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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maine
COUNTY:	Aroostook
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ENTRY DATE	AUG 23 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Timmerhuset

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *W of New Sweden Rd*
-Jemtland-Road-

CITY OR TOWN: New Sweden *vic.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd: Hon. William Cohen

STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Aroostook CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments New Owner will occupy

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: David Anderson

STREET AND NUMBER: Stockholm Road

CITY OR TOWN: New Sweden STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Aroostook County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Houlton STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

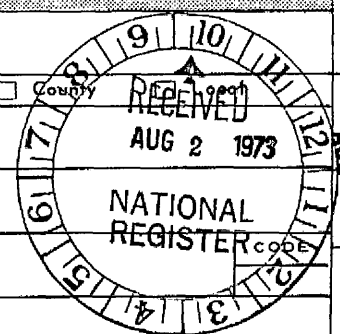
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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

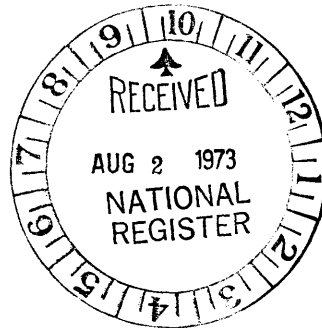
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small building is located in the Aroostook County town of New Sweden which lies to the west of Caribou. The cabin is located approximately one-and-one-half miles south of Bearsly Brook on the New Jemtland Road. The cabin is in a beautiful location overlooking the Valley of the Little Madawaska River.

This structure is a one-and-a-half story gable roof dwelling with a small center gable on the south side. There is an overhang of the roof on both sides of the center gable. On one side this area has been enclosed with vertical planking to form a shed. The logs on the cabin are hand hewn to a flat surface inside and out and notched at the ends. The spaces between the logs were originally chinked with moss and strips of cedar to keep out wind and rain.

This cabin was built sometime between the years 1871 and 1875, by one of the Swedish immigrants to Maine between those years. ✓

It was not one of the cabins of the original 22 men who arrived in New Sweden in 1870. There were two other fairly large groups who came to New Sweden at a later date. The State of Maine had the responsibility of building cabins for the settlers but had only built six when they arrived in 1870. As this cabin was built later, it is not one of the State built cabins.



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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1870-75

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>Only log cabin</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	<u>remaining in the</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	<u>Town of New Sweden</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this lonely structure in the north of Maine cannot be overrated. It is the only surviving structure connected with the Swedish immigration to Maine in the 1870's. (There are a few dwellings in New Sweden whose underlying structure is of log construction, but are unrecognizable as ever having been a log cabin.)

This particular cabin is significant not only to New Sweden but to the whole State of Maine. It is a typical type of dwelling erected by earlier non-Swedish settlers in northern Maine also.

The story of the Swedish Colony in Maine actually begins in 1863 when the Hon. William Widgery Thomas was sent to Sweden by President Lincoln as a consul during the Civil War. Mr. Thomas quickly learned Swedish and noticed that thousands of Swedes left their homeland but none ever settled in Maine. Maine was losing some of its population in the 1860's because the west was opening up. Mr. Thomas felt Maine needed a new wave of immigration and worked towards this end. After making all of the arrangements in Maine, Mr. Thomas sailed for Sweden. He established an office at Gothenburg and employed agents to canvass the Northern Provinces. On June 23, 1870, all of the colonists who had been recruited were assembled at Gothenburg and on June 25 they set sail. There were 22 men, 11 women and 18 children.

The ship landed in Halifax, N.S. on July 13 and from there the immigrants crossed Nova Scotia and the Bay of Fundy to the City of St. John. The route from here was up the St. John River by steamer to Fredericton. The colony now went by barge from Fredericton to Tobique Landing, a port on the northern St. John River. On the way, one of the children died at Florenceville and the coffin was taken with them to New Sweden. From Tobique Landing, the immigrants left by wagon train for the United States crossing at Fort Fairfield.

The colony arrived at New Sweden on Saturday, July 23, 1870 and immediately began clearing land and building their homes. The first crop planted was turnips as it was late in the year but the people wanted to get something in the ground. Winter rye was sown a few months later.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Estes, Stanley J., ed. The Story of New Sweden. Portland, Maine: Loring, Short and Harmon, 1896.

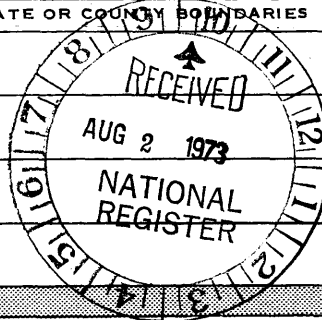
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5 Acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Richard D. Kelly

ORGANIZATION: **Maine Historic Preservation Commission** DATE: **May, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
31 Western Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Augusta** STATE: **Maine** CODE: **23**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: James H. Wender
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: July 31, 1973

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connally
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 AFONIS-100 Director
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
 Date: 8-23-73

ATTEST:
for [Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 8/22/73

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Many more Swedes, upwards of 200, arrived in New Sweden the following year. This colony reinforced with later immigration flourished so that by 1880 they had gone beyond the boundaries of New Sweden into the adjoining towns of Woodland, Caribou and Perham.

The population in 1880 was 787 divided as follows:

- New Sweden 517
- Woodland 210
- Caribou 36
- Perham 24

The log cabin which was built by one of these immigrants is the symbol of their hardiness and their determination to scratch a future out of the woods of northern Maine. This they have accomplished and the descendents of these immigrants remain there to this day living in the Town of New Sweden.

