

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Mountain Home Grange Hall

Other names/site number: _____

Name of related multiple property listing:

The Grange in Idaho

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 1044 Mountain Home Road

City or town: Potlatch State: Idaho County: Latah

Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: X

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

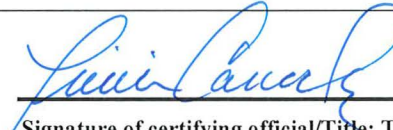
I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A ___ B ___ C ___ D

	<u>8-12-21</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>Tricia Canaday, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer</u> Date	
<u>Idaho State Historic Preservation Office</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official: _____ **Date** _____

Title : _____ **State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government** _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:
___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site

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Structure
Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL – Meeting Hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL – Meeting Hall

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

No Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Wood, Metal, Concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

Mountain Home Grange Hall is wood-frame meeting hall located in Latah County, Idaho, six miles north of the town of Potlatch. Built in 1935, the meeting hall served farming and logging families who lived in a rural landscape drained by Cedar Creek and the West, Middle, and East forks of Deep Creek, a transition zone between the rolling farmlands of the Palouse and the forested mountains of Northern Idaho. Mountain Home Grange Hall's setting remains rural, with large, mature trees and rolling farmland in the property's immediate vicinity. Though lacking an identifiable style, the building embodies elements of the Craftsman style. Its materials consist primarily of locally milled lumber. The building is rectangular in shape and is approximately two bays wide by six bays deep, or about 20 feet wide by 65 feet long. It was built using traditional, early/mid-twentieth-century methods of construction and, as such, it exemplifies vernacular architecture.

The main massing of the hall was constructed in 1935 and is rectangular in shape and is topped by a gabled roof. Front and rear additions were introduced in 1936 and 1953, respectively; they both occurred within the Period of Significance, were designed in the same style as the original, and involved methods of construction consistent with the 1935 main hall's construction. As such,

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the building's additions and alterations did little to compromise the property's integrity of design, workmanship, and feeling. Likewise, the property retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, materials, and association. The building's exterior is in only fair condition because approximately half the building's exterior paint has chipped away, leaving its exterior exposed to weather. As a consequence, some pieces of exterior siding have become loose or are missing. In addition, there is a hole in the façade above the light and some of the exterior trim is decayed and splintering.

Narrative Description

Location and Setting

The Mountain Home Grange Hall sits in northern Latah County, Idaho, which occupies part of the state's northern panhandle. The county is more than 1,000 square miles and covers nearly 700,000 acres. It contains part of the Palouse, which is a vast grassland with rolling hills and is counted as part of the greater Columbia Plateau. The county's western border doubles as the border between Idaho and Washington. The Palouse, once a prairie where bluebunch wheatgrass (*pseudoroegneria spicata*) and Idaho fescue (*festuca idahoensis*) grew abundantly, was formed by millions of years of climatic events which deposited large volumes of soil. As a result, the region today is a fertile farming region where less than 1% of the original prairie remains. The region also historically contained forests near the eastern boundaries of the prairies, primarily made up of ponderosa pine (*pinus ponderosa*). The area surrounding the Mountain Home Grange Hall reflects the area's historical use—the site is located on a flat, grassy plain interspersed with trees and served the needs of the nearby rural, agricultural communities.

The parcel on which the building sits is triangular in shape and fronts Mountain Home Road, which runs northwest to southeast in front of the building. The parcel is located in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 42 North, Range 5 W, Boise Meridian. The building is oriented northeast to southwest on the site, with its southwest elevation serving as its façade, facing the road. The site does not feature formal landscaping, but mature coniferous trees and deciduous shrubs line the north and east boundaries while the front and sides of the building are planted in wild grasses. The front entryway is accessed by a T-shaped concrete walkway.

Exterior

Mountain Home Grange Hall is a single-story, wood-frame building with a roughly rectangular footprint. The building consists of three sections: a middle massing (the original main hall) built in 1935, a front anteroom addition built in 1936, and a rear addition with a basement built in 1953. Though lacking an identifiable architectural style, the building's wood knee braces and exposed rafter tails embody elements of the Craftsman style.

While the author has not ascertained the structural or material composition of the foundations for either the main, central massing or the small front addition, they are both likely supported by concrete piers. The rear addition rests on a raised, cast-in-place, concrete perimeter foundation.

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Narrow-gauge wood lap siding covers the exterior of the building's front and side elevations, while wide-gauge wood shiplap siding covers the rear of the structure. Wood water tables and corner boards are found on all four elevations of the building. All of the building's windows are double-hung, one-over-one, wooden windows with minimal board surrounds unless otherwise noted. The building's three sections are covered by steeply pitched, front-gabled roofs with standing seam metal roofing that appears to have been added onto the building to replace the original wood shingle roofing. (See Figure 4). Each section features open eaves, exposed rafter tails, and front and rear gable overhangs supported by wood knee brace brackets. A bathroom vent exits the southeast half of the front anteroom addition's roof; a brick chimney exits the southeast corner of the middle section's roof; and a concrete masonry unit (CMU) block chimney exits the middle of the rear addition's roof.

Mountain Home Grange Hall's front (southwest facing) elevation consists of the building's 1936 anteroom addition set in front of the 1935 middle section's front elevation and is stepped in approximately two feet from the main massing on either side of the façade. Early grange hall designs lacked uniformity, but in the late 1920s, the National Grange published suggested design standards to rectify the inconsistencies. The most popular of these designs contained a simple, one-story building and, specifically, an anteroom inside the main entrance to the building. As a result, grange halls constructed after the late 1920s typically contain an anteroom. Mountain Home Grange Hall's anteroom addition, therefore, was a retrofit to meet these new recommended standards. The anteroom provided a place for the gatekeeper to stand during meetings, ensuring the group's secrecy. The National Grange strongly encouraged all Grange Halls to adopt the anteroom design.¹

The anteroom addition's façade features an offset, left-of-center paneled steel (non-historic) single-door entry illuminated by a gooseneck barn light centrally positioned in the peak of the gable. The building's front anteroom addition originally featured a one-over-one double-hung wood window on the building's front elevation and a masonry chimney that exited the roof. (See Figure 2). These have both been removed. A hole in the wall under the gable, above the barn light, vents the attic (whether this hole is intentional or previously serviced another light is unclear).

The northwest elevation reveals the building's three sections: rear, middle, and front. Its 1936 anteroom addition (currently partially obscured by a woodpile) has one centered window. The building's 1935 main massing features three evenly spaced windows. A steel oil tank is affixed to a concrete pad beneath the northeasternmost of these windows. The 1953 rear addition features four irregularly spaced windows including two windows which are hung as a pair. The rear addition's footprint extends approximately four feet beyond the footprint of the 1935 main massing, creating a projection with a paneled wood door that faces southwest but is not accessed by steps.

¹ Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash, *The Grange in Idaho: National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form* (Idaho State Historic Preservation Office, in conjunction with the National Park Service, 2/13/2013), 33-34.

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The building's rear (northeast facing) elevation consists of the 1953 addition set behind the 1935 main massing; the addition sits under a lower roof ridge. The rear addition possesses two levels: a lower level with an offset, right-of-center paneled wood door flanked to the left by a window, and an upper level with a paneled wood door offset left of center with a window to the left. A second window is located to the right above the window on the lower level. The upper-level entry has no access to the ground; an external staircase may have once provided access. The rear wall is covered in wide-gauge shiplap siding and has an asymmetrical roofline. Although its roof ridge maintains the same line as the ridge of the middle section, the footprint of the rear addition's northwest wall extends approximately four feet beyond the northwest wall of the middle section, creating an asymmetrical roofline.

The hall's southeast side elevation also displays the building's three sections. The 1953 rear addition features six irregularly spaced windows: three on the upper level and three on the lower level where paired windows are positioned northeast of single windows on both floors. The 1935 main massing features four evenly spaced windows while the anteroom addition has one centered window.

Interior

The interior spatial arrangement is typical of a small, rural community hall, with an entry vestibule, large and small meeting spaces on the main level, and a dining hall and kitchen in the basement. Common features include hardwood floors, wood clad walls and ceilings, and paneled wood doors.

