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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Michigan
COUNTY:	Ingham
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70-7-21-0006	7/8/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Katherine's Chapel

AND/OR HISTORIC:
St. Katherine's Chapel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
4650 Meridian Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Williamston Township *East Lansing vicinity*

STATE: Michigan CODE: 21 COUNTY: Ingham CODE: 065



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
St. Katherine's Parish

STREET AND NUMBER:
4650 Meridian Road

CITY OR TOWN: Williamston Township STATE: Michigan CODE: 21

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. Jefferson Street

CITY OR TOWN: Mason STATE: Michigan CODE: 21

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Michigan Historical Commission Registered Hist. Bldg. No. 52

DATE OF SURVEY: Feb. 28, 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Michigan Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
505 North Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 21

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Katherine's Chapel is a small wooden building, 21 by 36 feet, with a vestibule and sacristy attached to the east end. The siding is vertical board and batten, painted white. The roof, which has recently been replaced, is covered with split cedar shakes. A small belfry has also recently been added to the roof of the vestibule.

The interior is a simple rectangle, with pews on either side of a central aisle. Two boxed scissors trusses, their soffits ornamented with pendants and bosses, support the ceiling. Most of the interior is paneled with matched and beaded pine boards which are unpainted. The only use of paint is the black mouldings found in each corner and some black trim around the doors and on the cornice. The absence of color in the wood is balanced by the windows of the north, south, and west elevations which are glazed with large sheets of red, yellow, and blue glass. Some of the panes appear to be original. About 1945, a reredos with three oak arches was placed at the east end of the chapel and an oak altar with three quatrefoil panels set against it. These additions are in harmony with the original work.

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6. Representation in Existing Surveys (cont'd)

Historic American Building Survey, 1965, Michigan - 232.

8. Statement of Significance (cont'd)

In Michigan, there are few rural churches with this degree of architectural interest.

9. Major Bibliographical References (cont'd)

County Atlas of Ingham County, Michigan. New York:
F.W. Beers, 1874.

Williamston Enterprise: October, 1891, pp. 2-3.



8. SIGNIFICANCE

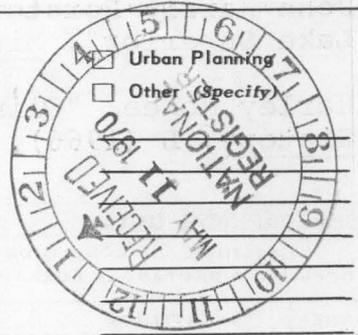
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c. 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Katherine's Chapel was built about 1887 for John Harris Forster, on his Springbrook Farm near Williamston. In 1888 the chapel was presented to the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. A new parish church was constructed adjacent to the chapel in 1962 but the building continues to be used for weddings and special services.

John Forster was a pioneer explorer, miner, and engineer in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Early in his career he was employed by the government as a surveyor on the Great Lakes and the Mexican border. In 1860, he became superintendent of the important Pewabic and Franklin copper mines in Houghton County. Forster in 1864-65 represented the entire Upper Peninsula in the Michigan Senate. About 1870 he was appointed chief engineer for the Portage Lake Ship Canal. In 1891-92 he was president of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society.

Harley McKee, reporting for the Historic American Building Survey, said St. Katherine's Chapel is not of any recognized style, but rather an example of a rustic, indigenous craft.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Autobiographical Sketch of John H. Forster", Michigan Pioneer Collections, XXI (1892).

John Harris Forster, "Early Settlement of the Copper Region of Lake Superior", Michigan Pioneer Collections, VII (1884).

Harley McKee, "Glimpses of Architecture in Michigan," Michigan History, L (1966).

