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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 ZWEMER HALL, Northwestern College

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 101 Seventh Street, SW

CITY, TOWN Orange City VICINITY OF Sixth
STATE Iowa CODE 14 COUNTY Sioux CODE 167
NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Northwestern College

STREET & NUMBER 101 Seventh Street, SW

CITY, TOWN Orange City VICINITY OF STATE Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Sioux County Courthouse - Office of Recorder

STREET & NUMBER Central Avenue

CITY, TOWN Orange City STATE Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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

Zwemer Hall's dimensions read 68 x 72 feet. Its tower reaches a height of 90 feet. The building is well proportioned throughout. A large Roman arch appears over the main entrance and steps on the north. Each side of the building displays a unique character with flat buttresses blending with large gables on the roof. On all sides is a variety of window arrangement and design. The tower is unique with its hexagonal sides and tiers of windows. The northwest portion of the main structure offers a surprise in that the north and west walls unite to form a large circular extension which gives the appearance of a medieval tower with its round wall and roof.

The building stands on its original foundation, and no exterior alterations have been made up to this time. Some years ago the exterior was given the sandblast treatment, and this past year the roof has been re-shingled. The exterior of Zwemer Hall is of Mankato Rock, pressed brick, and Mankato Cream Stone trimming. The stone came from the quarries near Mankato, Minnesota. The interior has maple wood floors, stairs, and wainscoting.

The interior has undergone some changes. Classrooms have been made into offices, and on the second floor the former chapel auditorium has been divided into office space. Former classrooms being used for the President's Office, and for the Dean of Academic Affairs, and the Director of Development and the Office of the Reformed Church in America.

The Hall occupies a prominent place on the campus of Northwestern College, and is the most attractive building possessed by the institution. The building with its distinctive tower is a popular subject for paintings, and photographs. Pictures of Zwemer Hall are often found on the pages of Northwestern catalogs, brochures and other publications.

Plans for the future are to construct a new entrance on the south side which will include suitable rest room facilities. Care is to be exercised so that this will blend neatly into the present decor of the building.

Zwemer stands between Blocks 35 and 36, at the end of Central Avenue, on land vacated by the city of Orange City, in 1894. This part of the city was then known as the "South Addition".

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 checked="" 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 1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Pass, Sr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Zwemer Hall was built in 1894 as a permanent home for Northwestern Classical Academy, at Orange City, Iowa. Financed largely by gifts of people who, beginning in 1870 founded the Dutch "Colony" in Sioux County, Iowa.

In style Zwemer Hall displays clearly the period known as the Romanesque Revival, which was popular in the United States during the latter part of the Nineteenth Century. "A romantic and picturesque mass effective from any angle, a texture, sometimes of roughly hewn stone, often of brick, high roofs, clustered windows, deeply arched doorways, an achievement of beauty through strength."¹

Zwemer Hall honors the memory of a popular teacher, and an effective administrator of Northwestern Classical Academy (1890-1898). It is a fitting memorial to a man who also served Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, Reformed Church in America (1900-1916). He also served as Editor of the "Leader", the official organ of the Reformed Church in America, and of a Dutch religious publication, De Hope. "For more than a score of years Rev. James F. Zwemer was the best known man in the Western section of the Reformed Church."²

Today, Zwemer Hall occupies a pivotal point on the campus of Northwestern College. It is the location for all of the administrative offices of the institution, and also houses the regional offices of the Reformed Church in America.

Mr. George Pass, Sr., was the architect and builder, and was senior partner of the Pass, Rockey and Church architectural firm of Mankato, Minnesota. The building has always been used for educational purposes, classrooms, library, chapel and laboratories.

¹Thomas E. Tallmadge, The Story of Architecture in America, W. W. Norton & Co., New York, New York, (1936), pages 166-194.

²Rev. E. J. Blecknik, D. D., in Genealogy and History of the Zwemer-Boon Family, by Adrian Zwemer, Nugesser Printing Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (1932), pages 71-73.

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De Volksvriend, Orange City, Iowa, November 27, 1894.
The Sioux County Herald, Orange City, Iowa, November 27, 1894.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

*JTM OK
HL*

A	1,4	<i>739-825</i>	7,5,8,1,8,2	4,7,16,4,17,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
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

Alfred E. Drake, Director of Development

ORGANIZATION

Northwestern College

STREET & NUMBER

101 Seventh Street, SW

CITY OR TOWN

Orange City

DATE

4/22/74

TELEPHONE

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Adrian D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation + SHPO

DATE

2/25/75

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

Alfred E. Drake

DATE

5/28/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

MAY 22 1975

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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