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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
** New Sweden Chapel
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
E of Fairfield off US 34
Lockridge Township (Twp. 72, Rng. 8, Sec. 21) — NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CITY, TOWN
Lockridge Fairfield vic. — VICINITY OF FIRST
STATE Iowa CODE 19 COUNTY Jefferson CODE 101

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
First Augustana Lutheran Church
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Lockridge
STATE Iowa 52635
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Fairfield,
STATE Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Three miles northwest of Lockridge, on a hilltop among gently rolling hills, rests this little white church beside a pioneer cemetery. The symmetrical building is a rectangular frame structure with a gable roof and simplified classical cornice. It possesses clapboard exterior walls and a wood shingle roof. The two brick chimneys, one on either side of the roof, have at some point been rebuilt. The four bay church contains tall windows with original wooden shutters. Its dimensions measure 50 by 30 feet by 16 feet high plus a two tier steeple with spire. The lower stage of the steeple contains a "sweet toned Stuckstedt bell" manufactured in St. Louis prior to the building's completion in 1860. At one end is a small entry vestibule with double doors. The building has undergone no major alterations, although some interior redecoration has occurred.

The interior comprises one principal space with a balcony across the rear that contains a built-in pipe organ. The lower, main floor level has a board floor and plaster walls with wainscoting, all of which are original. Pews are on both sides of a center aisle with side aisles. Opposite the entry is an alter, which has a single step platform with a pulpit and alter communion rail. Above the alter is a large painting by Olof Grafstrom, who once was an art instructor at Augustana College and produced some two hundred or more alter paintings that were used in the early churches. From the walnut ceiling hang two early light fixtures, each containing four kerosene lamps (now electrified) set in star-shaped molding. The two original wood stoves have been replaced by two stoves of cast iron built with a grate for burning coal.

The cemetery continues to be used and the New Sweden Chapel is opened for visitors and is used for special services.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henri Jagle

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In contrast with the Norwegians who split into several strife filled religious groups, the Swedes stood nearly all united under one Lutheran body, the Swedish Augustana Synod. And the New Sweden Church is the oldest parent church of this Synod. Founded in Jefferson County in 1848, the New Sweden church is also the first church of the first settlement of Swedes in Iowa and the first one west of the Mississippi River. Furthermore it proved to be the first permanent settlement of Swedes in the country, for the earlier Pine Lake, Wisconsin settlement lasted only a few years and its distant predecessor, the Swedish colonial effort in Delaware, failed within thirty years.

Organized in 1845, four years after the Pine Lake Colony of G. Unonius in Wisconsin, this early Iowa settlement became established under the leadership of Peter Cassel, a millwright in his native parish of Kisa, Ostergotland, Sweden. When Cassel's small band of Swedes arrived in New York, they met Pehr Dahlberg, who had arrived a couple of years earlier. Dahlberg persuaded them to settle at New Sweden instead of at their original destination near Pine River, Wisconsin. Once settled, despite the ravages of cholera during the early 1850's, the settlement had grown to about 700 people by 1860. The approximate 86 families together owned over 5,000 acres. The Lutheran congregation was now ready to build a more substantial church building. Under the direction of local builder, Henri Jangle, they erected the present church as a replacement for their log church of 1851.

In 1948 the Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod of North America declared the New Sweden Chapel to be a National Synodical Shrine. Prince Bertil and the Archbishop of Sweden participated with 3,000 people in the ceremonies at the site that unveiled a commemorative marker and plaque.

As the oldest of 1,269 congregations, the New Sweden Chapel holds a special meaning to the more than 600,000 members of the Augustana Synod as well as for the many descendants of Swedish immigrants today. The building itself is typical of the hundreds of rural Swedish immigrant churches in the United States, many of which no longer exist. In New Sweden and other Swedish communities the pioneer Lutheran church formed an important part of the rural scene and in the lives of both members and non-members. The New Sweden church has spanned the whole course of Swedish immigration from the first permanent settlement to their nearly complete absorption into American life and of their Swedish church into an American church.

