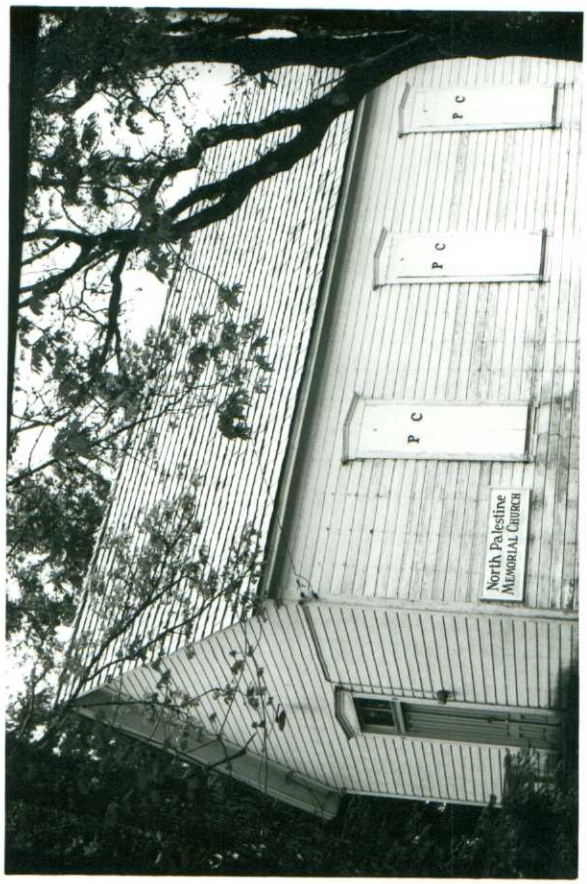
BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY 1983



INVENTORY NUMBER 87

AREA: North Albany
T 10S R 4W SECTION 22
TAX LOT # _____

Address: Palestine Ave.
Albany

Owner: _____

Historic Name: North Palestine
Memorial Church

Theme: Institutional/Religious

Construction Date: ca. 1880

Type/Use: Church

Style: Gothic Revival

Recorded by: R. Clark
Date: April 28, 1983
Rating: 1

Condition/ 7
Excel (10),Fair (5),deteriorated (1)

Roll F # 17 southwest side
Story 1 Frame wood
Roof gable Eaves overhang, closed Frieze medium
Basic shape rectangle Additions _____
Interior Chimney brick, central Exterior Chimney _____
Dormers no Bays no
Siding shiplap Cornerboards medium with capitals
Typical Windows 4 over 4 double hung with pointed moldings
Porch Roof none Posts _____ Placement _____
Foundation cement Other Structures _____
Notable Elements transom over symetrically placed front door, west side
Alterations porch floor and railing, shutters now cover windows
Comments/Historic Significance sits in a grove of oak trees next to the Palestine Cemetery. Maurice Cook has history of the building, 5343 Palestine Ave., N.W., 928-8926. Recorded in Abbruzzeu Survey as Number 38.

more info. on 1986 inventory.

BENTON COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY II
1984 - 1985

COUNTY AREA: Fairmount
RESOURCE #: 87

PHOTO #: F 17
ORIGINAL USE: Church
PRESENT USE: Community Hall
PROP. CLASS: 100
SIZE: 3.12 acres (includes cemetery)

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Palestine Road
T 10 R 4 S 22D 1/4 SW
TAX LOT: 2000

COMMON NAME: North Palestine Church
HISTORIC NAME: North Palestine Baptist Church

PRESENT OWNER: Palestine Church Cemetery Association
OWNER'S ADDRESS: not listed

ORIGINAL OWNER: North Palestine Baptist Church

ARCHITECT:
BUILDER:

THEME: Culture; 19th Century Architecture/ Religion
PERIOD/ DATE: c. 1882
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNATION/ TYPE: Church with Classical and Gothic stylistic elements