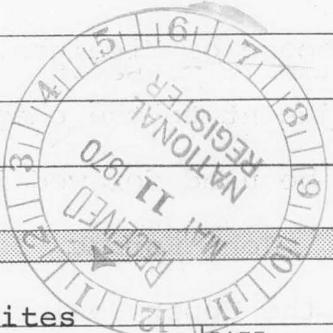
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	84	0	21	43
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"				
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: LESS THAN 10 ACRES

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William Lowery, Curator of Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION: Michigan Historical Commission DATE: Jan. 14, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 505 N. Washington

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Michigan CODE: 21

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Ralph A. MacKullo

Title Director
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Date 5/8/70

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Arnet Allen Gammaly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

JUL 8 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Smith
Keeper of The National Register

Date MAY 27 1970



St Katherine's Chapel

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN
PROJECT SUMMER 1965

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Title:

Loc.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

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MichiganCOUNTY
Ingham

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DATE

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Williamston Township

STATE:

Michigan

CODE

21

COUNTY:

Ingham

CODE

065

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Allen Stross, HABS, Central Michigan Project.

DATE OF PHOTO: Summer, 1965.

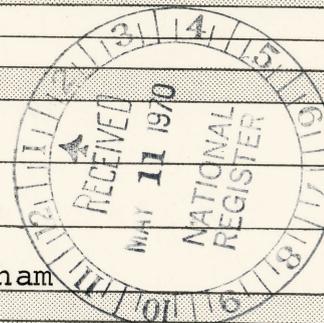
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

Allen Stross, 5764 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich.

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Front of chapel.



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MICHIGAN
REPRESENTED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DIVISION
(Lansing)

St. Katherine's Chapel

42°43'07"

W. 26' 43"

(De Witt) 84°30' R. 2 W.
42°45'



SOURCE: U.S.G.S., Mason.
 SCALE: 1:62500
 DATE: 1909

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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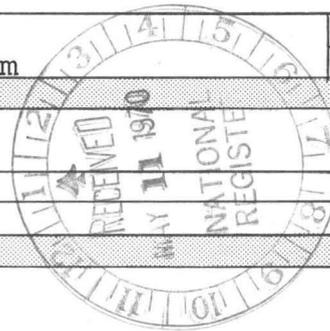
3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE: U.S.G.S., Mason, Michigan
 SCALE: 1:62500
 DATE: 1909

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.



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T Wood 7/13

Chick 7-13
Eaton 7/4/70

Freeman
7/14

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JUL 17 1970

Hon. Charles E. Chamberlain
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

BASIC FILE REMAINS IN HR

We are pleased to inform you that St. Katherine's Chapel in Ingham County, Michigan, has been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Michigan and has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Philip A. Hart and Robert P. Griffin have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Ralph MacMullan, Director, Department of Conservation, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosure

JUL 8 1970

Entered in the National Register

cc:

Mr. Ralph MacMullan, Director, Department of Conservation, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926

Director, Northeast Region

cc: LL-Mr. Melvin
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JUL 9 1970

Mr. Ralph MacMullan
Director
Department of Conservation
Stevens T. Mason Building
Lansing, Michigan 48926

Dear Mr. MacMullan:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Philip A. Hart and Robert P. Griffin and the appropriate Representatives have also been notified. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosures

JUL 8 1970

Entered in the National Register _____

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Properties added to the National Register of Historical Places

MICHIGAN

St. Katherine's Chapel	Ingham County, Michigan
Hackley House (Charles H.)	Muskegon, Michigan
Romeo Historic District	Romeo, Michigan
Fort Mackinac	Mackinac County, Michigan
John Johnston House	Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
Fort Wilkins	Copper Harbor, Michigan
✓ Palmer House	Pontiac, Michigan
✓ Wisner House	Pontiac, Michigan
Grand Rapids Art Museum (Pike House)	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Turner House	Grand Rapids, Michigan
Brooks (Harold C.) House	Marshall, Michigan
Ladies' Library Association Building	Kalamazoo, Michigan
Honolulu House	Marshall, Michigan

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Mr. Ralph MacMullan, Director, Department of Conservation, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan 48926

Duplicate letter sent to: Hon. Robert P. Griffin
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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CC:
Director, Northeast Region
LL-Mr. Melvin
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MICHIGAN

✓ St. Katherine's Chapel	Ingham County, Michigan
✓ Hackley House (Charles H.)	Muskegon, Michigan
✓ Romeo Historic District	Romeo, Michigan
✓ Fort Mackinac	Mackinac County, Michigan
✓ John Johnston House	Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
✓ Fort Wilkins	Copper Harbor, Michigan
✓ Palmer House	Pontiac, Michigan
✓ Wisner House	Pontiac, Michigan
✓ Grand Rapids Art Museum (Pike House)	Grand Rapids, Michigan
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✓ Ladies' Library Association Building	Kalamazoo, Michigan
✓ Honolulu House	Marshall, Michigan

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 4, 1972

Dr. Ernest A. Connally, Director
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
National Park Service
Interior Building
Washington, D. C.

