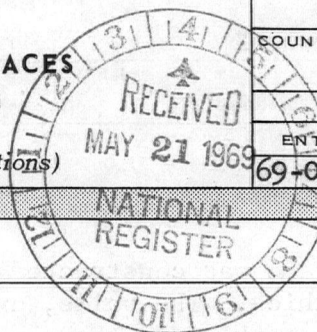


Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Ohio	
COUNTY: Lake	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-06-34-0002	DATE 6/4/69



1. NAME	
COMMON: Kirtland Temple	
AND/OR HISTORIC: House of the Lord	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 9020 Chillicothe Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Kirtland			
STATE Ohio	CODE 34	COUNTY: Lake	CODE 085

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints			
STREET AND NUMBER: The Auditorium			
CITY OR TOWN: Independence	STATE: Missouri	CODE 24	STATE: Ohio

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Lake County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Painesville	STATE: Ohio	CODE 34	COUNTY: Lake
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1934	Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Washington	STATE: District of Columbia	CODE 08	DATE 6/4/69

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Original:

The frame was constructed of oak beams, and the walls of stone, two feet thick. The walls, exterior, were covered with a stucco plaster which sparkled in the sun as china dishes were broken and mixed with the plaster. The interior walls were plastered, and elaborate wood-work decorated the first two floors of the three story building.

PRESENT:

Appearance is fundamentally unchanged. The interior and exterior plaster have been replaced. Electric lighting and central heating have been added, as well as a sprinkler system. The aisles are presently carpeted.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. 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) 1833-1838

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☒Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐Religion/Phi- ☐Other (Specify) ☒Historic ☐Industry ☐Philosophy ☐Architecture ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☒Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐Social/Human- ☐Communications ☐Literature ☐Italian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Church of Christ, organized April 6, 1830 by Joseph Smith, Junior and a small number of his friends in Seneca County, New York, moved its center of activity to Kirtland, Ohio in early 1831. (In 1834 this group adopted the name Church of the Latter Day Saints and in 1838 expanded that to Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). In early Latter Day Saintism religious, economic and social life were interwoven. Thus, when they decided to build a meetinghouse, while primarily for religious observances, it would also be the center of community life.

The "Saints" believed that their Prophet Joseph Smith received revelations from God directing their activities. When in the Spring of 1833 he commanded them to build a "House of the Lord," he was revealing the will of God, and the house was to be built according to directions given him from heaven. The cornerstone was laid July 24, 1833 and the building known as the "House of the Lord" was dedicated March 27, 1836.

Joseph Smith, Jr. served as foreman of both the temple construction and the stone quarry. Jacob Bump, formerly from New York state, was the master builder. Sidney Rigdon, famed orator for the Disciples of Christ in the Western Reserve and whose conversion to "Mormonism" was influential in Smith's decision to move his followers from New York to Kirtland, Ohio, was a mason on the project. Brigham Young, who was to gain fame as the great colonizer of the Salt Lake Valley, worked as either glazier or plasterer.

The "House of the Lord," in addition to being the center of religious observances, was used as a school for the children, a continuing education center for the lay ministry (most of the adult males), and community lecture hall, with traveling speakers discussing perhaps temperance, abolition, etc.

The majority of the Latter Day Saints left Kirtland in 1837-38. After the death of Joseph Smith, Jr., in 1844 his church split into many factions. In 1880 legal title to the land on which Kirtland Temple is located was cleared in the name of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The Kirtland Temple is a rare example of beauty and craftsmanship in design and construction seldom witnessed on the frontier, where more pressing demands on time and resources usually precluded such structures. Its beauty and value have been recognized by the Ohio Historical Society, the Architects Society of Ohio, and it was included in the Historic American Buildings Survey of the Department of the Interior. Mrs. Peter S. Hitchcock in The Historical Society Quarterly (Lake County, Ohio) of November 1965 wrote, "The Kirtland Temple stands as a monument to Joseph Smith and to those faithful souls who believed his visions and revelations came from on high. It appears a miracle the temple was constructed and a second miracle it was not harmed in all the years since it was built."

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Architecture, Vol. 50, No. 2, August 1924, pp. 264-269.
 Echoes (Ohio Historical Society) Vol. 5, No. 8, August 1966, p. 3.
 Historical Society Quarterly, The, Lake County, Ohio, Vol. 7, No. 4,
 November 1965.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		<i>Lat. & Long. Incorrect</i>		
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Richard P. Howard, Church Historian	
ORGANIZATION Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	DATE March 26, 1969
STREET AND NUMBER: The Auditorium	
CITY OR TOWN: Independence	STATE Missouri
	CODE 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Daniel R. [Signature]
 Title Ohio Liaison Officer and Director, Ohio Hist. Soc.

