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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

AND/OR COMMON

** Bay Settlement Church, and Monument

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rural (T88N R5W, NW 1/4 Sec. 36)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Delhi Vic. VICINITY OF

Second

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Iowa

1419

Delaware

055

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

___BUILDING(S)

___PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

___YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Upper Bay Cemetery Association

STREET & NUMBER

(Mrs. John Daisy - Secretary/Treasurer)

CITY, TOWN

Delhi

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Delaware County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Manchester

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Iowa Survey of Historic Resources

DATE

May, 1973

___FEDERAL STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bay Settlement Church, Cemetery, and Monument are located on a hill on approximately four (4) acres of land among scattered pine and cedar trees. The cemetery, now enclosed by a modern twentieth century fence, is the site of a fifteen (15) foot stone Civil War monument, commemorating Bay Settlement area dead, as well as approximately 100 other ancient markers. A one-eighth mile stretch of gravel road leads from the cemetery to the Bay Settlement Church constructed in 1873. A rectangle measuring approximately 30 feet by 40 feet, the typical gable-roofed rural church is constructed of 6 inch white painted clapboard. Its foundation is cut limestone laid in random ashlar. Corners are trimmed with slim corner boards and the 9/6 light windows with simply ornamented wood lintels.

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 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

1846; 1865; 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From the early 1840's to the 1870's, a small pioneer community known as the Bay Settlement developed in Milo Township of Delaware County. A church and school were established there and, in 1862, a post office was opened. Today only the church and cemetery remain.

These nominated properties are historically significant in three major respects:

1. The cemetery area contains one of the earliest monuments ever erected by citizens in Iowa to honor their Civil War dead.¹ The monument was placed there in late August, 1865, and bears the names of fourteen fallen soldiers that had enlisted from this locality.²
2. The pioneer people of this settlement reputedly held the first Memorial Day service conducted in Iowa when the monument was dedicated in August, 1865.³ Services were repeated on each May 30th thereafter; the dedication occurred two years before General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grant Army of the Republic, established the official custom of decorating Civil War graves in May, 1868.⁴
3. The church grounds mark the site of the first Free Baptist Church to be organized in Iowa. This occurred in the year 1846.⁵ The Upper Bay Church (Delhi Free Will Baptist) was organized in 1846 by Reverend N. W. Bixby. At that time, a log church was constructed approximately twenty rods straight west of where the present church now stands. It remained in use until 1873 when the present building was erected.

¹Corbin, p. 50.

²Delaware Union, Sept. 18, 1865, Corbin, pp. 50-51, Bailey p. 32 Vol. III.

³Corbin, p. 50-51.

⁴Ibid.

⁵Bailey, p. 160, Vol. II.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Belle Bailey, Stories of Delaware County History, Volume 2. (Manchester, Iowa: Manchester Press, 1935), pages 36, 39.

William E. Corbin, A Star for Patriotism (Monticello, Iowa: Privately Printed, 1972), pages 48-51.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Four (4) acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	15	3600	469-4400
	63-0175	470-0220	
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Dale Crosier

ORGANIZATION

Delaware County Historical Society

DATE

9/12/74

STREET & NUMBER

1617 Oakland Road NE

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Cedar Rapids

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, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE 11/2/76

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: *Charles A. Beatty*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 9/13/77

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Delaware County Union, 1 September, 1865, p. 3.

History of Delaware County, 1878.

Personal recollections of Dale Crosier (initiator of nomination)
of conversations with Elmer Stansberg (1854-1938) and Theron
Crozier (1853-1937).