

Historic Name: Holden Church Parsonage		County: Goodhue
Common Name: Holden Church Parsonage		Community: Kenyon via Wanamingo Township
Owner's Name and Address: Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Parsonage Route 3 Kenyon, MN 55946		Address/Legal Desc.: County Road 60.
Classification:		Acreage:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Less than one acre
Condition:		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Begin 150 ft. west of the southwest corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 19, T110N, R17W, commence north 150 ft. thence west 150 ft. thence south 150 ft. thence east 150 ft. to beginning.
Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		
Open to the Public:	Visible from the road:	
Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied:	Present Use:	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Church parsonage	
History:		UTM Reference:
Date Constructed: c.1861	Original Owner: Norwegian Ev. Lutheran Church	15/507800/4907240
Architect/Builder:	Original Use: Church parsonage	Kenyon Quadrangle
Description:		Level of Significance:
<p>The Holden Church Parsonage is located on the north side of Goodhue County Highway 8, in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 19, Wanamingo Township.</p> <p>The Holden Church Parsonage, as we see it today, is the product of more than a century's organic growth. It is the structural outgrowth of the small building, measuring 18 by 26 feet, that the Rev. B.J. Muus erected as the first parsonage of the Holden Church, probably in 1861. Each decade brought with it successive enlargements and alterations until, in the first years of the 20th century, it assumed its present form.</p> <p>The Holden Church Parsonage is a two and a half story, wood-frame, cubiform building, measuring 28 by 39 feet. It is sheathed in narrow wooden clapboards, painted white. It has a high hipped roof, with large dormers projecting from the center of each flank. (see continuation sheet)</p>		Local _____ State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ Nation _____
Significance:		Status:
<p>The Holden Church Parsonage is significant for its association with the Rev. B.J. Muus, one of the fathers of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in southeastern Minnesota, and for its being the birthplace of St. Olaf College.</p> <p>B.J. Muus, who came to Goodhue County in 1859, was the first minister of the established Church of Norway to locate in Minnesota. Using the Holden Church as his base of operations (and living in its parsonage), Muus ministered to congregations in eight counties and eventually founded six churches (in addition to the one at Holden) and twenty parochial schools. In 1869, Muus established the Holden Academy in the Holden Church Parsonage, as an institution of higher religious education. In 1874, realizing the futility of running a school twenty-three miles away from the nearest railroad, Muus moved the academy to Northfield and changed its name to St. Olaf College. Muus served as St. Olaf's first president and later as president of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod that included Minnesota and all the states to the west. Muus continued to preach at the Holden Church, and live in its Parsonage, until shortly before his death in 1900.</p>		Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State _____ 4/78 Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
Theme/s:		Local Contact/Org.:
Primary <u>Religion</u> Secondary <u>Education</u> Other <u>Ethnicity</u>		Laura Perrot Wanamingo, MN 55983
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Description:

Its facade is three bays wide, with a pair of double-hung windows on each floor framing a central doorway. The doorways open onto a two-story open portico projecting from the center of the facade, supported on the first floor by a pair of columns with ionic capitals and on the second floor by a pair of columns with doric capitals. The roof of the second floor porch merges into the central dormer, which has three windows in a Palladian arrangement. The main doorway, on the first floor, is flanked by side lights.

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