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DATA SHEET

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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

AND/OR COMMON

** Union Presbyterian Church

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

no of Stacyville

NW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 13, Union Twp.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Stacyville Ia.

VICINITY OF

Third

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Mitchell

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Union Presbyterian Church

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stacyville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

NW 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 13, Union Twp., Mitchell County

STREET & NUMBER

RR

CITY, TOWN

Stacyville

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Union Presbyterian Church is a small (26' x 49') frame structure on a cement block foundation. The double-door, Gothic-style entrance is reached by a flight of cement steps, and is centered in a projecting pavilion that once formed the base for a steeple (removed 1940's). Windows in the side walls are long, narrow, and pointed at the top in Gothic style. A gable roof covers the main structure; a small, hip roofed addition (probably once used for storage) is set into the angle between the entrance pavilion and the church proper.

The one-room interior has 3' wainscoting. The walls and ceiling are tin painted blue. Flooring is wood.

The church is located in a level, slightly wooded rural area, and is flanked by a small cemetery.

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 - 12/13/76 <i>initial for modern</i>	<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

1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Union Presbyterian Church is a typical example of the small, rural, ethnic churches that played so important a role in the early history of Iowa settlement.

The Union Presbyterian Church was founded in the late 1850's by early settlers of German descent. Until 1868, services were held in the houses of church members, after which the Presbyterians worshipped with Lutherans at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in nearby Toeterville. Doctrinal differences led to a split in 1873-74, led by the Rev. Jacob Kolb, which resulted in the re-establishment of the Presbyterians as a separate congregation. Services were held in a school-house until 1888, when the present church was built. Religious observances were conducted entirely in German until 1918, when the exigencies of the American involvement in the war against Germany, and the members' own concerns for "the spiritual welfare and the outward growth of the congregation," led to the use of English.

During the next 50 years, church membership steadily declined, as members died or joined other congregations. In recent years, services were held intermittently, until the church was closed in 1975.

A design feature which makes this church rather unusual is the extensive use of pressed tin in the interior, and the extent to which it has been preserved over the years. The pews, wainscoting and other furniture are also original, preserving most clearly the flavor of the early years of the church.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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"The Story of Mitchell County." Mitchell Co. Historical Society, 1973.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	51,53,8,0	4,81,38,9,0	B			
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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Maurine Jackson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

R.R. 2, Box 110

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Osage

Iowa 50461

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

Adrian D. Anderson
SHP O

TITLE

DATE

11/2/76

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

CHIEF

DATE

4/13/99

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

3-28-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER