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	MINNESOTA HISTORIC PH		
HISTORIC NAME:	Bernhardson Cabin	COUNT	Y: Clay 1 stock accord
CURRENT NAME:	Same	CITY/	TWP.: Holy Cross Township
and 1600' north	SE ¹ ₂ , Sec. 7, Holy Cross Towns Sec. 7, T. 137, R. 48, From a of the SE corner of section 7 0' south to point of origin.	point 1000' west 7: 50' west, 50'north	SS: County Road 59
CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent	Local <u>X</u>	Primary Settlement
Structure	Good X	State	Secondary
Object	Fair	National	Others
District	Deteriorated		
OPEN TO THE PUB	LIC: Yes Nox Restric	ted	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM TH	E ROAD: Yes No χ		Storage
OCCUPIED:	Yes No X		-
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1870 ORIGINAL			Residence
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Bernhard Bernhardson	ARCHITECT/BUILD	ER: Bernhard Bernhardson
OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Edwin Dahlstrom Comstock, MN 56525			GE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Red River Valley Historical Society Moorhead, MN		cal Society 14 /	669380 / 5173220
FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey		Hick	son 7.5 quad.
DATE:	September 1979		
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DESCRIPTION:

The Bernhardson Cabin, a low, 14'x23' structure, sits on a bend overlooking the Red River. The half-dovetail notched, oak logs form a wall only $4\frac{1}{2}'$ high. The gable-end entrance extends above the logs to the frame-construction roof and gable. The cabin is divided into two rooms by logs mortised into the wall logs, a not-too-common method of subdivision. One wall has a small, square window opening (but never a glass window) and an additional doorway (believed to be added). Much of the original mud interstice chinking remains in place.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Bernhardson Cabin is significant as the best preserved example of early subsistencetype log architecture in Clay County. Bernhard Bernhardson was one of the earliest permanent settlers in Clay County, and the first settler in Holy Cross Township. Bernhardson's entering Clay County was typical of many early settlers. He and his family emigrated from Sweden in 1868 and stayed for a short time with relatives in Pope County. In the fall of 1868, Bernhardson went to the Red River to file a homestead claim and to cut the logs for the cabin. He returned in the spring of 1870 to build the cabin, then went back to Pope County to bring his family. This small cabin was planned for temporary use, and in 1874 a two-story log house was built (still standing but added onto and metal-sided). United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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Note: These changes apply to Bernhardson Cabin in Clay County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002011

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Clay

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Bernhardson, Bernard, House

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Comstock

ADDRESS: Co. Rd. 59

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

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Date

Nina M. Archabal State Historic Preservation Officer