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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Palmer Brothers' Octagons

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

358 North Leonard Street (continued) *and WI 16*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

West Salem *and vic.* VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd

STATE

Wisconsin

CODE
55COUNTY
LaCrosseCODE
063**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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rachel Gullickson (continued)

STREET & NUMBER

358 North Leonard Street

CITY, TOWN

West Salem VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 54669

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. LaCrosse County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

400 North 4th Street

CITY, TOWN

LaCrosse

STATE

Wisconsin 54669

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1977

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD (Gullickson)	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR (Lewis)	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE 1866 Gullickson c. 1890 Lewis ¹

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Palmer-Lewis and Palmer-Gullickson octagon houses were built within a few years of each other in the community of Neshonoc. Both were moved to West Salem. While the Palmer-Gullickson octagon is now situated in a residential area in West Salem, the Palmer-Lewis octagon is on a farm just north of town, near the outlying commercial district.

Although the Palmer-Lewis octagon is much smaller, both houses have two stories with slightly pitched hipped roofs and central chimneys. The roof of the Palmer-Lewis octagon is tin and that of the Palmer-Gullickson octagon is of combination shingles. Facets of the octagons feature either two windows or a single window, or are windowless. The major exterior difference between the houses is the porches. The Palmer-Lewis house, generally less pretentious and less modified, features a one-story, shed roof porch on three sides. The porch, like the cornice of the house, is bracketed. When the Palmer-Gullickson octagon was moved it probably received the rather unusual two-story veranda on five sides. The veranda features paired columns on both stories and a balustrade at the second level. Part of the veranda is screened.

The clapboard siding on the second story of the Palmer-Gullickson octagon is probably original. Asbestos shingles were added at the first level in about 1928. The Palmer-Lewis octagon was originally sheathed in board and batten but at some point this was covered with clapboard. Both houses feature corner boards at each angle of the octagon.

The floor plan of the Palmer-Gullickson octagon is almost identical to the John J. Brown House in Williamsburgh, New York. This house appeared in the 1854 revised addition of Orson Fowler's book, A Home For All. The Brown house, like the Palmer-Gullickson house, features a central fireplace separating the living and dining rooms, and two long rooms of disproportionate width on either side of this area. The stairs are in the narrower portion. Upstairs, there are three bedrooms and a hallway where the stairs ascend. Triangular closets are built at two corners.

The Palmer-Lewis floor plan may have been taken from the 1853 edition of Fowler's book. Although it appears that the first floor walls were changed somewhat when the house was moved, the second floor is very similar to the Howland house in Williamsburg, New York, designed by the architects Morgan and Brothers. Part of the first floor has been altered by the wing extending from the east side of the house, and it seems that a fireplace may have been removed. Presently there is a living room, a bedroom, a small storage room, two closets, and an entry hall. Upstairs there are three bedrooms, three closets, and a hallway where the stairs ascend. The rooms in this house are quite small, as the facets of the octagon only measure 11'. The facets of the Palmer-Gullickson octagon measure about 13'.

The additions that have been built onto the octagons differ greatly. In neither case is the octagon shape obscured by the additions. There

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is a large, two-story wing extending from the north side of the Gullickson house. The front portion of this wing was built by Dr. Palmer as an office. Originally, a barn was attached to the north end of the wing. It was later removed and a dining room and kitchen were added to the back of the addition so it could be leased as an apartment. The attic was converted to a bedroom.

When the Palmer-Lewis octagon was moved to its present site it was joined to an existing 1-1/2 story house. The house is a plain, clapboard structure that has been greatly modernized. The octagon has never received plumbing and is only partially heated. In both the Lewis and Gullickson houses the original woodwork and staircases remain.

The only outbuilding at the Palmer-Gullickson octagon is a small frame garage built in the 1920s. It is in poor condition but still serves its intended purpose. At the Palmer-Lewis octagon there are several farm outbuildings, all in poor condition and excluded from the nomination.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1860 Gullickson	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
	c. 1855 Lewis ¹	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Palmer brothers' houses are significant as examples of the octagon fad that was popularized by Orson Fowler in the mid-nineteenth century. Both plans were probably taken from Fowler's book, A Home for All or the Gravel Wall and Octagon Mode of Building. The houses are associated with prominent settlers and residents of Neshonoc and West Salem, Wisconsin. Relocation of the houses to West Salem demonstrates the crucial role the railway played in the development of Wisconsin communities.

ARCHITECTURE The octagon house was popularized by Orson Fowler's treatise on the subject that first appeared in 1848. Although a comparatively small number of the houses were built after 1860, during the 1850s the fad swept across America. There are about 20 octagon houses standing in Wisconsin. Of these, seven have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Both of the nominated houses are excellent examples of the octagon mode of architecture. The interiors of both are notable for the retention of their early appearance. In neither of the houses, however, is the location of the original kitchen apparent. It may be that they were located in the basements, as recommended by Orson Fowler, before the houses were moved. The octagons have been treated well since they were built nearly 125 years ago. Their architectural integrity has not been marred by their relocation or subsequent additions, as the dominant feature of this type - the eight-sided form - is still apparent.

HISTORY In the fall of 1851 Monroe Plamer arrived in LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. He had come via Oshkosh from Massachusetts. That winter he began building a saw and grist mill on the LaCrosse River. In 1852 the saw mill was in operation and by the next year the grist mill began operation. In 1855 he achieved full operation, continuing until 1860 when the saw mill was discontinued. In 1872 he sold the business.

In 1855 Monroe Plamer engaged the Deputy County Surveyor, Isaac Thompson, to plat 15 acres near the mill into blocks of 12 lots each to form the village of Neshonoc. By the spring of 1858 the population had climbed to 100.

The exact year that Palmer built his octagon house at Neshonoc is unknown. It is known that he built a small log cabin near the site of the mill when he arrived in the Town of Hamilton. The octagon was undoubtedly built

1. LaCrosse County Tax Records

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bryant, Benjamin F., editor. Memoirs of LaCrosse County. Madison: Western Historical Association, 1907
 Gullickson, Rachel. Interviewed by Erroll Kindschy, September 1978.
History of LaCrosse County, Wisconsin. Chicago: Western Historical Company, 1881.
 LaCrosse County Tax Records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .594 (Gullickson); 2 acres (Lewis)

UTM REFERENCES QUADRANGLE NAME West Salem, Wisconsin QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

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C																D																	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

- (B) PALMER - LEWIS OCTAGON: The parcel located in Section 34, T17N, R6W and enclosed by STH 16 on the northwest and the private, circular drive that surrounds the house.
- (A) PALMER - GULLICKSON OCTAGON: The north 113-1/2' of the south 243-1/2' of Outlot 29 of the Village of West Salem.

