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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

**

St. Peters United Evangelical Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

The Pioneer Rock Church, Ceres, Iowa

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4552

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Ceres

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Iowa

VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY

Clayton

CODE

043

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER grounds -
Wayide Park

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Pioneer Rock Church & Cemetery Association

1/6 Albert, Portland
Garnaville, Iowa

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Ceres

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	slightly	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pioneer Rock Church is a rectangular, two-story building located in a somewhat open field in rural Ceres. Built in 1858-59, the church was originally called "St. Peter's German United Evangelical Lutheran Church." The church is built of cut limestone block which was quarried nearby and brought to the site by ox teams. The mortar to lay the limestone blocks was made of slacked lime and sand. Wood was used in the construction of the steeple (a later addition, dated 1889), the gabled roof (now covered with asphalt shingling), and the double-hung sash windows, which have 6/6 lights with segmental arched tops. The wooden trim is painted white.

The building is 44 feet long and 30 feet wide. The long axis faces north-south; there is a small basement under the north end.

The interior design is typical of the period. The church altar was designed and built by a Mr. Prior of Guttenburg while the benches were made by Caspar, Henry, and Carl Balkhaus. The pulpit and altar exhibit good-quality craftsmanship.

The land around the church is now used as a wayside park. A shelter house and public restroom, built in the 1930's, are nearby, but are not included in this nomination.

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 checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 Construction began 10/25/1858 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church is an exceptionally well-preserved and attractive example of rather early pioneer church architecture in Iowa. It demonstrates excellent use of local materials in the construction of a simple, clean-lined building.

Paul Stockfeld, a native of Holland, organized and built the church of the St. Peter's German United Evangelical Lutheran congregation in 1858. A well educated man, Stockfeld ministered not only to the spiritual needs of his parishioners, but as a teacher and medical man, succored their intellectual and physical wants as well. He left Ceres for Michigan in 1868, leaving other men to carry on his role as pastor and educator.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"The Pioneer Rock Church" (pamphlet) 1927.

Pufahl, Alfred C. "Historical Account," Ms. 1974.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	648155	4742475
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Iowa		Clayton	
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Arnold D. Roggman

ORGANIZATION

Garnavillo Historical Society

DATE

November, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Garnavillo

STATE

Iowa

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 18 August 1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/12/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE 12/6/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER