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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**HISTORIC
Norwegian Buildings at Heg ParkAND/OR COMMON
same**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER
Heg Park Road, Town of Norway

CITY, TOWN

Waterford

 VICINITY OF NOT FOR PUBLICATIONCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE

Wisconsin

CODE

55

COUNTY

Racine

CODE

101

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTYNAME
Racine County Park Department, Attention: Carl Holtzworth

STREET & NUMBER

Box 226A

CITY, TOWN

Sturtevant

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Wisconsin 53177

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Racine County Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

730 Wisconsin Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Racine

STATE

Wisconsin 53402

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYSTITLE
Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1975

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1928, 1933</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Both historic buildings in the Heg Memorial Park have been moved from their original locations to the present site. Each building has been restored to accurately reflect the environment of the early years of Norwegian settlement. In most cases, where modern construction materials have been employed, the use has been necessary to strengthen the structure or to conform to building regulations (e.g. asbestos shingles).

The 1837 Bendickson cabin is a single story plus loft, rectangular structure. The exterior is constructed mainly of rough logs, laid horizontally with double saddle notching. In place of mud, the gaps between the logs were filled in 1928 with concrete. The exterior of the loft is constructed of horizontal siding. A brick chimney, probably added during the Bendickson ownership of the house, rests on the ridge near the north edge of the gabled roof. The building contains small 6/6 windows at each end of the loft, facing north and south, and larger 6/6 windows in the east and south walls of the ground floor. A north side porch on the gable end is covered by a **shed** roof which is supported by cut log braces and posts, and is framed by horizontal log railing.

The interior of the single floor consists of rough board walls, with the floor of the loft acting as the ceiling, also of rough board. Both the single floor and loft are undivided, open spaces. The building rests on a modern concrete foundation.

The Eielson house is an L-shaped structure which, like the cabin, rests on a modern concrete foundation. The park marker for the house claims that it was built in 1847, but no documentary evidence exists to support this. Each wing is rectangular, with the exterior walls constructed of clapboard. Each is topped by a gable roof with an interior brick chimney resting on the ridge. The north wing of the house is a single story, enclosing one room. The south wing is one story plus a loft, both of which are undivided space. In the loft newer wood has been installed to support the roof. Each wing has a separate entrance fronted by a single small porch located in the angle of the L. The porch is covered by a **shed** roof, supported by a single log post. All of the house's six windows have been removed and boarded up.

The Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church, also a single story structure, is rectangular, and constructed of brick. The entrance to the church consists of a double door with rounded arch, cut into a projecting brick tower, topped by a clapboard steeple. The original steeple, which consisted of a stone belfry and spire, was replaced in 1921 by the present steeple, which has steep gables at each of its four faces. The belfry is faced on each side by a round-arched louvre; the steeple is topped by a Latin cross. Four stained glass windows frame the north and south sides of the church, indicating a four-bay nave. The rounded arch of the windows suggest a slight Romanesque influence. The church is covered with a gable roof, which has an outside end brick chimney at the rear, east end.

The interior of the church has been modernized with new flooring and decorations, and is divided into a sanctuary and narthex. A basement has been added, and is reached by a small one-story side entryway covered with clapboards and a **shed** roof.

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Pastor Eugene Leschensky
Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church
6236 Heg Park Rd.
Norway (Waterford)

WI 53185

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Heg Park itself is an 11-acre stretch of ground, consisting mostly of open space interspersed with small groups of trees. The park is on level ground, well kept by the Racine County Park Department. Aside from the Eielson House and the Bendickson Cabin, structures at the park consist of a small Norwegian museum, some picnic shelters and tables, and playground equipment, none of which contributes to the nomination.

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7. Description (revised, 7/7/80)

The Eielson House original rested at Jefferson Prairie, in Rock County, Wisconsin, where Eielson lived and preached after leaving the Norway settlement. This site is located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Town 1 North, Range 14 East (Town of Clinton), in Rock County, Wisconsin. The site is south of Tighe Road, about 750 feet east of Highway 140, and is in the middle of a cornfield. Two stones which were part of the front stoop are still on the site, but the only other physical feature of the property were large cottonwood trees which have been removed.