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 Barbara Wyatt, Nominations Specialist	(continued)
ORGANIZATION State Historical Society	DATE 4 April 1979
STREET & NUMBER 816 State Street	TELEPHONE (608) 262-8904
CITY OR TOWN Madison	STATE 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE *Richard Henry*
 TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin DATE 5/7/79

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>Carol Shull</i>	DATE 8-7-79
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <i>Emma Jane Saye</i>	DATE 8-7-79
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<i>Regional Coordinator</i>	

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shortly after the mill, at the height of the fad for the unusual plan.

In 1856 Dr. Horace Palmer from Massachusetts joined his brother in Neshonoc. He purchased four lots in the village and sometime during the next few years built his octagon house.

In the summer of 1858 the demise of the village of Neshonoc became certain when the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad located a station on land donated by Thomas Leonard. First, Neshonoc merchants began to transfer their establishments to West Salem; residents soon followed. However, Dr. Palmer practiced medicine in Neshonoc until 1866 when he moved his octagon to West Salem. He stayed until 1875, leaving for Sparta, Wisconsin where he purchased a drug store.

When Dr. Palmer left West Salem, he sold the octagon to Leonard Lottridge and his wife, Dr. Mary Lottridge. Both were prominent residents of the community. Leonard Lottridge came to LaCrosse from New York in 1853. For several years he was editor of the Independent Republican newspaper. He also served as the postmaster at Mindoro, clerk of the court of LaCrosse County, supervisor of the 1880 census, and an Internal Revenue Service collector. In 1887 he opened the LaCrosse County Bank at West Salem. He operated the bank until his retirement in 1904.

Dr. Mary Lottridge studied medicine at the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati, Ohio (the University of Cincinnati). She graduated in 1856, a time when there were few female physicians in the United States. Practicing first in LaCrosse, she continued her practice in West Salem when she and her husband moved there. Dr. Lottridge died in 1906 and her husband occupied the octagon until his death in 1911. Until 1921 the house was occupied, first, by Wilbur Dudley, Sr. and then by his daughter and her husband, Roy Gilfillian.

In 1921 Oliver Gullickson purchased the house. Mr. Gullickson was superintendent of the LaCrosse County Insane Asylum (now the Lakeview Health Center) for 27 years. He had come to the United States at age 14 from Norway in 1870. Gullickson's son, Lynn, later obtained the octagon. His widow, Rachel Gullickson, still occupies the house.

The Monroe Palmer octagon was not moved to West Salem until about 1890. In that year the house was bought by David R. Lewis. It is not certain if Palmer or Lewis moved the house. The house has remained in the Lewis family since the 1890 purchase. David Lewis was a farmer who had served

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with the Eighth Wisconsin Regiment during the Civil War. In 1903 the octagon went to Arthur R. Lewis, one of David Lewis' sons. He was also a farmer, and served on the county board as a representative from the Town of Hamilton for 28 years. In 1976 David B. Lewis bought the farm from his father's estate.

The Palmer brothers are good examples of the progressive people who settled Wisconsin. The very concept of an octagon house was a radical notion, promoted by a practicing phrenologist (Fowler) who also advocated many of the social reforms of his day. Fowler believed that spherical forms, which the octagon approached, were closest to the forms in nature, therefore more commodious and comfortable. Further, he believed that people could be the architects of their own homes provided they were endowed with strong phrenological organs of Inhabitiveness (love of home) and Constructiveness (ability to build).¹ Apparently, the Palmer brothers were so endowed.

1. Madeleine B. Stern. The Octagon House, introduction, p. vii.

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9. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES continued

LaCrosse Daily Chronicle, June 28, 1906.
Sparta Herald, December 28, 1880.

11. FORM PREPARED BY continued

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2. State Hwy 16 at North Leonard Street

3rd

West Salem Vicinity

Wisconsin

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La Crosse

063

4. David Lewis

Route 1

West Salem

Wisconsin 54669

Property Palmer Brothers' Octagons

State Wis. (Lacrosse) Working Number 6.25.79.1534

TECHNICAL

Photos 4
Maps 1

CONTROL

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6.26.79
HISTORIAN
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Of state significance as two excellently preserved examples of 20 octagon houses remaining in Wisconsin. Constructed in the middle and latter part of the 1850s, the architectural integrity of the 8-sided residences has not been affected adversely by their relocations during the 19th Century. Interior plans are intact and closely resemble models built in New York in the 1850s which were used as illustrations in Orson Fowler's book, A Home For All which contributed to the fad of construction of octagon homes.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Accept.
Saxe
8-7-79

ARCHEOLOGIST

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OTHER

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept.
Saxe 8-7-79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up
Federal Register Entry

9-4-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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JUN 27 2007

Mr. Michael E. Stevens
State Historic Preservation Officer
Administrator, Division of Historic Preservation-Public History
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706-1482

Dear Mr. Stevens:

Thank you for the letter of May 11, 2007, regarding the proposed move of the Palmer-Lewis Octagon, LaCrosse County, Wisconsin, listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 7, 2007 as one of the Palmer Brothers Octagons. The building is being moved to prevent its demolition. You have included documentation justifying the move, describing the new site, and evaluating the archeological potential of the new site.

The proposed move was approved on June 21, 2007. The building will remain listed in the National Register during and after the move. Final approval of the continued listing of the building on its new site will be issued after the move. After the building has been relocated please provide a letter notifying us of the date of the move, along with photographs of the building at its new location, a new verbal boundary description, acreage figure, UTM point, and an original USGS map. Once we have received this documentation we will issue a final approval of the building's continued listing in the National Register.

We appreciate the interest of the owners in preserving this building and look forward to hearing of the successful move.

Sincerely,

(Sgd) Patrick Andrus

Patrick W. Andrus, Historian
National Register of Historic Places

bcc: 2201
2285

Basic File Retained in 2280

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Eldora Schober Larson 1607 Cronin Circle Hudson, WI 54016 30 March 2007 Errol Kindschy 75 Jefferson Street West Salem, WI 54669 Dear Errol, Thank you for your recent query concerning the Monroe Palmer-David Lewis house and its location within the Village of Neshonoc. As you know, we've searched extensively but unsuccessfully for photographs and personal papers which would help us to know more about Neshonoc Village. Instead, we've had to use tax rolls, mortgages, deeds and papers of that sort to reconstruct the Village. The resulting information is compiled in my book "Neshonoc~ A Place Like No Other." Checking various papers and records, we can conclude that Martha and Monroe Palmer built their octagonal-shaped home on lots 36 and 37 of Block 6 in Neshonoc Village. These lots were owned exclusively by the Palmer's until 1870 when they were sold to Algernon Bradford. By this time, Palmer was having great financial difficulty and was in danger of losing his properties. Bradford was Palmer's brother-in-law and it appears Bradford purchased the lots in order to keep the lots and the home from a Sheriff's sale in 1871. As for orientation of the house, we conclude that it faced to the east on land that would be on the west side of today's Highway 16. Lot 36 lay at the corner of Mill Street on the North and Centre Street on the East; Lot 37 was to the south and faced Centre Street. Obviously, Palmer built his home to face one of these streets. Since Palmer's brother's home was on lots 26-29 of Centre Street, it is logical that Monroe would have his front door facing the same street as his brother's. Centre Street ran in a north/south direction and was nearly parallel to today's Highway 16. I hope this information is sufficient to answer your questions. Please let me know if I can be of further help to you. Sincerely, Eldora Larson "Neshonoc~A Place Like No Other" by Eldora Schober Larson, 1994, Hudson, Wisconsin. Page 147, "Neshonoc~A Place Like No Other." Page 130, "Neshonoc~A Place Like No Other."