Date 19 May 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen [Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date JUN 4 1969

ATTEST:

William J. [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date JUN 4 1969

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

HB
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 E469830
 N4608030



NPS Number 69-06-34-0002

Title: KIRTLAND TEMPLE

Loc. LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

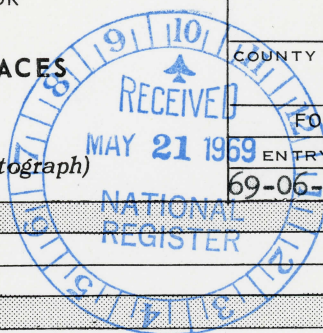
9020 CHILLICOTHE ROAD, KIRTLAND

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1966 ? see photo			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Audio-Visual Department, The Auditorium, Independence, Missouri			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View looking west, showing the front of Kirtland Temple, which faces east, and the south side.			

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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MENTOR QUADRANGLE
OHIO
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 MENTOR 15' QUADRANGLE



4767 III SE
SCALE 1:24000



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Heavy-duty Light-duty

Medium-duty Unimproved dirt

 Interstate Route  U. S. Route  State Route

MENTOR, OHIO
NE/4 MENTOR 15' QUADRANGLE
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1963
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 4767 III NE—SERIES V8

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)



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STATE: Ohio	CODE 34	COUNTY: Lake	CODE 085
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Lake County Court House, Records' Office			
SCALE:			
DATE:			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

COUDRY

STREET

George W. V. 664-4

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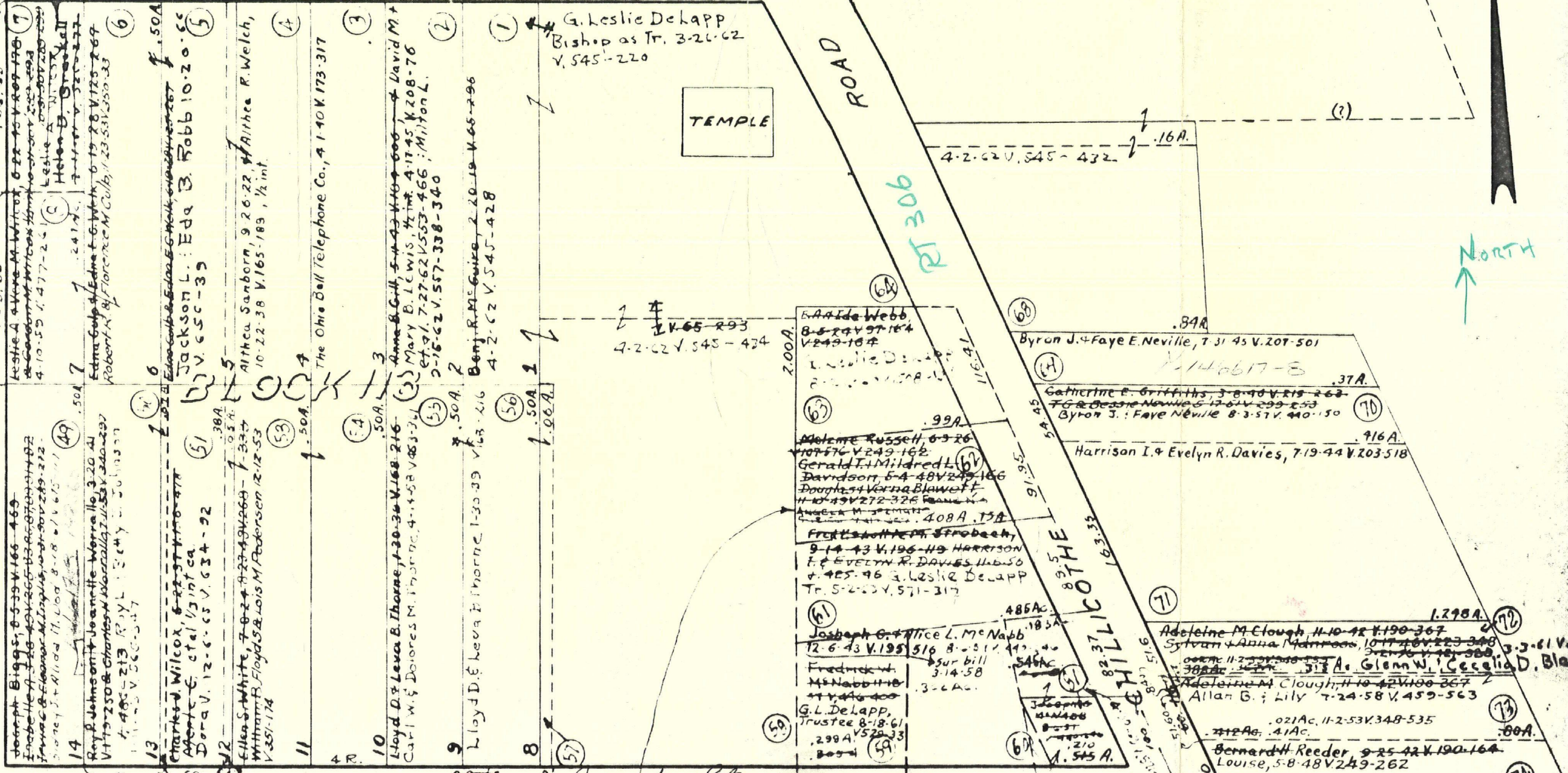
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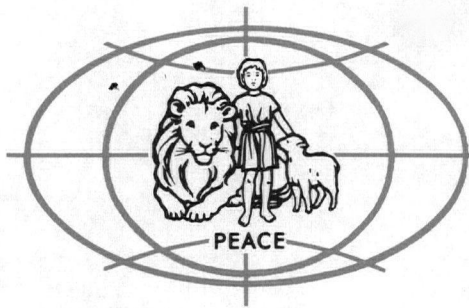
TEMPLE

