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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. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

historic name WILKESON COMMUNITY HOUSE
other names/site number Wilkeson Town Hall

2. Location

street & number 540 Church Street not for publication
city or town Wilkeson vicinity
state Washington code WA county Pierce code 053 zip code 98396

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this 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 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 local

Signature of certifying official/Title [Signature] Date 5-22-13

WASHINGTON SHPO
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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 [Signature] Date of Action 7-17-13

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

Category of Property
(Check only one box.)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		district
		site
		structure
1	1	object
2	1	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

None

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

RELIGION: Religious Facility
SOCIAL: Clubhouse

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

GOVERNMENT: City Hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19th & 20th CENTURY AMERICAN
MOVEMENT: Craftsman

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: CONCRETE
walls: STONE
roof: METAL, ASPHALT
other:

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

The Wilkeson Community House is situated on .86 acre parcel in the heart of the small business district of Wilkeson, Washington. The building rests on west side of Church Street/SR 165 and faces east, set back from the road by an expansive lawn. The lawn is enclosed by a unique saw blade fence (contributing) on the east and south property lines. Here wood posts separate five horizontal rows of used stone cutting blades. The front lawn is flat, raised to accommodate direct access to the main entry, and tappers off quickly to the rear and north sides of the building, allowing for a daylight basement. Landscaping is limited to minimal foundation plantings and manicured lawn. A stone pathway leads from the entry to Church Street and a side parking lot. Also located within the front lawn area is a reproduction street clock (non-contributing), and flagpole.

The Community House is a rectangular building comprising of an L-shaped stone footprint and stick-built infill on the SW corner. The Craftsman style building was constructed of locally quarried sandstone laid in a random coursed ashlar pattern. A stone water table defines the first floor from the basement level. On the main façade the gable roof is covered with metal shingles, while the rest is clad in three-tab asphalt. Little to no overhang on the eaves and verge boards leave a clean, non-Craftsman style look to the building. Two gable dormers, with attic vents and coursed cedar shingles, highlight an offset entry shed-roof veranda which is supported by three square columns resting on stone bases. Originally the entry was accessed via a short flight of wooden steps, but the grade has been raised to allow for ADA access. The side gable roof is anchored by exterior end chimneys on the north and south facades. Windows are generally casement style grouped in pairs of two or three, although single units are found on either side of the fireplaces and adjacent to the main entry door. Each window boasts a large bottom pane highlighted by a pair a smaller upper window panes.

At the northwest corner is the gymnasium wing, constructed of balloon framing and clad with 4" exposure weatherboard wood siding. The shallow gable roof has no overhang and is cover with asphalt shingles. Large one-over-one wood windows are evenly spaced on the north façade allowing light to penetrate the gym and a single pedestrian entry door is located near the north end. The gymnasium bay extends approximately 15' from the brick portion of the building. The south face accommodates a wooden garage door.

Inside the main entry has a large foyer highlighted by painted wood wainscoting and carpeted floors. A single stall bathroom is tucked into the northwest corner. To the south was the library space; boasting original fir floors, original plywood paneled walls reaching to the height of the top of the windows and a simple fireplace faced with smooth sandstone and a wooden mantel. To the north is the social hall. Slightly altered, this space now housing offices, has carpeted and asphalt tile floor, and original plywood and baton wainscoting reaching the height of the tops of the windows, although this has been painted. On the south wall is coursed stone fireplace with stone mantel. The north wall featured two large openings of wood panels which slide into the ceiling allowing viewing access to the basement gymnasium space. To the rear of the first floor is the large open chapel area now housing the city council chambers. This room has an open cathedral type of ceiling with exposed roof rafters. Painted all white, this space also has plywood and baton wainscoting reaching to the height of the top of the windows. A large pass through window wall at the rear allowed overflow of

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parishioners in into the library area if needed. On the north wall sets of interior windows (matching those on the outside wall) allow light to penetrate the gymnasium space. The floors are covered with carpet and modern neon – tube lights hang from the ceiling.

Access to the basement level is via a simple staircase in the entry foyer. The main space in the basement is the large gymnasium area, clad on the inside walls and ceiling with tongue & grove boards. The wood floor has been removed and now has exposed concrete. Temporary wood poles run down the center of the ridge line to support the roof. Remnants of a stage can be found on the west end of the space. Also in the basement are a series of meeting and social rooms, as well as a small kitchen and the remains of a shower area/ locker room. Today the basement area serves as storage for city equipment and excess office furniture.

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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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

SOCIAL HISTORY, RELIGION

ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1923 - 1947

Significant Dates

1923

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- 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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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Wilkeson Community House in Wilkeson, Washington is historically significant at the local level under criterion A for its direct link to the religious, social and recreational growth of a small mining town in western Washington. Completed in 1923, the Community House was envisioned, designed, and built to provide for the spiritual, moral and health/wellness needs of a community comprised of recent European immigrants who struggled to make a living in the mines, quarries and forest in the early 20th century.

The Community House is also significant under criteria C as a resource that embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type and period of construction. The period of significance begins in 1923, the date the building opened, and ends in 1947, the year the property was transferred to the Town of Wilkeson to serve a new use.

The community of Wilkeson was formed as a result of the discovery coal in the early 1860s. Officially coal was first discovered in the area in 1862, but it wasn't until after Samuel Wilkeson's survey for the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1869 that the potential deposits of coal and sandstone were realized. Coal mining in the area began in 1873 and in 1877 the Northern Pacific Railroad built a branch line to the area from Tacoma.

Practically overnight, east Pierce County's Carbon River coal district was dotted with a dozen small mining communities. They included Pittsburg, Carbonado, South Prairie, Fairfax, Manley-Moore, Melmont, Montezuma, Morristown, Wingate, Burnett and Wilkeson.

