United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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Five elements of the original Peterson Farmstead remain intact in their original location (see figure 1). The farmhouse, built between 1867 and 1870, is a two story frame structure with a simple gable roof oriented east-west. The house is somewhat unusual in that it was originally and still is, sheathed with vertical siding. Triangular windows embellish the gables. The buff-brick kitchen wing was added at a somewhat later date. The porch on the south side was rebuilt in its present configuration after Peterson's death and rests on a concrete foundation. Also dating to Peterson's lifetime are the North and South barns. Both are relatively small, story and a half "bank-barns" built of hand hewn framing on field-stone foundations, and sheathed in board-and-batten siding. The north half of the "Log House" is of hand-hewn horizontal log construction; the south half is a later addition of hewn timber frame construction. The original purpose of the building is not certain, but it was used as a granary during Peterson's life. Notes in Peterson's handwriting recording grain transactions with his neighbors embellish most of the flat surfaces inside the building. The smoke house is of buff brick, and is also part of the original farmstead. Later additions to the farm include the dairy barn, machine shed, and a tenant farmer's house, now demolished. The garage immediately to the north of the house was built recently by the present owner. Perhaps the most significant missing element is Andrew Peterson's orchard, which is gone completely.

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#### 8. Significance

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#### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The importance of the Andrew Peterson farm lies both in the preservation of the farmstead and in the historical stature of Andrew Peterson himself.

Andrew Peterson was born in Sweden in 1818 and emigrated to Burlington, Iowa in 1850, where he worked briefly as a nurseryman. In 1855, shortly before he journeyed to Minnesota, Peterson began the diary which he continued to his death and which was to bring him posthumous fame.

While in Burlington, Peterson joined a group of Swedish Baptists under the leadership of Fredrik Olaus Nilsson, who had fled Sweden to escape religious persecution. In the spring of 1855 the group moved to Minnesota and established claims in what was to become Laketown Township in Carver County. Peterson's diary records the construction of his first log house in 1855 and the establishment of the Scandia Swedish-Baptist Church in his house on August 1, 1855. This church founded the Minnesota Swedish Baptish Conference. Terse, unembellished entries record his marriage to Elas in 1858, the construction of his new house between 1867 and 1870, the birth of his nine children, and his increasing prosperity and prominence in the local community. The diary is also a priceless sociological record that details the seasonal rhythm of hard work that was pioneer life and the system of barter, shared labor, and mutual aid vital to the settlers' success.

During his lifetime Andrew Peterson was best known for his efforts to develop varieties of apples and other fruits that were hardy in Minnesota. Peterson began his experiments in 1856. By the 1870s he had discovered several Russian apple varieties that bore well and were hardy in Minnesota. By 1875 his principal income came from selling hardy apple trees. He continued his experiments throughout his life and his efforts were primarily responsible for the establishment of a viable fruit industry in Minnesota. Peterson died in 1898. Peterson's diary was donated by his family to the Minnesota Historical Society in 1939.

Peterson seemed destined to become a historical figure of minor significance in Minnesota. However, in 1948 the prominent Swedish novelist Vilhelm Moberg discovered the diary and made extensive use of it in his trilogy about the Swedish emigration of the 19th century (The Emigrants (1951), Unto a Good Land (1954), The Last Letter Home (1961). Andrew Peterson's life indirectly became part of the broader popular culture in 1971 when two movies based on Moberg's trilogy were released - "The Emigrants" and "The New Land."