Unit F was located to the west of the other units near the intersection of STH 35 and 108. Few artifacts were recovered, predominately historic debris (Table 4).

Table 4: 47Lc694 Unit F artifacts

Level: cmbgs	Tools/ Cores	Debitage	Pottery	Other	Comments
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2(10-20)		1		Historics, 6 sq nails	Debitage PdC
3(20-30)				Historics	
4(30-40)					
5(40-50)		1			Debitage PdC

Based on the excavations at 47Lc694 there does not appear to be intact remains from the abandoned Village of Neshonoc. A number of historic artifacts were recovered, however none of the artifacts were diagnostic and could be dated. Machine cut square nails were present but these can date from the mid-19th century even up to the present. No historic features were encountered. Disturbance since the time of the village may have obscured any of the remains. Most of the units revealed disturbance. Units A and B both had a layer of fill, containing numerous historic artifacts. Unit A also contained a plow zone beneath the layer of fill, indicating that the fill is likely from landscaping by the County. Units A and B have an intact B Horizon where the majority of prehistoric artifacts were recovered. These two units also demonstrate intact stratigraphy. Unit A the base of a straight stemmed point possibly a Scottsbluff or Kramer point was recovered above a Late Paleoindian Agate Basin point. Unit B contained a tiny shell tempered pottery near the top of the B Horizon.

Excavations at the Old Neshonoc Site located a deeply buried intact Late Paleoindian site. In situ Paleoindian sites are very rare in western Wisconsin and few have been excavated scientifically. The site is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The significant area of the site appears to be confined to the edge of the La Crosse River terrace, it may have extended further but is now disturbed. Revisions of the original plans (Figures 9 and 10) narrowed the area of effect considerably. The revised plans do not include the area of significance within the site. Based on this further excavations are not recommended.

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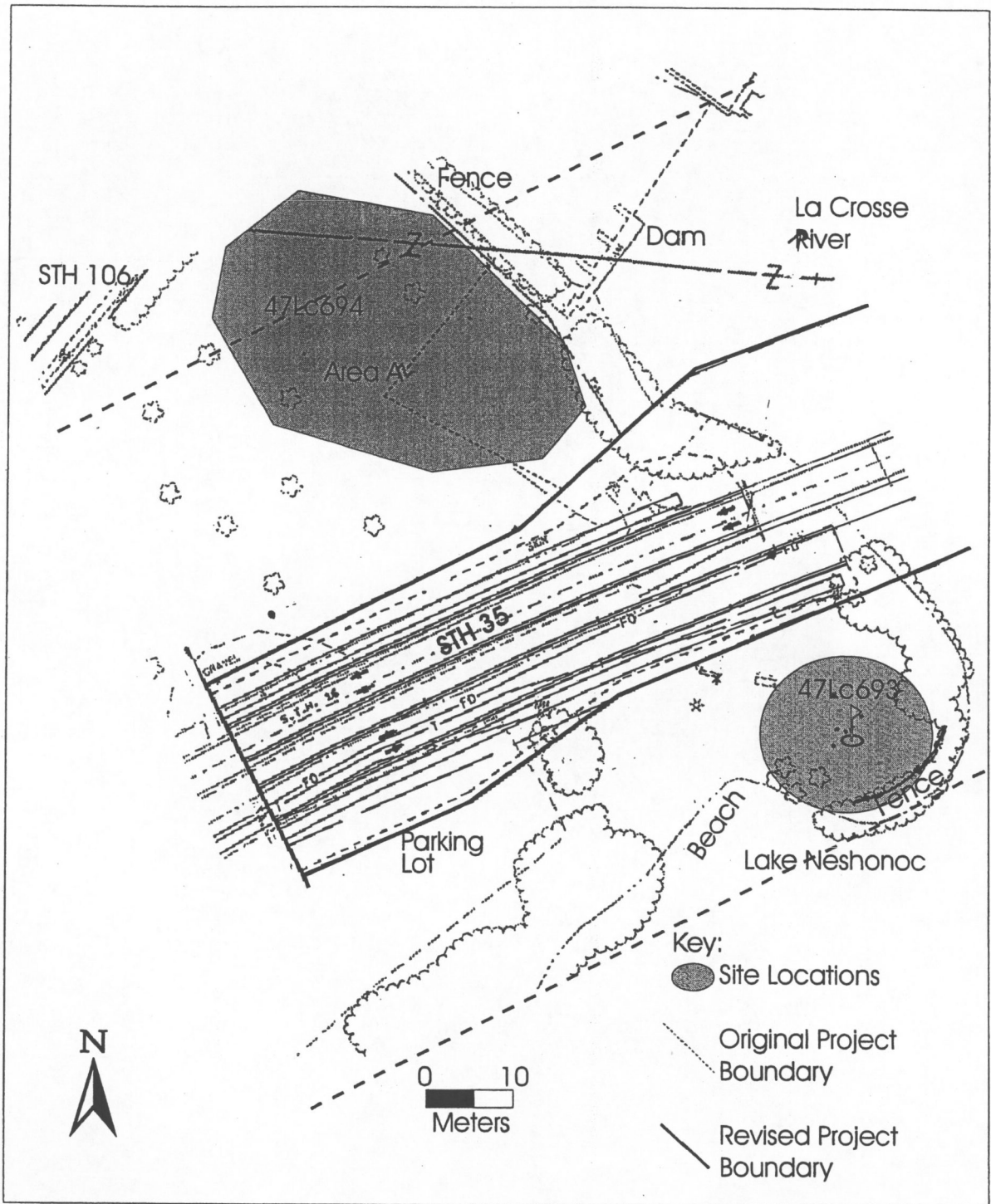
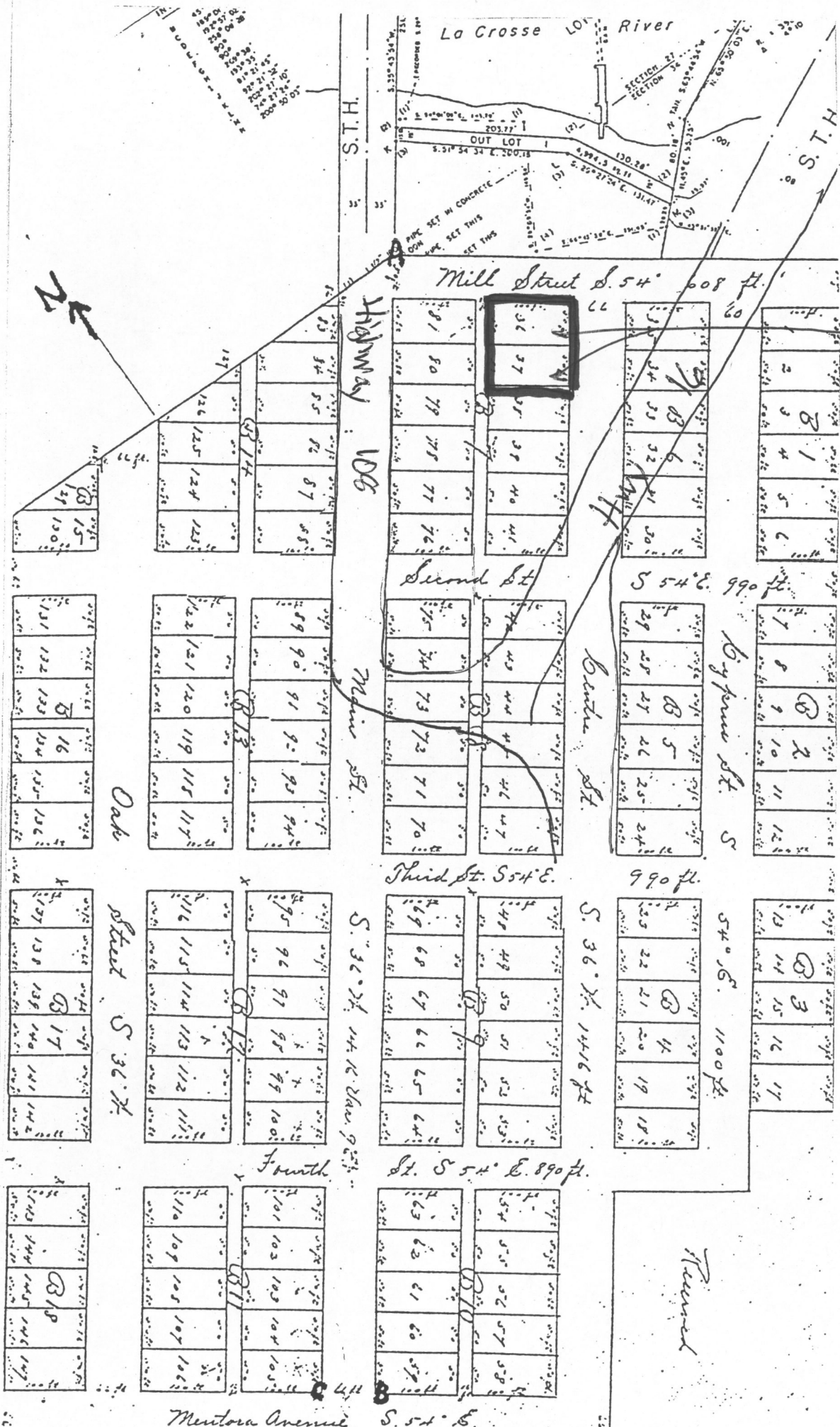