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North





REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE APOSTLES

November 18, 1968

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register,
National Park Service
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
801 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Our mutual friend, Milton Perry, Museum Curator of the Harry S. Truman Library, has encouraged me to write to you. What prompts the letter? Kirtland Temple. This is the only temple still standing which was built under the leadership of Joseph Smith, the controversial American prophet of the early Nineteenth Century.

Kirtland Temple has remained the concern of the heirs of Joseph Smith, and of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with headquarters in Independence, Missouri. It has been used variously as a house of worship and education through the years since its dedication in 1836. It is in excellent condition and is open to the public. From 20,000 to 30,000 guests tour the building each year, and plans are under way to provide a visitors' center which will encourage and accommodate many more thousands to come each year.

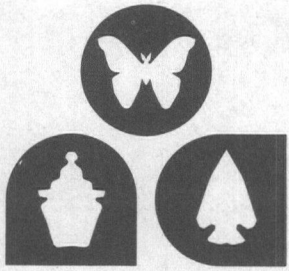
The attached folder will give you more specific information regarding the Temple.

We are interested in discovering the procedure necessary to have Kirtland Temple declared a national landmark.

Sincerely yours,

Reed M. Holmes,
Commissioner of Communications

RMH/fb
Enclosure



THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43210

May 15, 1969

Mr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register
Office of Archaeology
and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
801 - 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Bill:

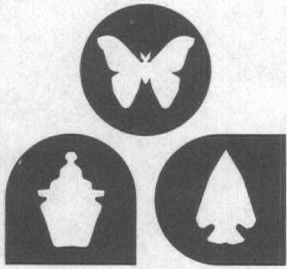
I am submitting herewith an application to nominate the
Kirtland Temple, Kirtland, Ohio for the National Register.

This is to certify that the Ohio Historic Site Preservation
Advisory Board has approved the nomination, as has its
history advisor, Mr. William G. Keener.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Porter
Director

DRP/eg



THE OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43210

May 19, 1969

Mr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register
Office of Archaeology and
Historic Preservation
National Park Service
801 - 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Bill:

Submitted herewith is a revised application for the nomination of the Kirtland Temple, Kirtland, Ohio, to the National Register. An error in the longitude and latitude of the previous application prompts this re-submittal.

Regards,

Daniel R. Porter
Director

DRP/eg

Enc.

Correct Bond

LOTION CONTENT



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

IN REPLY REFER TO:

801 19TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

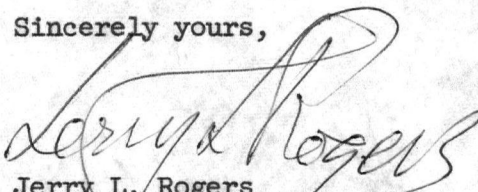
H30-HR

Mr. Daniel R. Porter
Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the revised nomination form of the Kirtland Temple in the Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation on May 21, 1969. In addition to the one map which was included with the first nomination, we need another one which shows more specifically the relation of the Temple to the town of Kirtland. Receipt of this additional map will provide us the information necessary to protect the property and will make it possible to complete the processing of your nomination. You will receive a Xerox copy of the certified entry as notice when it has been placed in the National Register.

Sincerely yours,


Jerry L. Rogers
Assistant Keeper of the
National Register

*Map requested
enclosed*

DR Porter

H30-HR

MAY 23 1969

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cc:
HR

JEdwards:je

JUN 6 1969

H30-HR

Mr. Daniel R. Porter
Director
The Ohio Historical Society
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Dear Mr. Porter:

We wish to inform you that the property indicated on the enclosed forms has been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National
Register

Enclosure

cc:
Regional Director, Northeast Region-w/c encl.
T, Butterfield-w/c encl.

HR

Kirtland Temple

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

KIRTLAND TEMPLE
(Resource Name)

LAKE
(County)

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(Reference Number[s])
OHIO
(State)

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(Date form completed)
Jeffrey Strimpton
(Completed by)

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