1936 Front Anteroom Addition

Through its front entry, visitors enter Mountain Home Grange Hall's 1936 anteroom addition. Originally a kitchen, the anteroom addition is partitioned into two separate rooms: a front-entry foyer, and a cloakroom containing men's and women's restroom facilities. The foyer's ceilings are low and are not open to the rafter, and the walls feature shiplap paneling oriented horizontally and diagonally; the horizontal paneling on the wall separating foyer and cloakroom is mismatched and appears to conceal a preexisting door that connected foyer and cloakroom, the latter of which housed kitchen facilities until 1953. A half-light raised panel wood door with six lights and wood trim leads from the foyer to the main hall. From the main hall, visitors access the anteroom's cloakroom through a single-door-width entry, although there is currently no door in place. The cloakroom is finished in shiplap paneling consistent with the foyer. Men's and women's restroom additions built inside the cloakroom are composed of prefabricated wood partitions and what are likely hollow wood doors reminiscent of 1950s construction.

1935 Main Hall

Mountain Home Grange Hall's middle section consists of the building's 1935 main hall, its original section. The main hall's ceiling and walls feature horizontal shiplap paneling consistent with the 1936 front anteroom addition. The main hall's ceiling is tall, but like the entry is also not open to the rafters. Its side walls meet the ceiling at a 45-degree angle which corresponds to

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the enclosed roof trusses above. An enclosure in the front (southwest) wall separating the main hall from the anteroom furnishes space for a small storage closet accessed through a wood door composed of vertical shiplap paneling with wood trim. This element also encloses the main hall's brick chimney. The chimney vents a freestanding wood-burning iron stove. Eight opaline schoolhouse pendants, hung from the ceiling, illuminate the main hall. Wood pews line the base of the main hall's side walls. Windows above the pews feature 1x2 inch wood trim and 1x4 inch wood sills and aprons topped by scalloped wood valances. The main hall's hardwood floor features shuffleboard markings.

The back (northeast) wall is dominated by an inset stage with wood flooring. The stage's platform rises two feet above the floor. The platform's front face features painted knotty pine paneling consistent with the stage walls, interspersed with HVAC air vents and 125-volt electrical outlets. A three-step staircase with handrail leads to the stage on the right (southeast) side of the platform. A three-step staircase leads to a paneled door which opens to a backstage area located on the left (northwest) side of the platform. Within the inset stage, both side walls feature paneled doors leading to backstage areas. The stage's walls are finished in 1950s knotty pine shiplap siding that, according to local accounts, was milled nearby in the Deep Creek area. A scalloped wood valance, identical to those that frame the main hall's windows, tops the stage opening.

1953 Rear Addition, Upper Level

All three doorways within or near the stage lead to backstage areas associated with the building's 1953 rear addition. The door to the left of the stage platform leads to the juvenile grange anteroom; the door located on the left wall of the inset stage also opens to this space. The anteroom, which is roughly twice as long as it is wide, features hardwood floors, an untextured ceiling, and untextured walls with no built-in storage or adornments. A door, located on the northwest wall, leads to a storage area (inaccessible due to an obstruction). In the east corner of the anteroom, a CMU block chimney venting the basement kitchen stove passes through the floor and exits through the ceiling. A third single-door entry leads to the main juvenile grange hall.

The juvenile grange hall dominates the upper floor of Mountain Home Grange Hall's 1953 rear addition. It has hardwood floors and untextured, plastered walls and ceiling consistent with the anteroom. 1x4 inch baseboards and trim frame the room's walls, windows, and doors. Flush mounted schoolhouse light fixtures (missing their globes) illuminate the room. The room's hardwood floor features shuffleboard markings consistent with the main hall's flooring. A door, offset to the right on the rear wall, leads outside.

A single door in the south corner of the juvenile grange hall leads to a juvenile grange coatroom that also serves as a backstage dressing room during theatrical performances. While lacking 1x4 inch baseboards, the juvenile grange coatroom possesses the other architectural characteristics consistent with the juvenile grange hall. A door on the northwest wall leads to the stage while a door on the southwest wall leads to a closet.

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1953 Rear Addition, Lower Level (Basement)

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In the north corner of the 1935 main hall, a doorway opens to a stairwell that leads to the rear addition's basement. The staircase itself consists of 2x12 inch boards and round wood handrails mounted on the walls which feature the same knotty pine siding seen in the main hall's stage. As in the main hall, the walls meet the ceiling at a 45-degree angle, and the ceiling features more of the same knotty pine shiplap siding. A window with 1x2 inch trim and 1x4 inch sills and aprons, consistent with the main hall's windows, lights the staircase. At the top of the staircase a wood door provides egress to the exterior. A mounted ceiling light illuminates the staircase.

The stair leads to the rear addition's lower level, a finished basement with a concrete foundation that accommodates a kitchen, dining room, and storage space. The basement's walls, support posts, and ceiling beams are finished in the same locally milled knotty pine siding seen in the stairwell. In between beams, the ceiling features acoustical tiles. Windows with 1x2 inch wood trim and 1x4 inch wood sills and aprons light the kitchen and dining spaces. In the north corner of the room, a door leads to the exterior. Near the stairwell, a CMU block chimney vents the kitchen stove through the ceiling. An L-shaped configuration of sinks, cabinetry, and countertops attached to vertical support posts separate kitchen and dining spaces and sit parallel to the basement stairs; as visitors exit the stairwell, turn to the right, and walk through the kitchen space they encounter laminate countertops that top several open cupboards, three pink sinks and a set of closed cupboards topped by the same laminate countertops on the left. On the right, a historic, non-electric oven and range sits adjacent to the basement stairs, followed by a small wood table, two modern refrigerators, and an electric oven and range. Additional tables with shelving underneath sit along the far wall, perpendicular to the kitchen space, and two rows of tables sit parallel to the main length of kitchen countertop in the dining area. Another long table sits along the wall perpendicular to the main length of kitchen countertop. Schoolhouse opaline light fixtures mounted on the ceiling illuminate the dining area. Everything but the refrigerators appear to be original to the building.

In the south corner of the kitchen, a wood door finished in shiplap siding leads to the rear addition's lower-level storage room, which contains the building's electrical panels and HVAC systems. With the exception of windows, exterior doors, and decorative siding and ceiling paneling, the storage room possesses the same architectural features as the kitchen and dining spaces.

The Mountain Home Grange Hall retains a good degree of integrity and meets the requirements outlined in the Multiple Property Document *The Grange in Idaho*. It is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places for the significant role it played in the lives of nearby farming and logging families. It retains its integrity of location, as it has not been moved, as well as its integrity of setting since it still sits in a rural area. Its integrity of design and workmanship remain intact as it continues to embody elements of the Craftsman style, including its wood knee braces and exposed rafter tails, and it maintains integrity of materials through its use of locally milled lumber to deploy traditional, early/mid-twentieth-century methods of construction. Its two additions (1936 and 1953) occurred within the Period of Significance and did not compromise the structure's basic integrity. Alterations outside the Period of Significance include the

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replacement of the original wood shingle roof with standing seam metal and the installation of a new front door. The structure's location, setting, design, materials, and workmanship contribute to its integrity of feeling, and it retains its association with rural community life even though it is no longer utilized for official grange meetings.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History

Period of Significance

1935-1980

Significant Dates

1935 (Construction)

1936 (Front anteroom addition)

1953 (Rear addition)

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Mountain Home Grange Hall is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the local level under Criterion A for its significance within the area of Social History. Additionally, the property meets the registration requirements outlined in the Multiple Property Documentation Form (MPDF), “The Grange in Idaho.” The building is owned by a subordinate Grange, Mountain Home Grange No. 285, which is once again active after three decades of inactivity. It was used as the Grange’s primary meeting place through the close of the Period of Significance (1980). The Period of Significance, 1935-1980, begins with Mountain Home Grange Hall’s earliest construction and closes in 1980, when the group began to experience a steady decline in membership. According to the MPDF, eligible properties must have been built or been in use by a subordinate Grange between 1874 and 1980 (the beginning of a sustained period of decline for the Idaho Grange). Grange halls more than 50 years old do not need to meet Criteria Consideration G if their Period of Significance extends up to 1980. Records indicate that the organization’s membership had dropped so low by 1987 that it was in danger of losing its charter, and by 1989, the Mountain Home Grange became completely inactive. On April 17, 2021, the grange was rechartered with over twenty new local members.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

This section of the nomination utilizes the shared context provided in the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form, “The Grange in Idaho” (2012), prepared by Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash, Idaho State Historical Society—State Historic Preservation Office.