The community of Wilkeson, platted in 1889 by Joseph and Lydia Johns and named after Samuel Wilkeson, grew around the train station, post office and a school. The town officially incorporated in 1909 with 899 people on the census roles. Coal from Wilkeson and the surrounding communities quickly became a major factor in the development of the Pacific Coast. In Wilkeson, two major companies operated; The Commonwealth Coal Co. and the Wilkeson Coal & Coke Co.

Commonwealth produced 31,000 tons of coal utilizing 48 inside miners and 23 outside employees in 242 days of operation. The Wilkeson Coal & Coke Co. produced 119,000 tons of coal, of which 64,000 was charged through coke ovens to produce 39,000 tons of coke. Their mine operated 276 days, with 145 inside miners, 112 outside employees. By 1910 the Wilkeson Coal & Coke Co. was the largest producer of coke in the State with over 100 ovens in operation.

In 1909 the typical miner earned \$3.80 per day with inside-the-mine wages ranging from \$1.60 for a trapper boy to \$3.95 for a shot (i.e. dynamite) lighter. Outside employees earned from \$1.45 per day for greasers to \$3.70 per day for a first class carpenter. Stableman earned \$85 per month.

Also fueling the growth of the city was an active sandstone quarry (opened in 1886) which supplied building stone for a variety of structures across the state including the nominated building. With the importance of the coal and sandstone, Immigrants by the hundreds started arriving after being offered jobs and decent housing for their families. By the 1900 Wilkeson had a population of 1,000 and reportedly reached a high of 5,250 by 1918. Census records show a diverse population of European immigrants; some 82% by 1920. The ethnic groups consisted of Welsh, English, Scots, Germans, Austrians, Swiss, Swedes, Norwegians, French, Belgians, Slovaks, Italians, Poles, Croats, Finns and Russians.

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However by 1919 the area was struggling due to failing markets and a nationwide strike of the coal miners' union, the United Mine Workers of America. The bitter coal industry strikes lasted for two and a half years. Tensions rose in Wilkeson as non-union workers were brought in to fill 400 union jobs. The Wilkeson Coal & Coke Co. was the only mine in the state which tried to continue operations with non-union employees. At one point, John J. Hewitt, treasurer of the Company asked the Governor to send troops to Wilkeson due to fighting between union and non-union members, many of whom were WWI veterans.

It was during this time that the Reverend Thomas J. Gambell and his wife arrived in Wilkeson. Sent by the Methodist Episcopal Women's Home Missionary Society of the Puget Sound Conference and the Board of Home Missions, at the time community had between twelve and fifteen hundred people. There were two Catholic churches, a Greek and Roman, in town but neither had held services for the past two years. Reportedly there had never been a Protestant church with a resident pastor in the forty-two year history of the community. Some believed that the absence of the church was attested by the presence of nine pool halls and one house of ill repute.

Due to the strike, poverty was abound and children particularly suffered. The Gambell's initially focused their ministry on first aid and clothing. More than 3,000 garments handed out in the first two years the Gambell's arrived and an unusually large number of children had adenoids and enlarged tonsils, and poor dental hygiene. The Gambell's arranged for twenty-four children to be taken to the county hospital for tonsil operations. They had to serve thirty nationalities and struggled over the lack of equipment. Sunday school was held in an old schoolhouse and church services were conducted at the Finn Hall. The absence of adults to teach Sunday School classes made necessary the training of boys and girls. Reportedly Mrs. Gambell had also trained a group of girls to sing whenever needed, either on special occasions or at regular services.

It was under these difficult circumstances the Gambell's worked to create a community house and gain the confidence of the community. Their average Sunday School attendance rose to 87 students (in a community 95% Catholic) in nine classes; they held first aid classes and social programs, and organized entertainment activities. With support, they began by garnering land donated from the Northern Pacific Railroad and the Wilkeson Coal & Coke Company, and then secured the commitment and financial backing of the church's Board of Home Missions to create a building to directly support the spiritual, social and health needs of the residents. The goal was to specifically have a facility in which to hold church services, Sunday school and to conduct their "Americanization work".

Wanting the building to be a lasting testament to their mission, the Gambell's and the Women's Home Missionary Society most likely retained an architect, but any such attribution is unverified at this time. Some documents note that G.A. Swanson from Tacoma was the architect. However, documents note that Swanson was a building contractor and his known projects are limited to modest Craftsman Bungalows.

The 60' x 90' building was constructed from sandstone from the local quarry and was built on $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of land. Inside the building housed a social hall, chapel, kitchen, reading room with expansive fireplace, gymnasium, boys and girls rooms, and a Sunday School room. The building was located in the central business district and main hub of Wilkeson, the building sat in close proximity to hotels, shops, restaurants, taverns and pool halls.

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Formal dedication ceremonies took place on November 11, 1923. Dedication ceremonies included a variety of speakers organized by Rev. D. Roland Martin, Director of the Methodist Home Mission Society - Tacoma Office who dedicated the building to worship and Dr. J.E. Crowther of Seattle who was the principle speaker. Music was furnished by the Wilkeson Orchestra.

In his annual report to the Mission Society, Rev. Martin reported in 1924 that the Community House in Wilkeson was "one of the most complete and up-to-date plants to be found in any town of like size in the State." The cost for the building and equipment was \$15,000, with a debt of just \$5,000. Martin also noted that the missionary work in the community would remain for years and that "reports from young people from foreign speaking groups have been exceedingly gratifying".

The Wilkeson Community House quickly became an important gathering place for the diverse and oftentimes impoverished families continuing to community harmony, order, and a sense of shared history. It played host to a variety of activities including hosting club meetings for various organizations such as 4-H and Scouts, athletic contests, church on Sundays, mid-week prayer meetings, Sunday school, socials, and educational gatherings. The building also housed a library throughout the 1930s providing needed social and service opportunities for community members.

