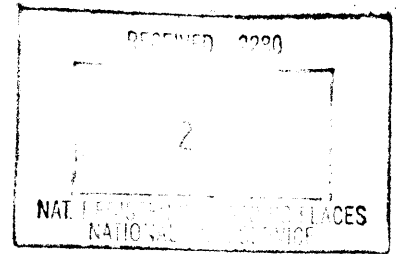


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any 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 The First Scandinavian Baptist Church
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number N/A not for publication
city or town 2.5 miles south of Trent vicinity
state South Dakota code SD county Moody code 101 zip code 57022

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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.)

Jay D. Voigt, SHPO
Signature of certifying official

07-18-2000
Date

State or 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 commenting or other official _____ Date _____

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 of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall Date of Action: 8/16/00

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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

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)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1888

The First Scandinavian Baptist Church
Name of Property

Moody County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1888

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

The First Scandinavian Baptist Church
Name of Property

Moody County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Sioux Valley Baptist Church
street & number Rural Route 3 telephone 605-428-3215
city or town Dell Rapids state SD zip code 57022

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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Narrative Description

The First Scandinavian Baptist Church is located on a country road 2.5 miles south of Trent, South Dakota in Blinsmon Township. The Big Sioux River flows 100 yards west of the church. It is located in a very rural area with very few houses in the immediate area. The First Scandinavian Baptist Church is an excellent example of a rural country church.

Architectural Description:

The First Scandinavian Baptist Church, built in 1888, is a gable front clapboard building with a steeple on the west end of the façade. The one and one-half story frame building was constructed on a concrete foundation. The façade of the church has two entry doors in the steeple with a simple wood arched hood above the doors. Concrete steps lead up to this entryway. Slightly off center of the façade is a two-over-two double hung window with the same simple wood arched hood. At the east corner is an entry door. At the gable peak is decorative bargeboard. The peak of the steeple has a decorative finial.

The east elevation has three evenly spaced two paned windows at the basement level. The sanctuary level has five evenly spaced, eight-over-eight, double hung windows. The north elevation has a shed roof addition that was made in 1952 to provide access to the basement. The entrance to this addition is on the east elevation. A new concrete block chimney was added to the north elevation in 1952 as well. The gable peak has a simple decorative bargeboard detail.

The west elevation has three evenly spaced windows at the basement level. The sanctuary level has four evenly spaced eight-over-eight double hung windows. In the steeple portion is an eight-over-eight double hung window.

Interior:

The dark wood flooring and wainscoting highlights the interior of the church. Wood railings and steps separate the platform from the main floor of the sanctuary. The church has a simple vaulted ceiling. The church's full basement has a Sunday School room and a modest kitchen at the rear of the building.

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Privy:

To the rear of the property sits a clapboard sided asphalt shingled gable roof privy. At the center of the side gable are two vertical board doors. The privy is divided into two individual stalls.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The First Scandinavian Baptist Church is significant under criterion C for its association with the as a well-preserved example of simplified vernacular gothic architectural style and represents the first generation church construction in the eastern portion of the state.

Although Danes are scattered over South Dakota, to the extent that almost every county in the state may count several of them among its inhabitants, there are only two areas in the state with a large Danish population. Most of the state's Danish population is located in the southeastern portion of the state, including Moody County. Due to the rich bottomlands in this region, it was the scene of the earliest Danish settlement in the Dakota Territory in the early 1870's. The first Danes came to Moody County, South Dakota, from the Aalborg/Jutland area of Denmark in 1872.

The Danes settled in the Sioux River Valley in Blinsom Township, located between the towns of Dell Rapids and Trent. One of the first Danes to settle in the area was Nels J. Norgaard who emigrated from Denmark in 1872. He established his homestead and after he completed his home, other Danish families began to arrive. As there was no place to practice their Baptist faith, they gathered in homes and dugouts until the church was constructed in 1888.

The First Scandinavian Baptist Church is also significant under Criterion C as it typifies the "first generation" of church construction in eastern South Dakota. Scholars of church architecture in the Great Plains have divided the evolution of church buildings in the region into several distinct phases. These phases tend to happen in generational cycles and so they have been termed generations. Typically a parish or congregation would be established in a given area as soon as there was sufficient population. As its first order of business, a newly organized church body constructed a

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suitable church building. As a result, most of the initial or first generation churches were simple frame buildings constructed by local carpenters or builders. In eastern South Dakota, first generation churches tend to date from the late 19th century with most buildings constructed during the Great Dakota Boom, 1878-1887. The planning process for The First Scandinavian Baptist Church started during the Great Dakota Boom and construction was finished in 1888.

The church retains a high degree of architectural integrity and has suffered few alterations. The north elevation has a shed roof addition that was made in 1952 to provide access to the basement. A new concrete block chimney was added to the north elevation at the same time. The privy is still at its original location. Few examples of this building type with a high degree of integrity remain in South Dakota. Many have suffered alterations such as modern siding, new windows and removal of the steeple. The First Scandinavian Baptist Church survives as an excellent example of this vernacular building type.

The First Scandinavian Baptist Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an excellent example of a first generation, vernacular gothic building.

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The First Scandinavian Baptist Church

Name of Property

Moody County, South Dakota

County and State

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Verbal Boundary Description

SW quarter of the NW quarter of Section 30 in Township 105 of Range 48 in Moody County. Commencing at a point 120 rods west and 20 rods north of the SE corner of said quarter section, running thence north 16 rods thence 10 rods, thence south 16 rods, thence east 10 rods to the place of the beginning and containing 160 square rods of land.

Boundary Justification

One acre of land that has been historically associated with the church.