

COLORADO CULTURAL RESOURCE SURVEY

Architectural Inventory Form

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I. IDENTIFICATION

- 1. Resource number:
- 2. Temporary resource number:
- 3. County: **Weld**
- 4. City: **Windsor**
- 5. Historic building name: **Faith United Church of Christ**
- 6. Current building name: **Faith United Church of Christ**
- 7. Building address: **1020 Walnut Street**
- 8. Owner name: **Faith United Church of Christ**
- Owner organization: **Faith United Church of Christ**
- Owner address: **1020 Walnut Street
Windsor, CO 80550**

Parcel number: 080720100008

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| 44. National Register eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| State Register eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |
| Local landmark eligibility field assessment: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individually eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs data | <input type="checkbox"/> Previously listed |

II. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

9. P.M.: **6th** Township: **6N** Range: **67W**
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of section **20**
10. UTM Reference Zone: **13**
 Easting: **507325** Northing: **4480925**
11. USGS quad name: **Windsor** Scale: **7.5**
 Year: **1969**
12. Lot(s): **17**
 Addition: **Windsor Original Town** Year of addition: **1882**
13. Boundary description and justification: **The boundary, as described above, contains but does not exceed the land historically associated with this property.**
- Metes and bounds exist

III. ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

14. Building Plan (footprint, shape): **Irregular Plan**
 Other building plan descriptions:
15. Dimensions in feet: **14,180 sq. feet**
16. Number of stories: **1**
17. Primary external wall material(s): **Brick**
- Other wall materials:
18. Roof configuration: **Gabled Roof/Front Gabled Roof**
 Other roof configuration:
19. Primary external roof material: **Asphalt Roof/Composition Roof**
 Other roof materials:
20. Special features: **Window/Stained Glass**
Ornamentation
Tower
Fence

21. General architectural description:

Oriented to the south, this church is located on an expansive lot between Walnut Street and Main streets. It is sited on an open, landscaped lot that is visible from all directions. This early-1970s, Modern Movements church demonstrates building features from its original construction in 1970, and a remodeling project in 1991. The 1970 sanctuary is located on the west elevation, and the 1970 fellowship hall is located in the center and on the east of the building. The 1991 administrative addition and enclosed entryway is located on the south elevation. This church sits on a hidden, concrete-slab foundation, and is one story with an attic located above the fellowship hall. The building plan is irregular and the construction material is multicolored brick; the majority is a light-colored, cream brick peppered with three-toned brown bricks placed in a sporadic pattern across the façade. The asphalt shingles cover a complicated roof that is a combination of three front-gables with a flat roof over

the narthex, and a protruding center gable over the entrance. While the front-gabled roofs above the sanctuary and the east elevation are from the 1970 construction, the center or second front-gable above the fellowship hall appears to be added at a later time. The eaves have a slight overhang with exposed rafter ends on the west elevation.

The south elevation combines building features from the original 1970 construction and the 1991 remodel. Viewing the south elevation of the church, the following features are visible from east to west: brick construction with little surface treatment; five successive triangular, brick arches across the south façade—there are triangular, brick arch window surrounds around three, single-pane, double-hung sash windows; another triangular, brick arch encasing the church's name; and, a triangular, brick arch door surround, with a vertical, single-paned sidelight along the western edge of the administrative wing entry door. To the east of the administrative wing, there is a projecting, covered entryway with the same triangular arch. The primary covered entry on the south elevation is located under within a deep recess underneath a center-gabled projection. Created by Cindy Carlson, a Fort Collins artist, and installed on July 7, 2010, the glass, double-doors are adorned with a nature scene that reflects the church's love for Colorado's natural splendor. To the east of the main entryway are two more triangular, brick arches that open into the covered porch area under the roof overhang. Protruding from the gabled-roof is a square tower, topped with a pinnacled spire, both of which are features from the original 1970 construction. On the west and east sides of the tower are vertical, tripartite, colored-glass windows, with side-by-side, double-panes, and a single, fixed-center pane. Located on the south elevation of the tower is the United Church of Christ cross symbol, likely added in or around 1991. Behind the tower to the west is the massive, steeply-pitched, front-gabled sanctuary constructed in 1970. Below the gable peak on the center of the sanctuary's façade is a vertical band, five-paneled stained-glass window. Each horizontal panel of the vertical stained-glass feature forms a unified image that depicts a large brown cross hovering in a blue sky above the Front Range, including Long's Peak, and prairies residing to the east of the mountains. Again, this image reflects the church's local identity, and their appreciation of nature. This window space originally featured a dark brown, brick embellishment with an enormous cross in the center, which is mirrored on the north façade that can be seen today.