The National Grange

During the middle decades of the nineteenth century, as railroads, manufacturing, and the modern financial sector came of age, American farmers began sensing their rapidly diminishing status in the American political and economic landscape. For generations, farmers represented the backbone of American society. But by the 1860s, their interests seemed marginalized opposite the rising influence of urban-industrial institutions. Part of the problem was political: business elites, reformers, and labor leaders often possessed coherent (if opposite) visions for the nation’s future. By contrast, American farmers remained politically unorganized and geographically scattered. Their interests, at the local level, often conflicted.²

Rising shipping rates, exorbitant interest rates, high grain storage fees, declining commodity prices, and the high costs of farming implements, however, became issues that almost all farmers

² Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash *The Grange in Idaho*, Section E, Page 1-Page 4, author’s summary.

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could rally around. By the end of the Civil War, the need for an organization to represent their interests opposite the power of railroads, manufacturers, and banks became apparent.³

Oliver Hudson Kelley, a Minnesota farmer, emerged as an early advocate of a farmer's union. Kelley had previously organized the first agricultural society in Minnesota. An innovator and a meticulous record keeper, Kelley frequently experimented with new farming implements, kept detailed notes, and published the results of his experiments in local farm publications. In the 1860s, he accepted a position with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., and published numerous studies in the agency's monthly and annual reports. Politically, Kelley championed the family farmer and routinely expressed his belief that farmers should set commodity prices and control the production, marketing, and shipping of farmed goods to eliminate middlemen and speculators. With a new national outlook gained from working in Washington, D.C., coupled with his lifelong involvement in freemasonry, Kelley began to imagine a national farmer's fraternal order as a vehicle for reform.⁴

In December 1867, Kelley, along with six Washington associates, began organizing an agricultural fraternity they called the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry (the Order). The stated goal of the Order was to provide an opportunity for farmers to work together for mutual protection and advancement. In January 1868, they organized the first grange, the Potomac Grange No. 1, and established an organizational hierarchy of subordinate (local), Pomona (regional), and state granges, culminating in the National Grange. Grange rituals echoed many Masonic and Odd Fellow rituals. Unlike these older fraternal societies, however, the Patrons of Husbandry welcomed women. In April 1868, Kelley began his journey to promote the Order and establish subordinate granges across the nation. Overcoming initial setbacks in northern states, he managed to grow the organization in Minnesota through a public relations campaign facilitated by his local newspaper, the *Sauk Rapids Sentinel*, which published grange circulars that positioned the Order as a solution to the discontent felt by farmers everywhere. Minnesota became the first state to organize a state grange, and the organization rapidly spread through the Midwest and to other states.⁵

The Idaho Grange

In January 1874, the Order came to Idaho Territory. The first two granges in Idaho, located near Moscow and Lewiston, were organized by the Master of the Oregon State Grange. In summer 1874, Frank Shelton, a Deputy Master from Walla Walla, Washington, arrived in southern Idaho to promote the Order and organize subordinate granges. Traveling through the Snake River Plain, Shelton organized six granges with 109 members in just two weeks. By the time he left the Territory in July, Shelton had established 12 subordinate granges. Another seven chartered between 1875 and 1886. Like other early granges around the country, however, many of Idaho's territorial-era granges folded quickly due to lack of organizational supervision and economic

³ Ibid

⁴ Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash, *The Grange in Idaho*, Section E, Page 4-Page 7, author's summary.

⁵ Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash, *The Grange in Idaho*, Section E, Page 7-Page 8, author's summary.

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hardship. These early groups, however, laid the groundwork for later subordinate granges that followed. Idaho achieved statehood in 1890, providing a measure of political stability, and a more robust statewide grange movement developed in the Gem State after 1900.⁶

On October 28, 1908, representatives from 11 of Idaho's 17 subordinate granges met at the Masonic Hall in Caldwell to organize Idaho's state grange. Shortly thereafter, on January 19, 1909, the Idaho State Grange held its first annual meeting at the IOOF Hall in Parma. New subordinate granges in Idaho chartered at a rapid rate; by 1909 there were 32. Immediate issues addressed at the State Grange included the establishment of a statewide fire insurance mutual for members. At the 1911 Idaho State Grange meeting, leaders organized a Legislative Committee to begin lobbying the state legislature on issues ranging from taxes to transportation to water rights.⁷

Perhaps as a result of rising commodity prices associated with World War I and the wartime prosperity enjoyed by American farmers, the Grange in Idaho lost approximately half its members during the 1910s, as solidarity and mutual protection became less urgent amid booming farm prices. The organization rebounded in the 1920s, however. In 1927, a monthly periodical, *The Idaho Granger*, began circulating to better inform members of new issues and initiatives.⁸

As farm prices plummeted during the Depression years of the 1930s, grange membership in Idaho grew exponentially. Crucially, the Order developed new cooperative programs during the 1930s to assist members. The first involved the cooperative buying of scarce commodities such as fence posts, barbed wire, and coal, which the Order made available exclusively to its members. This led to the creation of Grange stores which offered a wider array of essential goods. In 1936, the Idaho Grange established the Grange Cooperative Association, which served as a wholesale unit, giving even more buying power to members. A Grange Livestock Marketing Agency in Idaho began marketing and selling Idaho livestock in 1938; a cooperative auto and life insurance programs and a credit union for Grange members emerged during the 1930s. These and other members-only programs, along with the spirit of solidarity and cooperation that flourished within the ranks of individual subordinate granges, resulted in increased membership. In response, scores of new subordinate granges in Idaho organized during the 1930s, including Mountain Home Grange No. 285 in the Deep Creek region of northern Latah County.⁹

Deep Creek, Latah County, Idaho

Long before the arrival of Euro-American settlers, this region was home to the Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d'Alene) and the Palus (Palouse) people. Nomadic, these tribes followed food sources through the seasons and used this land as a place to gather camas and other resources.

⁶ Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash, *The Grange in Idaho*, Section E, Page 24-25, author's summary.

⁷ Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash, *The Grange in Idaho*, Section E, Page 25-26, author's summary.

⁸ Tricia Canaday, Jennifer Svancara, and Jenna Nash, *The Grange in Idaho*, Section E, Page 26, author's summary.

⁹ Section E, Page 26-27

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In August 1871, federal surveyors arrived in what is now northern Latah County to begin staking out townships and sections to prepare the region for homesteading.¹⁰ Settlement, however, proceeded slowly. The first three homestead claims in the area were filed in 1876. In 1877, an extended family with the last name Freeze settled along Deep Creek, approximately four miles south of the present location of Mountain Home Grange Hall. A small settlement called Freeze emerged. It had a blacksmith shop, a grocery store, a school, a church, a community hall, and a post office. For decades, Freeze provided basic services to those who settled in the vicinity of Deep Creek in northern Latah County.¹¹

Settlement received a major boost after 1890 with the arrival of railroads across the territorial/state line in eastern Washington. In 1888, the Spokane and Palouse Railway, a branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad, established rail stops in the towns of Garfield and Palouse in Whitman County, Washington. By 1890, the town of Garfield also possessed a stop on the Oregon Railway & Navigation, a branch of the Union Pacific Railroad.¹² The towns were located nine miles west and southwest, respectively, of the current location of Mountain Home Grange Hall. As rail stops on major transcontinental lines, Garfield and Palouse became important centers of commerce and transportation for the rural families that settled in northern Latah County.¹³

Those who first arrived in the vicinity of Deep Creek found a region of rolling hills scattered with white pine. Among nineteenth-century homesteaders, there was little distinction between farmers and loggers: most did both. Small sawmills proliferated, as settlers cleared the land for farming and produced lumber to build the area's homes, barns, churches, schools, and fences.¹⁴ As one local historian tells it, for several decades the banks of Deep Creek remained "abuzz, literally abuzz, with the industry of sawmilling."¹⁵ Alvah Strong, an early settler whose descendants still live in the area, owned a mill located in the high country that drained the West Fork of Deep Creek and produced lumber for several decades. The mill remains one of northern Latah County's best remembered family-owned sawmills.¹⁶

With the arrival of settlers, typical characteristics of American rural community life emerged. By 1888, when Latah County separated from Nez Perce County, the Deep Creek area already possessed two schools: Burden School, built two miles north of Freeze and a mile west of Deep

¹⁰ It should be noted that what is now Latah County was part of Nez Perce County from the time Nez Perce County was re-organized into the Idaho Territory in 1864 until Latah County was carved out of Nez Perce County in 1888.

