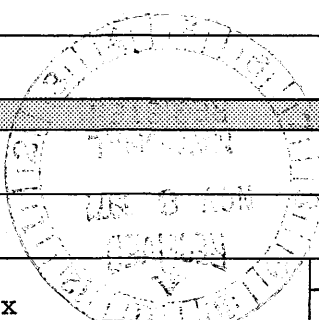


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Nebraska	
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1. NAME

COMMON: **Episcopal Church**

AND/OR HISTORIC: **Church of Our Most Merciful Savior**

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Santee Indian Reservation**

CITY OR TOWN: **Santee**

STATE: **Nebraska** CODE: **31** COUNTY: **Knox** CODE: **107**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Bishop Conrad Gessner**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Niobrara Deanery**

CITY OR TOWN: **Sioux Falls** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **46**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **County Clerk, Knox County Court House**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Center** STATE: **Nebraska** CODE: **31**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **Historic Preservation in Nebraska - Preliminary Plan**

DATE OF SURVEY: **Oct., 1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: **Nebraska State Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1500 "R" Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Lincoln** STATE: **Nebraska** CODE: **31**

Nebraska Congressional District Number One

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7. DESCRIPTION

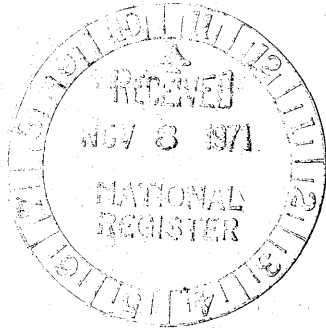
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Episcopal Church, Church of Our Most Merciful Savior, was built in 1884. It replaced a most grandiose, combination church and mission structure, which burned completely in February of that year.

The Episcopal Church is one story built on a cruciform plan. A belfry capped with a steeple, which rises 30 feet above the roof line, emphasizes the sanctuary entrance. The belfry detailing reflects shades of Gothic, in wood. This Gothic detailing is again evidenced in the window detailing at the rear of the nave, or main sanctuary. The design appears to be of Philadelphian origin, as it is a style found frequently in the older Episcopal parishes in New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. The Church is wood framed, covered with vertical board and two and one half inch battens. This vertical board and batten siding is integrated with horizontal strips; breaking the exterior walls into simple and well scaled rectangular panels.

The present day condition of the church is very good. The structure has remained virtually unchanged and it's simple design reflects the materials at hand in the days it was built.



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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Episcopal Church has played a very active part in the work and missionary duties at Santee. This particular structure represents the only surviving Episcopal Mission at Santee. The first mission building, St. Johns, was swept away by a tornado in June 1870. A new mission was constructed, St. Marys, only to be devastated by fire early in 1884. The present mission, Church of Our Most Merciful Savior, was then built in 1884.</p> <p>Rev. Samuel D. Hinman, most prominent of the early missionaries on the Santee Reservation is accredited with the building of the first mission, and contributed greatly to the continuance of missionary work on the Reservation. He followed the Sioux from their native land in Minnesota, after the uprising in 1862, to their captive home in Knox County, the new Santee Reservation.</p> <p>The date cast in the church's bell is 1872, which means it has served two of the Episcopal Churches at Santee. The altar furnishings also served the Episcopal Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, through an earlier period. The Episcopal Church at Santee is truly representative of early reservation missionary spirit and characterizes the pioneer work of many missionaries, who hold prominent positions in early Indian and reservation History.</p>			

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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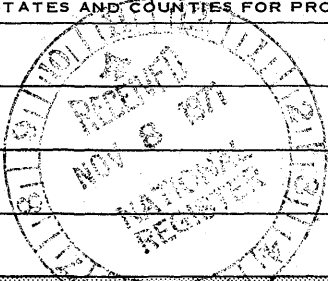
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: approx. 1/2 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Persijs Kolberg, Curator of Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION: Nebraska State Historical Society DATE: October 29, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: 1500 "R" Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lincoln STATE: Nebraska CODE: 31

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name Marion D. Knott

Title Director, Nebraska State Historical Society

Date October 29, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Cannally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 3/16/72

