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West Concord

LOCATION: West Concord, MN 55985

STATUS: Public

TYPE: Historic, Town

HISTORY: West Concord was platted in 1885 and incorporated in 1894. Most of the initial settlers of this area were from New England, New York, and Pennsylvania. Its name derives simply from the fact that it lay west of Concord, with Concord being named after Concord, New Hampshire. Concord residents were upset with the creation of West Concord and referred to it as “Webfoot” due to its swampy nature of land. West Concord grew in size when the railroad bypassed Concord, and so all of the businesses relocated. West Concord’s First Baptist church was organized June 8th, 1863 and originally started in Concord. West Concord’s post office was established in 1886. A successful merchant named Watson G. Avery erected the first merchant building in West Concord. The West Concord Enterprise newspaper was first published in 1893 and ended in 2003.

Today, West Concord’s population is about 800 people. West Concord is an agriculture town with its main exports being corn and soybeans.

OTHER RESOURCES:

<https://www.dodgecountyhistorical.org/>

https://www.co.dodge.mn.us/Government_and_Links/DODGE_COUNTY_HISTORY.pdf

PROPERTY PICTURES:



West Concord, 1972

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Elevator and surrounding area, 1972

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