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Plan type/shape: Rectangular with entry centrally located on gable end.
No. of Stories: One
Foundation material: Cement
Basement (y/n): No
Roof form & materials: Medium to steeply pitched gable roof with overhanging eaves. Roof is clad with wood shingles.
Wall construction: Wood
Structural frame: Wood
Primary window type: Four over four double-hung sash windows with pediment-style window heads.
Primary exterior surfacing materials: Horizontal drop siding with capped cornerboards. Rake and frieze boards.
Outstanding decorative features: Double leaf entry door with transom and pedimented head. Each door leaf has four molded, recessed panels.
Exterior alterations/additions (dated): None noted.
Condition: Fair (Excellent,Good,Fair,Deteriorated,Moved-Date)

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND IMMEDIATE SETTING

The North Palestine Baptist Church is located on the north side of

Palestine Road approximately eight-tenths of a mile west of the Scenic Drive intersection. Situated on Kay Hill, the church fronts west. North Palestine Cemetery is located just to the east of the church (see inventory form #87A).

NOTEWORTHY LANDSCAPE FEATURES

The church is situated in a fir grove. Picnic tables are scattered throughout the grove.

Outbuildings

Two outhouses are located in the fir grove next to the church.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND SIGNIFICANCE

The North Palestine Baptist Church is probably the oldest extant church building in Benton County. The building, with its intact location, setting, design, materials, and workmanship, is the only church building in Benton County with architectural elements from the Classical Revival style of architecture, albeit blended with the Gothic Revival style of architecture. The North Palestine Church is probably one of only two church buildings built in the northeastern portion of the county during the 19th Century. The other church, since demolished, was at Wells.

The North Palestine Church was organized in 1856 as a division of the Corvallis Baptist Church. A committee recommended that the church be divided geographically with those north of the drawn line attending the Palestine Church. The church purchased the District schoolhouse (Drum, later Gingles) for a meeting house.

In Feb. 1882, the matter of building a church was taken into consideration at a Sabbath meeting. The location decided upon was the former location of the schoolhouse at or near the corner of Tolbert Carter's farm. Members of the building committee were David Vanderpool, Lewis Williamson and Drury Hodges. Presumably, the church was built in the months that followed.

The North Palestine Baptist Church was active until the end of World War II. At this time the property was deeded to the Palestine Cemetery Association giving them the authority to make needed building improvements. Today the church and grounds are used by various community groups such as the Willing Workers Club and the Boy Scouts. Reunions of oldtimers from the Palestine area have been held annually in the grove next to the church.

