



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Robert Hodder & Martha Demas DATE: August 1989
Sibley Hall
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 ORGANIZATION (if any): City of Auburn

IDENTIFICATION

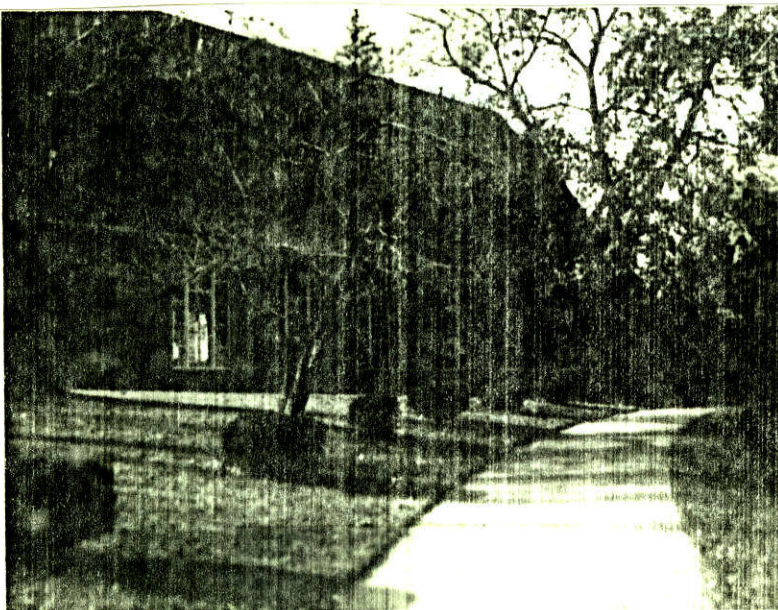
- 1. BUILDING NAME(S): First Methodist Church
- 2. COUNTY: Cayuga TOWN/CITY: Auburn VILLAGE: _____
- 3. STREET LOCATION: 99 South Street
- 4. OWNERSHIP: a. public b. private
- 5. PRESENT OWNER: The First Methodist Church ADDRESS: 99 South St., Auburn
- 6. USE: Original: Church Present: Church
- 7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes No
Interior accessible: Explain by appointment

DESCRIPTION

- 8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard b. stone c. brick d. board and batten
e. cobblestone f. shingles g. stucco other: _____
- 9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints in sanctuary
b. wood frame with light members
c. masonry load bearing walls
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other glass doors
- 10. CONDITION: a. excellent b. good c. fair d. deteriorated
- 11. INTEGRITY: a. original site b. moved if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP: See attached



99 South Street

17. Within two years of the founding settlement at Hardenbergh's Corners (1793), South Street was laid out; by 1837, it reached as far south as Elizabeth Street and by 1871, extended to Union Street (today's Richardson Avenue).

Today, South Street (between Grover and Richardson) retains much of its historical residential quality. The street is characterized by generally uniform setbacks, conformity to scale and use of materials in its architecture and its nature, tree-lined streetscape. In the middle section of the district (between Fitch and Chedell) there is a grouping of wider lots with deeper setbacks that are remnants of Auburn's largest 19th century estates. Also, in the southern section of the district, there is a preponderance of revival architecture (principally Colonial and Tudor) which represents a later period of development.

This building is a church in a primarily residential area and does not contribute to the historic character of the street.

18. The First Methodist Church is a non-contributing, large stone edifice with steeply pitched gable roof; a two-story, flat-roof, stone appendage exists to the northwest of the Church.
20. This parcel was the former site of the Osborne home. D. M. Osborne and his agricultural implements firm were driving forces in the economy of Auburn throughout the 19th century. While the original residence was razed to construct the existing church, the library was left standing and is still occupied by the Osborne family.