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Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nebraska	
COUNTY: Dakota	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-10-26-0012	DATE 10/15/69

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"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <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"/>
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"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input 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**

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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**8. 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)

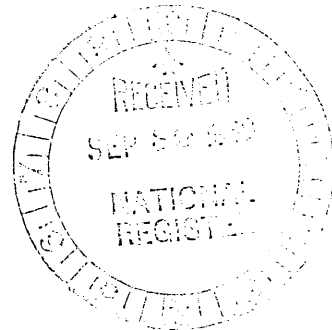
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Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Art	Landscape		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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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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

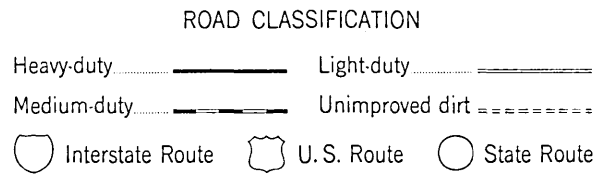
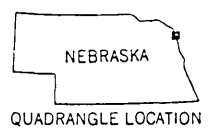
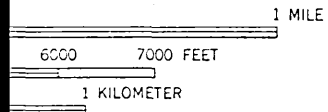
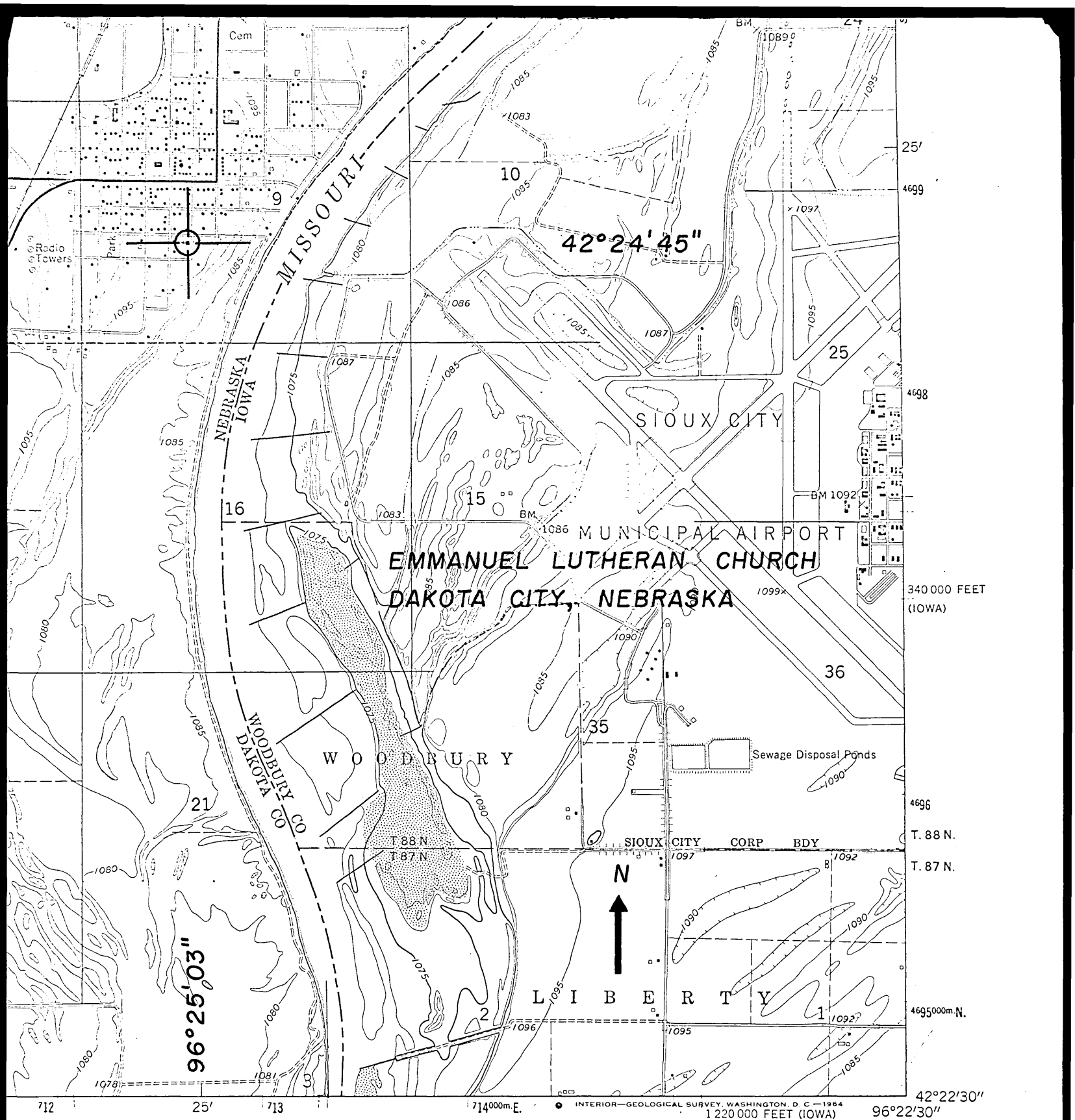
ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society      DATE: August 22, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 1500 R Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln      STATE: Nebraska 68508      CODE: 26

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    State <input type="checkbox"/>    Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name: <u>Mervin O. Kuntz, Director</u></p> <p>Title: <u>Nebr State Historical Soc</u></p> <p>Date: <u>Sept 22, 1969</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Ernest Allen Connally</u>                  Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date: <u>OCT 15 1969</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>William J. Stout</u>                  Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date: <u>OCT 6 1969</u></p>
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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Dakota City			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Nebraska	26	Dakota	043
<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Sioux City South			
SCALE:			
1:24,000			
DATE:			
1963			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			