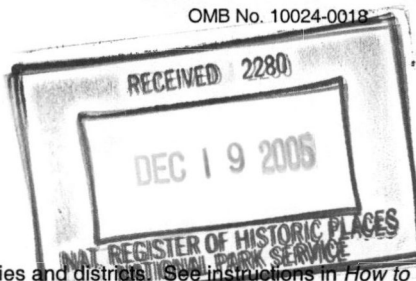


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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 447 Church Road [N/A] not for publication

city or town Livingston [N/A] vicinity

state New York code NY county Columbia code 021 zip code 12541

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements as set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

William C. ... SAPO

12/06/05

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (see continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register see continuation sheet
- determined eligible for the National Register see continuation sheet
- determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain) _____

Signature of the Keeper

date of action

Edson H. Beall 2/1/06

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
2	0	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: Church

FUNERARY: Cemetery

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION: Church

FUNERARY: Cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Italianate

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone

walls brick

roof metal

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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Narrative Description

The Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston, an Italianate church built in 1854, is located on the north side of Church Street (CR 10) in the small crossroads hamlet of Livingston, town of Livingston, Columbia County. The church is situated on the southwest section of an irregular-shaped 5-acre lot. It is deeply setback from the street, with a driveway leading up a slight rise to the front of the church and parking areas on the east and west sides. Mature deciduous trees line the street in front of the church and the rear of the property is forested. On the north and east sides of the church is its cemetery. Adjacent to the property on the west is a nineteenth century residence. To the east is the former church parsonage and across the street to the south is a masonic hall. This nomination includes one contributing building (the church) and one contributing site (the cemetery). The church is highly intact on the exterior and interior.

The church is constructed of brick laid up in Common bond, with a medium-pitched gable roof, deep bracketed cornice, semi-engaged square tower in the center bay of the front gable end, and brick pilasters defining each corner and each bay of the elevations. The building is two stories in height, with the first story essentially at ground level and a very high second story containing the sanctuary. The front is three bays wide and the side elevations are three bays wide, with blank bays at the north and south ends. Most of the window and door openings have flat rectangular sandstone lintels and sills. The windows on the ground story each contain two narrow six-over-four double-hung wood sash, separated by wide center mullions. Each window on the second story contains two stacked sets of two narrow six-over-six double-hung sash with a wide center mullion and a horizontal dividing strip between each set of sash. The tower projects about four feet from the front façade and has four steps leading to double entrance doors, a marble plaque above the door identifying the church and its date of construction, a tall window on the second story and a circular window near the top of the brick portion of the steeple. The circular window has thin muntins in a stylized daisy pattern. Above the window is the bracketed cornice and the belfry, which is constructed of wood. It also has a bracketed cornice, along with louvers set into panels on each elevation and a balustrade surrounding the flat roof. The windowless rear elevation of the church has a one-story shed-roofed frame addition, approximately 40 feet wide and 20 feet deep that was constructed c. 1940. It was sided with aluminum in 1985. Other than the addition, the only other changes on the exterior include the removal of the spire within a few years of construction of the church, the construction of a shallow modern entrance porch on the west elevation ground floor entrance, and the replacement of the ground floor entrance doors on the west and east elevations with modern metal and glass doors.

The main entrance doors lead into a small vestibule and then into another vestibule with a high ceiling that contains two staircases leading up to either side of the sanctuary. The staircases are open on the north side and rise from the center of the space toward the east and west walls, curving to double doors leading into the sanctuary on the north wall. These and most of the other interior doors have four

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molded panels. The staircases have walnut balusters, newels, and railings. Double doors in the center of the north wall of the inner vestibule open to a short staircase leading down into the church hall. The high-ceilinged sanctuary occupies the entire northern portion of the upper floor. Although the ceiling has been dropped slightly, most other original features remain, including plaster walls, two sets of straight painted pews with a center aisle and two side aisles, a raised platform on the north wall with a central pulpit, pipe organ and choir seating, and folding wood shutters on the windows. Behind the pulpit, centered on the north wall is an architectural feature of wood in a Palladian motif, with colonettes flanking arcaded panels, a deep cornice, and segmental arch over the central panel. The pipe organ, built by Mueller, was installed in 1917. The seating capacity of the church is about 250 people. One of the pews has a silver plaque mounted on its arm, on which is inscribed "Livingston." A balcony with a solid paneled railing runs across the south wall of the sanctuary. Three large, recessed arched bays define the areas of the balcony which were originally open, extending back several more feet to the front of the building. The enclosed portion, where the staircases rise from the front vestibule, contains old, perhaps original, stenciled borders on the plaster walls and grained woodwork. A ladder-like staircase leads from this area up into the bell tower, where the hand-hewn and sawn frame of the church is visible. Another ladder leads into the upper stage of the tower, where a 1,675-pound bell is located (unmarked). The bell is rung with a rope that extends down into the front vestibule.