After the coal strike, mining continued on a slow decline with the last mining company seizing operation in 1938. Wilkeson's population dropped to 369 people by 1940. By 1946, the Community House had been abandoned, perhaps due to WWII and the demands related to it. As a result, a decision was made to sell the building.

The Town of Wilkeson saw the value of the building and pursued a purchase price from the Board of Home Missions of \$1,500 for the building and contents. Formal transfer occurred in a quick claim deed on September 26, 1947 from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church to the Town of Wilkeson. The town council then converted the building for use as a town hall. A branch of the newly formed Pierce County Library System was added shortly after which remained in active use until budget woes of the library system forced it closure in 2003.

Today the building still serves as the town hall, and remains the centerpiece of the Town of Wilkeson. The main floor houses city offices in the former reading room, library and social hall spaces; while the council chamber is located in the former chapel area. The basement area, containing the gymnasium is unused.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

BIBLIOGRAPHY (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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Town Council Meeting Minutes – April 6, 1923

Journal of the Forty-First Annual Session of the Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Sept 15, 1924. Pg 44, 332, 352-353.

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Journal of the Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church: June 18, 1945. Pg 195.

Letter from Town of Wilkeson to Mr. Chapin D. Foster, President of Methodist City Union: June 25, 1947.

Letter from Mr. Chapin D. Foster, President of Methodist City Union to Town of Wilkeson Clerk, August Abram: June 28, 1947.

Warranty Deed – No 1472109 – Vol. 52, pg 1.

“Wilkeson Has New Community House: Informal Dedication Program Held Today” Seattle Daily Times, November 11, 1923, pg 12.

Woman’s Home Missions: Aug 1923 – Vol 40, No.8

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Woman’s Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church Fifty-First Annual Report for the Year 1935- 1936

Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Woman’s Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1931

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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:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less Than One Acre
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The nominated property is located in T19 N, R06 E, Willamette Meridian in Sections 28 in Pierce County Washington. It consists of less than one acre section of Lot 7 in the Burlington Northern Addition of the Town of Wilkeson.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property encompasses all of the urban tax lot (No. 2778000070) that is occupied by the Community House.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Wilkeson Community House

City or Vicinity: Wilkeson

County: Pierce County **State:** WA

Photographer: Michael Houser

Date Photographed: July 2013

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

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| 1 of 15 | Main Façade showing entry courtyard and saw blade fence. |
| 2 of 15 | Side Façade showing stone construction and daylight basement. |
| 3 of 15 | Detail of main façade showing revised entry slope to accommodate ADA access. |
| 4 of 15 | Entry detail. |
| 5 of 15 | Stick-built gymnasium wing. |
| 6 of 15 | Rear façade showing chapel area and gymnasium. |
| 7 of 15 | Saw blade fence detail. |
| 8 of 15 | Entry foyer. |
| 9 of 15 | Meeting/ classroom with windows to gymnasium. |
| 10 of 15 | Lounge/ Social Hall. |
| 11 of 15 | Chapel area looking west. |
| 12 of 15 | Chapel area looking east. |
| 13 of 15 | Gymnasium with log poles temporarily holding up ceiling. |
| 14 of 15 | Detail of Gymnasium with log poles temporarily holding up ceiling. |
| 15 of 15 | Basement meeting room with fireplace. |