Part of the original construction, the west elevation of the sanctuary, and the administrative wing added in 1991, include eight windows and one side entrance door. Beginning in 1979, the church initiated a stained-glass window memorial plan, and they replaced the seven original windows with stained-glass windows. These are vertically oriented, rectangular, tripartite, stained glass windows, with side-by-side, double-panes, and a single, fixed-center pane. Each window depicts a different religious image and motif, and uses multiple colors to enhance the images. Below each window is a slight, protruding brick window ledge. As part of the administration wing added in 1991, the eighth window located on the southwest corner is a contemporary window design with horizontal panes. Underneath the massive, steeply pitched, front-gabled sanctuary roof are slight, overhanging eaves, with exposed rafters.

The north elevation is front-gabled. The north elevation has four side-by-side, single-paned windows, and two other metal door entries, one on the center of the fellowship hall, and one on the east building addition. On the north elevation of the front-gabled sanctuary is a projecting stylistic element that includes a vertical, brown-brick feature with a tall, dark-brown cross that is located in the center below the gable peak. To the east of the sanctuary is the fellowship hall that protrudes out further than the sanctuary. The front-gabled roof above the fellowship hall has a steeply pitched roof overhang on the west side of the projection that forms a small, covered porch area. This northwestern section is enclosed in the fenced playground area. To the east of the fellowship hall is the educational wing where there is a small shed attached to the northeast side of the building, and a small courtyard behind the shed.

The front-gabled east elevation holds the educational wing, kitchen, and chapel. There are six side-by-side, single-paned windows on the northeast section, and three vertically oriented, rectangular, tripartite, stained glass windows, with side-by-side, double-panes, and a single, fixed-center pane on the southeast section. There are also three metal door entries.

Character defining features of this early-1970s Modern Movements church include the brick construction with little surface treatment, the tower and pinnacle-topped spire piercing the triple, front-gabled roof, and the vertical bands of stained-glass windows.

22. Architectural style: **Modern Movements**

Other architectural style:

Building type:

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23. Landscape or special setting features:

This building is located on a massive rectangular lot between Walnut and Main Streets. There is a grass lawn, several large maple and evergreen trees, decorative shrubbery, plants, and other landscaping along all four elevations. There are two signs for the church, one on the north end of the property on Main Street, and one on the south end of the property on Walnut in front of the main entrance. The sign on the north side is a combination of smooth marble with jagged edges along the top engraved with the church name; a smooth, red sandstone pillar embellished with the UCC symbol; and an electronic sign resting atop a double, rough-faced, marble brick platform. The sign located on the south end of the property along the street in front of the church's main entrance is a simple, marquis-style sign on a rectangular concrete platform. There are two, large paved parking lots, one on the west side of the building, and one on the east side of the building, both with diagonal parking spaces. There are multiple parking lot entrances to the north, west, and south of the building. There is also a large fence-enclosed playground on the northwest corner of the church sanctuary and educational wing east of the west side parking lot. On the north side of the building, there is a shed and a small courtyard with benches to the east of the playground, and to the west of the east side parking lot.

24. Associated building, features or objects:

Three small sheds; one located on the northeast side of the church next to the small courtyard; and two identical sheds located along the eastern edge of the east parking lot. One rectangular storage facility located next to the two identical sheds along the eastern edge of the east parking lot. The date for these additions is unknown.