¹¹ Opal Lambert Ross, *Landed Gentry, 1871-1978* (Farmington, WA: Opal Lambert Ross, 1979), 12-21.

¹² "An Illustrated History of Whitman County, State of Washington (San Francisco: W.H. Lever, 1901), 172-173.

¹³ Gregory A. Boyd, J.D., *Family Maps of Latah County, Idaho, Deluxe Edition: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, Railroads, and More* (Norman, OK: Arphax Publishing, 2009), 140. Though federal surveyors made northern Latah County's public lands available to homesteaders in 1871, most of the individuals who obtained lands in the vicinity of Deep Creek, whether by homestead or cash-entry, received patents during the mid-late 1880s and 1890s, suggesting the importance of railroads in eastern Washington toward the settlement of northern Latah County, Idaho.

¹⁴ Author conversation with Gary Strong, Potlatch Historical Society, October 1, 2020. To remove tree stumps, settlers made careful use of explosives.

¹⁵ Opal Lambert Ross, *Landed Gentry, 1871-1978* (Farmington, WA: Opal Lambert Ross, 1979), 44.

¹⁶ *Ibid.*, 47.

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Creek, and Mountain Home School, located two miles further north along the West Fork of Deep Creek. They were followed by Elmore School, which served East Fork families.¹⁷ In 1892, the area received a post office called “Cora,” named for Cora Carruthers, who operated a small grocery store near Burden School that housed the post office.¹⁸ Local churches included the United Brethren Church, built in 1889 near Burden School, and Mountain Home Church, built in 1911 near Mountain Home School.¹⁹

In 1905, the Potlatch Lumber Company arrived in northern Latah County and began building the world’s largest lumber mill at its company town, Potlatch, located six miles south of the current location of Mountain Home Grange Hall. That year, the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway, a Potlatch Lumber Company subsidiary, began building east from Palouse, Washington. By the end of 1905, its rails reached Potlatch, and the new town quickly supplanted Garfield and Palouse as the principal market and shipping point for rural families in the vicinity of Cedar Creek and Deep Creek.²⁰ During the late 1930s, the relationship between Deep Creek and Potlatch became further solidified with the completion of Idaho’s North and South Highway, the forerunner of today’s US-95. Besides providing a strategic transportation link between the northern and southern sections of Idaho, the paved two-lane road offered local motorists a reliable route to town.²¹

Mountain Home Grange No. 285

On April 4, 1931, amid the worsening national economic crisis, a group of 40 Deep Creek residents applied for a subordinate grange to serve their rural section of northern Latah County. A week later, the National Grange accepted the application and chartered Mountain Home Grange No. 285, adopting the name of the nearby school and church that served the community. From its 40 charter members, Mountain Home Grange No. 285 selected George Edwards as Master and appointed Frank Hanna, T.J. Woolverton, and P.F. Williams, all local farmers, to an executive committee. Mountain Home Grange No. 285 met at 8:00 P.M. on the first and third Fridays of each month at Mountain Home Church. By the end of its first year, its membership reached 57, as residents of Deep Creek became aware of the benefits the Order offered its members.²²

Meeting facilities became an early issue. “It was soon discovered,” recalled one early member, “[that] the Church Building was not adequate or satisfactory for Grange meetings, and the active

¹⁷ Ibid., 35-36, 39, 45.

¹⁸ Ibid., 24-25.

¹⁹ Ibid., 40-43.

²⁰ Judith Nielsen, “Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway Company,” August 1982, <https://www.lib.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Manuscripts/mg139.htm>, accessed 11/29/2020.

²¹ Federal Highway Administration, “U.S. 95 and Idaho’s North and South Highway,” June 27, 2017, <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/highwayhistory/us95.cfm>, accessed November 29, 2020.

²² “Annual Report,” Box: “Mountain Home Grange Research,” Folder: “9.22 Mountain Home Grange – Deeds & Land / Clearwater Power Company Certificate of Membership,” Potlatch Historical Society, Potlatch, Idaho; Untitled manuscript, Box: “Mountain Home Grange Research,” Folder: Mountain Home Grange History,” Potlatch Historical Society, Potlatch, Idaho.

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members began agitating for the construction of a new grange hall.”²³ In the winter of 1933, Mountain Home Grange No. 285 arranged to purchase saw timber (raw pine logs) from the Potlatch Lumber Company on company lands near Strong’s mill, operated by Alvah Strong, one of the group’s charter members. In January and February 1933, Grange members purchased, cut, and hauled the logs to Strong’s mill; in June they returned and sawed the logs into lumber. Stacked and covered for seasoning, the lumber remained in piles for two years while members searched for a suitable building site.²⁴

In 1935, Frank and Myrtle Hanna, both charter members, conditionally deeded the group a triangular portion of their property a mile north of Burden School for use as a meeting hall site.²⁵ The property, slightly larger than one acre, is located near the intersection of Cora and Mountain Home Roads and had previously formed the far northeast corner of the 40-acre Hanna property.²⁶ Construction began in June 1935. “All of the members,” one early member recalled, “contributed more or less, in accordance with their means, to the construction of the building.”²⁷ Within a month, volunteers finished the building’s frame, siding, and roof. Brothers Tom and Ed Woolverton, charter members, earned special distinction during the latter stages of construction for accomplishing “a considerable amount of finish work on the building.”²⁸ Work progressed through 1935. Finally, in January 1936, members of Mountain Home Grange No. 285 held their first meeting in the newly completed Mountain Home Grange Hall.²⁹

Besides hosting regular meetings, Mountain Home Grange Hall became a community polling place on election day and provided a venue for the local basketball team. “Outsiders as well as Granger members found themselves welcome,” observed one member.³⁰ Many attended community-wide fundraisers, which included card parties, quilt raffles, dances, pie socials, and basket socials, where dates with eligible ladies were auctioned off to eligible bachelors. The proceeds went toward paying off the Grange’s building debt.³¹

²³ Untitled manuscript, Box: “Mountain Home Grange Research,” Folder: Mountain Home Grange History,” Potlatch Historical Society, Potlatch, Idaho.

²⁴ Thomas G. Youmans, Jr., “History of Mountain Home Grange #285 P. of H.,” Box: Mountain Home Grange Research, Folder: Mountain Home Grange History, Potlatch Historical Society, Potlatch, Idaho; Untitled manuscript, Box: “Mountain Home Grange Research,” Folder: Mountain Home Grange History,” Potlatch Historical Society, Potlatch, Idaho.

²⁵ “Warranty Deed,” Box: “Mountain Home Grange Research,” Folder: “9.22 Mountain Home Grange – Deeds & Land / Clearwater Power Company Certificate of Membership,” Potlatch Historical Society, Potlatch, Idaho.

²⁶ Charles F. Metsker, *Metsker’s Atlas of Latah County, State of Idaho* (map), (Charles F. Metsker: Portland, 1938), 39.

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²⁸ Ibid.

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³¹ Ibid.