Figure 4: Locations of 47Lc693 and 694 and their relationship to the project area.



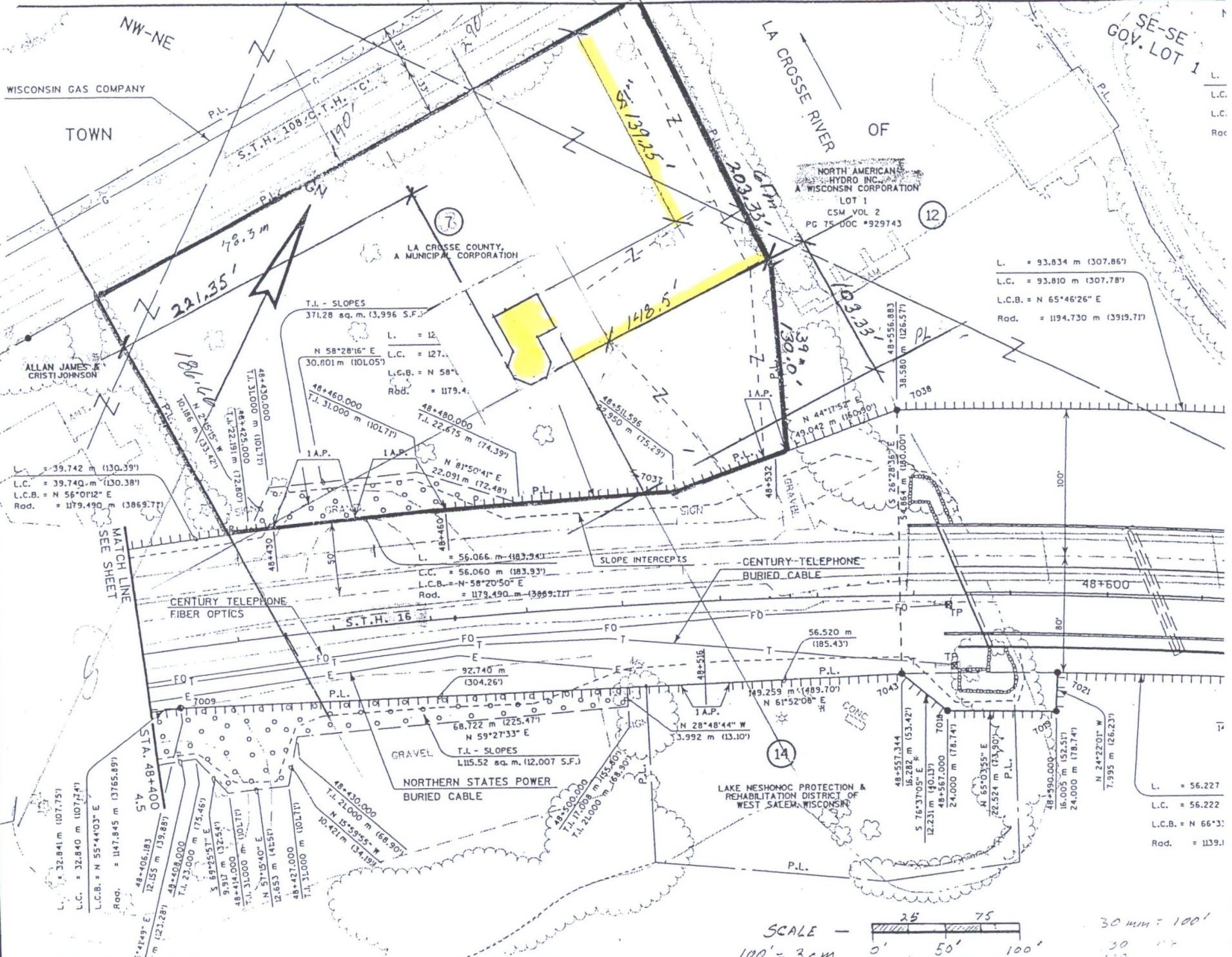
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 L.C. = 93.810 m (307.78')
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 Rad. = 1194.730 m (3919.71')