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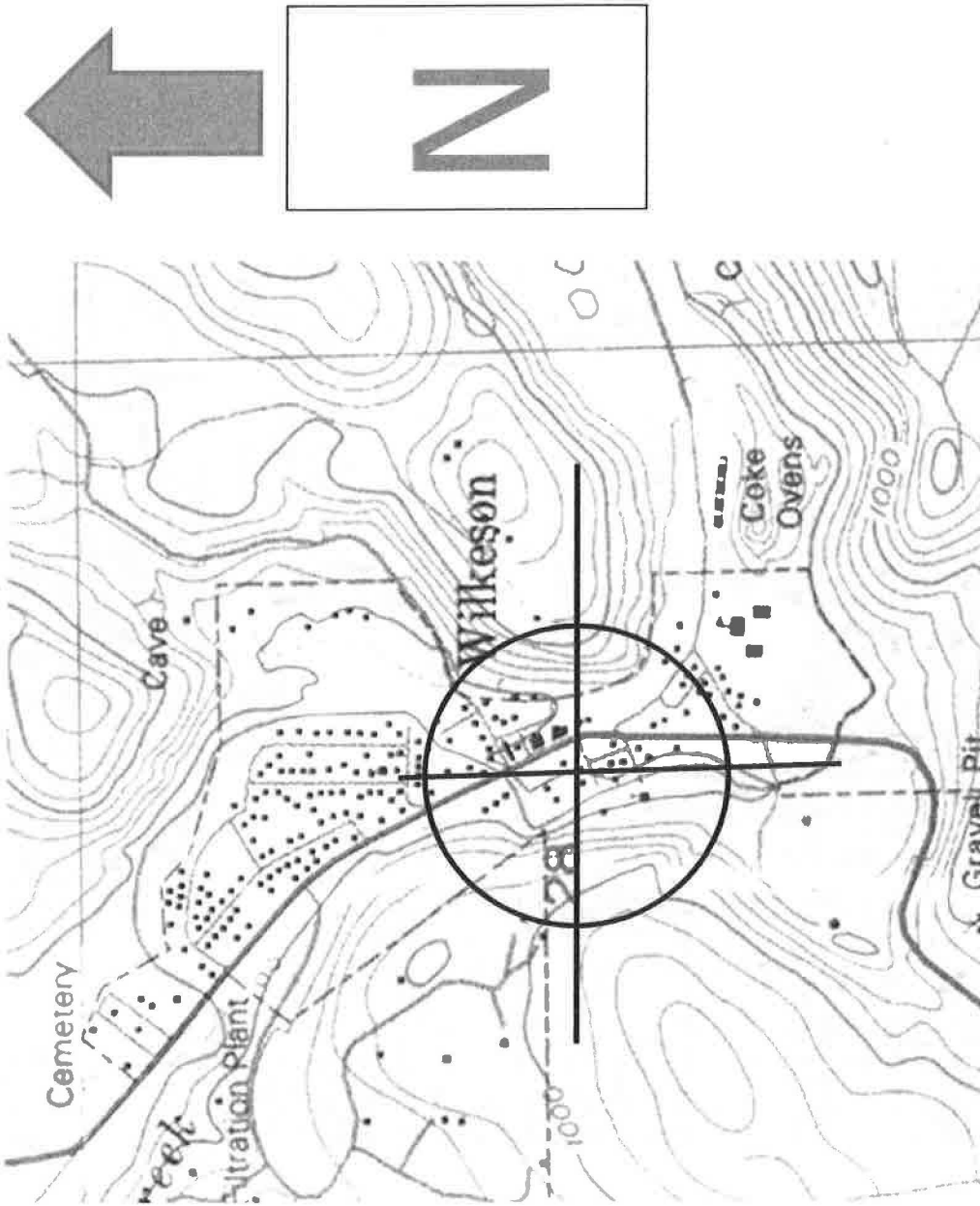
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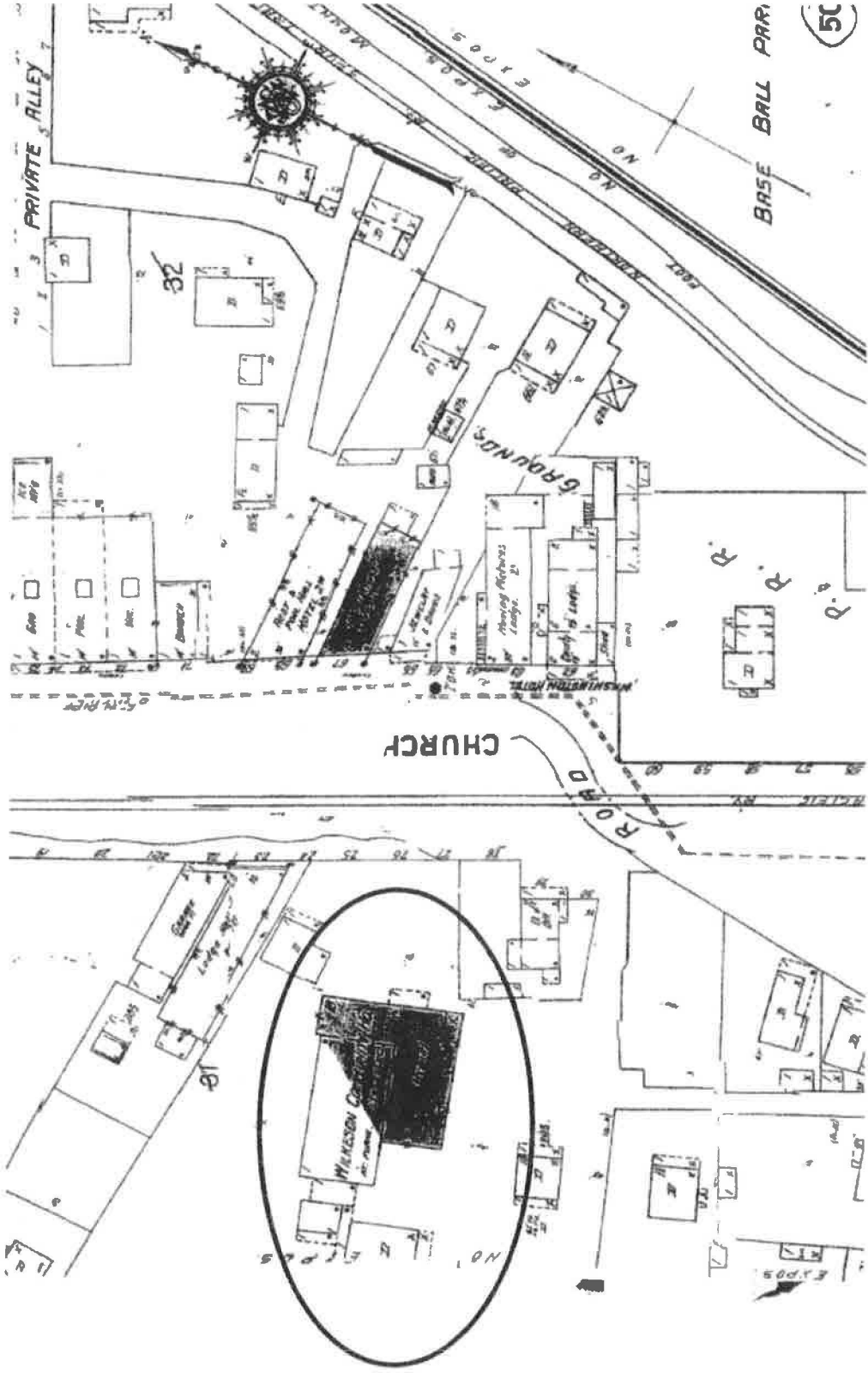
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city or town Wilkeson state WA zip code 98396