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Improvements to Mountain Home Grange Hall continued through the late 1930s and early 1940s. In 1936-37, members added an anteroom addition for use as a kitchen; they also wired the hall for electricity. In April 1938, members purchased grange regalia and painted the building. In January 1939, the group purchased a piano and received an electric clock from Lewis Orsie Jewelers of Spokane. In 1941, they added a woodshed and wood burning stove, and outfitted the hall with new chairs.³²

During the war years of 1942-1945, members of Mountain Home Grange Hall No. 285 “delayed interior finishing and decorating” and instead directed fundraising efforts toward the purchase of more than \$1,400 in war bonds. After the war, the Grange turned its philanthropic attention to the surrounding community. Cake walks, pie socials, parties, dances, and oyster feeds became the preferred methods of fundraising. During the late 1940s, the Grange began providing support to destitute families in the area and gave assistance to member families as needed. In 1949, members held a benefit dance in support of Flat Creek Grange, a new Latah County startup. That year, the group also helped paint and repair Freeze Church, a local house of worship. In 1950, the group held a pie social to raise funds for a local family that lost their home to a fire.³³

After 1950, members of Mountain Home Grange No. 285 began making arrangements for a sizeable rear addition to their hall. In 1951, they cut and hauled logs to Carscallen’s Mill, a local sawmill operated by member Vern Carscallen. Construction began in August 1952, as members excavated dirt from beneath the rear of the hall and poured a cement foundation. By the winter of 1952-53, they completed the rear addition’s frame, siding, roof, chimney, and windows. By spring 1953, they finished the upper floor’s Juvenile Grange room (a meeting room for youths), the main hall’s inset stage, and the lower floor’s kitchen and dining room facility. On May 24, 1953, members welcomed representatives from northern Idaho and eastern Washington subordinate granges, along with Idaho State Grange Master W.E. Adams, to a dedication ceremony, which also marked the formal establishment of Mountain Home Grange No. 285’s Juvenile Grange unit.³⁴

Fundraising events and improvements to Mountain Home Grange Hall proceeded through the 1950s. In 1955, members installed a hardwood floor in the Juvenile Grange room and improved the building’s parking lot. The following year, members hosted a feed sale to fund an interior and exterior repainting effort. In 1957, they acquired locally milled knotty pine shiplap siding, which they installed in the stage, stairwell, and the lower-level kitchen/dining room. “When this was completed,” one member recalled, “it was a big improvement.” In 1958-59, members rewired the entire building and outfitted the basement kitchen and dining facilities with new cupboards, a new ceiling, a refrigerator, and an electric oven.³⁵ The original kitchen in the front addition was then converted into the bathroom and cloakroom.

Mountain Home Grange No. 285 continued its philanthropic efforts and remained active in the community through the 1950s and 1960s. For the local school district, the group helped raise

³² Ibid.

³³ Ibid.

³⁴ Ibid.

³⁵ Ibid.

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funds for playground equipment. Members also contributed to the local 4th of July fireworks fund and staged theatrical performances at a variety of northern Latah County fundraisers. Additionally, the group supported charities such as the Red Cross and Children's Home and made Mountain Home Grange Hall available as a venue for dances, dinners, weddings, and showers.³⁶ Local youth associations such as the F.M.B.E. (Freeze-Mountain Home-Burden-Elmore), 4-H Club, the 3-in-1 Homemakers Club, and the 5th Degree Drill Team, met at Mountain Home Grange Hall, as did adult organizations such as the Latah County Cattlemen Association, the Cowbelles, and the Silver Spurs Saddle Club.³⁷

Additionally, twice each month through the decades, Mountain Home Grange Hall hosted the meetings of Mountain Home Grange No. 285. The meetings provided an opportunity for members to discuss community issues. The grange lecturer, a position traditionally held by a woman, presented lectures and films involving agricultural themes and, occasionally, non-agricultural themes such as public health and political issues.³⁸ Mountain Home Grange No. 285 also frequently hosted visitors from nearby subordinate granges, including Kennedy Ford, Princeton, Crane Creek, Flat Creek, and Joel.³⁹ Through the decades, its members faithfully embodied the Grange motto, "In Essentials, Unity—In Non-Essentials, Liberty—In All Things, Charity."

The Mountain Home Grange Hall's use declined over time, and by the turn of the new century the hall no longer served the needs of the local community. American farming morphed from primarily small, family-operated farms into large, corporate operations, and since the Mountain Home Grangers historically represented the farming profession, the number of grangers declined as the decades marched on. Records indicate that the organization's membership had dropped so low by 1987 that it was in danger of losing its charter, and by 1989, the Mountain Home Grange became completely inactive.

However, over the subsequent three decades, the building continued to serve as a community center, and other local groups such as those previously named continued to use the space for meetings, social events, and fundraisers. In recent years, the community has held an annual Christmas craft fair in the hall.

Renewed interest in the social and cultural aspects of the local grange coincided with the research and writing of this National Register nomination, and on April 17, 2021 the grange was rechartered with over twenty new local members. Representatives of both the National Grange

³⁶ Untitled manuscript, Box: "Mountain Home Grange Research," Folder: Mountain Home Grange History," Potlatch Historical Society, Potlatch, Idaho.

³⁷ "Mountain Home Grange Plans Fair Activities," *The Palouse Republic*, September 11, 1970; "3-In-1 Club Makes Fair Plans," *The Palouse Republic*, August 11, 1967; "4-H Club Viewed Pictures At Meeting," *The Palouse Republic*, March 31, 1950; "Mountain Home Grange," *The Palouse Republic*, October 23, 1964; "Latah Cowbelles Met," *The Palouse Republic*, February 17, 1961; "Mountain Home Grange," *The Palouse Republic*, February 10, 1961.

³⁸ "Grange Makes Plans," *The Palouse Republic*, November 24, 1967; "Mountain Home Grange," *The Palouse Republic*, February 23, 1968; "Mountain Home Grange," *The Palouse Republic*, April 22, 1966.

³⁹ "Mountain Home Grange," October 23, 1964; "Mountain Home Grange," *The Palouse Republic*, March 23, 1962.

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and Idaho Grange were present to induct new members and conduct the inaugural meeting of the reinvigorated Mountain Home Grange.

The Mountain Home Grange Hall is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance under Criterion A, specifically for its significance in the area of Social History, since it played an important role in the lives of local farming and logging families. In addition, the Mountain Home Grange Hall is part of the larger story of the National Grange story, and it retains sufficient integrity to contribute to the organization's history.

The property also meets the Registration Requirements outlined in the Multiple Property Documentation, "The Grange in Idaho," which require grange halls to: (1) have been built or have been in use by a subordinate grange between 1874 and 1980, (2) generally retain integrity of location, setting, and feeling, (3) contain a "straightforward" design with few architectural embellishments, which reflect the hall's vernacular design, (4) retain integrity of materials, and (5) contain compatible additions, if any are present. The building is owned by a subordinate grange and was used as that grange's primary meeting hall throughout the Period of Significance from 1935-1980 (1). The building retains its integrity of location, setting, and feeling, as it has not been moved and the setting remains rural and agricultural (2). As a modest, rectangular, single-story building complete with an antechamber, stage, and basement kitchen, it aligns with the general design guidelines for vernacular grange halls (3), and it retains many of the same original construction materials (4). Its two additions were constructed within the Period of Significance and do not diminish the overall integrity of the building (5).

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Archival Collections

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

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 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
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 - University
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property is located in the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 42 North, Range 5 West, Boise BM. From a point beginning near the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3, located at 47°0'26.53"N, 116°56'19.06"W, the property line runs south for 290 feet before it ends at the Mountain Home Road, at 47°0'23.69"N, 116°56'19.11"W. From that point, the property line runs northwest, parallel to the highway, for 426 feet until it reaches 47°0'26.55"N, 116°56'23.66"W. From that point, it travels east for 320 feet until it reaches the beginning point.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This boundary represents the entire property historically associated with the Mountain Home Grange Hall and is described in the original 1935 warranty deed.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

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County: Latah

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Photo 1 of 61. Front elevation with setting, facing northeast.

Photo 2 of 61. Front elevation, facing northeast.

Photo 3 of 61. Front elevation and setting, facing northeast.

Photo 4 of 61. Front elevation, facing northeast.

Photo 5 of 61. Front anteroom addition, with barn light and attic vent, facing northeast.

Photo 6 of 61. Front and side (northwest) elevations, facing east.

Photo 7 of 61. Side (northwest) elevation, facing east.

Photo 8 of 61. Rear addition, side (northwest) elevation, facing east.

Photo 9 of 61. Rear and side (northwest) elevations, facing south.

Photo 10 of 61. Side (southeast) elevation, facing north.