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

Qualey, Carlton C., 1972. "Diary of a Swedish Immigrant Horticulturalist, 1855-1898" in Minnesota History, v. 43, no. 2, pp. 63-70. Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

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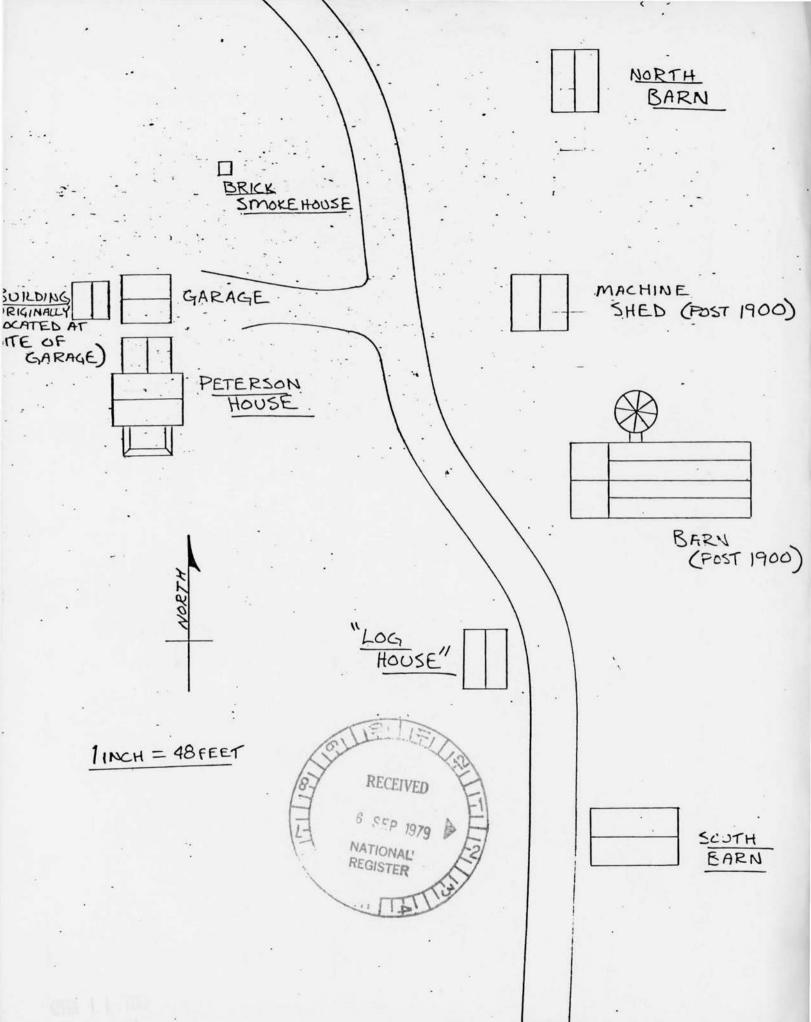
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Carver County, Minnesota
Ted Lofstrom
December 1977
Minnesota Historical Society,
Bldg. 25, Fort Snelling
"North Barn", looking northwest

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Andrew Peterson Farm
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Carver County, Minnesota
Ted Lofstrom
December 1977
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Bldg. 25, Fort Snelling, 55111
"Log House" granary, looking conthwest.

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Andrew Peterson Farm
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20th century dairy barn and silo looking east.

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Andrew Peterson Farm
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Carver County, Minnesota
Ted Lofstrom
December 1977
Minnesota Historical Society,
Bldg. 25, Fort Snelling, 55111
Peterson Farm House, looking northeast.

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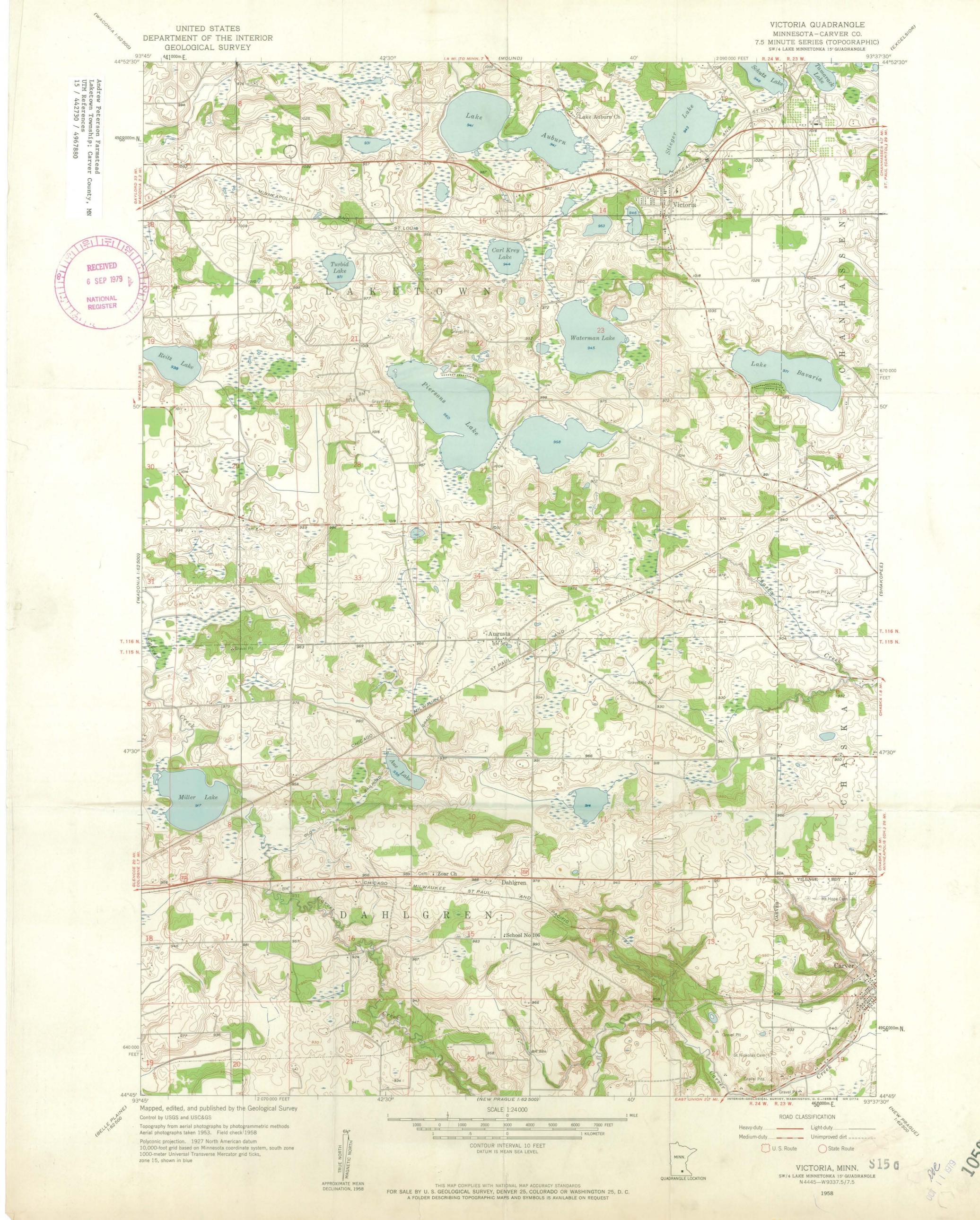
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"South Barn", looking southeast

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## National Register of Historic Places

#### Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2018

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Additional Documentation						
Property Name:	Peterson, Andrew, Farmstead						
Multiple Name:							
State & County:	MINNESOTA, Carver						
Date Rece 9/25/20	rous parts of the parts of tour pay.						
Reference number:	AD79003713						
Nominator:	State						
Reason For Review							
X Accept	Return Reject11/8/2018 Date						
Abstract/Summary Comments:	This AD corrects an error in the verbal boundary description for a pre-1980 nomination. In this instance, the statement of significance and the sketch map in the nomination make it clear that the error is in the verbal boundary description.						
Recommendation/ Criteria							
Reviewer Roger	Reed Discipline Historian						
Telephone (202)3	54-2278 Date 11/8/18						
DOCUMENTATION	see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No						