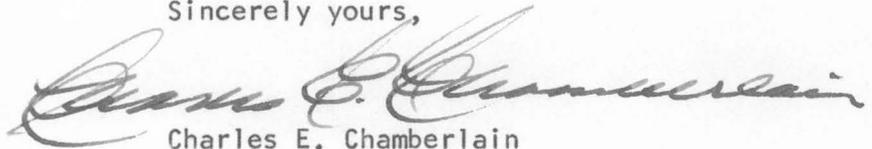
Dear Dr. Connally:

The enclosed letter has been received from Mr. Joe C. Manz, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee of St. Katherine's Church, Williamston, Michigan, which has been designated as a national landmark.

As you will see, Mr. Manz is asking whether the Church may be eligible for Federal funds for maintenance in view of its historic value.

Thanking you for your information about this, I am

Sincerely yours,


Charles E. Chamberlain

CEC:AC
Enclosure

Joe C. Manz

Route 2

Williamston, Michigan 48895

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APR 2 1972

THOMAS L. CHAMBERLAIN

Dear Representative Chamberlain,

This inquiry concerns regulations and maintenance, pertaining to national monuments. St. Katherine's Chapel, located on N. Meridian Rd., Williamston, has been designated as such a "national monument." We would also like to know if the government makes any funds available to assist in the maintenance.

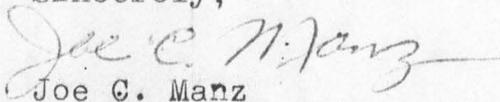
Authentic restoration has been accomplished by a number of interested parish members, resulting in it's attraction of local people.

Presently our problem is improving the heating plant; a very important item since weekly services are held in the chapel, along with weddings.

Soon there will be a sexton living full time on the premises, so the building can be more accessible to visitors. We feel a regular schedule of hours to accommodate as many people as possible is desirable.

Thank you for time, and for any help you may direct us to. When you are in the area please visit St. Katherine's. The congregation and God welcomes you!

Sincerely,


Joe C. Manz

Building and Grounds Committee-St. Katherine's Church

MAY 11 1972

Hon. Charles E. Chamberlain
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

We are pleased to acknowledge your inquiry in behalf of
Mr. Joe C. Manz concerning funds available for St. Katherine's
Church, Williamston, Michigan.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide
you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Hartzog, Jr.

Director

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cc: Director, Northeast Region)w/c of inc.
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HR)
IS)

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JUN 2 1972

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R. Utley
T. Wood
Whitlock 6/1

Hon. Charles E. Chamberlain
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chamberlain:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Joe C. Manz concerning the possibility of Federal financial assistance for restoration of St. Katherine's Chapel in Williamston, Michigan.

The grants-in-aid program authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (80 Stat. 915), as amended, is described in the enclosed folder, "The National Register of Historic Places," and the fact sheet. In the section of the folder entitled "Grants for Historic Preservation," it will be noted that a property that is listed on the National Register and is consistent with an approved State historic preservation plan can be considered for a matching grant for acquisition or restoration. St. Katherine's Chapel was entered on the National Register on July 8, 1970.

At present, the funding level of the grants-in-aid program is far below the total of matching funds available from the States and, consequently, only a portion of grant applications can be approved. The "Budget of the United States for Fiscal Year 1973," under "Preservation of Historic Property, National Park Service," page 586, requests \$6,205,000 for grants-in-aid. This is an increase of \$225,000 over the program's 1972 appropriation of \$5,980,000.

Applications for matching grants are made by the State Liaison Officer for historic preservation. This official in Michigan is listed on the second page of the fact sheet.

We appreciate your interest in the National Register program.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Utley

Director
Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

Enclosures

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cc: Mr. Samuel Milstein
Acting Deputy Director-Recreation
Department of Natural Resources
Mason Building, Lansing, Michigan)w/c of inc.

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