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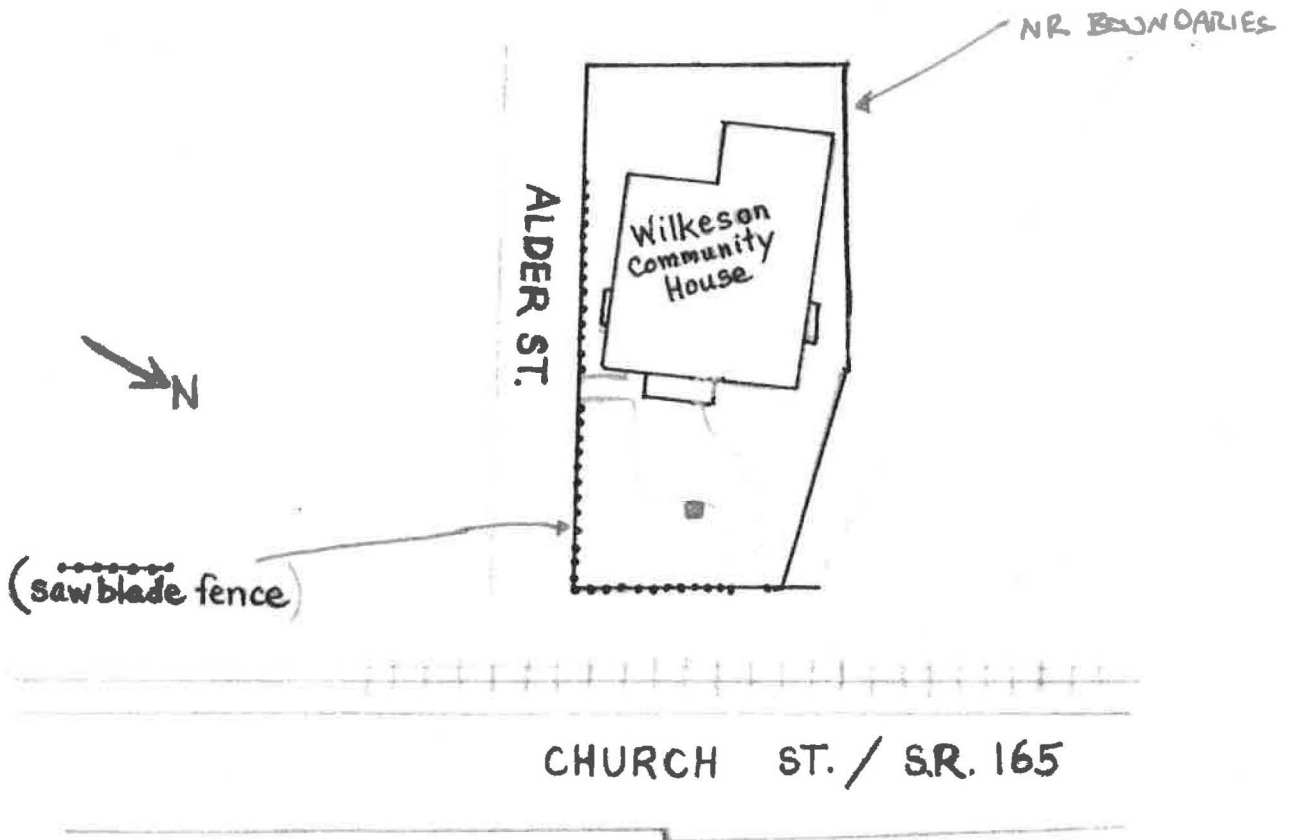
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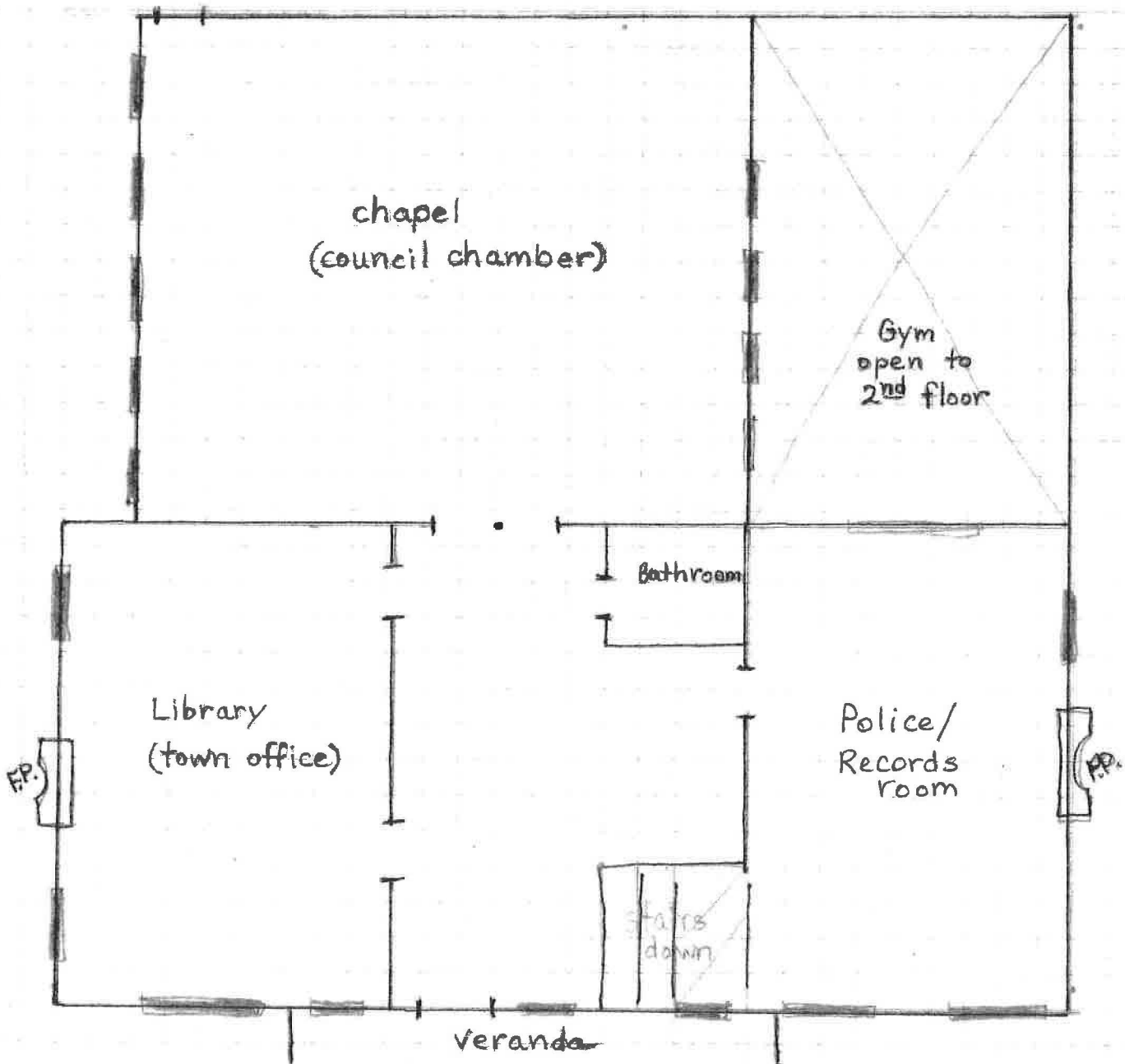