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- Photo 11 of 61. Front and side (southeast) elevations and setting, facing north.
- Photo 12 of 61. Front and side (southeast) elevations, facing north.
- Photo 13 of 61. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing east.
- Photo 14 of 61. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing north.
- Photo 15 of 61. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing west.
- Photo 16 of 61. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing south.
- Photo 17 of 61. Front anteroom addition, coatroom, facing south.
- Photo 18 of 61. Front anteroom addition, coatroom, facing west.
- Photo 19 of 61. Front anteroom addition, coatroom, facing north.
- Photo 20 of 61. Front anteroom addition, coatroom, facing east.
- Photo 21 of 61. Main hall, facing northeast.
- Photo 22 of 61. Main hall, hardwood flooring, facing northeast.
- Photo 23 of 61. Main hall, facing north.
- Photo 24 of 61. Main hall, facing east.
- Photo 25 of 61. Main hall, hardwood flooring, facing south.
- Photo 26 of 61. Main hall, facing south.
- Photo 27 of 61. Main hall, facing southwest.
- Photo 28 of 61. Main hall, wood pews, facing south.
- Photo 29 of 61. Main hall, facing west.
- Photo 30 of 61. Main hall, wood double-hung window and valance, facing southeast.
- Photo 31 of 61. Main hall, inset stage, facing north.
- Photo 32 of 61. Main hall, inset stage, facing east.
- Photo 33 of 61. Main hall, knotty pine siding on inset stage, facing north.

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- Photo 34 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing northeast.
- Photo 35 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing north.
- Photo 36 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing north.
- Photo 37 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing west.
- Photo 38 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing east.
- Photo 39 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing north.
- Photo 40 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, hardwood flooring, facing northeast.
- Photo 41 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, window, facing northeast.
- Photo 42 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing southeast.
- Photo 43 of 61. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing northwest.
- Photo 44 of 61. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing west.
- Photo 45 of 61. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing southwest.
- Photo 46 of 61. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing east.
- Photo 47 of 61. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing north.
- Photo 48 of 61. Rear addition basement stairwell, facing northeast.
- Photo 49 of 61. Rear addition basement stairwell, facing northeast.
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- Photo 51 of 61. Rear addition basement stairwell, facing southwest.
- Photo 52 of 61. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing east.
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Photo 56 of 61. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing northwest.

Photo 57 of 61. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing southeast.

Photo 58 of 61. Rear addition basement storage room, facing northwest.

Photo 59 of 61. Rear addition basement storage room, facing west.

Photo 60 of 61. Rear addition basement storage room, facing southeast.

Photo 61 of 61. Rear addition basement storage room, facing east.

Figure Log:

Figure 1 of 7. View of front elevation, 1935, facing northeast.

Figure 2 of 7. View of front elevation with anteroom addition, 1952, facing northeast.

Figure 3 of 7. View of men building new rear addition foundation, 1952, facing east.

Figure 4 of 7. View of new rear addition, 1953, facing north.

Figure 5 of 7. View of main hall and inset stage, c. 1970, facing northeast.

Figure 6 of 7. View of main hall, c. 1970, facing northwest.

Figure 7 of 7. Local and state members at grange recharter, April 17, 2021.

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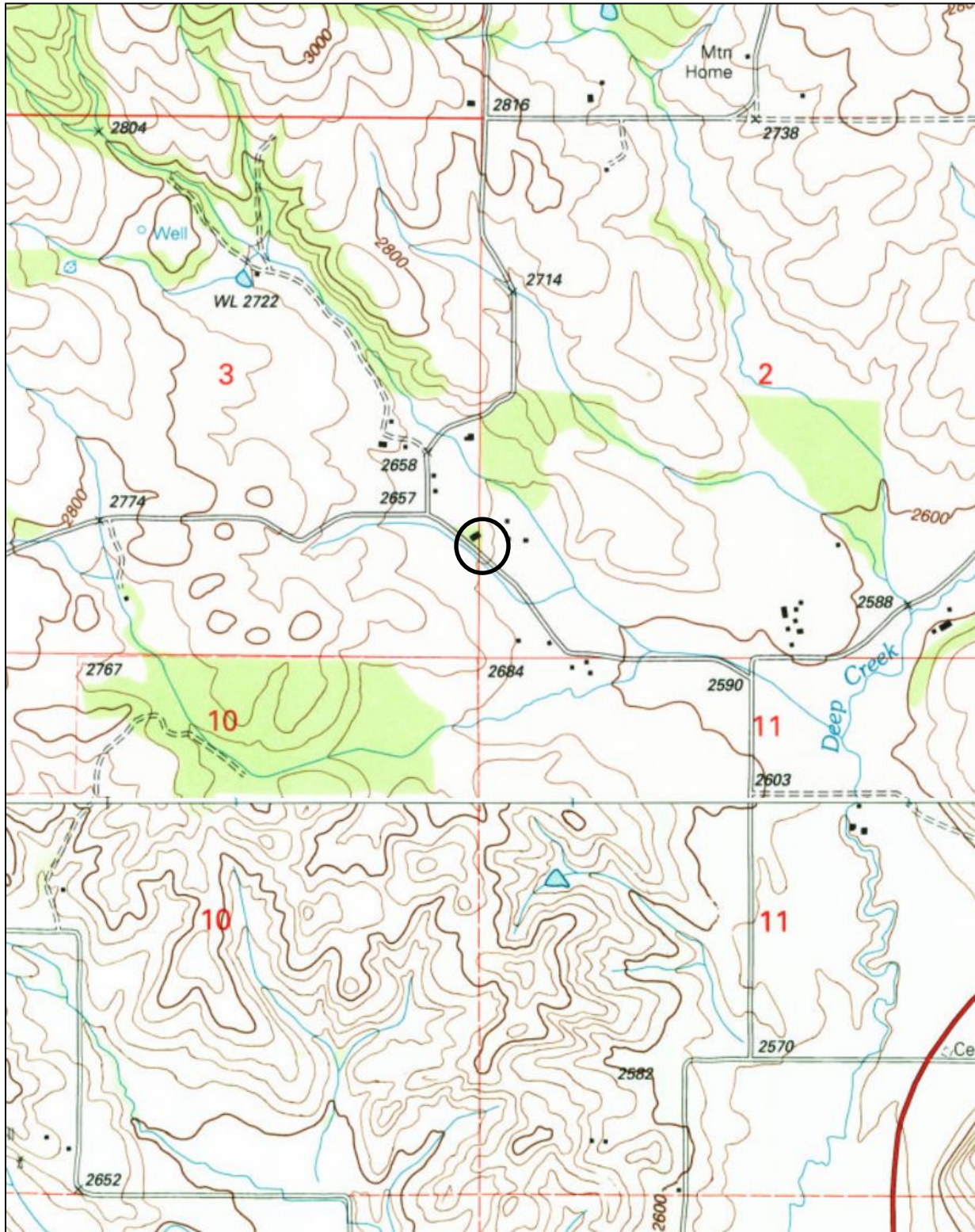
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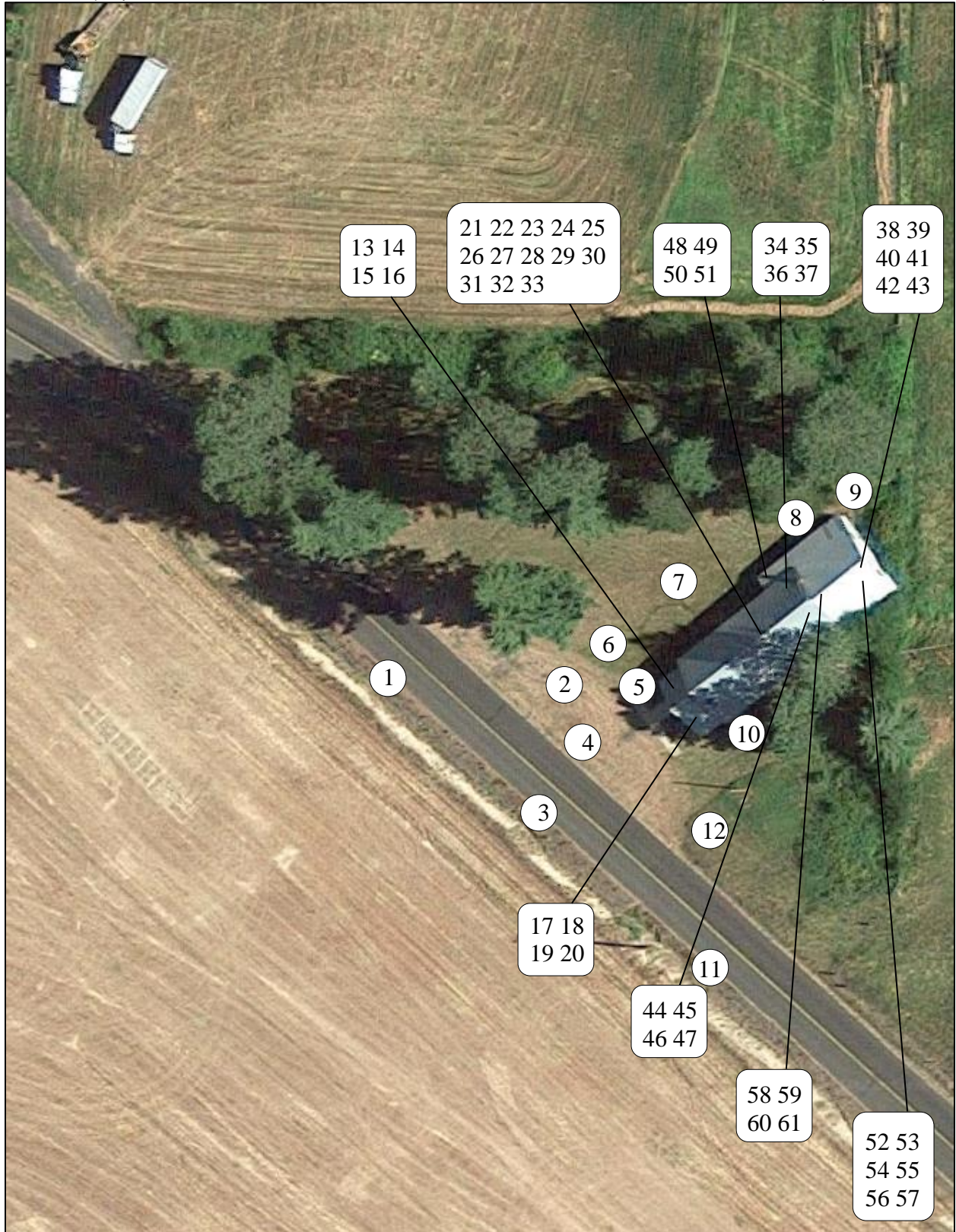
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Basement
Kitchen