IV. ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

25. Date of Construction: 1970 Actual Estimate

Source of Information: "Faith UCC 25th Anniversary May 1996." (booklet)

Weld County Assessor Property Report

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26. Architect: M. Morris (architect); Dempsey Engineering Co. (plan creators)

Source of Information: Faith UCC Administrative Assistant, Kathy Hettinger

27. Builder: Kealiher Company

Source of Information: Faith UCC Administrative Assistant, Kathy Hettinger

Currently awaiting source documents

28. Original Owner: Faith United Church of Christ

Source of Information: "Faith UCC 25th Anniversary May 1996." (booklet)

29. Construction history:

According to Faith UCC's records, and the Weld County assessor records, this building was constructed in 1970. An analysis of the style, building materials, and other historical records, such as newspapers, oral history interviews, and photographs, confirms this date of construction.

Explicit details of the initial construction work is largely unknown; however, photographs taken during construction, and newspaper articles detailing the event, offer glimpses of the construction process. The initial construction involved clearing a large, flat space in the middle of a cornfield to pour the massive concrete slab foundation. The materials used for the exterior included brick and concrete blocks. The interior wood paneling found in the church sanctuary today is from the original construction.

The congregation approved several remodeling projects between 1979 and 1991. In 1979, they replaced the original glass windows installed along the west, south, and east elevations with stained-glass windows as a part of a memorial project. Between 1985 and 1989, the church installed ceiling fans, a new sound system, and new lighting in the sanctuary. In 1988, the church paved both of the dirt parking lots. In 1990, the church established the Faithsteps Preschool and updated and painted the classrooms in the education wing located in the northeast end of the fellowship hall. A remodeling project in 1991 extended the south elevation adding an administrative office, two pastors offices, a parlor room, and an enclosed library and classroom area in the south end of the fellowship hall. Additionally, they enclosed the food pantry area in the south end of the fellowship hall, updated the chancel and nave, and installed new carpeting and a new heating system for the entire church. The project also expanded the chapel on the east elevation.

V. HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS

31. Original use(s): Religion/Church

32. Intermediate uses(s): Religion/Church
Other Use

33. Current uses(s): Religion/Church
Education/School

34. Site type(s): Modern Movements Church

35. Historical background:

Constructed in 1970, the remarkable building at 1020 Walnut Street is home to the Faith United Church of Christ; yet, the church's roots go way back in Windsor's history. Formed in 1904 by Germans from Russia, the Evangelical Congregational Church located at the corner of Elm and Second Street, served as one of Windsor's earliest churches. Similarly, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, that later changed its name to Zion United Church of Christ since it had no association to the Lutheran faith, organized in 1914.

As church membership increased throughout the mid-1960s, each church expanded its walls and made consistent improvements to their buildings to support their growing congregations. Because they shared a common background in their affiliation with the national denomination of the United Church of Christ (UCC), the UCC encouraged each church to evaluate their conditions and circumstances that needed addressing. The churches deliberated and determined that a merger was the best course of action. By combining their congregations, they pooled their resources, and began planning the construction of larger, more modern church.

After the churches merged to create Faith United Church of Christ on May 26, 1969, building and finance committees formed with equal representation from each church, and fundraising began immediately. By August 1969, the church reached its fundraising goal that, combined with church savings and additional funding through the Church Board of Homeland Ministries, allowed for the hiring of an architect and blueprints to be drawn. The church held its official groundbreaking on the cold, Sunday afternoon of April 12, 1970, and construction was completed in December 1970.

36. Sources of information:

"Faith UCC: Celebrating 25 Years of Faith, May 29, 1996." (booklet)

"Faith UCC." (scrapbook)

Hodgell, Beth. Faith UCC Survey Photograph Collection. October 21, 2016; October 31, 2016; November 11, 2016.

Oral history interviews with Kathy Hettinger, Faith UCC Administrative Assistant, and Dr. Larry Lawrence; October 31, 2016, November 11, 2016.

"R1431986." Weld County Assessor Property Report. (online)

Weld County Assessor Property Records. (Internet)

VI. SIGNIFICANCE

37. Local landmark designation: Yes No

Designation authority:

Date of designation:

38. Applicable National Register criteria:

A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B. Associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high

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artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

- D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.
- Qualifies under Criteria Considerations A through G (see manual).
- Does not meet any of the above National Register criteria.