Surrounding the Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church are the graves of the original settlers of Norway. The gravestones, which mark about 150 graves but the remains of many more settlers, are worn but the carved markings are legible. The graves run to the edge of the hill on which the church rests; the hill, in turn, runs down to Heg Park Road.

Submitted by Shoptaugh
7/7/80

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1837, 1869¹ BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Heg Memorial Park and the Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church are remnants of the early years of Norwegian settlement in southeastern Wisconsin. The town of Norway was an early focal point of Norwegian immigration to Wisconsin in the mid-19th century. The settlement's leaders included some of the most notable Norwegians in American history. The present park was established in 1925 as a monument to early Norwegian settlement in general and these men in particular. The park's two historic structures and the nearby church are virtually the only remaining reminders of the early settlement years.²

Settlement and religion. Early Norwegian immigration to Wisconsin began in 1838 and 1839, with scattered settlements in Rock County, and in the short-lived community of Muskego in Waukesha County.³ In 1840, two Norwegian businessmen named Soren Bache and Johannes Johannesen purchased a tract of land at Wind Lake, in Racine County. This site became part of the town of Norway, organized in 1848. Many immigrants from Bache's home of Drammen, Norway were attracted to Wind Lake, as were several of the Muskego settlers.⁴ The Drammen group was led across the Atlantic by Even Heg, formerly an innkeeper at Lier in the old country.⁵

Bache, Johannesen, and Heg proved to be exceptional leaders for the fledgling settlement. Bache invested more than \$6000 in the undertaking, mostly in land purchases which became farms for the newcomers. Bache also loaned money to many of these people (most of which he never regained) and together with Johannesen ran the community's sole general store.⁶ Johannesen, in addition to his activities with Bache, publicized the Norway settlement by writing a document known as the 'Muskego manifesto.' This was distributed in Europe to encourage further immigration to Racine County.⁷

But Heg was the principal leader at Wind Lake. Heg's barn served as the social and religious center of the settlement for three years, and as a half-way house for new arrivals for years longer. Literally hundreds of Norwegian immigrants lived for a time at Heg's barn until they found homes of their own. In 1847, Heg convinced Bache to provide funds for the establishment of the first Norwegian newspaper in the United States. The first issue of this, the Nordlyset (Northern Light) was printed in Heg's cabin.⁸ During the early part of its existence, the Nordlyset was edited by another Norway immigrant, James Denoon Reymert. Reymert was a teacher turned editor and politician, who in 1848 became the only Norwegian selected as a delegate to help write the Wisconsin constitution.⁹ As a result of these promotions and activities, the town of Norway grew rapidly. By 1850, its population exceeded 750, of which 404 had been born in Norway.¹⁰ Many other Norwegian immigrants stopped at the settlement before setting off to other parts of the middle western states.¹¹

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See attached sheets

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.4 (Park) + 0.2 (Church)

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

QUADRANGLE NAME Waterford, Wis.

UTM REFERENCES

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E				F			
G				H			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION See revised UBD rec'd 7/15/80

Heg Park is located in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 18, T-4-N, R-20-E, Racine County. It is a triangular parcel bounded on the east by Heg Park Road, on the west by a town road, and on the south by the line dividin the north and south halves of Section

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

Terry L. Shoptaugh, Historian, Historic Preservation Division

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

12/15/79

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608/262-3390

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

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

Rebecca Perry

TITLE

Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

2/20/80

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

for W. Ray Price

DATE

7/17/80

ATTEST *Kristin O'Connell*

DATE

7/15/80

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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Part of the success of the settlement was due to its strong church life. Large numbers of Norwegians emigrated during this period to escape from the clerical-dominated Lutheran Church that was supported by the Norwegian government. This anti-clerical, lay movement, known as Haugeanism, was supported by Bache, Johannesen, and Heg. Most of the arrivals from Drammen were sympathetic to the tenets of Haugeanism.¹² Religious services at Heg's barn were conducted by lay preachers until 1843.¹³