L. = 12
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 Rbd. = 1179.4

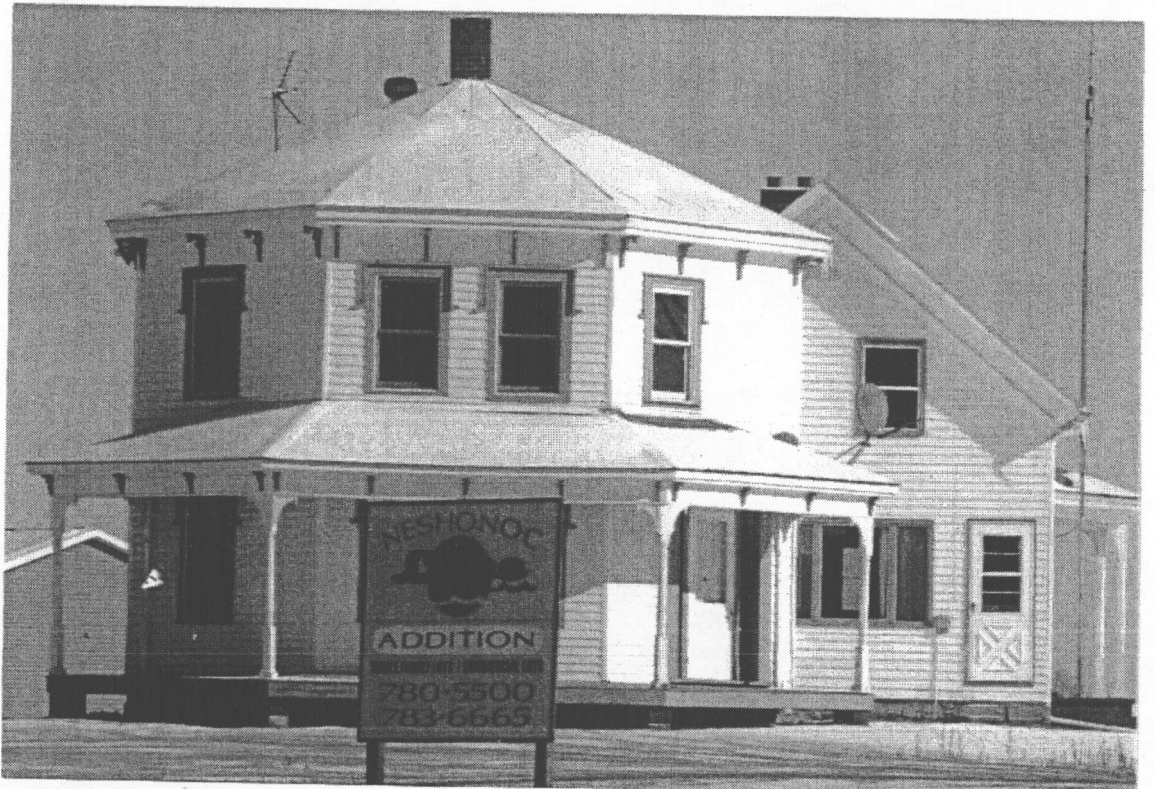
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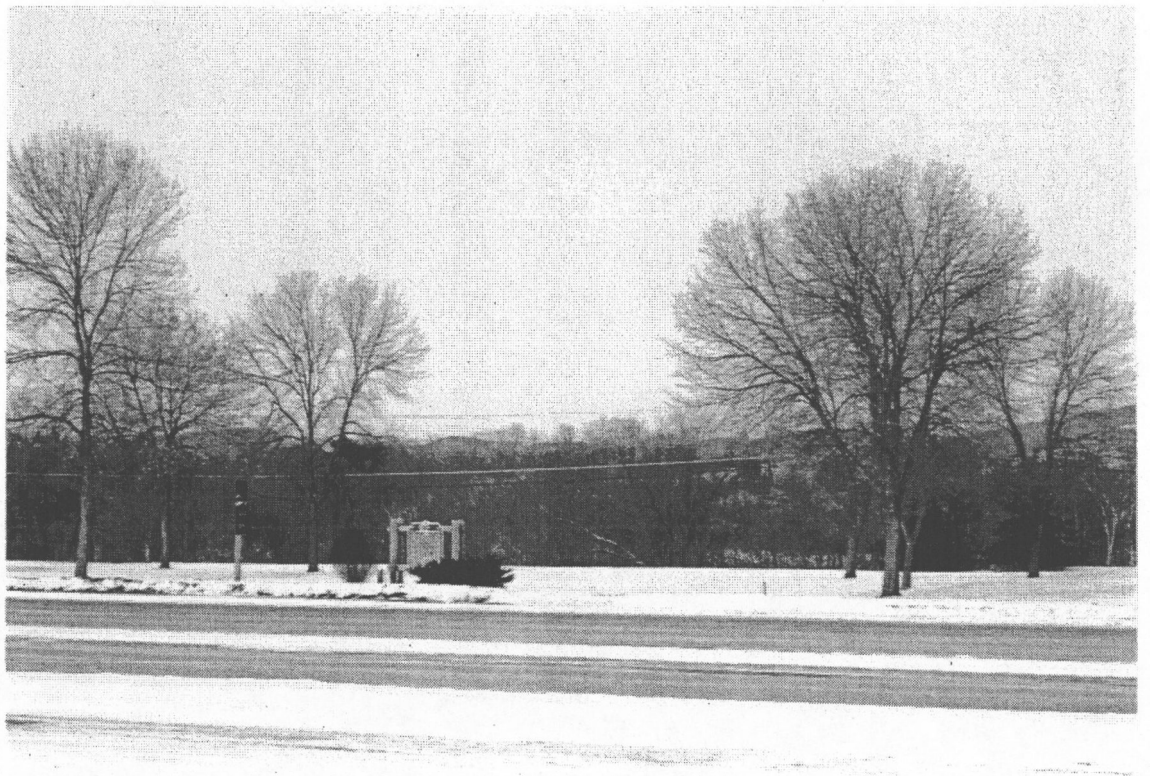
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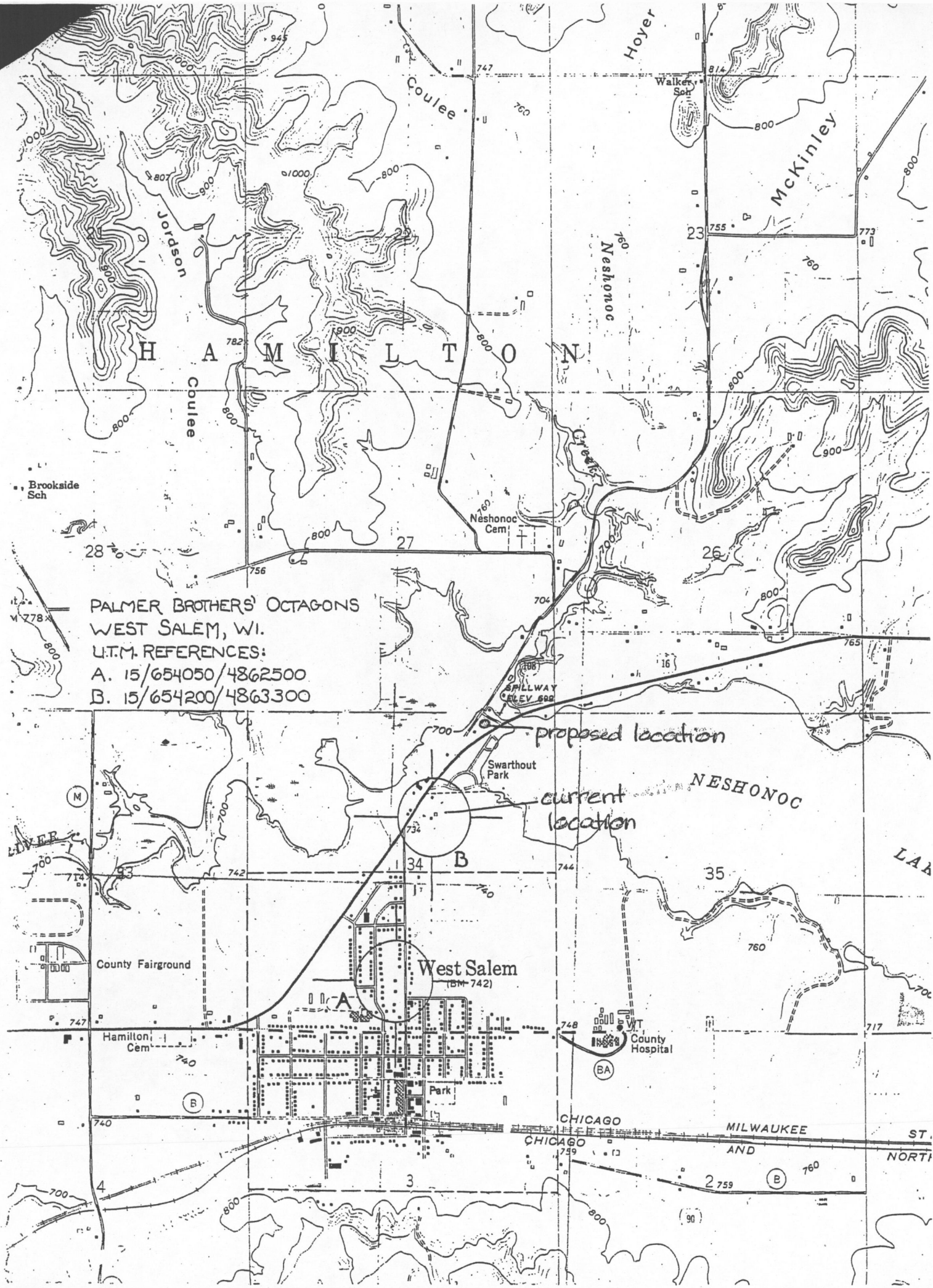
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PALMER-LEWIS OCTAGON
ON CURRENT SITE