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Acreage Justification:

The inclusion of two acres of land in this nomination was made for historical reasons. The church and surrounding cemetery are located on this land. Although the area covered by actual gravesites is somewhat less than this, these two acres comprise the original church property. They were acquired from the U.S. government in 1851, and a log church erected thereon. It was replaced in 1860 by the present structure. The total amount of church property is now about 16 acres, as more was acquired for a parsonage in later years. For purposes of this nomination, however, only the original two acres are significant.

Property New Sweden Chapel

Jefferson

State Iowa

Working Number 8.31.76.4043

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TECHNICAL

Photos 1
Maps 1

12 level of significance

m. Bowers 3.18.77 pl
OK - 9.1.76

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

Accept
E. Smith
11-2-76

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

I assume cemetery is yes is included
Supposed to be included

Called Lebovich
11.15.76

2 Acres is excessive

See letter 3/9
contribution sheet

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cole
2/21/77

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

for Montage
3.18.77

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 5-3-77

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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ERECTED 1860

Gravestone inscription (partially illegible)

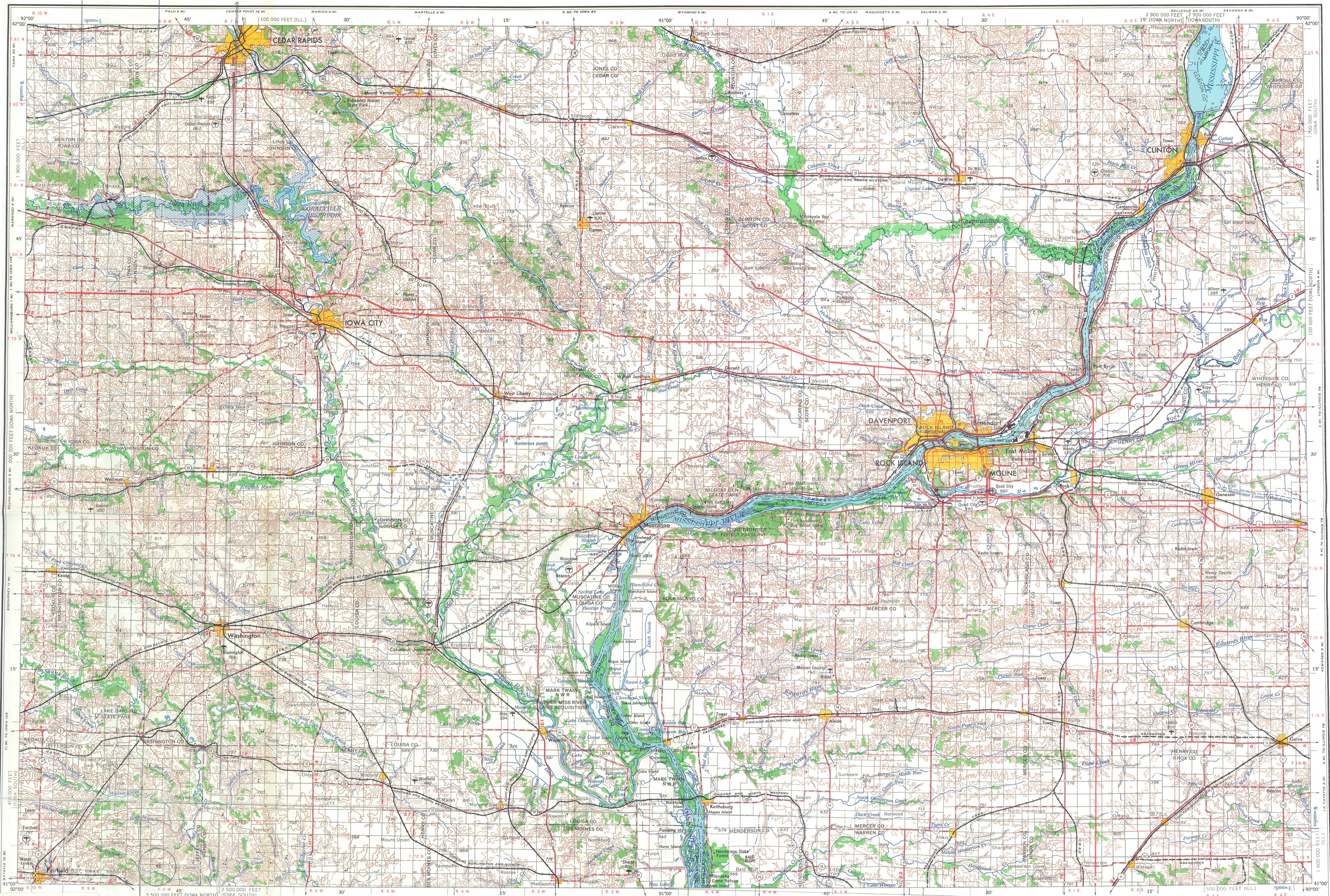
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PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

New Sweden Chapel
Lockridge Twp., Jefferson Co., Ia.
Credit: Rosaline Hiser, R.R. 2,
Fairfield, Ia. AUG 31 1976
Date: 1976; Negative at: above

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New Sweden Chapel
 Lockridge Twp., Jefferson Co., Ia.
 UTM: 15/606/240 4540/160 1500

MAR 25 1976
 U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. Compiled in 1957 by photogrammetric methods and from United States quadrangles 1:25,000, 1:50,000 and 1:62,500, 1923-53. Planimetric detail revised by photogrammetric methods. Horizontal and vertical control by USGS, USCGS, and USMC. Map field checked 1958. Limited revision by U.S. Geological Survey 1967. 100,000-foot grid based on Iowa coordinate system, south and north zones and Illinois coordinate system, west zone. 10,000-meter Universal Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue.

10-4540/160
 # 600/240

LEGEND
 ROAD DATA 1958 PARTIALLY REVISED 1967
 Figures in red denote approximate distances in miles between stars

POPULATED PLACES
 Over 500,000
 100,000 to 500,000
 25,000 to 100,000
 5,000 to 25,000
 1,000 to 5,000
 Less than 1,000

ROADS
 Hard surface, heavy duty
 Two lanes wide, Federal route marker
 Hard surface, medium duty
 More than two lanes wide
 Two lanes wide, State, Interstate route markers
 Improved light duty
 Unimproved dirt
 Trail

RAILROADS
 Standard gauge
 Narrow gauge
 BOUNDARIES
 International
 State
 County
 Park or reservation

LANDMARKS
 Landplane airport
 Landing area
 Seaplane airport
 Seaplane anchorage
 Woods/brushwood

Other symbols
 Horizontal control point
 Spot elevation in feet
 Marsh or swamp
 Intermittent or dry stream
 Power line

RAILROADS
 Sun Valley
 Grand Coulee
 Layman

POPULATED PLACES
 LOS ANGELES
 OMAHA
 GALVESTON
 LAVERGNE
 Grand Coulee
 Layman

Scale 1:250,000
 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Statute Miles
 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Kilometers
 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Nautical Miles

CONTOUR INTERVAL 50 FEET
 WITH SUPPLEMENTARY CONTOURS AT 25 FOOT INTERVALS
 TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

1968 MAGNETIC DECLINATION FROM TRUE NORTH FOR THIS SHEET VARIES FROM 55' (100 MILES) EASTELY FOR THE CENTER OF THE WEST EDGE TO 4' (70 MILES) EASTELY FOR THE CENTER OF THE EAST EDGE.

FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242

LOCATION DIAGRAM

RELIABILITY DIAGRAM

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C.—1968

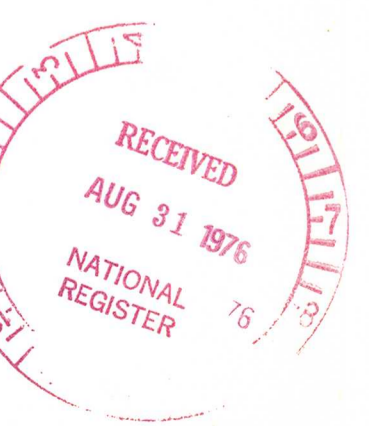
SECTIONED TOWNSHIP

6	5	4	3	2	1
7	8	9	10	11	12
18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

TOWNSHIP OR RANGE LINE
 LAND GRANT BOUNDARY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM
 129 So. CAPITOL ST.
 IOWA CITY, IOWA 52240

DAVENPORT, IOWA, ILLINOIS
 1958
 LIMITED REVISION 1967



STATE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT OF IOWA
DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ADRIAN D. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Date: 24 August 1976

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Having received approval by Iowa's State Nominations Review Committee,
please find enclosed completed National Register nomination forms
for the following historic property:

New Sweden Chapel, Lockridge Twp., Jefferson County, Iowa

This is submitted for review by your staff in accordance with procedures
for entering properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

~~Attached is a copy of the procedures used by this Division to meet
requirements pertaining to public notification and comment as requested
by the National Park Service.~~

Sincerely,



Adrian D. Anderson, Director



201 N. 1st Ave. Apt. 207
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

February 17, 1977

The Hon. Dick Clark
Room 404
Old House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Senator Clark:

Many people in Iowa and the United States will be very grateful if you can, by a phone call or whatever, restart action on the approval of the nomination of the NEW SWEDEN CHAPEL in LOCKRIDGE TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, IOWA to the National Register of Historic Places. This was made in March, 1976, approved by the State Review Committee in July and sent to the National office in the Office of Archeology and Preservation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior for final approval. There it is filed by name (New Sweden Chapel) under Iowa. Jefferson County.

Consideration of the nomination had been started but now the State Office here reports that in December action on all nominations on file in Washington was halted. A vague explanation was given for this that has to do with involvement of the Washington staff with tax breaks for owners of private property listed in the National Register of Historic Places. I see no reason why they should have tax breaks and am not aware that the National Park Service has anything to do with taxation.

The nomination of the Chapel is based on the following and is well documented.

1. Founded in 1845 the New Sweden settlement was the first permanent Swedish immigrant settlement in the United States.
2. In January 1848 the immigrants organized a church which became the first, or oldest, congregation of the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the largest of the Swedish-American churches in the United States.
3. The log church was replaced by a frame church in 1860. In 1948 this was named the New Sweden Chapel and dedicated as a national shrine of the Augustana Synod.
4. After 1963, when the Augustana Synod merged with other bodies to form the Lutheran Church in America, the title to the Chapel was transferred to the Lutheran Church in Lockridge, Iowa. The Chapel is open to visitors and its register has names from all parts of the country. It is used for special services by the Lockridge and Swedesburg churches and old families use the cemetery.
5. The Chapel is the only structure that has survived unchanged from early New Sweden immigrant days. It stands on the site of the log church, has not been remodeled, and has its original furnishings - pews, hand-carved altar and pulpit, communion railing, brass oil-lamp fixtures, Stuckstedt bell, and, in the balcony, pews from the old log church and a very rare all wooden pipe organ hand-built by a member of the church in 1861-62.

The New Sweden Chapel committee was told that the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places would surely be approved by now so that during a campaign for funds its national recognition could be announced. This would give people increased assurance that the structure would be preserved and not bulldozed, as was once threatened.

PLEASE HELP.

Sincerely yours,

Arbuth K. Mellor
(Mrs.) Arbuth K. Mellor

JIM LEACH
1ST DISTRICT, IOWA



COMMITTEES:
BANKING, FINANCE AND
URBAN AFFAIRS
POST OFFICE AND
CIVIL SERVICE

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
March 17, 1977

3/25/77

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Department of Interior
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1100 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240


Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I am writing in regard to the New Sweden Chapel,
Lockridge Township, Jefferson County, Iowa.

A letter from a constituent states that they are
hoping for approval of the nomination to the National
Register of Historic Places soon, since they would
like to announce its national recognition during a
campaign fund drive. They face the possibility of
the building being razed, as was once threatened,
and they need the assurance of preservation to
help raise funds.