Some attempt at organizing the Haugean impulse at Wind Lake was made by Elling Eielson. Eielson was a lay preacher whose influence in America over Norwegian Lutheranism came to be immense. Eielson came to the Norway settlement in 1840, bought land there and began to preach at the Heg barn services. He later married Sigrid Tufte of the community.¹⁴ But despite this his place at Wind Lake did not last. This was partly because Eielson himself was prone to move on frequently, and take his mission work to new areas. Also, he was unable to cooperate with other prominent Haugeans. Eielson was violently anticlerical, and "distrusted anyone who accepted the formal practices of the ordained clergy." When a second lay preacher arrived at Wind Lake, Eielson's departure soon followed. Eielson moved on, first to the small settlements at Rock County, later to other parts of Wisconsin and the middle west, and ultimately as far as Texas. Before Eielson died in Chicago in 1883, he had spent another forty years at his task: he had established the Eielson Synod of the Norwegian-American Lutheran Church, had opened schools for the training of synod clergy, and had won the following of thousands of Norwegian-Americans. His memory and influence are still very strong today.¹⁵

In 1843, Soren Bache arranged for a Danish layman named Claus Clausen to come to the town of Norway. Clausen was a moderate in Haugean doctrine and became the Norway congregation's first pastor (ironically, Eielson, in order to perform weddings, had himself ordained in Illinois just fifteen days before Clausen's ordination; Eielson was thus the first Norwegian minister ordained in the United States).¹⁶ With Clausen's guidance, the Norway congregation built a church in 1843, the first Norwegian-Lutheran church constructed in America.¹⁷ This building was a simple structure and was replaced in 1869 by the more elaborate church that stands on the spot today.¹⁸ This church is a nationally significant landmark of Norwegian-Lutheranism in the United States.

Norwegian-American heritage. Heg Memorial Park has been since 1925 a memorial to Norwegian-American heritage in Wisconsin. Prior to its creation, many Wisconsin Norwegians were active in the Norwegian Society of America, which was founded in 1903 to preserve "the language, history and traditions of the Norwegians" in America.¹⁹ It was through this group that Racine County residents, many of whom were the children and grandchildren of the original settlers of the town of Norway, began to plan a

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monument to Hans Christian Heg. Heg was the son of Even Heg, and a major figure in leading Norwegians to assimilate with the other citizens of Wisconsin. Through Heg's initiative, the 15th Wisconsin regiment, composed mostly of Norwegians, was raised to serve with the Union Army during the Civil War. It was at the head of this regiment that Heg was killed in battle in 1863.²⁰

Sixty-three years after his death, the Norwegian Society of American presented in 1926 a statute of Heg to the State of Wisconsin at the capitol in Madison.²¹ A second monument to Heg was soon after established in the town of Norway. This was the Heg Memorial Park, situated on an 11-acre parcel of land purchased by the Heg Memorial Committee of Norway, Wisconsin. The committee had been organized among Racine County residents, mainly those of Norwegian extraction, who spent five years raising funds for the project. When completed in 1928, the park was given over to the care of the Racine County Park Commission. It was the first of Racine's county parks.²²

In addition to the memorial, the Heg Memorial Committee established a Norwegian-American museum at the park and moved two historic buildings to the grounds. The first, moved to the site in 1928, was a log cabin that had been built in 1837, and was one of the earliest structures in Racine County. From 1866 to 1928, the cabin was part of the Halvor Bendickson farm at the Norway settlement. The building has been restored and furnished to represent the early years of the community.²³

The second building is the restored home of Elling Eielson. It was donated to the park and moved from its original spot at Racine County to the park in 1933. Furniture originally owned by Eielson was loaned to the park by Eielson's daughter and placed in the house. Although Eielson lived in many places during his lifetime, this house, in which he lived during the late 1840s and early 1850s, is believed to be the only Eielson home in the United States to still exist.²⁴ The remaining buildings in the park, including the museum, are not significant and do not contribute to the nomination. Only the log cabin, the Eielson house and the Evangelical-Norwegian church remain as visible reminders of the early history of this Norwegian settlement.