PALMER-LEWIS OCTAGON
PROPOSED LOCATION



PALMER BROTHERS' OCTAGONS
WEST SALEM, WI.

U.T.M. REFERENCES:
A. 15/654050/4862500
B. 15/654200/4863300

proposed location

current location

West Salem
(BM 742)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: PROPOSED MOVE

PROPERTY NAME: Palmer Brother's Octagons

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WISCONSIN, La Crosse

DATE RECEIVED: 5/18/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/01/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79000092

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 6/21/2007 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

The proposed move of the Palmer Lewis Octagon is justified in the documentation submitted by the state.

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept proposed move
REVIEWER Patrick Andrews DISCIPLINE Historian
TELEPHONE _____ DATE 6/21/2007

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



Palmer Bros. Octagons - Palmer-Gullickson House, 358 N. Leonard St., West Salem, La Crosse County, Wis., Apr. 1979. Photo by P. Mueller. Neg. at WI Hist. Society. Gullickson House photographed from west. Photo #1 of 4. *DOE* JUN 25 1979

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Palmer Bros. Octagons - Palmer-Gullickson House, 358 N. Leonard St., West Salem, La Crosse County, Wis., Apr. 1979. Photo by P. Mueller. Neg. at WI Hist. Society. Gullickson House photographed from NE. Photo #2 of 4.

