

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: Nebraska | |
| COUNTY: Dakota | |
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| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Emmanuel Lutheran Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1500 Hickory Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Dakota City

STATE:
Nebraska

CODE: 26

COUNTY:
Dakota

CODE: 043

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public Acquisition: | Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes: |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> | Private <input type="checkbox"/> | In Process <input type="checkbox"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> | Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input type="checkbox"/> | Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
| Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> | Government <input type="checkbox"/> | Park <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | Comments <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> | Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> | Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Religious <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> | Museum <input type="checkbox"/> | Scientific <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
City of Dakota City

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Dakota City

STATE:
Nebraska

CODE:
26

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
County Clerk, Dakota County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Dakota City

STATE:
Nebraska

CODE:
26

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1/2 acre

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1934

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D.C.

CODE:
08

STATE: Nebraska

COUNTY: Dakota

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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> | Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fair <input type="checkbox"/> | Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> | Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> | Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INTEGRITY | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | Altered <input type="checkbox"/> | Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | Moved <input type="checkbox"/> | Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building was erected in 1860 as a one story, frame, Lutheran church with a gable roof crowned by a cupola or bell tower. The structural framework was fashioned from native cottonwood lumber. Some of the original siding has been replaced over the years, and a new roof was provided about 1960. Otherwise, no significant alterations have evidently been made over the years. The tower houses a bell which was cast in 1856 and is presumably original to the building. The pilasters of the tower and the heavy cornices and cornice returns show Greek Revival influence.

About ten to twenty years ago, the building ceased to be used for regular Lutheran worship services. In 1963 the deed to the church property was given to the Dakota City government by the Nebraska Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. In 1963-64 certain rehabilitation work was carried out by the Dakota County Historical Society. At the same time, while many early church furnishings were left intact, several additional historical items were placed inside the structure. The building is now operated as a museum occasionally opened to the public. The church and its property occupy lots 1, 2, and 3 in Dakota City block 220. These three lots define the boundaries of the land now being nominated to the National Register.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1860

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Agriculture | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Art | Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Commerce | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | | _____ | |
| Communications | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Conservation | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Only three or four Greek Revival churches are to be found in Nebraska, created as a territory in 1854. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is probably Nebraska's best, purest, and least altered example of Greek Revival ecclesiastical architecture. The structure is believed to be not only the oldest but also the very first Lutheran church built in Nebraska.

The congregation which built the church was organized in July, 1859, by Rev. Henry W. Kuhns, a Lutheran missionary sent by Allegheny Synod to Nebraska Territory in 1858. In the spring and summer of 1860, during Kuhns' pastorate, the church was designed and constructed at a cost of \$2000 by Augustus T. Haase, a member of the congregation. A carpenter by trade, Haase was born in Germany and came to Dakota City in 1858. Before Nebraska became a state in 1867, the building served for several years as a territorial county courthouse on weekdays and as a church on Sundays. Kuhns' successor as pastor of the church was Dr. Samuel Aughey, who came to Nebraska in 1864 and later became one of Nebraska's best known natural scientists.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Archives, Lutheran Synod, Fremont, Nebraska
 files, Nebraska State Historical Society
 M.M. Warner, Warner's History of Dakota County, Nebraska, 1893

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | O R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE | | | | | | | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | | | LONGITUDE | | | LATITUDE | | | LONGITUDE | | |
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 John Q. Magie, Curator of History

ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society

DATE: August 22, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 1500 R Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln

STATE: Nebraska 68508

CODE: 26

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

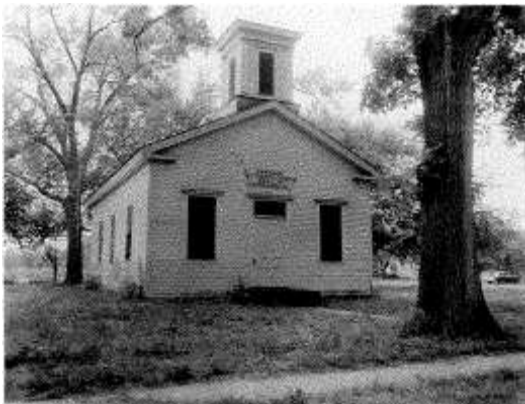
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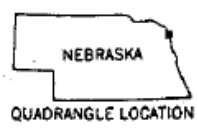
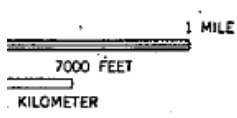
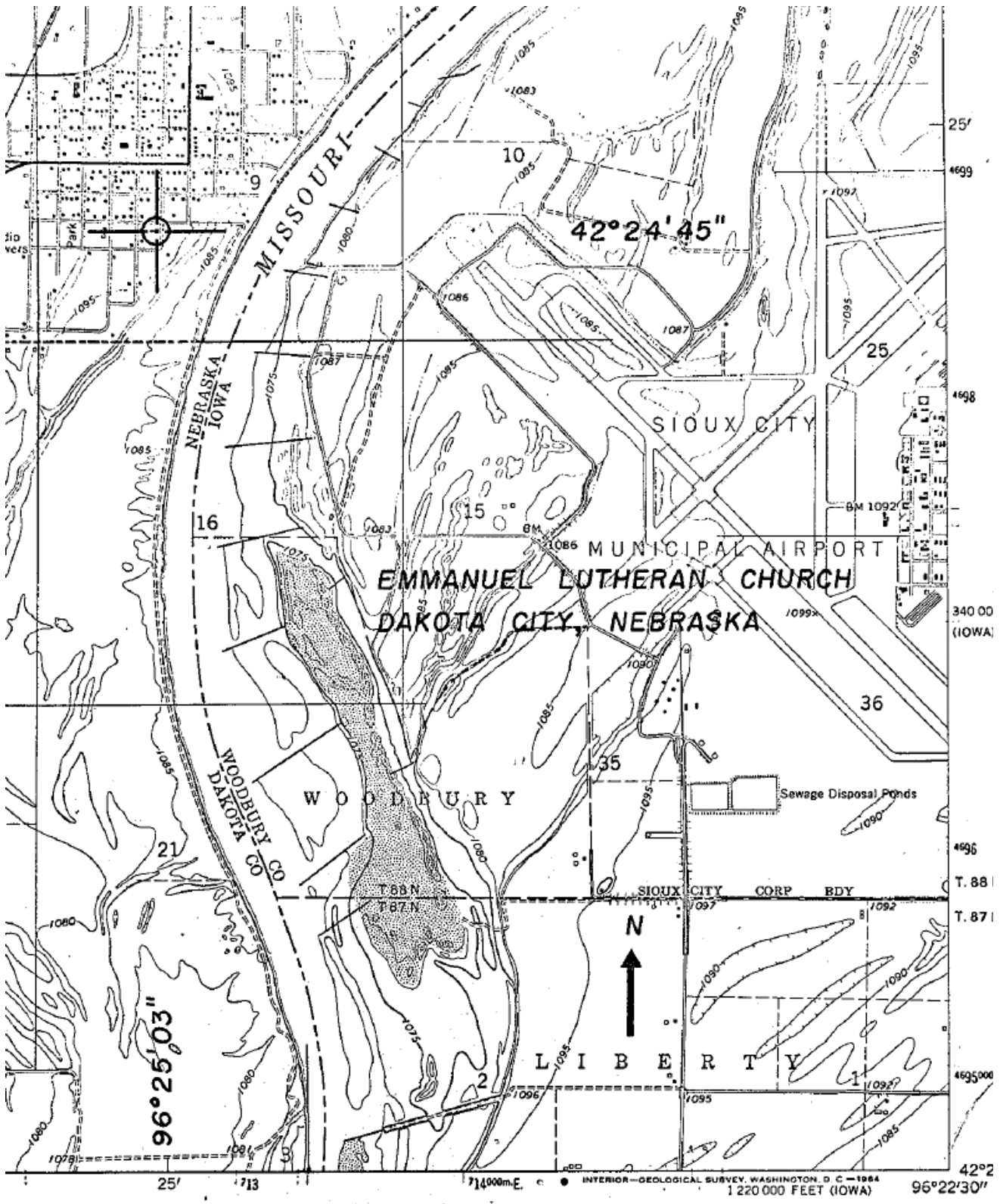
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Emmanuel Lutheran Church, exterior from the northeast.
No known alterations between 1964 and 1969.





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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ————— Light-duty —————
- Medium-duty ————— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- Interstate Route U. S. Route State Route

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