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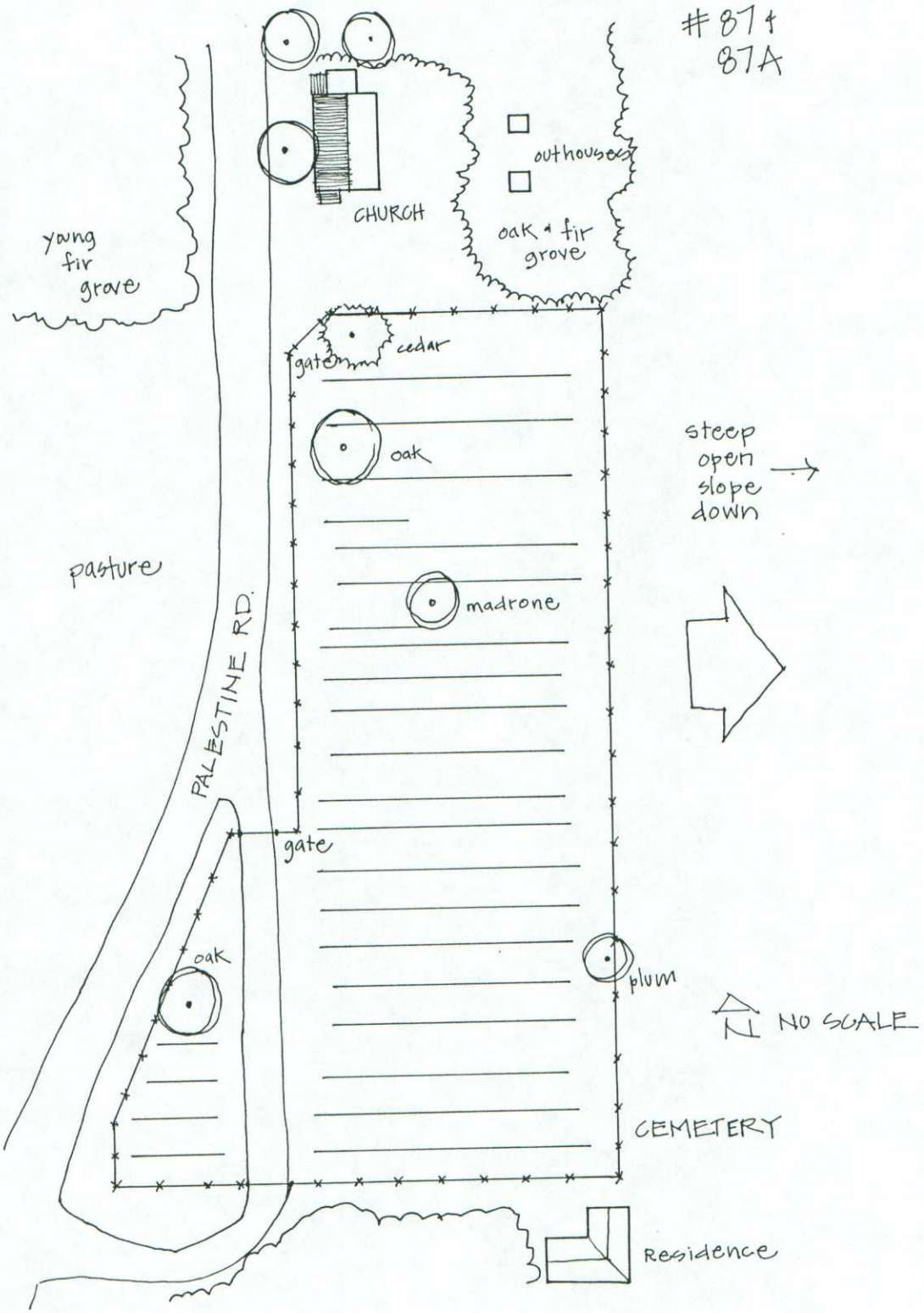
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young fir grove
gate
cedar
oak
steep open slope down
pasture
madrone
PALESTINE RD.
gate
oak
plum
NO SCALE
CEMETERY
Residence

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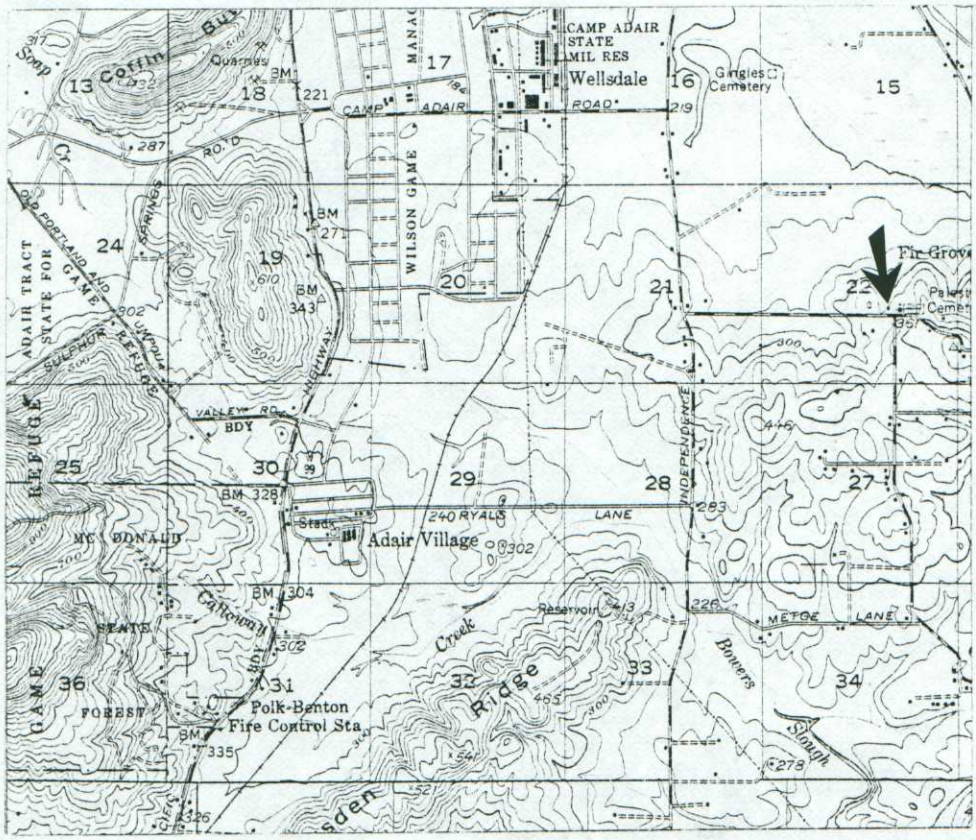
View to northeast