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Palmer Bros. Octagons - Palmer-Lewis
House, USH 16 at N. Leonard St.,
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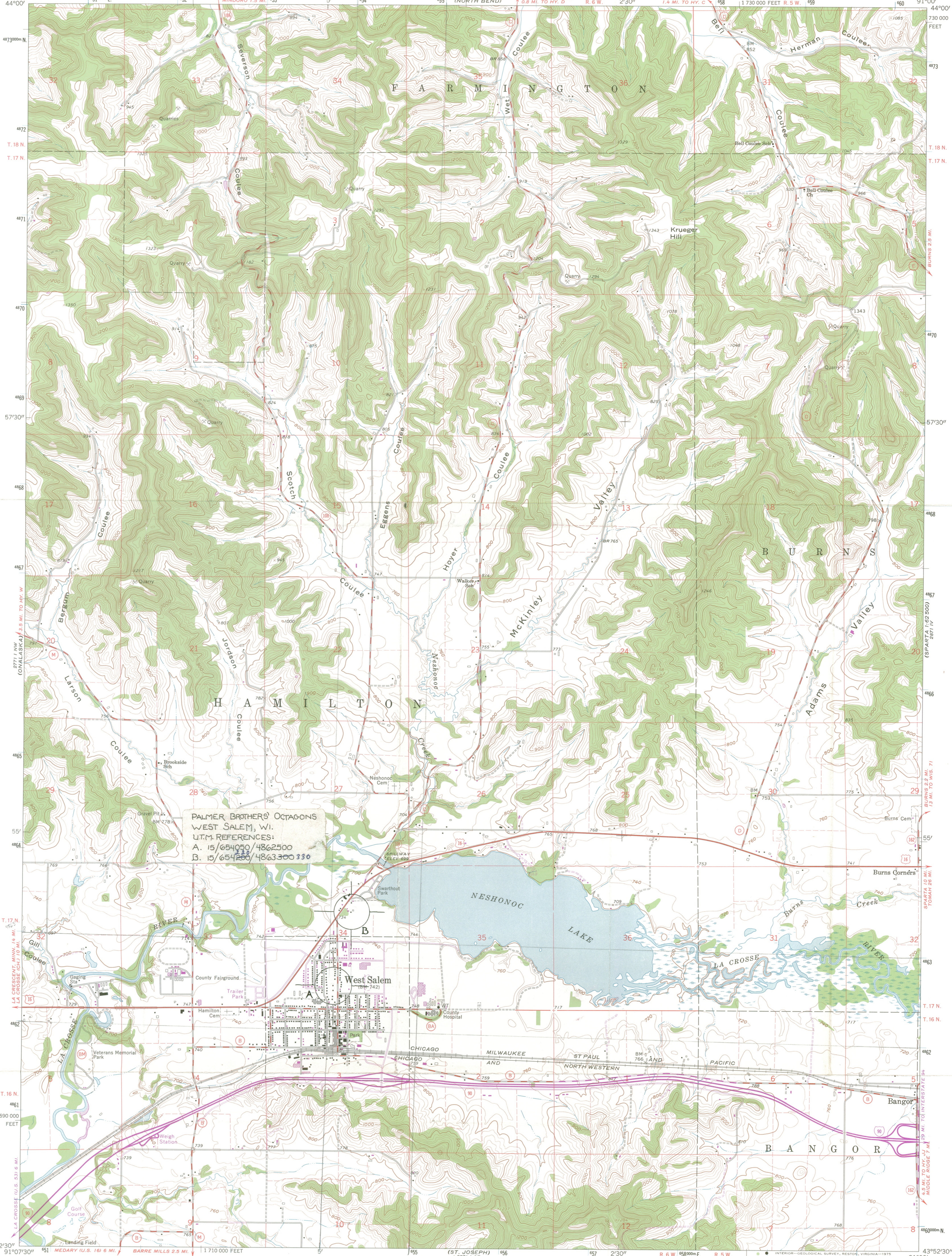
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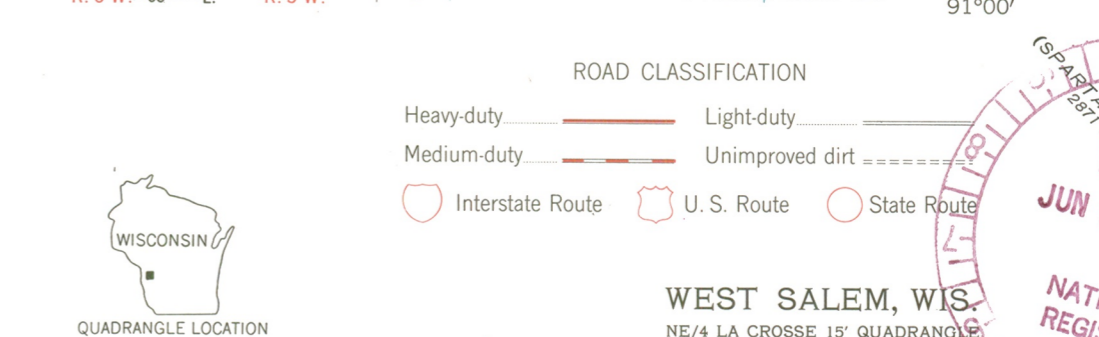
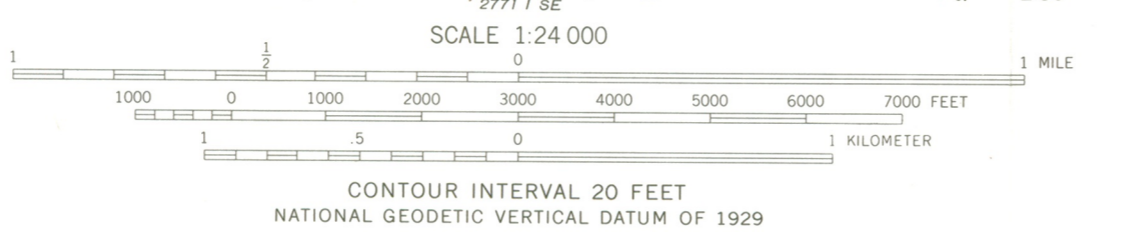
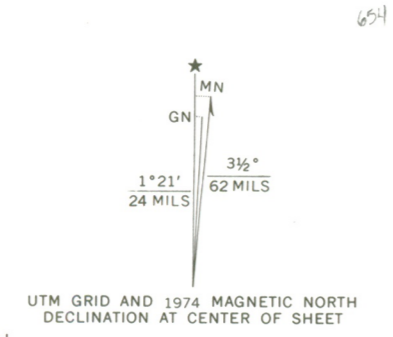
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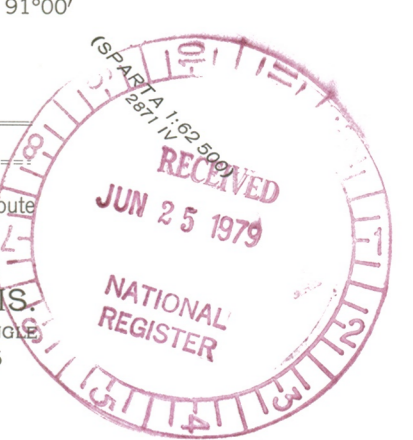
PALMER BROTHERS' OCTAGONS
WEST SALEM, WI.
U.T.M. REFERENCES:
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Control by USGS and US&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1962. Field checked 1963
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum 10,000-foot grid based on Wisconsin coordinate system, south zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked
Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked



WEST SALEM, WIS.
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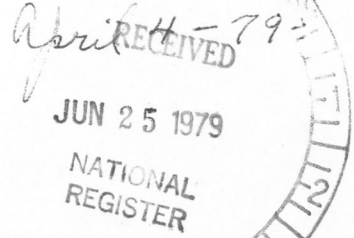


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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092 AND BY THE WISCONSIN GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY, MADISON, WISCONSIN 53706 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

BW

358 N. Leonard St
West Salem, Wis



Mr. Jeff Dean -
State Hist. Soc. of Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Dean:-

In reply to your recent letter, concerning my property the octagon house, I feel as though all possible historical information has been submitted to your office - Erroll K. & our historical society have been working on the listed requirements & requests since last year & we trust this information has been satisfactory & helpful in compiling the data necessary for nomination to the National Register of Historical places in Wisconsin, of the above property.