Applicable Colorado State Register criteria:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to history.
- B. Connected with persons significant in history.
- C. Has distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or artisan.
- D. Is of geographic importance.
- E. Contains the possibility of important discoveries related to prehistory or history.
- Does not meet any of the above Colorado State Register criteria.

Applicable Town of Windsor landmark criteria:

1. Architectural: a) Exemplifies specific elements of an architectural style or period.
1. Architectural: b) Example of the work of an architect or builder who is recognized for expertise nationally, statewide, regionally or locally.
1. Architectural: c) Demonstrates superior craftsmanship or high artistic value.
1. Architectural: d) Represents an innovation in construction, materials or design.
1. Architectural: e) Style is particularly associated with the Windsor/Northern Colorado area.
1. Architectural: f) Represents a built environment of a group of people in an era of history.
1. Architectural: g) Pattern or grouping of elements representing at least one (1) of the above criteria.
1. Architectural: h) Significant historic remodel.
2. Social: a) Site of historic event that had an effect upon society.
2. Social: b) Exemplifies cultural, political, economic or social heritage of the community
2. Social: c) An association with a notable person or the work of a notable person.
3. Geographic/Environmental: a) Enhances the sense of identity of the community.
3. Geographic/Environmental: b) An established and familiar natural setting or visual feature of the community.
- Physical Integrity 1. Shows character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the community, region, state or nation.
- Physical Integrity 2. Retains original design features, materials and/or character.
- Physical Integrity 3. Original location or same historic context after having been moved.
- Physical Integrity 4. Has been accurately reconstructed or restored based on documentation.
- Does not meet any of the above Town of Windsor landmark criteria.

39. Areas of significance: **Religion**
Architecture
Social History
Ethnic Heritage

40. Period(s) of Significance: **1970 to present**

41. Level of Significance: National State Local Not Applicable

42. Statement of Significance:

Faith United Church of Christ is one of the first modern churches in Windsor affiliated with the "United Church of Christ" denomination founded

nationally in 1957.

Ordinarily properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, this property meets the requirements set forth under Criteria Consideration A because it is a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural distinction and historical importance. This building demonstrates a great example of an early-1970s, postwar, Modern Movements church. Character-defining features include brick construction with little surface treatment, the integration of stained glass windows on each elevation, a tower that pierces the southern roof frame, topped with a pinnacled-spire, the use of a steeply pitched, front-gabled roof above the sanctuary, with a combination roof form of double, front-gabled, and flat roof forms above the fellowship hall, front entryway hall, and administrative offices on the southern elevation. Features also include triangular, brick window and door arches, and triangular, arched arcades along the covered entryway of the south elevation. These creative features reflect the progressive attitudes in 1960s religion that influenced the transformations in church architectural styles that broke from traditional church revival styles of the pre-World War II era.

43. Assessment of historic physical integrity related to significance:

Constructed in 1970, with an addition in 1991, this church building exhibits a moderate level of physical integrity relative to the seven aspects of integrity as defined by the National Park Service and the Colorado Historical Society: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

VII. NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

44. National Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed
 State Register eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed
 Local landmark eligibility field assessment: Individually eligible Not eligible Needs data Previously listed

45. Is there National Register district potential: Yes No Needs Data

Discuss: This inventory was conducted as an selective intensive-level survey and therefore lacks the continuity of resource data necessary to recommend the creation of an historic district. However, while not individually eligible, this property has the potential to contribute to a historic district and should be considered as part of any future research on district potential in this area.

If there is National Register district potential, is this building contributing: Yes No N/A

46. If the building is in existing National Register district, is it contributing: Yes No N/A

VIII. RECORDING INFORMATION

47. Digital photograph file name(s): Faith UCC Survey Photos
 Digital photographs filed at: Town of Windsor
 301 Walnut Street
 Windsor, CO 80550

48. Report title: A History of Faith United Church of Christ: Faith, Community, and Preserving Culture

49. Date(s): 12/14/2016

50. Recorder(s): Beth Hodgell

51. Organization: Department of History, Colorado State University

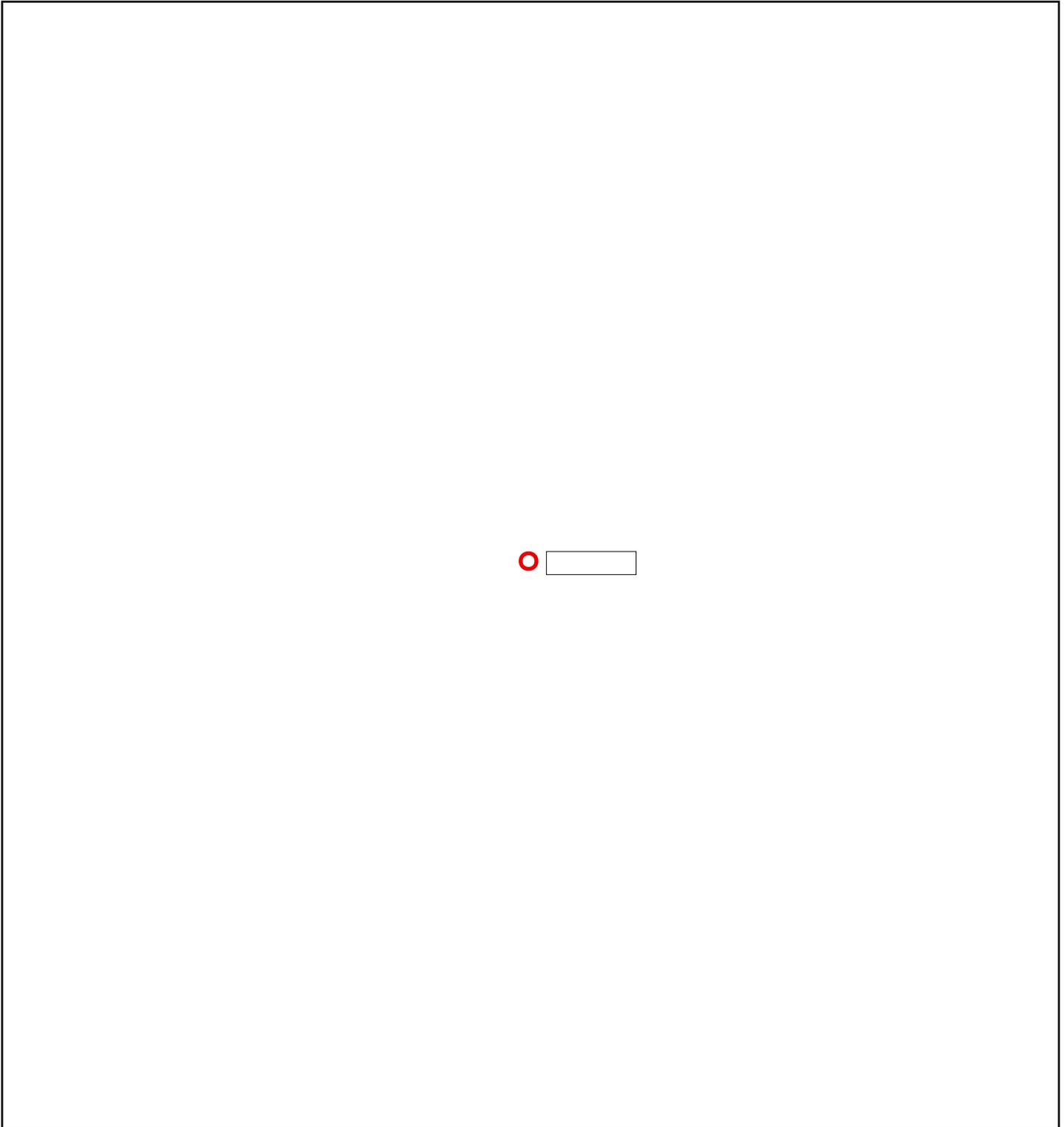
52. Address: Clark Building, B 356
 Campus Delivery 1776
 Fort Collins, CO 80523-1776

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LOCATION MAP



Source: U.S. Geological Survey 7.5' Windsor - 1969