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FORM

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Kansas
COUNTY:	McPherson
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Swedish Pavilion
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Mill street			
CITY OR TOWN: Lindsborg		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fourth--Garner Shriver	
STATE Kansas	CODE 67456	COUNTY: McPherson	CODE 113

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC			
Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" 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 (Specify) _____ _____
Comments _____ _____			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME:	Smoky Valley Historical Association
STREET AND NUMBER:	Old Mill Park and Museum Mill street
CITY OR TOWN:	Lindsborg
STATE:	Kansas
CODE	67456

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:	
Register of Deeds	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
McPherson County Courthouse	
CITY OR TOWN:	McPherson
STATE:	Kansas
CODE	67460

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY:	
Federal Writers' Project of the Work Projects Administration	
DATE OF SURVEY:	1939
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:	
Records destroyed. A guide book, Kansas, was published in	
STREET AND NUMBER: 1939.	
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CODE	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Swedish Pavilion, which is now situated in a historical and recreational park at the south edge of Lindsborg is designed in the pattern of a turn-of-the-century Swedish manor house. The rectangular two-story frame structure has two smaller one-story wings flanking it. Arcades formerly connected the two wings to the main building, and plans call for these arcades to be restored.

The main building faces south and is approximately 68 feet long and 44 feet wide. All actual dimensions of the Pavilion are of course based on the metric system. Red-painted wood shingles on wood framing make up the exterior walls. The second story is located behind an imposing gambreled hip roof.

The windows are simple rectangles with wood sills and heads painted white. A reverse curve on the trim board at the window head provides a decorative trim. Small semicircular windows are located in the ends of the building.

The entrance feature on the south front projects into the roof form and is terminated with a shallow curved roof. The second story doors open onto a balcony which has not yet been reconstructed. Likewise the first floor porch, columns and pediment have not been replaced.

The two smaller buildings, each of which measures 34 feet by 20 1/2 feet, in general copy the appearance of the larger. However, both of them still retain their original metal roofs while the main building now has a roof of gray composition shingles instead of its original red clay tile.

The interior is one large open room extending almost the height of the building and capped by a frame false ceiling.

The general appearance of the Pavilion has not been greatly changed but there are some specific differences. Besides the exterior changes mentioned above, there are two chimneys missing from the east and west ends of the upper pitch of the roof. Originally the exterior of the Pavilion was of vertical panels and battens painted yellow.

The ultimate goal of the Smoky Valley Historical Association is to restore the Pavilion to its original appearance insofar as possible.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1904

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Symbol of the Swedish heritage and</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>settlement of Linds-</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>borg</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Swedish Pavilion at Lindsborg was for more than 60 years a vital part of the cultural life of Bethany College and the Lindsborg community. Originally built to house the Swedish government's exhibit at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, which was also known as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the structure served as a center for art studies and exhibitions from 1906 to 1969.

The building, a replica of a Swedish manor house of the period, was constructed in Sweden from native lumber. Plans for the interior and exterior of the structure, as well as the furniture, were prepared by Swedish architect Ferdinand Boberg, and the building was shipped "pre-fab" to St. Louis. The interior of the building was a large salon with a beamed ceiling and was decorated mainly in white. A huge bronze candelabrum hung from the ceiling, and garlands of flowers were draped from it to shields on the walls. Red-painted furniture, displays of books, photographs, and maps, and the displays of Swedish artwork all added to the attraction of the building, which won a number of exposition awards. One of the two wings was used for the office of the Swedish commissioners and the other for press facilities.

Originally the building was scheduled to be burned after the fair's conclusion, but William W. Thomas, a former U. S. minister to Sweden and Norway, purchased the building early in 1905 and presented it as it stood to Bethany College in Lindsborg. Thomas was a previous benefactor of the college and believed the building should belong to the school because the founder of the college, Dr. Carl A. Swensson, was instrumental in persuading the Swedish government to have an exhibit at St. Louis. Also, Bethany College was the only college founded by Swedish immigrants within the bounds of the Louisiana Purchase.

Lindsborg was settled in 1869 by a group of Swedish immigrants led by Rev. Olaf Olsson, and it quickly became the center for a group of Swedish settlements in McPherson and Saline counties. Succeeding Rev. Olsson in a leadership role was Dr. Carl Swensson, who in 1881 founded Bethany Academy, the predecessor of Bethany College. With his wife he was co-founder of the Oratorio Society at Lindsborg, which has gained national fame for its interpretation of Handel's "Messiah," in annual Holy Week performances. Swensson

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8. was deeply involved in efforts to make Bethany College and Lindsborg the cultural center of the area, and to a great degree these efforts were successful.

The people of Lindsborg absorbed the way of life of the Americans, but were not themselves absorbed by it, proudly retaining to this day the best of the Swedish culture. Consequently the gift of the Pavilion in 1905 stirred citizens and local organizations to fund raising efforts for moving the structure by rail to Lindsborg. A report in the January 5, 1906, issue of the Lindsborg Record said that the building had been assembled on the college campus and all but the interior work was completed. Townspeople and students worked hard to have the Pavilion ready for the annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" in April at which time the building was used by the college art department for exhibits. Altogether, approximately \$2,500 was raised for moving and remodeling expenses. The Pavilion was used by the art department of the college until 1969.

Because several private concerns had made attempts to purchase the Pavilion from Bethany College, the Smoky Valley Historical Association in 1964 asked for and received an option on the building. The Pavilion was later sold to this organization and moved from the campus to the Old Mill Museum and Park in Lindsborg in September, 1969. Plans were formulated to restore the building and use it as a cultural center.

The Swedish Pavilion occupies an important place in the heritage of Lindsborg, symbolizing as it does the community's Swedish background and traditions. In spite of its small population (2,800) Lindsborg ranks as one of the leading cultural centers of Kansas, with a large concentration of resident artists and skilled craftsmen; the Pavilion was for 63 years a center for college and community art studies and exhibitions. Additionally, the building is unique to Kansas because of its "pre-fab" construction in Sweden, its use as an exhibition hall at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, its style of architecture and its construction with Swedish building techniques and metric measurements.

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"Seek Funds for New Roof on Old Swedish Pavilion," Lindsborg News-Record, September 3, 1970.
"Tourist Center Takes Shape," Wichita Eagle and Beacon, November 3, 1963.

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Bright, John D., editor, Kansas, the First Century (New York, N. Y., Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1956), vol. 1, pp. 309-362.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	0 0 0	0 0 0		38 34 01	97 40 27	
NE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: One acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		Charles Hall, Architectural Consultant Richard Pankratz, Planner	
ORGANIZATION		DATE	
Kansas State Historical Society		December 8, 1972	
STREET AND NUMBER:			
120 West Tenth street			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE	CODE
Topeka		Kansas 66612	20

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Director, Kansas State Historical Society

Date December 11, 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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