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T 10 R 4 S 22

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Kathy Schutt

Date: March 30, 1985

BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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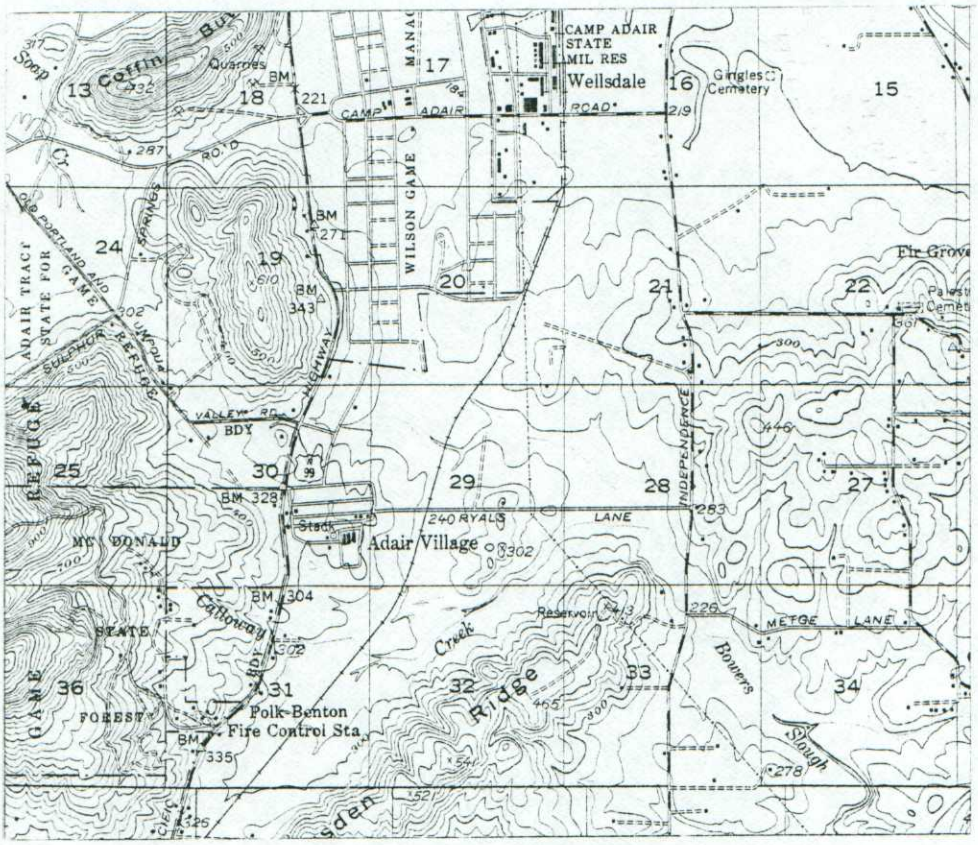
Photo No. MM 15

View to east

West elevation.

Resource No. 87A

Photo No. MM 16 View to east



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