In commenting of this proposed nomination I can only say this stately one hundred & twenty three year old home would be an addition not only locally but to the state of Wisconsin as well. May the Review Board consider this property worthy of nomination to the National Register of Historical places of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,
Rachel E. Gullie-Poon

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Rachel Gullickson
358 N. Leonard St.
West Salem, WI 54669

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Salem, Wis.
7/22nd 1979

Re: Palmer Brothers' Octagons

Dr. Velle
Department of Interior,
Pension Building,
440 G. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.
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Palmer Brothers ^(ur)
Octagons 7/18/79

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Dear Mr. Murtagh:-

It is of great interest to me as well as the surrounding area here in West Salem, Wis. to learn my home has been nominated for listing in the Register of Historic Places of our country. In commenting on this action I trust my property may establish and maintain a permanent center where younger generations as well as present day individuals may come to learn and appreciate the exterior architectural design, the interior room arrangements with appropriate furnishings as well as the ethnic background of our families since 1856.

Sincerely,

Rachel E. Gullickson.

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258 N. Leonard St.
West Salem, Wis.
July 22nd 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Department of Interior,
Pension Building,
440 G. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.
To 243

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D AUG 1 1979

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED) _____

INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT _____

TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED) _____

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

Approved 11/10/79
Approved [Signature]

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE WISCONSIN

Date Entered AUG 7 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Flambeau Mission Church	Ladysmith vicinity Rusk County
<u>Palmer Brothers' Octagons</u>	West Salem and vicinity La Crosse County
Beebe House	Platteville Grant County

Also Notified

Honorable Gaylord Nelson

Honorable William Proxmire
Honorable David R. Obey
Honorable Alvin J. Baldus

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Richard A. Erney
Director
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

NR Byers/bjr 8/10/79

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.



West Salem Historical Society, Inc.

360 North Leonard Street ♦ West Salem, Wisconsin 54669

Owners & Operators of the Hamlin Garland Homestead and the
Palmer-Gullickson Octagon Home ♦ Phone (608) 786-1399
Operators of Smith Valley School ♦ Phone (608) 783-2068

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Daina Parkunas
National Register Coordinator
Wisconsin State Historical Society
Headquarters Building
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706-1482

Dear Daina,

The West Salem Historical Society is hereby requesting approval of the moving of the Palmer/Lewis Octagon Home from its present location in the commercial development area on the Evenson property to a site on La Crosse County Park land which we have leased for 25 years from the County.

With the help of Jim Sewell we have contacted several house movers for bids which range from \$13,000.00 to \$26,000.00. We are making arrangements for the fund raising campaign with pledges totaling \$5,000.00 already made.

We were contacted by Mr. David Evenson who had acquired several acres of land for a residential and commercial development from Helen Lewis. He told

us that he would give us the home providing that it was moved from its present location. If not moved, Mr. Evenson stated the home would be torn down as it stood in the way of commercial development of the overall property. Thus, to save the home from total destruction, it would have to be moved to a different location. After several weeks of discussion, the West Salem Historical Society reached a land lease agreement with La Crosse County for 2½ acres of county park land, just down the road from its present location.

The new location is historically perfect as it is in the original site of the village of Neshonoc, founded by Monroe Palma, builder of the Octagon home in the 1850s. We will be placing the home on lots 36 and 37, the original lots owned by Mr. Palmer as plotted out in the village. How more appropriate can the new location be? We have avoided the archaeological dig site as requested by the state archaeological office by setting the home 148.5 feet from the edge of the property.

We will be moving the original octagon structure along with an addition to its rear (which was a second home originally (building) built in Neshonoc as well. When placed on the national register, this was already added to it. We will use the structure as a tourist center, museum and gift shop which will feature local arts and crafts. We will not alter the octagon part of the home in any way.

I am enclosing the following materials for your further discussion:

- (1) a copy of the agreement signed with La Crosse County leasing the land for 25 years

- (2) a drawing, to scale, of the present building with addition as it now exists on the National Register
- (3) a copy of the letter from Eldora Lason, author of Neshonoc, A Place Like No Other, stating that the new location has a similar relationship to the road as it would have had in the original plot
- (4) a detailed map of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land showing the proposed new location of the home once moved, 148.5 feet from the lot line
- (5) a document from the Department of Land Conservation approving the movement of the home
- (6) the original plat of the village of Neshonoc showing the present location of highways 108 and 16.

Should you have any other questions or in need of any other materials, please call me at 608-786-1675.

Thanks for all your help.

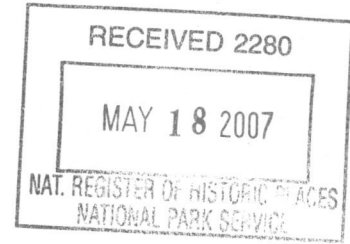
Sincerely,

Evel Kindred, President
West Salem Historical
Society



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Headquarters Building
816 State Street
Madison, WI 53706-1482
608-264-6400



May 11, 2007

Dr. Janet Matthews
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye St., NW
8th Floor (MS 2280)
Washington, DC 20005
Main telephone: 202-354-2213

Jan
Dear Dr. Matthews:

At the April 27, 2007 meeting of the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Board, the Board concurred with the request to relocate the National Register listed Palmer-Lewis Octagon, located in the Town of Hamilton, La Crosse County, Wisconsin. The proposed location is within the same section of the Town of Hamilton and along the same State Highway (as indicated on the included map). We request approval from the National Park Service to retain the listed status of the building.

Attached is a letter from Errol Kindschy, president of the West Salem Historical Society, detailing the request and reasons for the move, together with supporting documentation. Interestingly, when the house was first listed it was a moved property. The new location will return the octagon house to near its original parcel in the failed (and vanished) community of Neshonoc. The new placement of the house was made in consultation with the archaeology community to avoid impacts on identified and significant archaeological sites. Mr. Kindschy is in contact with our staff about the move and the placement of the building on its new site.

Our office supports the relocation of the house, as it will save this unique property from demolition. The move will have no effect on the architectural significance of the building. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Daina Penkiunas of my staff at (608) 264-6501.

We ask for an expedited review of this request. The developer on whose land the house now sits is anxious to redevelop the parcel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "S".

Michael E. Stevens
State Historic Preservation Officer
Administrator, Division of Historic Preservation-Public History
608/264-6464
michael.stevens@wisconsinhistory.org