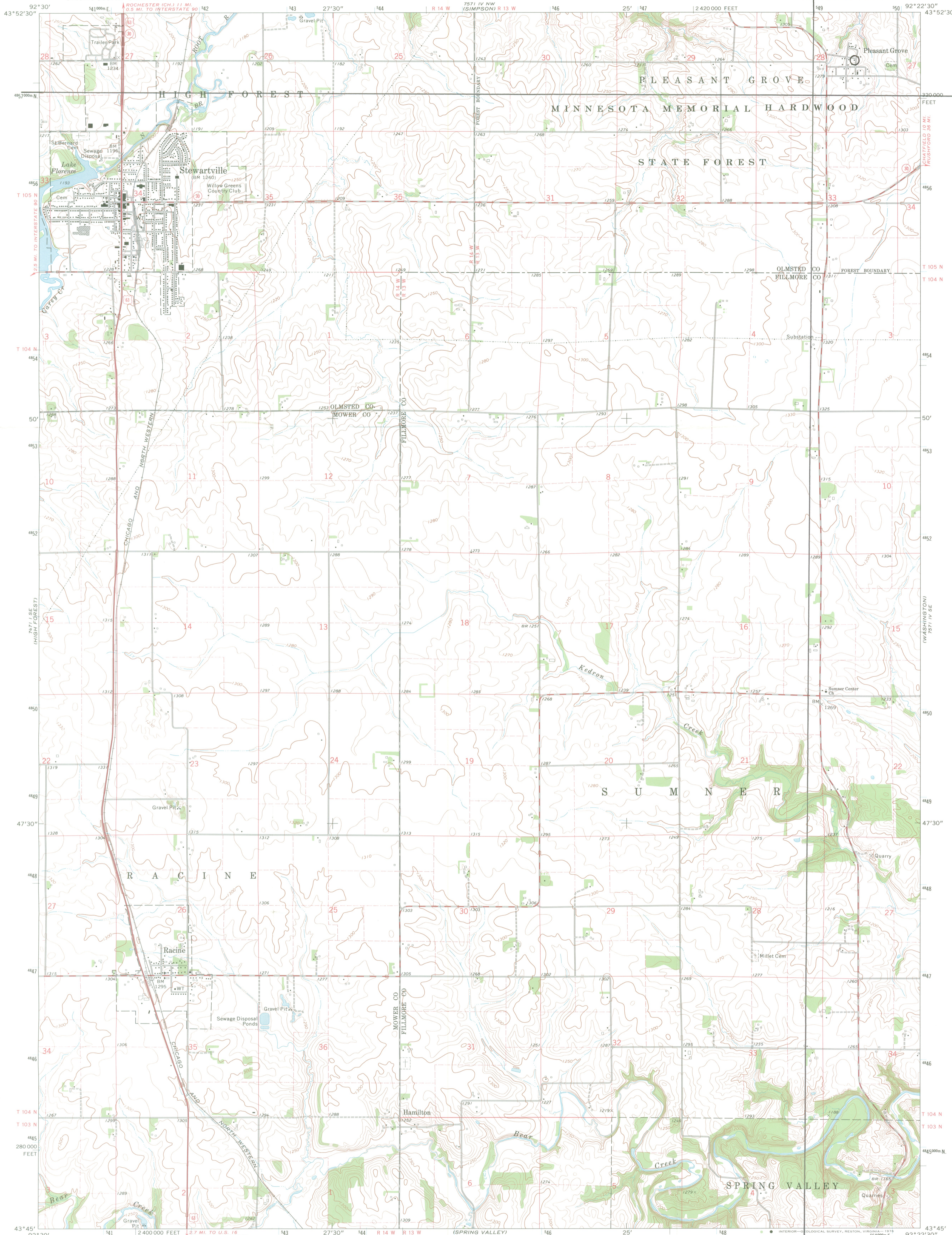
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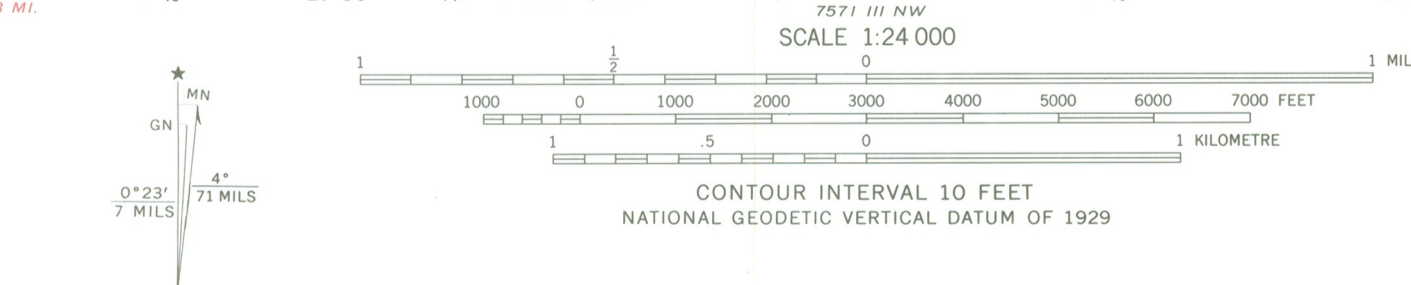
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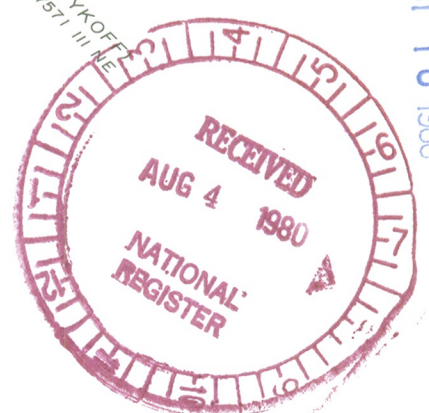
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generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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



STEWARTVILLE, MINN.  
SW/4 STEWARTVILLE 15' QUADRANGLE  
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STATE MINNESOTA

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| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Location</u>                         |
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| Hotel Zumbro   | Rochester<br>Olmsted County             |
| Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge No. 22 A. F.<br>and A. M. | Stewartville vicinity<br>Olmsted County |
| Krause, Christoph, Farmstead                           | Dover vicinity<br>Olmsted County        |
| New Century Mill                                       | Minneapolis<br>Hennepin County          |

Also Notified

Honorable Rudy Boschwitz

Honorable David F. Durenberger  
Honorable Arlen Erdahl  
Honorable Martin O. Sabo

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Russell W. Fridley  
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