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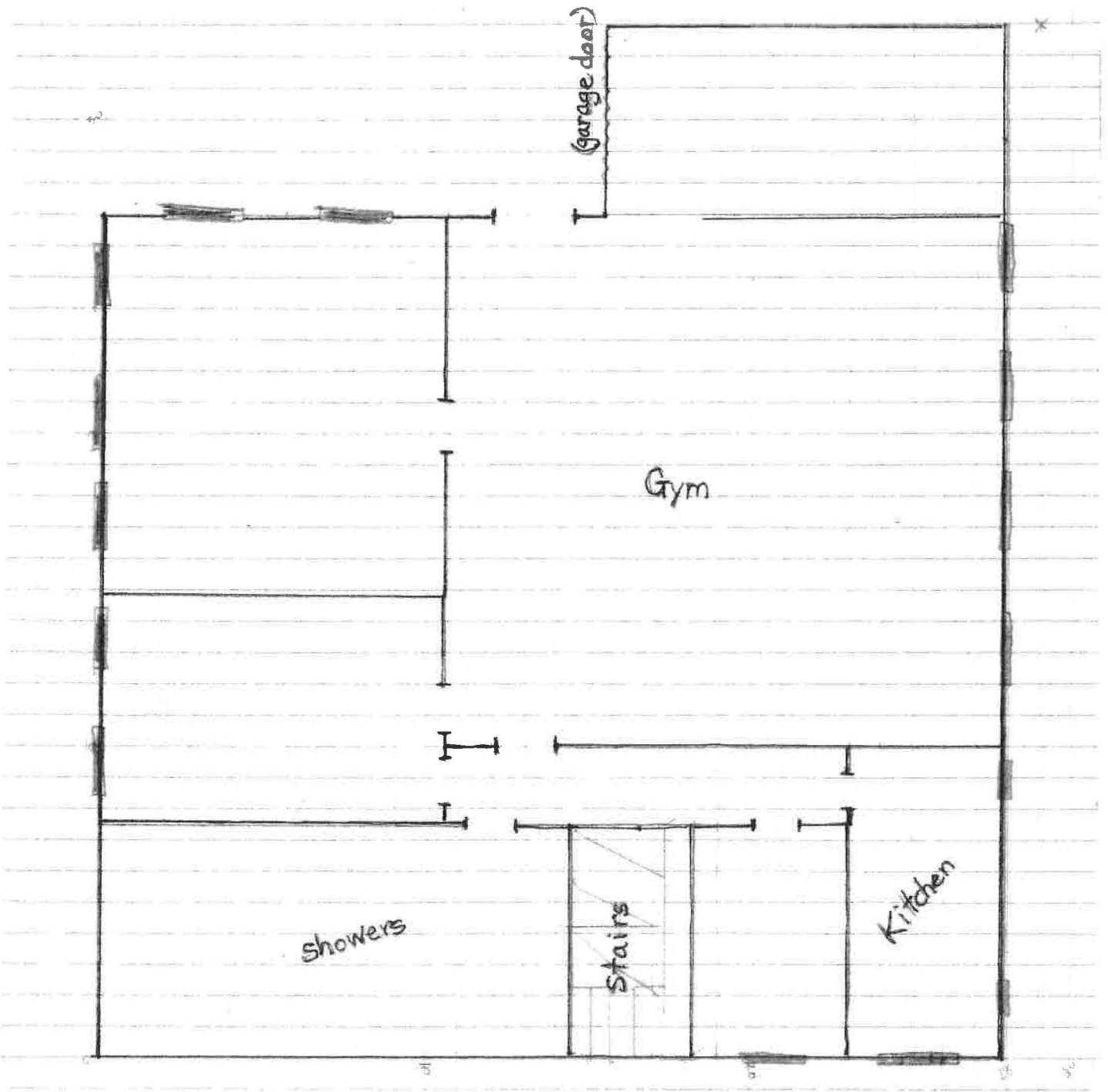
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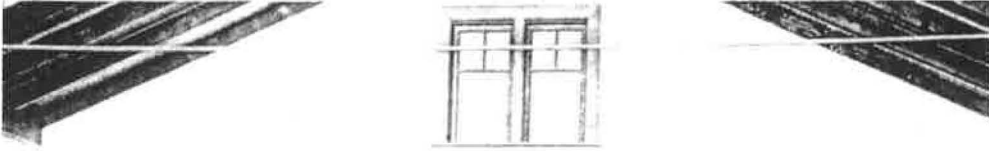


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BASEMENT

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HISTORIC IMAGES



Wilkeson Community House Dedication – 1923

**MINING TOWN HAS
NEW SOCIAL HALL**

Wilkeson Dedicates Community House Sunday With Formal Ceremonies

Tacoma Daily Ledger

Wilkeson's new Community House, designed to fill the need of the coal mining town as a community meeting place, social and religious center, was dedicated to its important mission in fitting services Sunday. The formal dedication took place at 3 p. m. but the house was open to the community all day and its wide fireplaces crackled with a cheerful greeting to all visitors. Dedication of the building to the worship which will be part of its activities was made by Dr. D. Roland Martin of Tacoma. Dr. J. E. Crowther of Seattle was the principal speaker. Rev. Thomas J. Gambill, to whom is given the main credit for the successful completion of the ambitious community house project, presided. Music was furnished by the Wilkeson orchestra.

