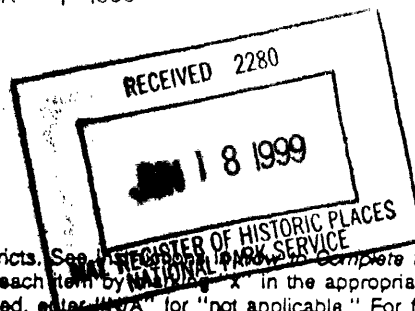


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Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item 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 Charles E. Hult Residence, Summer Kitchen & Wood Shed

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 1904 140th Street N/A not for publication

city or town Swedesburg vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Henry code 087 zip code 52652

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 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.)

Patricia Olenky 6-10-99
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

State of 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] Signature of the Keeper 7-15-99 Date of Action

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 | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 3 | 0 | buildings |
| 0 | 0 | sites |
| 0 | 0 | structures |
| 0 | 0 | objects |
| 3 | 0 | Total |

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register

Historic & Architectural Resources of Henry County, IA 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone
walls Weatherboard

roof Metal (Standing Seam)
other _____

Narrative Description

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

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.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Criteria Considerations

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

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ETHNIC HERITAGE

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1867-c.1945

Significant Dates

1867

c.1882

c.1890

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

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):

- Documentation checkboxes: preliminary determination, previously listed, designated landmark, recorded by survey, recorded by engineering.

Primary location of additional data:

- Location checkboxes: State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, Federal agency, Local government, University, Other.

Name of repository:

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

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 Molly Myers Naumann, Consultant

organization Henry County Historic Preservation Comm. date March 1999

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city or town Ottumwa state IA zip code 52501-1437

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.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

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

name Inez Hult

street & number 1904 140th Street telephone (319) 254-2447

city or town Swedesburg state IA zip code 52652

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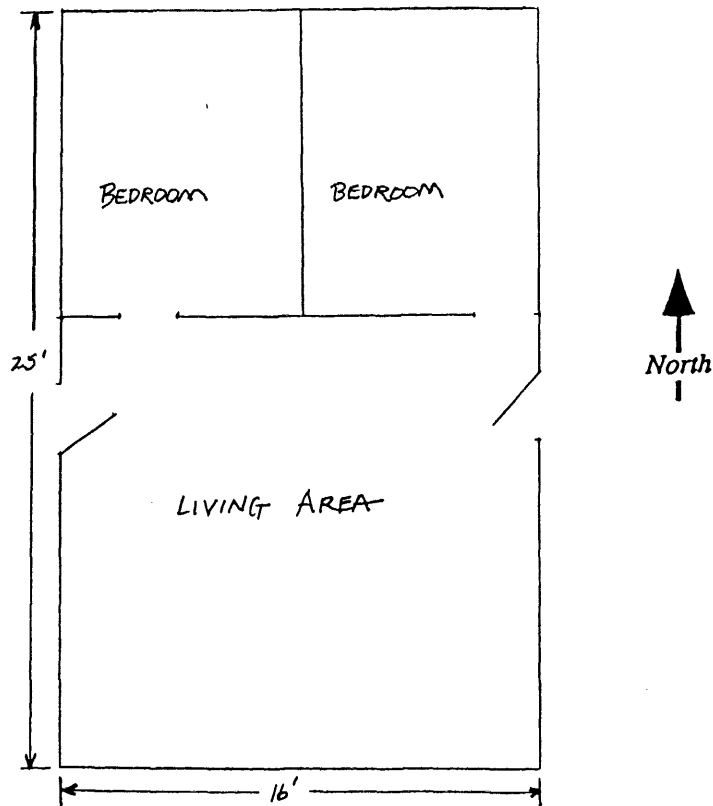
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

The Charles E. Hult house, summer kitchen and wood shed are located on an 80 acre farm at the southeast corner of the intersection of old U.S. Highway 218 and 140th Street (Sec 27 NW 1/4 NW 1/4). This is directly across the highway from the unincorporated village of Swedesburg, and diagonally across the intersection from the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The 25' x 47' farmhouse faces west and is a two story gable roof L-shaped structure resting on a limestone foundation with a one and one-half story gable wing to the rear. The exterior is covered with narrow clapboard and has a standing seam metal roof. Both the summer kitchen (12' x 16') and wood shed (10' x 12') feature an exterior of vertical boards, with the summer kitchen having a roof of wood shingles while the wood shed has a metal roof. The summer kitchen and shed were constructed c.1890 to the rear (east) of the residence. The original portion of the house was constructed in 1867 and is no longer discernible, but the house retains the integrity of the c.1882 remodeling and addition. All other buildings on the farmstead are later in date and are not significant within the present context.