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8. Significance (revised, 7/7/80)

The manner in which the Heg Park symbolizes the importance of the old Norway settlement is best revealed by the Bendickson cabin. It was selected for its age and condition, but also because of the fact that Halvor Bendickson (1826-1902) had kept the cabin standing, long after he had built a new and comfortable house, as a reminder of his early and difficult years in Wisconsin. He had purchased the old cabin from a Yankee settler, so that the cabin was also emblematic of the necessary cooperation between the different groups in settling Wisconsin. It was with the same respect for the early trials of existence and the need for cooperation that the founders of Heg Park obtained the old cabin and refurbished it, using furniture donated by descendants of the first Norwegians in Wisconsin. In the same manner, Heg Park itself acts as a symbol, being one of the first such parks, created by ethnic descendants to specifically commemorate the transition of their ancestors from an old to a new world. As such, the park is yet today a living museum and monument of the earliest years of Norwegian-American heritage.

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18, T-4-N, R-20-E. The Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church is located on a separate parcel of approximately 0.2 acres about 300 feet east of the park on Heg Park Road.

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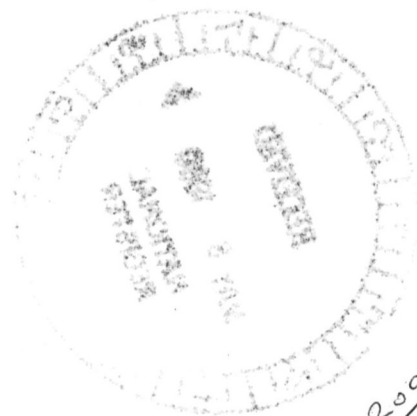
NORWEGIAN BUILDINGS at HEG PARK, Racine County, 10 Wis.
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Verbal Boundary Description (revised 7/7/80)

Heg Park is located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Town 4 North, Range 20 East, the Town of Norway, Racine County, Wisconsin. The Park boundaries form a triangular parcel of ground, bounded on the east by Heg Park Road, on the west by the Waterford Town Road and on the south by the surveyed line dividing the north and south halves of Section 18, T-4-N, R-20-E, (Town of Norway) Racine County, Wisconsin. The boundaries of the Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church are formed by a rectangle of about 2 acres, framed on the west by 200 feet of Heg Park Road running south from the entrance drive to the church property, running 400 feet due east on the north and south boundaries and closing at those points with another 200 foot north to south line. This parcel encloses the church and the old graveyard containing the remains of the original settlers. Heg Park Road, then, separates the two boundaries of this nominated area.

Submitted by Shoptaugh
7/7/80

HEG PARK
Town of Norway
Racine County, Wisconsin



Town Road

Wooded Area

PICNIC SHELTERS

Museum

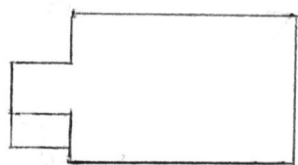
1837 Cabin

Parking Area

Eielson House

Heg Park Road

Park Boundary



Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church



Waterford

ALBERT
LANCASTER BOND
100% COTTON FIBRE



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Property

Norwegian Buildings at Hwy. Park

State

WI, Racine

Working Number

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TECHNICAL

Photos

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Maps

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HISTORIAN

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(1928, 1933)

Nom. includes 2 houses ~~moved~~ from their original location & an 11-acre memorial park and a nearby but not contiguous church—all reflecting region's early Norwegian-American settlement. Boundaries and eligibility pose several problems: Ellsion Hs. is justified as only known building associated with Non-Lutheran reformer + religious leader who lived at Norway, WI in 1840s + 50s; No statement of significance (arch. or hist. association) qualifies Bendickson Cabin. It is unclear whether park is nominated on basis of its use as a commemorative + the county's first park since 1928. It is also unclear whether church grounds + cemetery are included; a statement of significance is needed for church as well. Should individual nominations be submitted for eligible properties? Can this be viewed as a district? or what?

