

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Michigan	
COUNTY: Washtenaw	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	MAR 16 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Dixboro United Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Dixboro Methodist Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
5221 Church Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Dixboro

STATE: Michigan CODE: 26 COUNTY: Washtenaw CODE: 101

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dixboro United Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
5221 Church Street

CITY OR TOWN: Dixboro STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Registry of Deeds Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
100 North Fifth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Ann Arbor STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (continued)

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Michigan Historical Commission registered Local Site No. 149

DATE OF SURVEY: October 1, 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
History Division, Department of State

STREET AND NUMBER:
208 N. Capitol Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

STATE: Michigan

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This white frame village church, offset by the green of the surrounding trees and shrubs, has been serving an ever-growing community since 1858. Early in that year the church's Board of Trustees resolved that a building be constructed 35 feet by 55 feet with 20-foot posts and a vestibule 9 feet wide with a gallery directly over. Its simple lines are relieved on the front by four flat Doric pilasters. The gable roof is topped by a two-stage square cupola and belfry. An octagonal third stage was removed. The T-plan building has a single tier of windows with triple hung sash, a double leaf eight panel front door, and a solid stone foundation. The front portico was added prior to the 1950s. In addition to fine maintenance, modernization has included a new basement, seating arrangement (the old pews were exchanged for new short ones allowing for a center aisle), electric lights, and a new pulpit. Additions to the building include a two-storey educational wing (1951) and a one-storey modern brick wing to the rear of the church (1969).

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys (continued)

Historic American Buildings Survey
1936 Federal
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 11



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Michigan has many wooden Greek Revival meeting houses in rural situations. The Dixboro United Methodist Church has been cited as a good example.

The hamlet of Dixboro, located a few miles northeast of Ann Arbor, was platted in 1826. Four lots were designated as the village square, and it was here that the village school and church were to be situated. However, it was several decades before the church became an actuality. Dixboro was serviced by circuit riders until 1857 when a revivalist preacher from Ann Arbor began meetings and aroused interest in building a church. The area residents organized themselves, elected a Board of Trustees, and established committees to select a site and plans for the edifice.

On December 10, 1857, it was resolved that a church be erected within 25 rods of the public square and cost not more than \$2,500. Plans for the church were drawn by Abraham Cooper of Ypsilanti, and E.W. Ford of Saline was chosen to implement them. The church was built along simple lines and is distinguished enough to have been studied by the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1936. Some of Ann Arbor's citizens contributed towards the furnishings. This church, together with the Free Church (Nondenominational), serviced the Dixboro charge until 1924 when the Free Church was closed. The church serviced the social needs of the community as well as the religious, sponsoring concerts, strawberry festivals, ice cream socials, and oyster suppers. It has continued to grow with the community, having added two educational wings since 1951.

Dixboro has been able to support its own Methodist church for two reasons. It is the center of a choice farming community which is able to carry on its own religious activities and has the spirit to do so. Also, its central location for area colleges affords a trial ground for young preachers who can supplement their education by special courses in these institutions, thus serving as a starting-out place for young ministers. For over 100 years Dixboro has been a regular appointment in the Detroit Conference.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Newcomb, Rexford. Architecture of the Old Northwest Territory. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1950.
 Brunger, Ronald A. "History of the Dixboro Methodist Church," unpublished research paper, copy in the Site Survey files of the Michigan Historical Commission.
 Historic American Buildings Survey, Methodist Episcopal Church, Dixboro, 1936.
 Dixboro church records, Detroit Conference Historical Collections, Adrian College Library, Adrian.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Constance Henslee, Assistant Librarian

ORGANIZATION: Michigan Historical Commission DATE: 16 September 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 3405 North Logan Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 26

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Samuel R. Milstein
 Title Deputy Director and SLO Dept. of Natural Resources
 Date 11/1/71

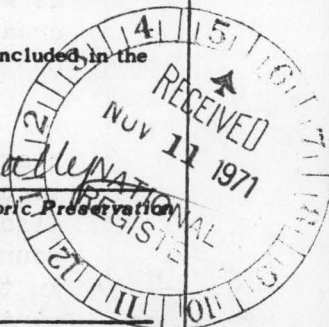
NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Conner
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

FEB 8 1972

Date _____
 ATTEST: William J. Country
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date _____



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CONSERVATION DISTRICT:



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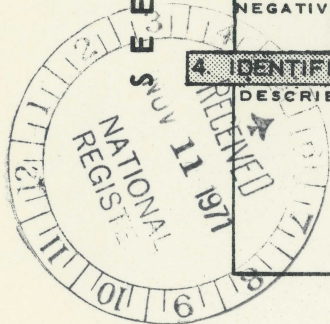
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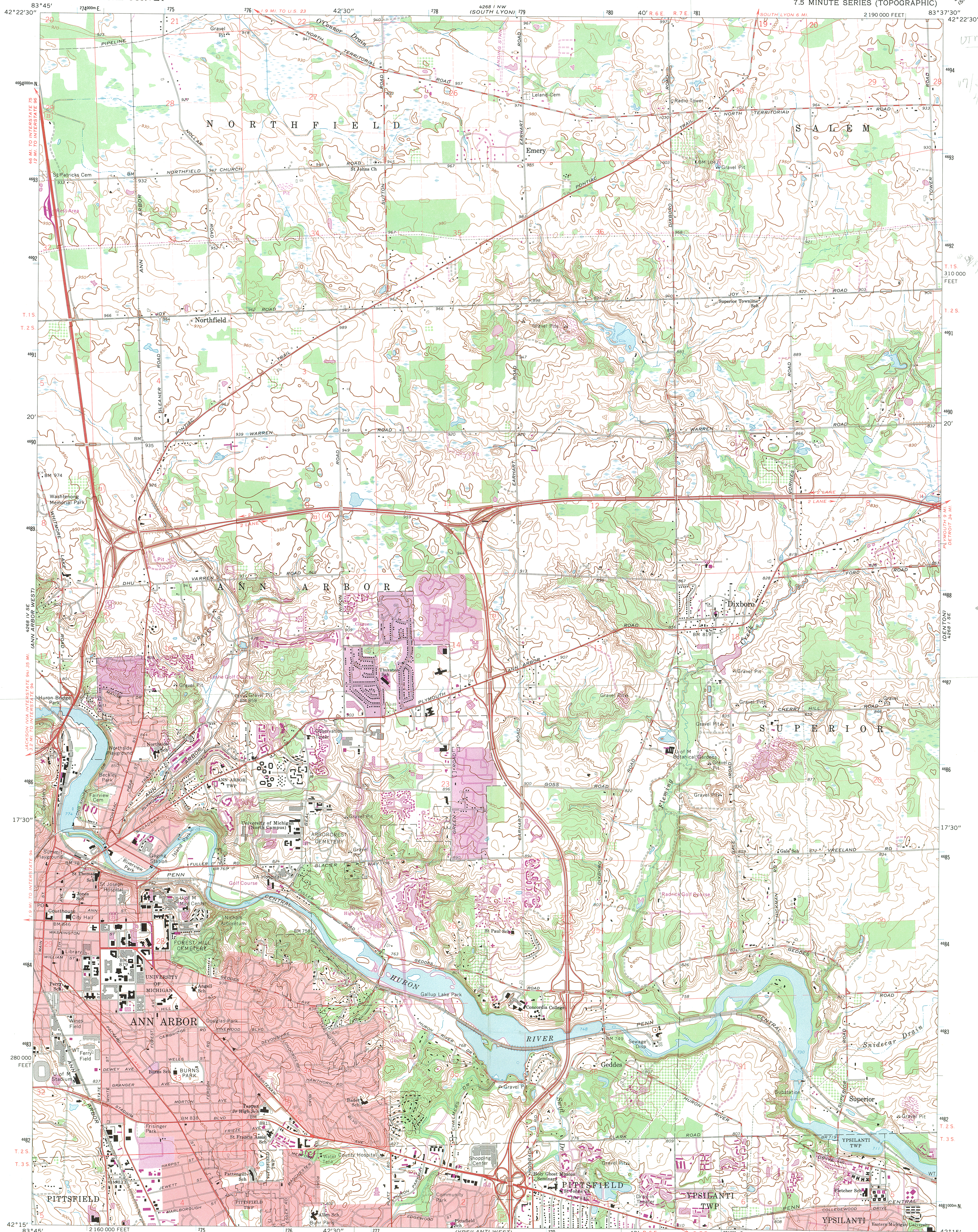
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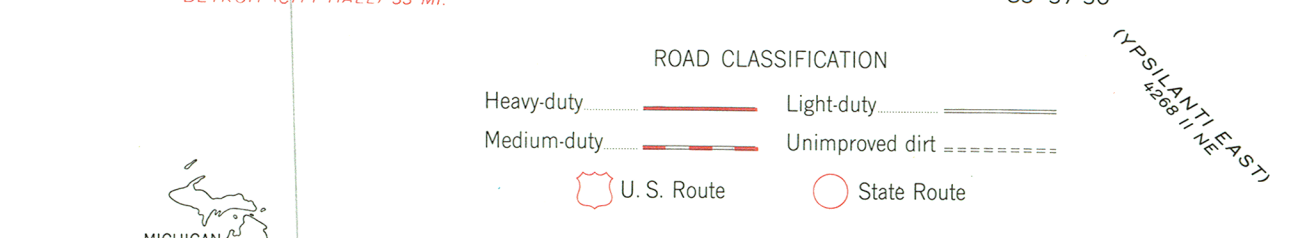
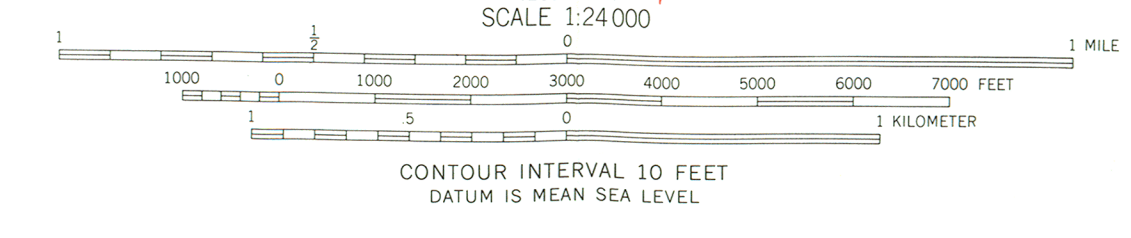
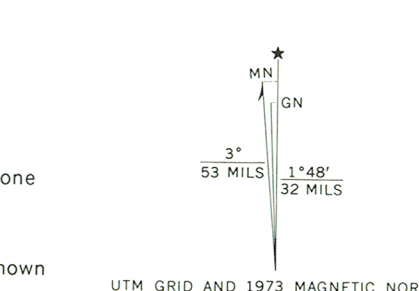
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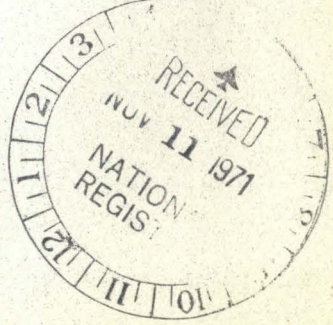
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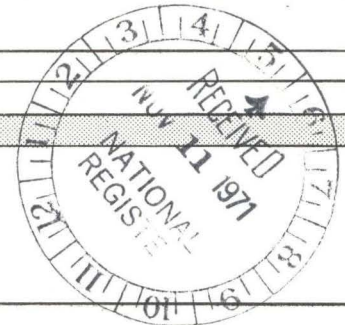
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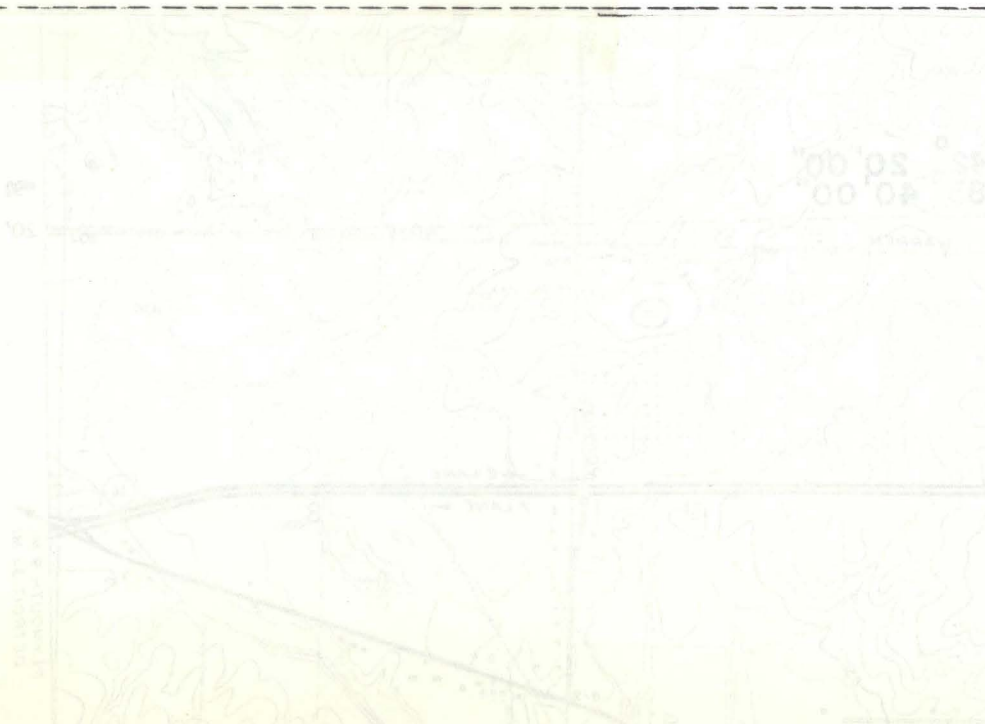
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Musgrove Evans House	Tecumseh Lenawee County
Stone Post Office	Jackson Jackson County
Holy Redeemer Church	Eagle Harbor Keweenaw County
Charlevoix City Park Site	Charlevoix Charlevoix County
Dixboro United Methodist Church	Dixboro Washtenaw County
Croswell (Governor Charles) House	Adrian Lenawee County
Protar (Feodar) Cabin	Peaine Township Charlevoix County
Lardner (Ring) House	Niles Borrien County
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