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**Four Future Additions to the National Register of Historic Places to be Celebrated on
Nov. 17**

Milwaukee, Wis. – In 2017, the National Park Service awarded the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office an Underrepresented Communities Grant to increase awareness and recognition of historic African-American resources in the City of Milwaukee. On Saturday, November 17, the Wisconsin Historical Society will be celebrating the nominations of four properties of historic significance to Milwaukee's African American community to the National Register of Historic Places.

"Through this grant, we can continue to tell the broader history of Milwaukee and the state," said Daina Penkiunas, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

The four future additions to the National Register of Historic Places include the 16th Street Viaduct that was prominent during the housing marches, St. Matthews CME Church, Lloyd Barbee's house and the Dietz/Palmer House.

The event is free and open to the public will take place at St. Matthews CME Church, 2944 N. 9th St. Milwaukee from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 17 and will include short presentations on each of these historically significant places from National Register consultants, Traci Schnell and Robert Blythe, a presentation from St. Matthews CME Church choir, refreshments and more.

"The National Park Service is working with states, tribes, and local governments to help more people connect with their history and explore America's diverse stories," National Parks Service, Deputy Director, Michael T. Reynolds said. "These grants will fund projects that recognize and preserve places that will educate and inspire future generations of Americans."

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About Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit www.wisconsinhistory.org.

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