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

conference @ Flint
6/3/80

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
O'Connell
7/15/80

BRANCH CHIEF

Additional materials rec'd 7/15/80 elucidate extent + significance of resources. New VBD encompasses graveyard beside church, and additional descriptive material provides information on original site of Ellsion Cabin house and on churchyard. Expanded #8 defines significance of park and church as representing different phases of immigration and settlement as experienced by Norwegian Americans ~ reflecting both conditions of settlement and the communal spirit that continued to bind the group together finding expression in the creation of this commemorative park in 1925.

KEEPER

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NORWEGIAN BUILDINGS AT HEG PARK,
Waterford vicinity, Racine County,
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1837 Bendickson cabin from north.
Photo #1 of 4.

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EIBSON
THE HOME OF
REV. & MRS.
EMMA EIBSON
BUILT IN 1887

NORWEGIAN BUILDINGS AT HEG PARK,
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Eielson House from northeast.
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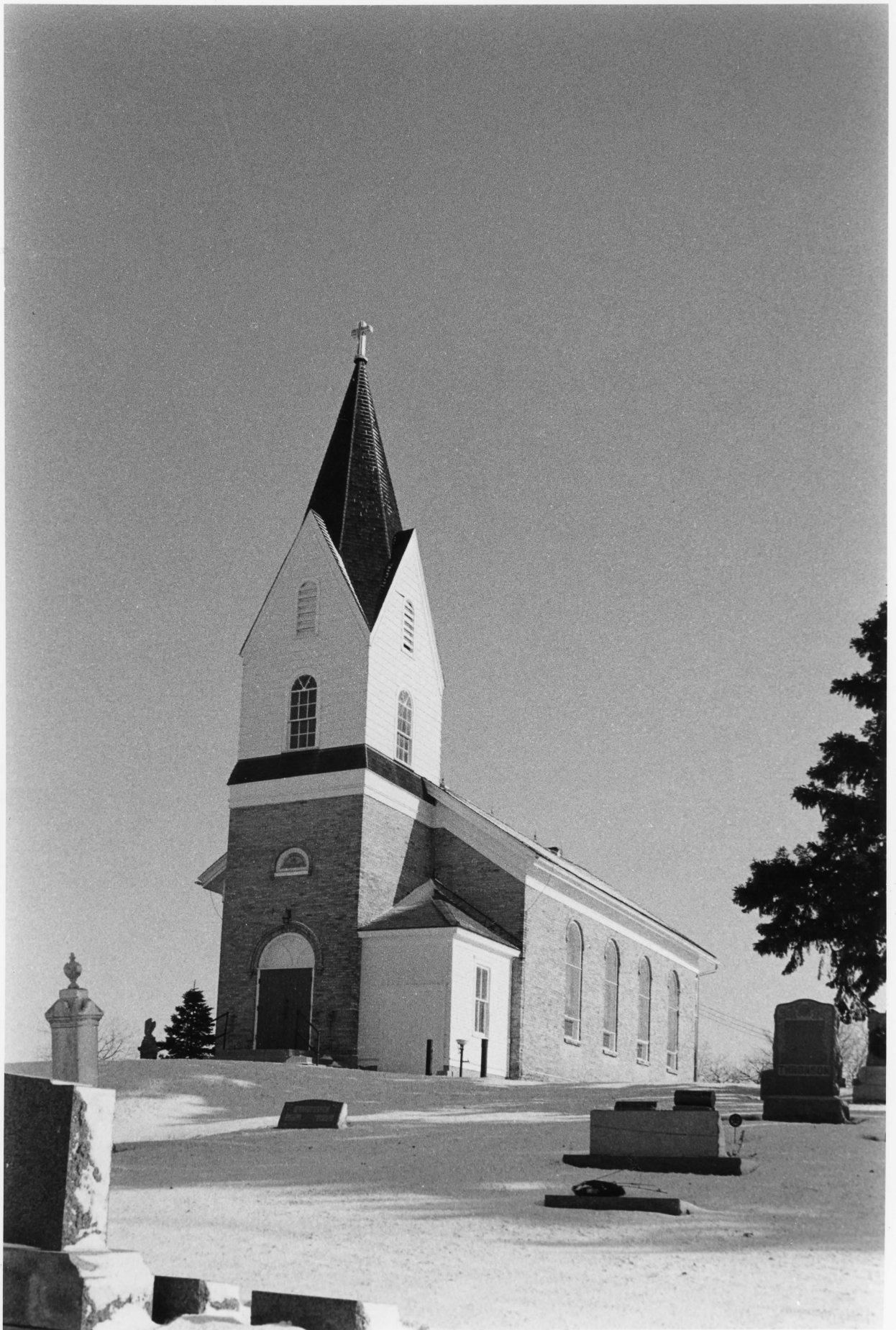