Floor plan of the original (1867) portion of the house.

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The original one and one-half story wood frame house (completed in the summer of 1867) measured 16' x 25' and consisted of three and one-half rooms (three down and one-half up). This was before the existence of the village of Swedesburg, and it appears that the nearest house was a mile to the east. This original structure forms the center north/south part of the present house. According to the family the exterior walls of this house were (are) filled with brick for insulation. It was c.1882 that the house was enlarged. Charles Hult's son Albert was about six years old at the time and remembered that the roof of the old house was not removed until the upstairs had been built, thereby allowing the family to continue living in the house during construction. (Albert's daughter Inez has compiled these memories in an unpublished manuscript.) The front porch, located in the "L" at the southwest corner, was part of this remodeling. It features the slender turned posts and decorative millwork typical of the period. The front (west) gable end contains two windows at the first and second floor levels, and a small attic opening. The two side gable ends (north and south) contain two first floor windows, and a single window on the second floor. Openings on the rear (east) side of the house were hidden by the construction of the one and one-half story kitchen wing soon after the c.1882 remodeling. This kitchen wing has windows on each elevation, plus a door on the south elevation. A single window is located on the upper level of the east end. Windows throughout the house feature double hung sash. The exterior is painted white with green wooden shutters. On the interior, the house has a common floor plan with four rooms up and three main rooms down, plus the kitchen.

Albert Hult also described the grounds as they looked in the late 19th century. A vegetable garden, including a long row of gooseberry bushes, was located south of the house. An orchard, also on the south side, contained a variety of fruits, including apples, peaches, plums, pears, and grapes. On the north side of the house there was a row of current bushes near the road along with several cherry trees. A white picket fence surrounded the large lawn, and chain hitching racks were located along the north side of the yard and outside the orchard.

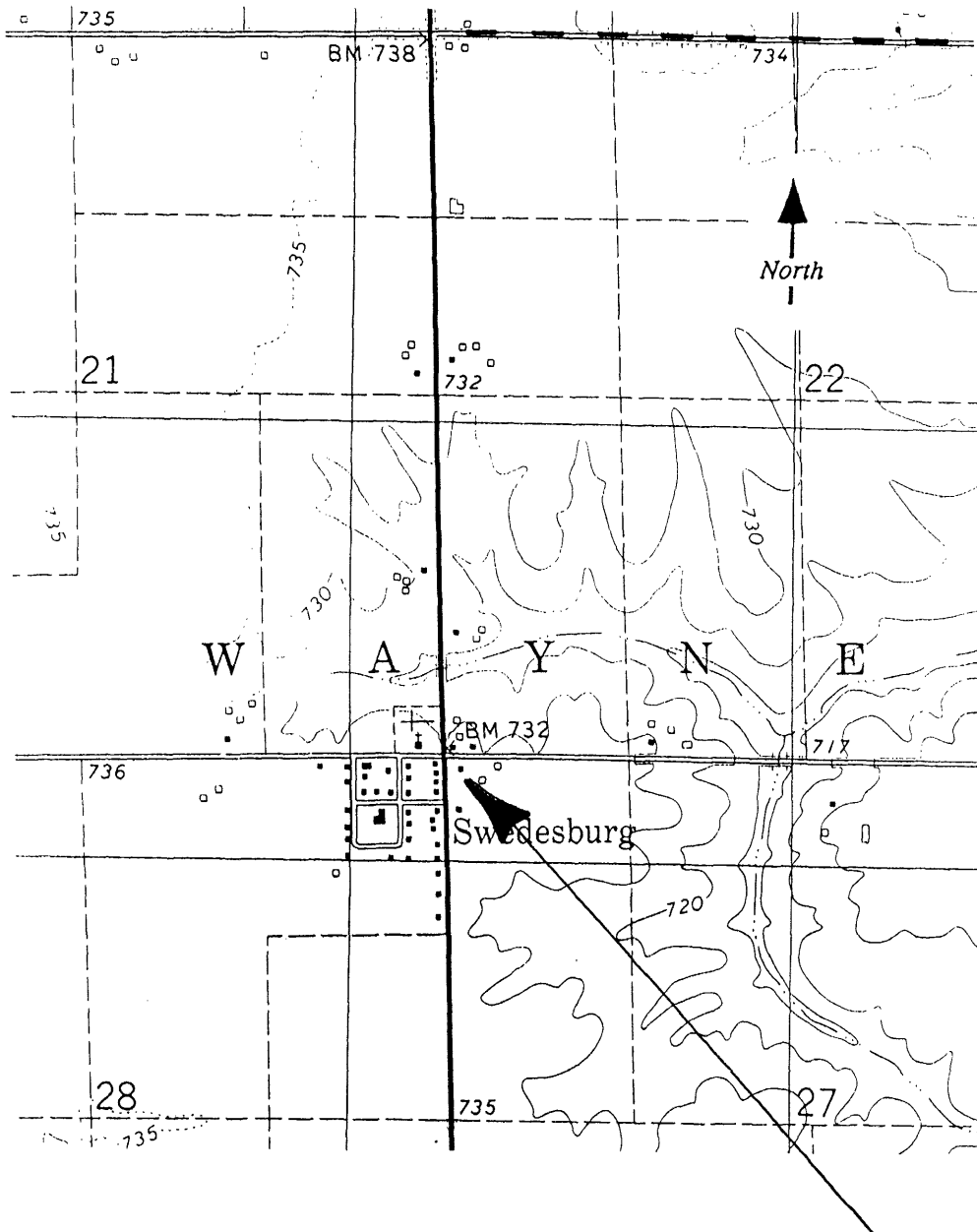
Today, landscaping around the house includes seven evergreen trees (two cedar and five spruce) along the west and north sides which appear to date prior to 1900. A hard maple was planted in 1927 on the north side of the house, and an ash of undetermined age is located on the south side. A flower garden is located south of the front porch. In 1904-5 a house was built for Albert and his bride just south of the orchard. The orchard continues to fill the space between the two houses today.