Anything you can do to expedite this matter will be
appreciated.

Sincerely,


Jim Leach
Member of Congress

JL:mh

OFFICES:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

♦ MICHAEL R. MC LEOD
GENERAL COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

March 17, 1977

Congressional Liaison
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Sir or Madam:


Attached for your consideration is a copy of a letter I received from a constituent, Mrs. Ardith K. Melloh.

I am appreciative of any information you might provide so that I can reply to the specifics raised in Mrs. Melloh's letter.

Please direct your reply to my office in the Federal Building, 101 First Street S.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dick Clark

DC:cb
enclosure

March 24, 1977

Honorable Dick Clark
United States Senator
Federal Building
101 First Street S.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Dear Senator Clark:

I am pleased to acknowledge your recent inquiry in behalf of Mrs. Ardith K. Melloh concerning nomination of the New Sweden Chapel, Jefferson County, Iowa, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest and will provide you a reply at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Everhardt
Director

cc: Your Washington Office

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STATE IOWA

Date Entered MAR 25 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Horn House	Decorah vicinity Winneshiek County
Schmidt House	Elkader Clayton County
First Congregational Church	Garnaville Clayton County
New Sweden Chapel	Lockridge Jefferson County

Also Notified

Hon. Dick Clark
Hon. John C. Culver
Hon. Michael T. Elouin
Hon. James A. S. Leach
Regional Director, Midwest
Region

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Adrian Anderson
Director, State Historical Department
Division of Historic Preservation
B-13 MacLean Hall
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

April 1, 1977

Honorable Jim Leach
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Leach:

I am pleased to acknowledge your recent letter concerning the nomination of the New Sweden Chapel, Jefferson County, Iowa, to the National Register of Historic Places.

We appreciate your interest and will provide you a reply at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Everhardt
Director

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Brayton 48
Cole
Murtagh
Whitcomb 4/11

H34(880)

Honorabile Dick Clark
United States Senator
Federal Building
101 First Street, S.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

Dear Senator Clark:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mrs. Ardith K. Melloh concerning the nomination of the New Sweden Chapel, Jefferson County, Iowa.

We are pleased to advise you that the New Sweden Chapel was entered in the National Register on March 25, 1977.

We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,

Director

cc: Your Washington Office

bcc:
Mr. Adrian Anderson
Director
State Historical Department
Division of Historic Preservation
B-13 MacLean Hall
Iowa City, Iowa 52242) w/c of inc.

Regional Director, Midwest Region) w/c of inc.

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Drayton 4/13
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Herrington
Joe Murtagh
Wilson
T. Wood
for 140 4/14
Rgs for County 4/13

Honorable Jim Leach
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Leach:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the nomination
of the New Sweden Chapel, Jefferson County, Iowa.

We are pleased to advise you that the New Sweden Chapel was
listed in the National Register on March 25, 1977.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

/Sgd/ Jerry L. Rogers
ACTING ASSOCIATE
Director

bcc:
Mr. Adrian Anderson
Director
State Historical Department
Division of Historic Preservation
B-13 MacLean Hall
Iowa City, Iowa 52242) w/c of inc.

Regional Director (Midwest)

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NR Data Sheet

DATE: 11-2-76
Reviewer INITIALS: *eff*
NR
DOE MAR 25 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: New Sweden Chapel

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER E of Fairfield off U.S. 34
CITY, TOWN
STATE Iowa 19 VICINITY OF Fairfield CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st
COUNTY Jefferson code 101

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
 Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3
 unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6
 not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable - 9

- Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- Church
now- Church

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder: *Henri Jagle*

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP: *Swedes*

NAMES:

personal

(label role

&

appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *1860*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

1860 - Present

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

2

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

1 story, frame, clapboard, rectangular shaped structure with gabled roof and bell tower.

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

New Sweden Chapel is the oldest parent church of the Swedish Augustana Synod. It was also the first church of the first settlement of Swedes in Iowa and the first one west of the Mississippi River.