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Environmental view showing picnic
shelter area. Photographed from
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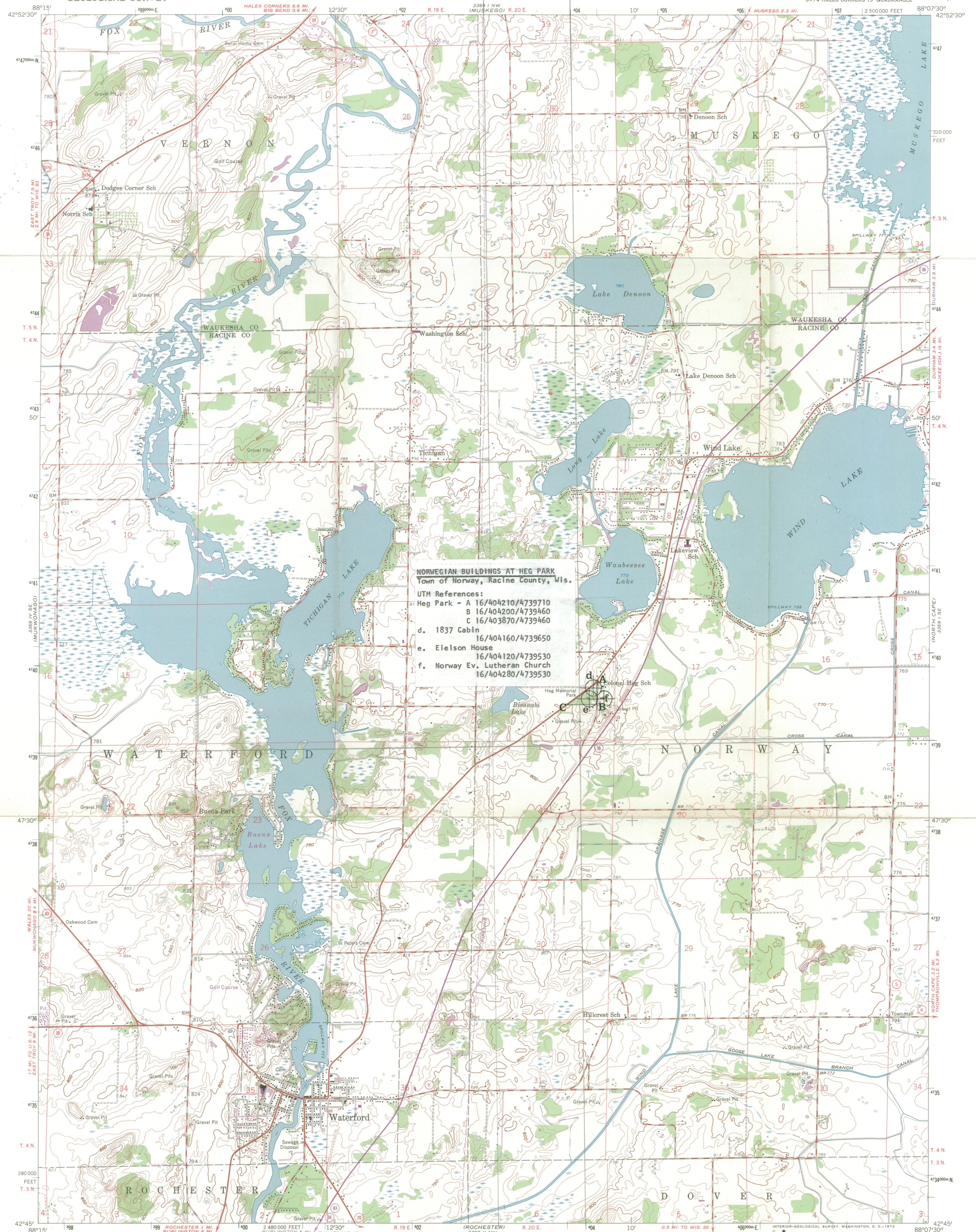