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

#### National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 10 Page 1

Peterson, Andrew, Farmstea	d
Name of Property	
Carver County, Minnesota	
County and State N/A	
Name of multiple listing (if applicable	e)

Reference Number: 79003713

State: Minnesota

County: Carver

Resource Name (Historic): Peterson, Andrew, Farmstead

**Location:** 8060 State Highway 5, Waconia

Comments: The National Register verbal boundary description at the time of listing plotted a roughly L-shaped boundary that includes some, but not all, of the historic resources described in the nomination. That boundary sits just east of the Peterson Farmhouse (1867-1870), thus omitting it from listing. This is inconsistent with the statement of significance and accompanying sketch map in the nomination. The house is discussed in the nomination as one of the "five elements of the original farmstead [that] remained intact in their original location" and is described in relative detail in section 7. The property is significant in the areas of agriculture and exploration/settlement, with a period of significance from 1800-1899. The farmhouse is essential to understanding the significance of the property. It is unclear why the original boundary did not encompass the extent of the historic resources. The original nomination recorded the listed acreage as approximately 8.5 acres, which was based on the L-shaped boundary polygon.

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11-08-2018

Amy Spong

**Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer** 

Date

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Acreage of Property 11.2 Acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

#### Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: (enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 44.862842 Longitude: -93.726127

2. Latitude: 44.866015 Longitude: -93.726269

3. Latitude: 44.866009 Longitude: -93.724699

4. Latitude: 44.862844 Longitude: -93.724678

#### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

From a point at the intersection of the North edge of Highway 5 and the southwestern corner of the property boundary for PID 07130050 (point 1). Following the property boundary and then beyond in a north westerly direction for 1,150 feet (point 2), easterly 415 feet (point 3), southerly 1,157 feet (point 4) and westerly along the Northern edge of Highway 5 to point of beginning.

The boundary is shown on the enclosed map.

#### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The corrected boundary includes the farmhouse, barns, and outbuildings that have historically been part of the farm and maintain historic integrity. This parcel preserves the relationship of the individual farm buildings to each other and to the location of the former orchard.

#### National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Peterson, Andrew, Farmstead
Name of Property
Carver County, Minnesota
County and State

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Name of multiple listing (if applicable)



Corrected Boundary of the Andrew Peterson Farmstead shown in blue.

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Peterson, Andrew, F	armstead
Name of Property Carver County, Minnesot	a
County and State N/A	
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This map was created using Carver County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS), it is a compilation of information and data from various City, County, State, and Federal offices. This map is not a surveyed or legally recorded map and is intended to be used as a reference. Carver County is not responsible for any inaccuracies contained herein.

Map Date: 11/5/2018

Overlay of corrected boundary (blue) and current boundary (red).

The historic farmhouse is outlined in yellow.

#### National Register of Historic Places Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

#### ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

MINNESOTA

Date Entered

STATE

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Name

Location

St. Cornelia's Episcopal Mission Church

Peterson, Andrew, Farmstead

Morgan vicinity Redwood County

Waconia vicinity Carver County

#### Also Notified

Honorable Rudy Boschwitz

Honorable David F. Durenberger Honorable Richard M. Nolan Honorable Thomas M. Hagedorn State Historic Preservation Officer Mr. Russell W. Fridley Director Minnesota Historical Society 690 Cedar Street St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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United States Department of the Interior - Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

#### Minnesota Department of Administration State Historic Preservation Office 50 Sherburne Avenue, Suite 203, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155 651.201.3292

TO:	Joy Beasley, Keeper National Register of Historic Places		
FROM:	Ginny Way		
DATE:	9/20/2018		
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#### STAFF COMMENTS:

Boundary expansion. Please see comments on first page of additional documentation.

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Boundary correction. Please see comments on first page of additional documentation.