The ground floor has a low ceiling and modest decorative features. The largest space is used as a meeting hall and Sunday school. A secondary staircase leads up to the choir area in the sanctuary. A large kitchen is located in the northwest corner of this floor and bathrooms, an office, and classroom are located in the rear addition. In the southeast corner of the ground floor is an area beneath which lies burials of about 10 members of the Patrie family. This vault evidently dates to the earlier church on the site and was permanently sealed up in the early twentieth century.

The cemetery contains several hundred burials from c. 1814 to the present. There are two family vaults: one in the hillside and an unusual freestanding one with vertical stone panels forming the lower walls and brick for the upper walls. Otherwise the cemetery contains a full range of gravemarkers including marble tablet stones, a handful of obelisks, and many simple arched marble and granite markers.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location
- C** a birthplace or grave
- D** a cemetery
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance:

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance:

1814-1954

Significant Dates:

1814; 1854-55

Significant Person:

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect/Builder:

unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by historic American Building Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal Agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other repository: _____

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston is significant in the area of architecture as an intact, representative example of mid nineteenth century, rural vernacular religious architecture in Columbia County. Completed in 1855 on the site of the original building, the church exhibits the characteristic features of the Italianate style, including its deep bracketed cornice, long paired windows, decorative window in the bell tower, and simple molded woodwork. The cemetery, flanking the building on the north and east sides, contributes to its bucolic setting in this small rural hamlet in southern Columbia County.

The hamlet and town of Livingston were part of the 160,000-acre Livingston Manor, a feudal landholding begun by the Livingston family in 1683. The origin of the Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston can be traced to the Livingston Memorial Church of Linlithgo, the original building (original name unknown) having been built in 1722 in the hamlet of Linlithgo, several miles west of the hamlet of Livingston. That church was built for the first lord of the manor, Robert Livingston, and he had a family burial vault constructed beneath the church. (It was later replaced by the present church in 1870 - National Register listed.) In 1814, members of the congregation lobbied to have a church built in a more central location in the town of Livingston (established 1788), so they purchased a site in 1814 from John Livingston in what was then called Johnstown. John Livingston, owner of Oak Hill on the Hudson River (National Register listed), evidently paid for much of the construction cost of the church. A burial vault was also provided in the church. The confusing name of the church is due to the congregation wanting to use the name of the location of the earlier church in the new name.

In 1854, the congregation of the Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston decided they needed a larger building, and demolished the church, laying the cornerstone for the present building on July 13, 1854. The first services in the new building were held on August 22, 1855. It is not known who the architect of the church was, but he was likely a local, competent builder, who was knowledgeable about recent trends in architecture, choosing a modest, pleasing design to satisfy what was likely a conservative congregation of farmers and small-time merchants. (Nathan Proper, a well-known builder from Linlithgo, is mentioned several times in the church records as having done work on the church and may well have been its builder.) The church is deeply set back from the road on a slight rise, and its brick form and prominent bell tower make it an important landmark in this small hamlet. Brick pilasters frame the fenestration on the front and sides of the church and elaborate brackets decorate the deep cornice. An unusual circular window with muntins in a flower pattern as well as a marble plaque decorate the front of the tower. Inside, the original pews line the central space in the simply decorated sanctuary, with its small balcony, raised platform for the altar, pulpit and choir, and handsome wood-cased pipe organ.

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Originally, there was a spire atop the bell tower of the church, but after only two or three years it was determined to be unstable and was removed. Other alterations over the last 160 years have been modest and include the c. 1940 rear addition, the installation of electricity and a heating system, redecoration of the sanctuary, a slightly dropped ceiling in the sanctuary, and recent entrance doors to the ground floor. In about 1887, the second parsonage was built to the east of the church. The congregation sold it in 1987 and it is not included in this nomination due to a lack of physical integrity.

The Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston has always been the only church in the hamlet of Johnstown and remains an important landmark. The name of the hamlet was changed to Livingston at some point after 1888. Always a small crossroads hamlet, the community had, by 1888, the church, a school, two stores, a post office, blacksmith shop, hotel, and about 30 residences. In the mid twentieth century, the main north-south route through the hamlet, US 9, was rerouted to the west, so that since that time, much of the heavier traffic does not go through the hamlet, thus preserving much of its nineteenth century character.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property approximately 5 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

Zone	Easting	Northing
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Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title contact: Peter D. Shaver (see continuation sheet)

organization New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation date November 25, 2005

street & number P.O. Box 189, Peebles Island telephone 518-237-8643

city or town Waterford state NY zip code 12188

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

- Maps** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location
 A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.
 Please note: the date marks on the front of the photographs are incorrect. Photos taken 9/2000

- Additional items:** List of Honored Dead Soldiers and Sailors Buried Claverack Reformed Church Cemetery
 1873 Beers map of Claverack hamlet
 Floor plan of church

Property Owner (Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston are shown by a heavy line on the attached site maps.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the boundaries that are historically associated with the property during the period of significance, with the exception of the parcel containing the former parsonage, which is not included due to a lack of physical integrity.

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Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston
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Draft nomination prepared by:

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Moore
CR Route 19
Elizaville, New York

and

Peter Shaver, NYSHPO

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PHOTOGRAPH KEY

Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Cemetery
Columbia County, New York

Name of photographer: Peter Shaver, NYSHPO

Date of photographs: April 27, 2001

Location of original negative: NYSHPO

Photo 1: Exterior of church, facing west

Photo 2: Exterior of church, facing northwest

Photo 3: Exterior of church, facing northeast

Photo 4: Interior of church, sanctuary, facing north

Photo 5: Interior of church, sanctuary, facing south

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: NEW YORK, Columbia

DATE RECEIVED: 12/19/05 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 1/11/06
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/26/06 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/01/06
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 05001614

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 2/1/06 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in the
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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Livingston Reformed Church of Livingston
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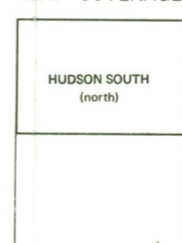
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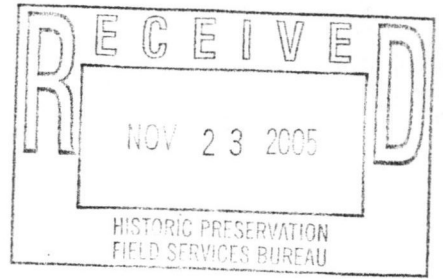
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STATEMENT OF OWNER SUPPORT

Before an individual nomination proposal will be reviewed or nominated, the owner(s) of record must sign and date the following statement:

We the congregation of

I, Kinlithgo Reformed Church, am the owner of the property at
(print or type owner name)

Po Box 219 447 Church St Livingston NY 12541
(street number and name, city, village or town, state of nominated property)

I support its consideration and inclusion in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

The Consistory (representative) 11-15-05
(signature and date)

(mailing address)

Rev. Marcia Gibbs
Dorothy Voorhes
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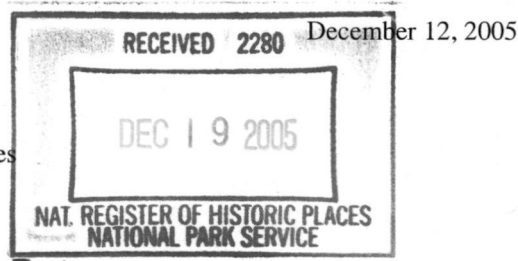
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Ms. Alexis Abernathy
National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
1201 Eye St. NW
8th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20005



Re: Transmittal of National Register
Nominations

Dear Ms. Abernathy:

I am pleased to transmit three National Register nominations to be considered for listing by the Keeper of the National Register as follows:

First Presbyterian Church, Delhi, Delaware Co., NY

Kellerman Log Cabin, Conesus, Livingston Co., NY

Linlithgo Reformed Church of Livingston, Columbia Co., NY

Please feel free to call on me at 518-237-8643 ext. 3258 if any questions arise.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Peckham
National Register
Program Coordinator

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