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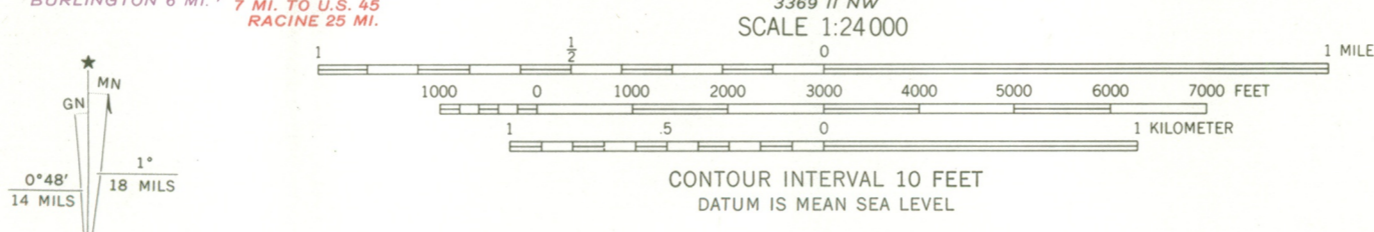


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Town of Norway, Racine County, Wis.

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10,000-foot grid based on Wisconsin coordinate system, south zone
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt - - - - -
○ State Route



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The Norwegian-American Historical Association

ST. OLAF COLLEGE, NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA 55057

LLOYD HUSTVEDT, Secretary



December 4, 1979

Mr. Terry Shoptaugh
C/o State Historical Society of Wisconsin
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin, 53706

Dear Mr. Shoptaugh:

In response to your request for information about the Eielsen house in the Heg Park, I can state that, based on information available here, it is the only house that we can identify with Elling Eielsen, the early church leader among the Norwegian immigrants.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Jacobsen".

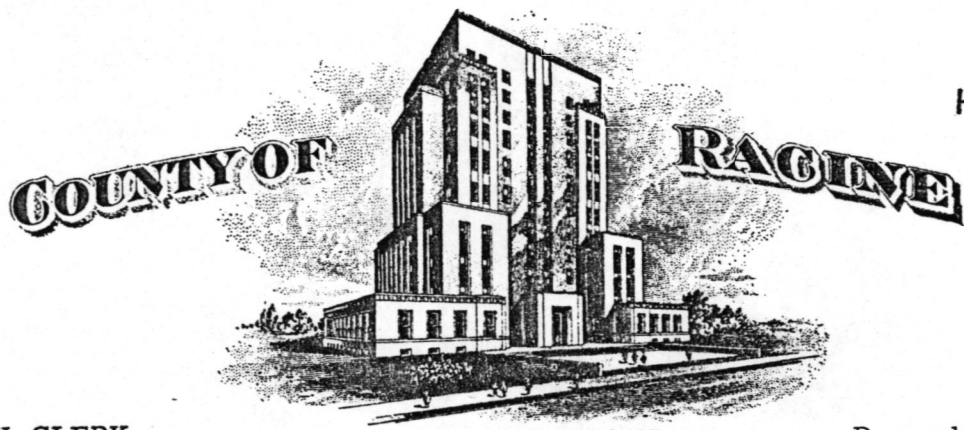
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DENNIS KORNWOLF

