

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

APR 15 1980

HISTORIC NAME: Stiklestad Church COUNTY: Wilkin *Doran vic.*  
 CURRENT NAME: Same CITY/TWP.: Brandrup Township

LEGAL DESC.: E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 11, T. 131, R. 46, From a point ADDRESS: County Road 17  
 1200' south of the NE corner of Sec. 11: 300' west, 200'  
 north, 300' east. and 200' south to point of origin.

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Settlement</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Religion</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others <u>Architecture</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Restricted \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT USE:  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Church  
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1897-98 ORIGINAL USE: Church  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Stiklestad Parish ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Sam Christenson, foreman  
 with congregation

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Stiklestad Church c/o Rev. Dave Mellgren Doran, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre _____ approximately 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres _____
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:	UTM REFERENCE: 96° 24' 35" Longitude 46° 10' 39" Latitude Campbell 15' quad.
FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey	
DATE: September 1979	

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Stiklestad Norwegian Lutheran Church, a Carpenter's Gothic Revival building, is located on a rural site north of Campbell, Wilkin County. It is a white, frame building with dark green trim, built on an apsidal plan. The gable roof is broken in the front by a central bell tower. The bell tower has a steeply pitched polygonal roof with four gable dormers. Louvered vents are at bell level and a circular window is located in the tower above the church entrance.

Windows on the side facades and in the polygonal apse are Gothic arched openings marked by hooded mouldings. Small round windows flank the central tower on the front facade. The main entrance is through the tower, and a second doorway enters the apse.

The interior has been modernized and paneled. An associated structure, a frame out-house, is located to the rear of the church.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Stiklestad Norwegian Lutheran Church is significant for three inter-related thematic reasons. Ethnic settlements are important in the Red River Valley, and in Minnesota as a whole. European nationality groups dominate whole counties at times, and as in the Stiklestad Church area, some sub-county areas. Religion is tightly intertwined with core ethnic settlements, and may be the most important factor in cultural persistence. Churches are usually the most important structure associated with such groups. In addition to its ethnic/religious settlement association, the Stiklestad Church is a good example of carpenter's Gothic Revival Church architecture, little changed over the years. The church was a central focus of settlers mostly from Trondheim, Norway. The church was built by the congregation in 1897-1898, with Sam Christenson as contractor and foreman. The church was named after Stiklestad Church in Norway.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman  
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**Note: These changes apply to  
Stiklestad Church in Wilkin County,  
Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80002183

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Wilkin

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Stiklestad United Lutheran Church

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:** Co. Rd. 17

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
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**Date**