BASEMENT

Room 9:
Basement
Storage

Room 5:
Juvenile
Grange

"Room" 7:
Stairwell

Room 6:
Juvenile
Grange

Room 4:
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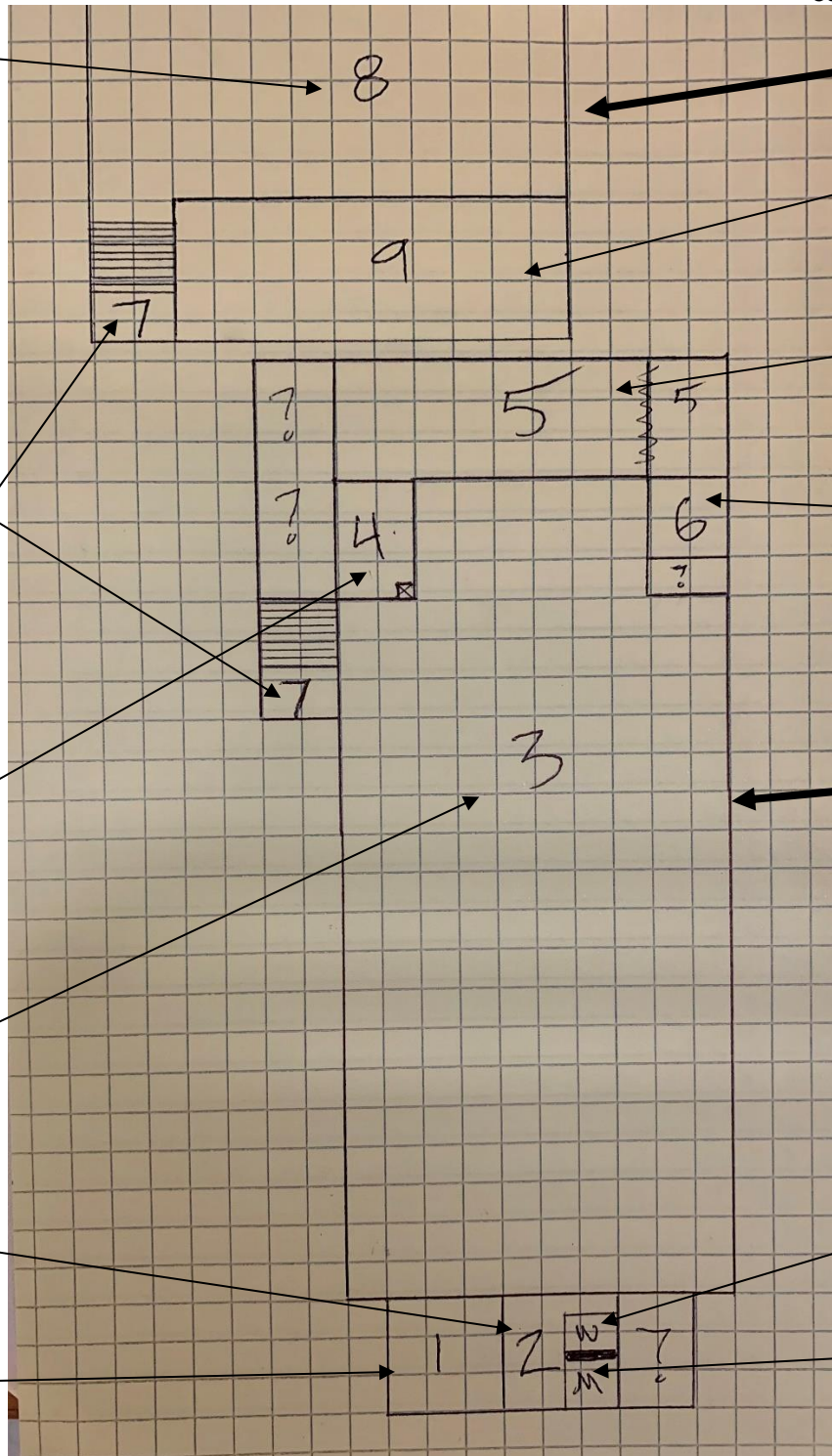
Room 3:
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Room 2:
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Hand-drawn sketch map of the first floor (bottom of image) and basement (top of image) of the Mountain Home Grange Hall. Spaces marked with a question mark were inaccessible during fieldwork. Rooms are numbered as they were encountered during fieldwork. Map not drawn to scale.

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Photo 1. Front elevation with setting, facing northeast.



Photo 2. Front elevation with setting, facing northeast.

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Photo 3. Front elevation and setting, facing northeast.



Photo 4. Front elevation, facing northeast.

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Photo 5. Front anteroom addition, with barn light and attic vent, facing northeast.



Photo 6. Front and side (northwest) elevations, facing east.

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Photo 7. Side (northwest) elevation, facing east.



Photo 8. Rear addition, side (northwest) elevation, facing east.

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Photo 9. Rear and side (northwest) elevations, facing south.



Photo 10. Side (southeast) elevation, facing north.

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Photo 11. Front and side (southeast) elevations and setting, facing north.



Photo 12. Front and side (southeast) elevations, facing north.

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Photo 13. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing east.



Photo 14. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing north.

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Photo 15. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing west.



Photo 16. Front anteroom addition, foyer, facing south.

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Photo 17. Front anteroom addition, coatroom, facing south.



Photo 18. Front anteroom addition, coatroom, facing west.

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Photo 19. Front anteroom addition, coatroom, facing north.



Photo 20. Front anteroom addition, coatroom and restrooms, facing east.

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Photo 21. Main hall, facing northeast.



Photo 22. Main hall, hardwood flooring, facing northeast.

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Photo 23. Main hall, facing north.



Photo 24. Main hall, facing east.

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Photo 25. Main hall, hardwood flooring, facing south.

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Photo 26. Main hall, facing south.



Photo 27. Main hall, facing southwest.

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Photo 28. Main hall, wood pews, facing south.



Photo 29. Main hall, facing west.

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Photo 30. Main hall, wood double-hung window and valance, facing southeast.



Photo 31. Main hall, inset stage, facing north.

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Photo 32. Main hall, inset stage, facing east.



