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DATA SHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
~~Originally known~~ United Presbyterian Church Summerset, ~~Warren County~~
AND/OR COMMON
SCOTCH RIDGE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Rural Route #1 US 65/69
CITY, TOWN
Carlisle Scotch Ridge
STATE IOWA CODE 14 COUNTY Warren CODE 181
VICINITY OF
Fifth

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Scotch Ridge United Presbyterian Church, Inc.
STREET & NUMBER
Rural Route #1
CITY, TOWN
Carlisle
STATE IOWA
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Warren County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Indianola
STATE IOWA

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Set in a lovely rural setting, Scotch Ridge Church is a Gothic Revival cruciform shape building with lancet arch openings, a steeply pitched gable roof surmounted by a louvered belfry with pinnacle. It is white clapboard with a foundation of brick. Each section of the overall plan is approximately two bays wide. Two entryways are placed at the intersections of the north side. Each is topped by a transom whose design repeats the tracery of the tall narrow windows throughout the structure. The interior of the Church is distinguished by vaulted ceilings, simple round support posts with decorative capitals and a recessed sanctuary. An interesting detail is the placement of curved floorboards graduating in width from 1/2" near the sanctuary to 4" towards the rear. The benches (with a center and two side aisles) are arranged to correspond with the direction set by the flooring. The interior walls and ceiling are plaster and painted white. Apparently the interior furnishings overall treatment remains in the condition in which it was constructed originally.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Scotch Ridge Church is a well preserved example of early Gothic Revival architecture in Iowa. Complete with belfry, lancet arched windows and door openings and trefoil ornament, it stands as testament to one congregation's conformity to a popular nineteenth century concept that church designs should be medieval in order to be "real" churches. This white frame example joins Grant Wood's American Gothic House in Eldon, Iowa in representing several such structures throughout the state whose simplicity and starkness against the rural landscapes are eminently picturesque without being grotesque.

The Scotch Ridge Presbyterian Church was organized in 1853 by Scotch pioneers who brought the customs of their native Associate Presbyterian Church with them. The present building was erected in 1885 and has housed the congregation for weekly services up to the present day.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Original Deed of land to Church filed April 28, 1865
 Church Records--Minutes of Session and Congregational Meetings 1853-1974
 1946 LIFE MAGAZINE--Iowa Centennial September 30, 1946 Scotch Ridge pp. 103 - 107
 1952 PALIMPSEST--April 19 "Study of Presbyterianism" Picture inside back cover
 1953 Church Centennial NBC-WHO Interview--Med Maxwell
 1953 INDIANOLA TRIBUNE--August 11, Centennial
 1962 DES MOINES TRIBUNE--200 year old tree in front of church saved from highway

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

45-3200 *1000*

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mabel F. McKee

ORGANIZATION

DATE

September 15, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

R. R. #1

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Carlisle

STATE

Iowa

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE

4-22-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

11/9/96

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11/1/76

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destruction by pastor and elder
1973 Des Moines and Indianola papers feature 120th anniversary 9 states, 23 cities,
and 53 churches represented