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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Walnut and Church Streets _____ not for publication

city, town Belle Plaine _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Belle Plaine (leased to County Historical Society)

street & number

city, town Belle Plaine _____ vicinity of _____ state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee _____ state Minnesota 55379

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey
title of Historic Resources _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society, 240 Summit Avenue, J.J. Hill House

city, town St. Paul _____ state Minnesota 55102

7. Description

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration is located on the east side of North Walnut Street near the corner of east Church Street in Belle Plaine. The building is situated on an entire block in a residential neighborhood northeast of Belle Plaine's principal business district. The church cemetery is located in back of the church.

The small white clapboard frame church was constructed in 1869. It has a steeply pitched roof of cedar shingles with the gable oriented to the street. Triple lancet windows with frosted glass are located in each gable end with pointed windows along the sides. Board and batten detailing is located above the windows in the gable and along the bottom of the windows. The church is basically rectangular. Off to the south side is an entrance tower with open-work stick construction and a small bell tower perched on top. The buttresses have been removed. The interior is mostly original.

The church is well-maintained and retains significant design integrity. It is currently owned by the city of Belle Plaine and leased by the Scott County Historical Society which has plans to preserve the building.

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 1869

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Belle Plaine is significant for its notable stick style design features. The church was built in 1869 at a cost of \$3,500. Although the specific source of the design is unknown, it contrasts sharply with both other frame churches in the county and with the several more refined Gothic Episcopal churches based on plans of Richard Upjohn which were constructed throughout Minnesota during the latter part of the nineteenth century. The church building was abandoned after World War II when the congregation joined the Episcopal Church in St. Peter. It has since been purchased by the city of Belle Plaine and leased to the County Historical Society. Its unusual design is locally recognized and there is current interest in preserving and using the building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Albrecht, Harold, This is Our Town, Belle Plaine, Minn., Shakopee: Suel Publishing Co., 1954.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 2 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Belle Plaine

Quadrangle scale 15

UMT References

A

1	5	4	3	9	4	7	0	4	9	4	1	3	0	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

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G

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1-12, block 132; original plat to city of Belle Plaine.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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Minnesota Historical Society

organization State Historic Preservation Office date July 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue, J.J. Hill House telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Russell W. Fridley*

title Russell W. Fridley, State Historic Preservation Officer date 7-9-80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Keeper of the National Register
Attest:
Chief of Registration