Photo 33. Main hall, knotty pine siding on inset stage, facing north.

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Photo 34. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing northeast.

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Photo 35. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing north.

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Photo 36. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing southwest.

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Photo 37. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall anteroom, facing west.

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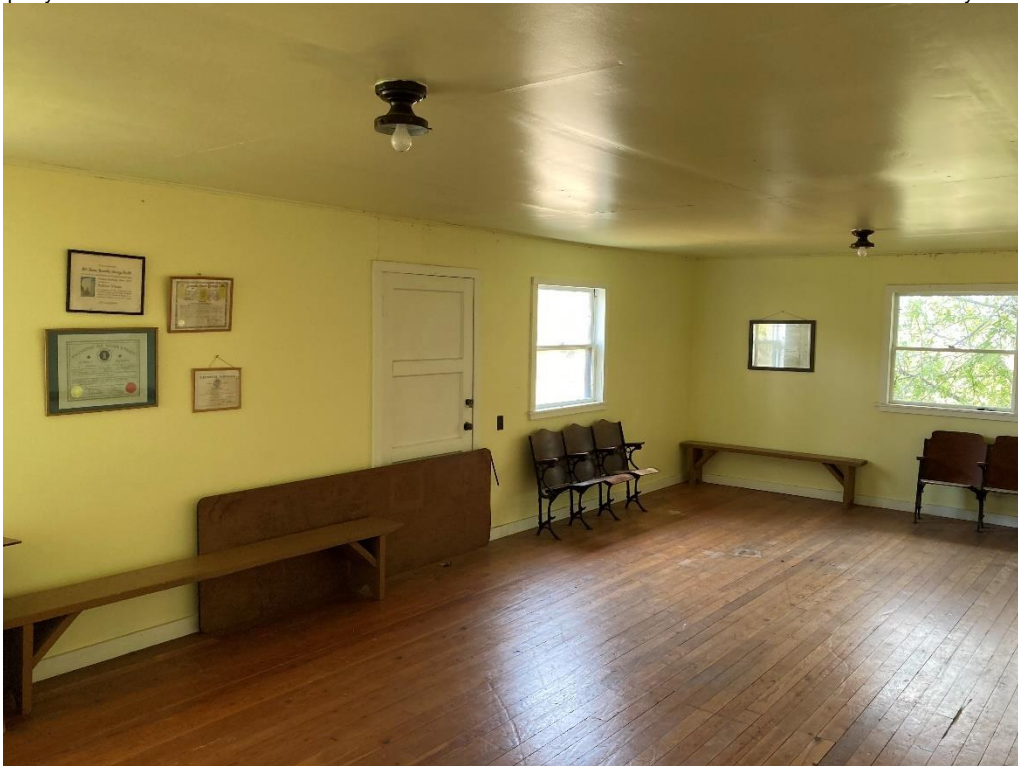


Photo 38. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing east.



Photo 39. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing north.

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Photo 40. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, hardwood flooring, facing northeast.

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Photo 41. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, window, facing northeast.

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Photo 42. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing southeast.



Photo 43. Rear addition, juvenile grange hall, facing northwest.

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Photo 44. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing west.

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Photo 45. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing southwest.

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Photo 46. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing east.

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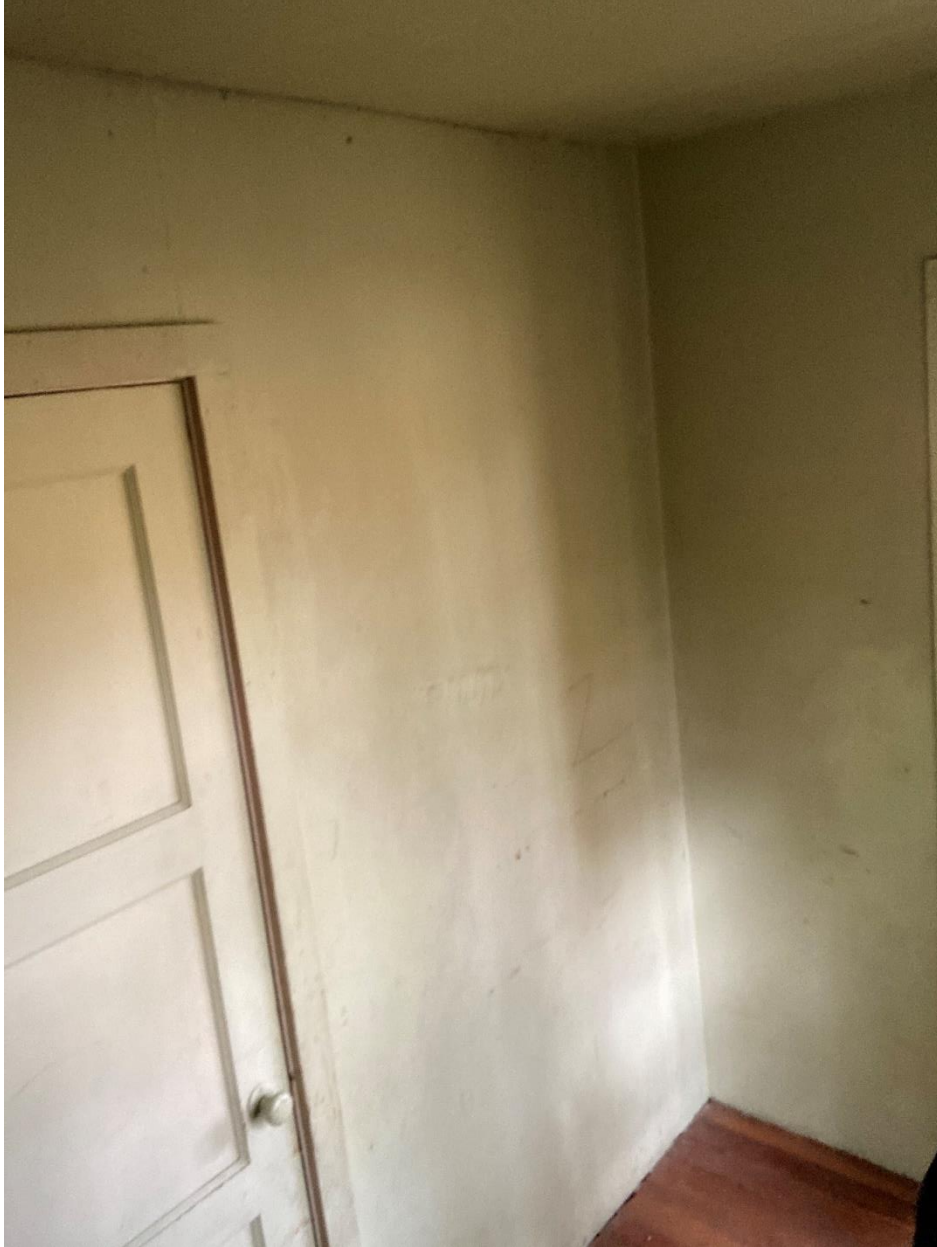


Photo 47. Rear addition juvenile grange coatroom, facing north.

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Photo 48. Rear addition basement stairwell, facing northeast.



Photo 49. Rear addition basement stairwell, facing northeast.

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Photo 50. Rear addition basement stairwell, facing southwest.



Photo 51. Rear addition basement stairwell, facing southwest.

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Photo 52. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing east.



Photo 53. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing south.

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Photo 54. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing south.



Photo 55. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing north.

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Photo 56. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing northwest.



Photo 57. Rear addition basement kitchen/dining room, facing southeast.

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Photo 58. Rear addition basement storage room, facing northwest.



Photo 59. Rear addition basement storage room, facing west.

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Photo 60. Rear addition basement storage room, facing southeast.



Photo 61. Rear addition basement storage room, facing east.

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Figure 1. View of front elevation, 1935, facing northeast.



Figure 2. View of front elevation with 1936 anteroom addition, 1952, facing northeast.

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Figure 3. View of men building new rear addition foundation, 1952, facing east.



Figure 4. View of new rear addition, 1953, facing north.

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Figure 5. View of main hall and inset stage, c. 1960, facing northeast.

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Figure 6. View of main hall, c. 1960, facing northwest.

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Figure 7. Local and state members at grange recharter, April 17, 2021.