December 19, 1979

RACINE, WISCONSIN

Mr. Richard A. Erney, Director
The State Historical Society
of Wisconsin
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Dear Mr. Erney:

We are pleased to hear that Racine County's Heg Memorial Park, the Norweigan Lutheran Church and the Racine County Court House have been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. All three of these structures have deep historic ties with the history and people of Racine County.

When these buildings are placed on the National Register of Historic Places, please let our County know.

Sincerely,

Dennis Kornwolf
 Dennis M. Kornwolf
 Racine County Clerk

DMK:mkk

cc: Margo Wilson

26116 Windermere Dr.
Wind Lake, Wis. 53185
January 9, 1980

Historic Preservation Division
State Historical Society
816 State Street
Madison, Wis. 53706

Dear Sir;

Listing Heg Memorial Park and the old Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church on the National Register would benefit the community of Wind Lake.

Early Norwegian immigration and settlement played an important part in the history of the Town of Norway. The museum and log cabin in Heg Park and the old church have preserved some of the ethnic culture of these early settlers. The Eielsen house, which is badly in need of structural repairs, could be restored as an example of a home of an early Norwegian evangelist.

Recognition of the importance of this old Norwegian district through listing on the National Register would make area residents aware of their ethnic heritage. Hopefully community members would take pride in helping preserve artifacts that are connected with the past. They would more actively support the local historical society which is involved with protecting and preserving their heritage.

The Town of Norway Historical Society favors listing this area on the National Register. We feel it would help preserve our local tradition as well as lead to a growth of historic awareness in the community.

Sincerely,
Barbara Palmer, President
Barbara Palmer
Norway Historical Society

TOWN OF NORWAY

Racine County, Wisconsin

January 11, 1980

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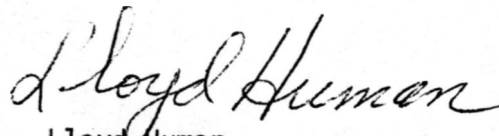
To Whom It May Concern:

The Town Board of the Town of Norway strongly encourages the Review Board to consider placing Colonel Heg Park and the Old Norway Lutheran Church on the National Register.

The Town is proud to have such historic structures within its boundaries and would like to see that adequate recognition is given to these town's of early Norwegian settlers.

Listing the park structure and the old church on the National Register would stress the importance of Norway's early history and promote an interest in preserving this history. It will be a credit to the town.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Human
Chairman, Town of Norway

Date Information Requested/Date Put in "Hold" Drawer: 6/13/80

Date to Be Pulled from "Hold" Drawer: 7/13/80
(30 Days from Date Requested)

Information Requested From: Barbara Wyatt

Information Requested/Reason Nomination Is Being Held:

① What is significance of park?

② Are church grounds nominated?

③ sq's needed for log cabin

④ info on orig site of Edison hse.

⑤ better UBD for church

3 continuation sheets

one on original setting of

Edison house

one on church

significance

O'Connell

Reviewer

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.



RICHARD A. ERNEY, DIRECTOR

August 22, 1980

Ms. Carol D. Shull
Acting Keeper of the
National Register
DOI, W434
Washington, D. C. 20243

Dear Ms. Shull:

This is to request that you correct the name of the Wisconsin property entered into the National Register on July 17, 1980 as "Norwegian Buildings at Heg Park," Heg Park Road, Rochester vicinity, Racine County, Wisconsin, to read: "Heg Memorial Park and Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church."

At the time that we submitted the original nomination, we unintentionally used a common name in Item 1 and omitted the historical name of the property.

We will very much appreciate your making this correction in the National Register listing.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Erney
State Historic Preservation Officer

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