The new house, an artistic structure built of Wilkeson sandstone and attractively set off by broad lawns, will ring with many activities this winter, including club meetings for both men and women, social affairs for boys and girls, athletic contests, church services on Sunday and midweek prayer meetings.

There are big fireplaces at each end of the building and a spacious veranda. There are included a social hall, reading room, kitchen, gymnasium, boys' and girls' rooms and a Sunday school room.

Tacoma Daily Ledger- November 12, 1923. Pg 3.



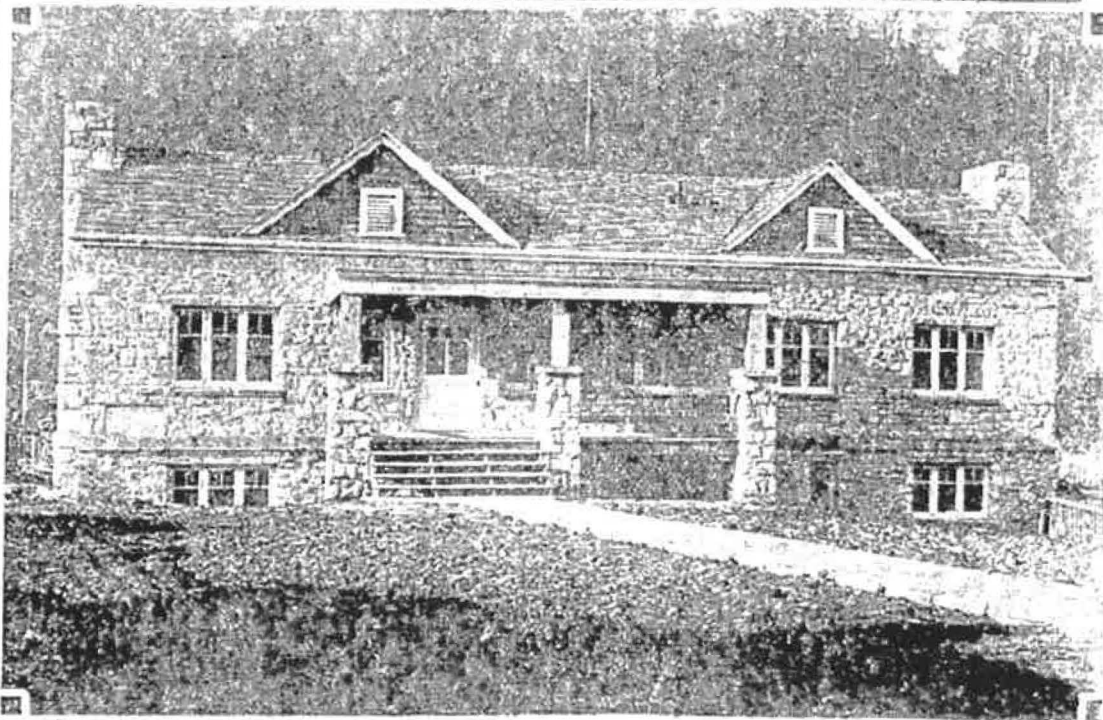
Wilkeson Community House Sunday School – 1926



Wilkeson Community House Sunday School – c.1938

WILKESON HAS NEW COMMUNITY HOUSE

Informal Dedication Program Held Today



Where Miners and Families Will Meet.

First Impetus to Completed Plans Came Two Years Ago, Residents Say, With Arrival of the Rev. Thomas J. Gambill and Wife With Announcement That They Intended to Stay.

WILKESON'S Community House will be dedicated today. The ceremony will be an auspicious event in the snug little coal region in the foothills of Pierce County, for the miners and their families and other residents have taken much interest in the building of their "new house." It is constructed of **Wilkeson** sandstone, has massive chimneys and columns, a big veranda, social hall, chapel, kitchen, reading room with an expansive fireplace, gymnasium, boys' and girls' rooms and a Sunday School room. It is the first real Community House **Wilkeson** ever has had.

The program of dedication, on the whole, will be rather informal. There will be two or three talks and music