The Charles E. Hult house is a straight-forward design that met the needs of the occupants, while having some decorative details to relieve the plain appearance. It is best described as vernacular, with mass-produced elements added. With the possible exception of the metal roof it appears to have been unaltered since c.1890. The house, summer kitchen, wood shed, and landscape illustrate the residential portion of a typical late 19th century farmstead.

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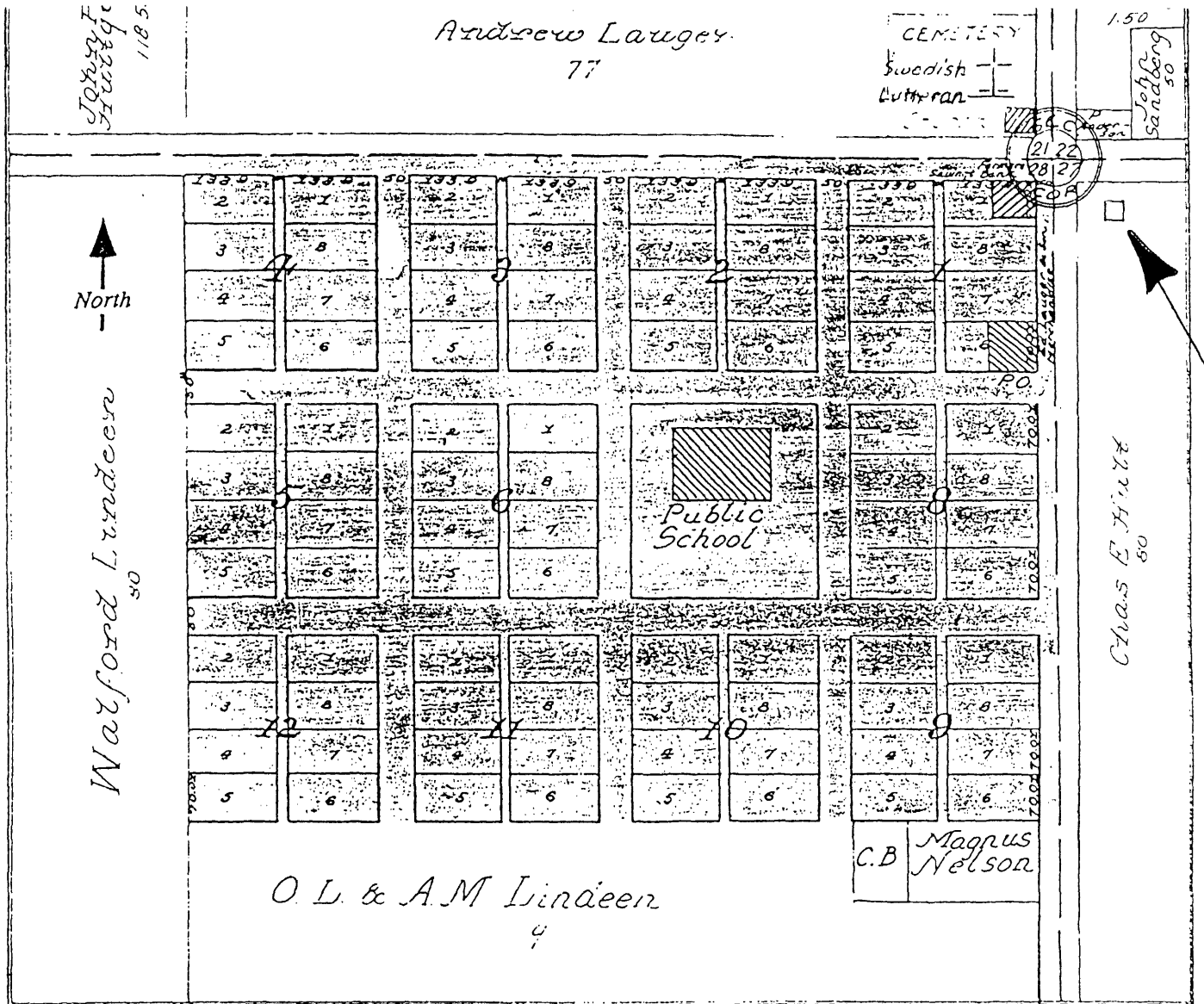