Date _____

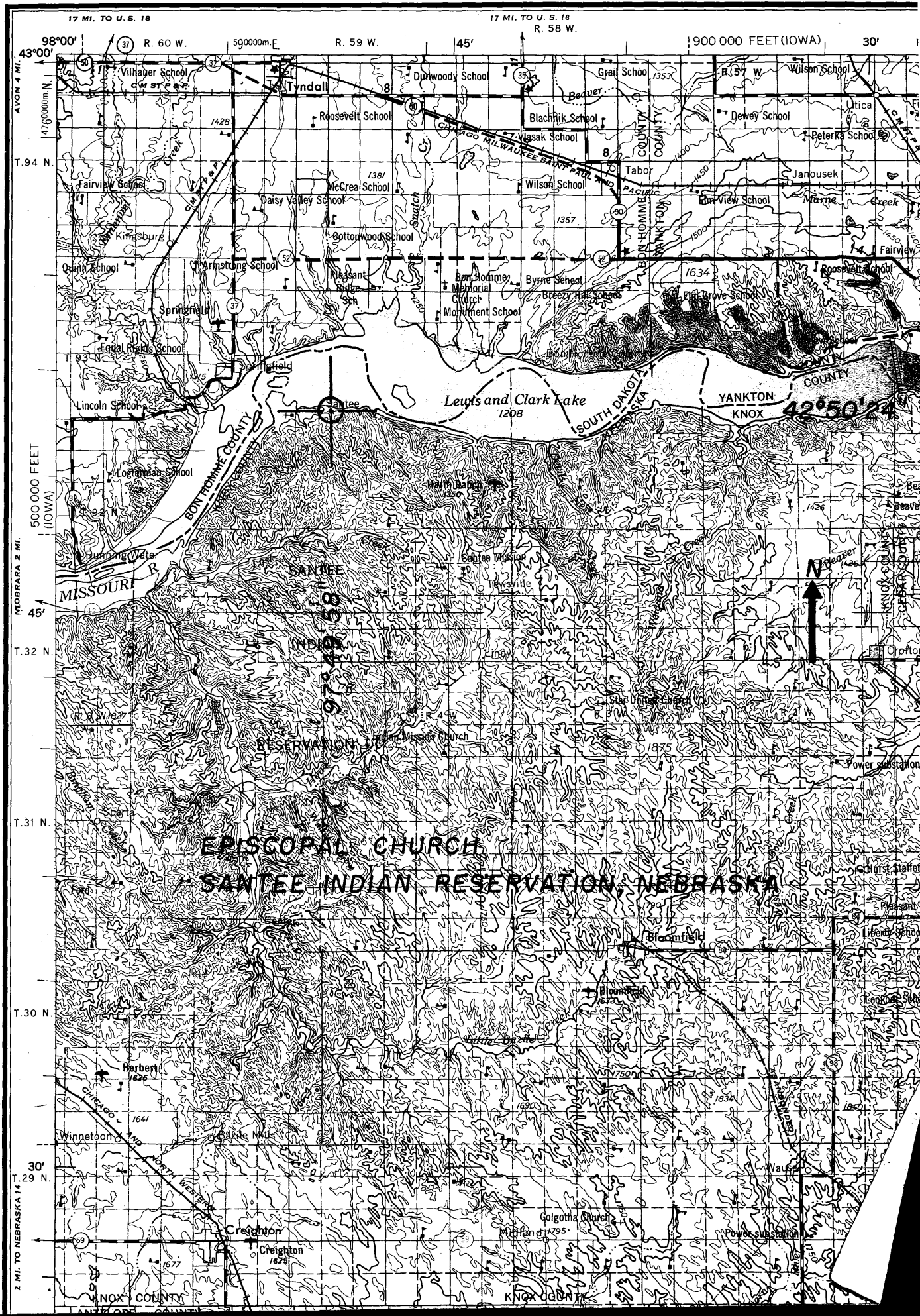
ATTEST:

William M. Montague
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JAN 18 1972

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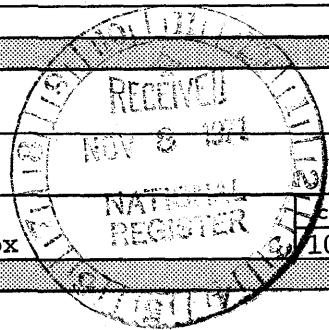
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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:	U.S.G.S.; Sioux City, Iowa; Nebraska; South Dakota
SCALE:	1:250,000
DATE:	1955 (limited revision - 1966)

4. REQUIREMENTS

- TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS
1. Property boundaries where required.
 2. North arrow.
 3. Latitude and longitude reference.