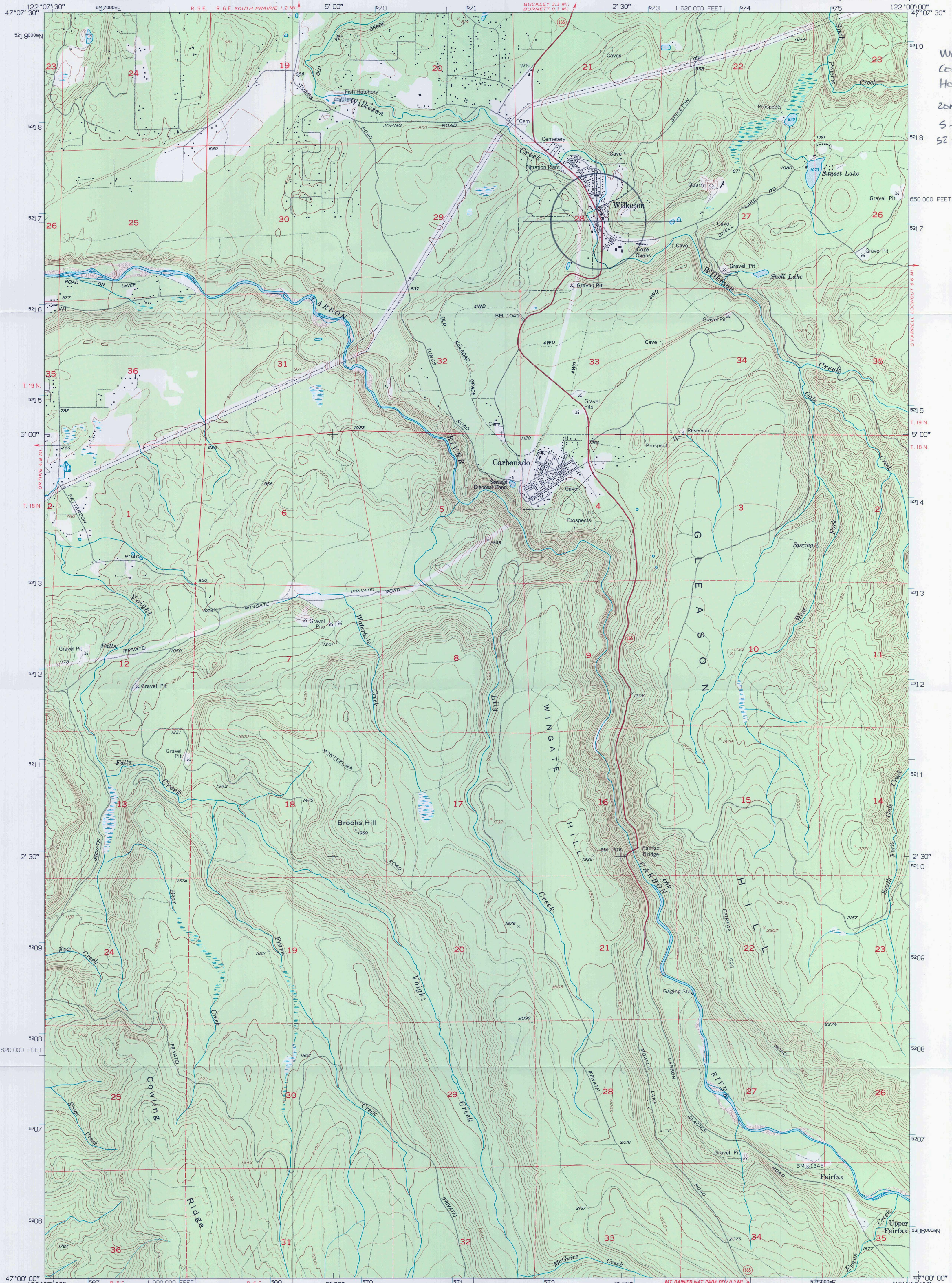
by the Wilkeson orchestra, but for the most part the Wilkeson citizens will merely walk about their new possession, enjoy the warmth of its fireplace, inspect the various rooms and allow their eyes to gaze over the expansive lawn which surrounds the house.

The first impetus given the thought to build a Community House in Wilkeson came, the residents say, with the arrival two years ago of the Rev. Thomas J. Gambill and his wife. The pastor announced that he intended to stay in Wilkeson and make it his home. Little attention, however, was paid to his declaration, for pastors came and went with frequent regularity in the little mining town. But the Rev. Mr. Gambill and his wife did

remain, and faith in them grew so great that when they urged the people to cooperate for a stone Community House, the job was all but done.

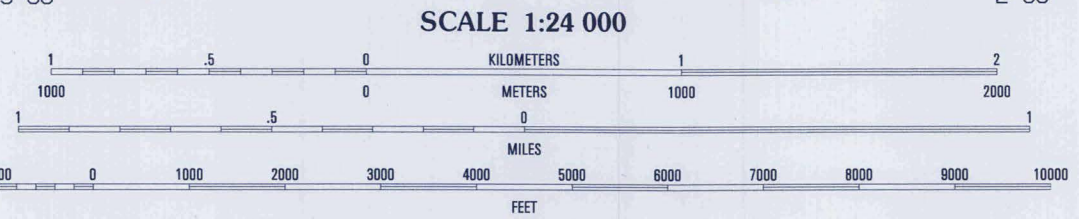
A wide program of activities has been planned for the Community House this winter. There will be club meetings for men and women and the boys and girls as well, athletic contests, church on Sunday, midweek prayer meetings, Sunday School, socials and educational gatherings.

The formal part of the dedication ceremony will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. J. E. Crowther of Seattle will deliver the principal address and Dr. D. Roland Martin of Tacoma will dedicate the building to worship.



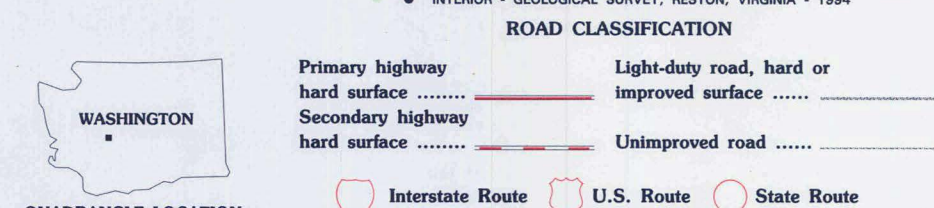
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4 Orting
5 Old Baldy Mountain
6 Lake Kapowsin
7 Le Dout Creek
8 Golden Lakes

ADJOINING 7.5' QUADRANGLE NAMES

WILKESON, WA
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Wilkeson Community House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WASHINGTON, Pierce

DATE RECEIVED: 5/31/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/18/13
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 7/03/13 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/17/13
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 13000507

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 7.17.13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

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.



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May 23, 2013

Paul Lusignan
Keeper of the National Register
National Register of Historic Places
1201 "I" Street NW, 8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005

RE: **Washington State NR Nomination**

Dear Paul:

Please find enclosed new National Register Nomination forms for the:

- **Wilkeson Community House – Pierce County, WA**

Should you have any questions regarding this nomination please contact me anytime at (360) 586-3076. I look forward to hearing your final determination on this property.

Sincerely,

Michael Houser

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