U.S.G.S Map showing location of resource.

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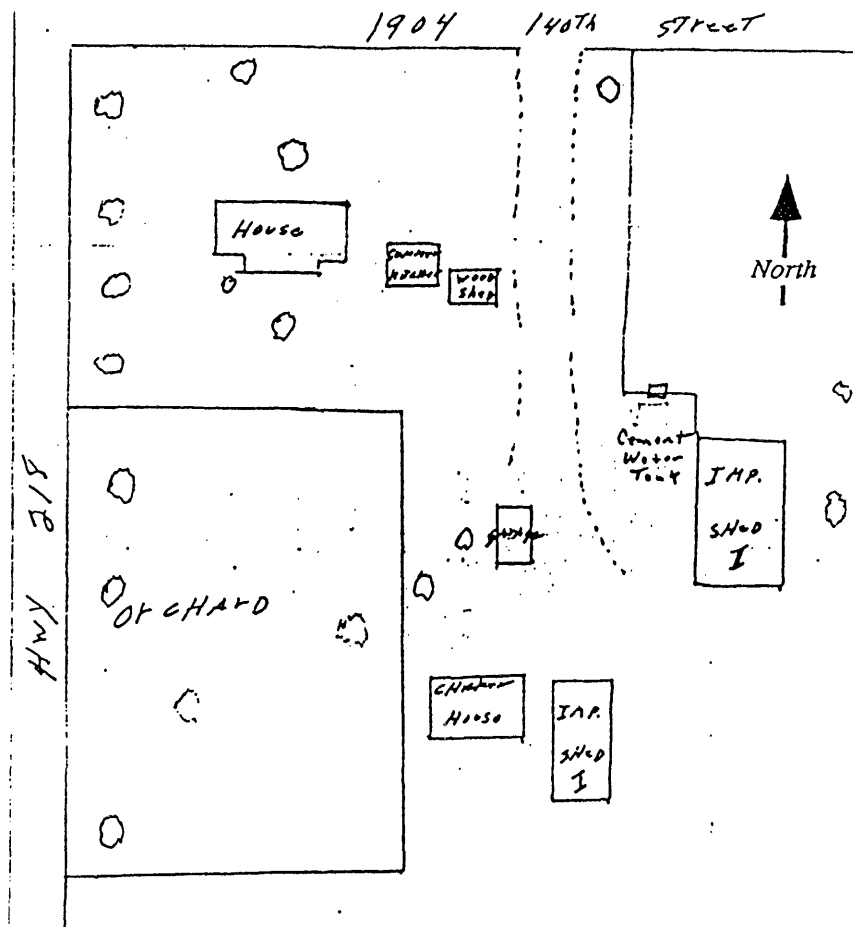


Plat map indicating location of resource in relation
to the village of Swedesburg.
(From 1917 Standard Atlas of Henry County)

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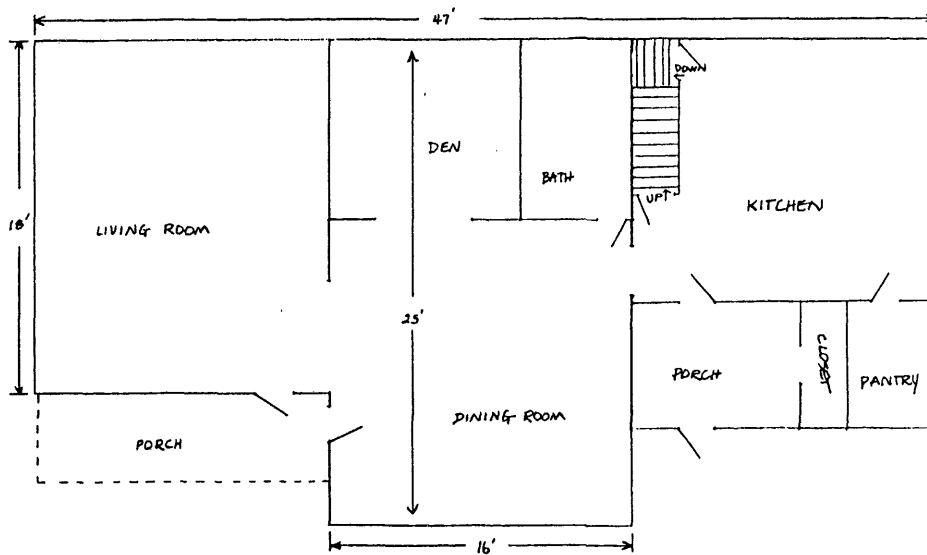
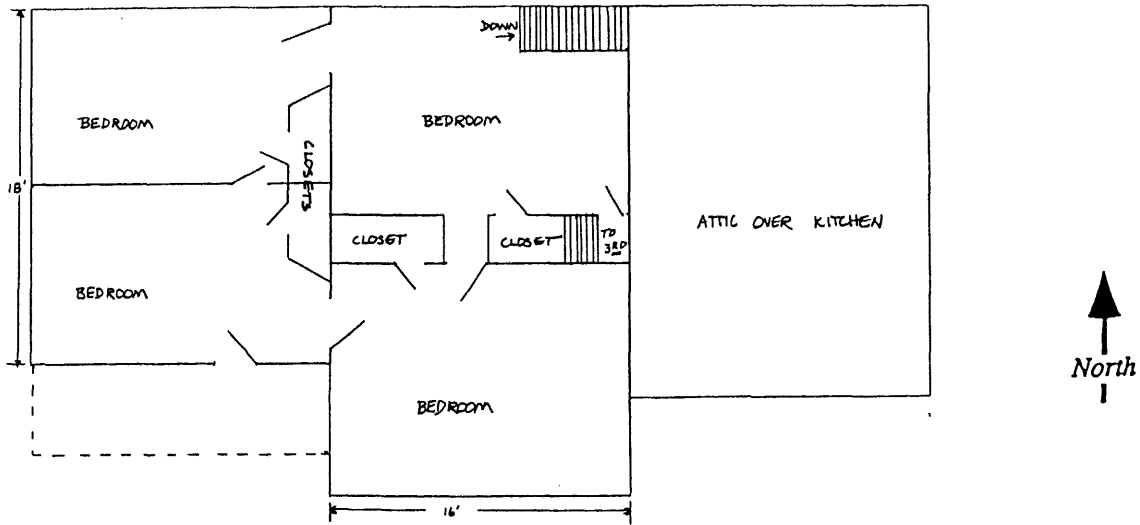


Sketch map of property

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Floor plans of Charles E. Hult Residence
TOP: 2nd floor
BOTTOM: 1st floor

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Charles E. Hult residence (1867 and c.1882), summer kitchen, and wood shed are locally significant under Criterion A as the earliest resources in Swedesburg directly related to the Swedish Heritage of Wayne Township, and under Criterion C as an example of rural residential design. The resources meet the integrity criteria established in the Multiple Property Documentation Form.

Located directly across the highway (originally the Military Road) from the village of Swedesburg, this house is on one of the 19 farmsteads recorded as part of the Swedish Heritage context. It is being nominated as a residence rather than as part of a farmstead district because the remaining outbuildings are non-contributing.

The Swedish connection for this property dates to 1866 when the land was purchased by Charles E. Hult, one of the early Swedish emigrants in Wayne Township. Christened Karl Ericksson, Hult was born in Jamshog Socken, Sweden in 1834. In 1854 he was one of a group of 188 from Jamshog who emigrated to the United States. He spent most of the years prior to the Civil War working at various jobs in Illinois, and became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1861. At that time he took the name Charles Ericksson. He served in Company K, 85th Illinois, Infantry Regiment (part of the Army of the Cumberland) from 1862 until his discharge in 1865, participating in 17 battles. It appears that Charles Ericksson changed his name to Charles Erick Hult in 1866 to avoid confusion with a number of other Charles Erickssons.

Hult built a house on his 80 acre farm in 1867, following his marriage to Charlotta Hultgren. Family history details that at that time the countryside was all prairie, and for two years this was the only house in the immediate Swedesburg area. For many people coming to Wayne Township, the Hult house was their destination. Charles and Charlotta were known for their hospitality, and families sometimes stayed for weeks until their own houses were constructed. The roads through the marshes of Wayne Township were treacherous during rains, and Hult was often called to pull wagons and buggies from the mire, with the occupants staying overnight if necessary.

Although the Hults arrived in the area after the Swedish Evangelical Church was officially organized, they were longtime members and firm supporters, with Charles serving as Deacon for 31 years. It is said that the carpenters building the church in 1868 stayed with the Hults during construction. In later years many of the ministers and others who came for church conferences also stayed with the Hults. So many of the early settlers, and members of their families visiting from Sweden, stayed in the Hult home that it became known as the "Swedesburg Hotel." Due to a growing family, as well as the many visitors, the Hult house was enlarged around 1882 to a full two stories, and a kitchen wing was added soon after.

In 1905 Charles & Charlotta's son Albert married, and his parents had a house built just south of the orchard for the young couple. They lived in the new house until 1927 when they moved into the parental home with their family. Their daughter Inez (granddaughter of Charles & Charlotta) lives in the original family home today.

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The Hult residence represents a common residential type from the late 19th century, referred to by Virginia and Lee McAlester as "Folk Victorian." It is an L-shaped (gable front and wing) two story frame residence with gable roof. The exterior details include simple narrow clapboard siding and a decorative porch inset at the southwest corner. Shutters (originally functional) flank the windows. The siding, shutters, and Queen Anne inspired millwork were all mass-produced and readily available by rail. It was common for owners to add such details to simple houses, especially when major remodeling or additions were made.

The interior plan was functional, allowing full use of the space rather than wasting large areas for hallways. Although the kitchen wing was an early addition, the summer kitchen to the rear provided a separate area for such things as canning and baking. The location of the wood shed was convenient for both the summer kitchen and main house. A lane leading from the road on the north separates these buildings from the barn and other out-buildings to the east, and forms the east boundary for the resources included in this nomination.

The residential resources of the Charles E. Hult farmstead are representative of their period and type, and retain a high level of integrity. Although none of the three is individually outstanding architecturally, together these form a solid picture of late 19th century development. More importantly, these buildings speak to the strong Swedish Heritage of Wayne Township, Henry County, IA.

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GEOGRAPHIC DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description

A parcel of land measuring 120' x 135' in the far NW corner of the farm located in Section 27 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 (T73N R6W). This parcel is bounded on the west by old US Highway 218 (originally known as the Military Road), and on the north by 140th Street (Henry County).

Boundary Justification

This parcel of land contains the house, summer kitchen, and wood shed which are directly associated with the Charles E. Hult family and the early settlement of the Swedesburg area.

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All of these photographs were taken by Dennis Hult during December 1998 for the Henry County Historic Preservation Commission. The negatives are on file in the State Historical Society of Iowa, Community Programs Bureau, Des Moines, IA.

1. Façade (west elevation) looking ENE.
2. South elevation showing inset porch looking NE (note summer kitchen & wood shed at far right).
3. Rear view of house looking NW with summer kitchen and wood shed to the right.
4. Kitchen wing and north elevation looking SW.
5. Façade and north elevation looking SE.
6. West and south elevations of summer kitchen and wood shed looking NE.
7. North elevations of (left to right) wood shed and summer kitchen looking SSW.