CITY OF BOTHELL
LOCAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC LANDMARKS
NOMINATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. For aid in completing this nomination form, see applicable instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking an "x" in the appropriate space or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. Please use the official continuation sheets if additional space is needed. This form must be type written and have a 4" x 6" black and white photo of the property nominated attached above. DO NOT ENTER INFORMATION IN SHADED AREAS.

Name of Property (Common)  Swedish Cemetery (Historic) Swedish Cemetery  
Street Address  South side of NE 191st Street (south of 94th Place NE)  
Parcel No.  0626059027  Plat Name  N/A Block  N/A Lot  N/A  
Present Owner Name and Mailing Address City of Bothell,  
18305 101st Avenue, NE, Bothell WA 98011

Owner Signature:  
Robert Stowe, City Manager
Original Owner _St. John's Swedish Lutheran Church_ Original Use _cemetery_
Architect ___________________________ Builder ___________________________
Present Use _cemetery_

1. **Classification of Property**
   Number of Resources within Property:
   Ownership: __________________________ Category: __________________________
   ☒ private ☒ building(s) ☒ district ☒ site
   ☒ public (local) ☒ object ☒ structure
   ☒ public (state) ☒ site ☒ object
   ☒ public (federal)
   Totals: 1

   Number of contributing resources previously listed on the:
   0 Local Register 0 State Register 0 Federal Register

   Name of related multiple property listing: _None_ (Example: Historic Resources of Bothell, Washington)

2. **Function or Use (see instructions for assistance)**
   Historic Functions _FUNERARY:_ cemetery
   Current Function _FUNERARY:_ cemetery

3. **Description**
   Architectural Classification (see instructions for assistance)
   ☒ No style

3. **Description (continued)**
   Materials used in (see instructions for assistance)
   Foundation _____________
   Walls _____________
   Roof _____________
   Other _____________

   Describe present and historic physical appearance:
   The Swedish Cemetery is contained within a one-acre lot on a hillside off NE 191st Street in Bothell. Containing approximately forty graves, seven of them bearing stone pedestals with missing headstones, the cemetery is bordered by hedges, low wire fences, and iron railings. The site suffered deterioration and vandalism between 1927 and 1982. City Parks staff and volunteers have maintained the site since 1982, established a path within a simple rail fence, and marked the entrance with a sign reading "Swedish Cemetery, 1893." In 1987, Bothell Eagle Scout,
Todd Reese, age 15, built and installed a picnic table at the site as a Boy Scouts of America service project.

4. **Statement of Significance**

The City of Bothell Landmark Preservation Board has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: [ ] Nationally  [ ] Statewide  X  Locally

Please check which of the following statements apply:

[ ] A. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history.

[ ] B. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in the local, state or national History.

[ ] C. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history.

[ ] D. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

[ ] E. It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder or architect who has made a substantial contribution to the art.

[ ] F. It has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

[ ] G. Because of its prominence of spatial location, contrasts of siting, age or scale, it is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood or identity of such neighborhood or the city.

[ ] H. It is a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the only surviving structure significantly associated with an historic person or event;

[ ] I. It is a birthplace or grave of an historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person;

[ ] J. It is a cemetery which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events or cultural patterns;

[ ] K. It is a reconstructed building that has been executed in a historically accurate manner on the original site;

[ ] L. It is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories;

[ ] M. It is on the State or National Register.
List areas of significance (see instructions for assistance)

Other

Significant Dates:

1900

Cultural Affiliation: Swedish

Architect/Builder: None

Person(s) of Significance in Local, State or National history:

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above:

Johannes (St. John’s) Swedish Lutheran Church was founded in Bothell in 1893 and a church building was completed two years later on the northwest corner of NE 183rd and 103rd NE. Charles Erickson, charter member of the church, donated one acre from his homestead for a cemetery along what would become the south side of NE 191st Street in 1900. The Swedish Cemetery is significant because it contains the graves of important Bothell pioneers who came to Bothell prior to 1885. The first burial was that of Johannes Johnson in 1901. Subsequently, Alfred Pearson and Eric Jacobson, other charter members of St. John’s Church, gave permission for transients to be buried in the cemetery; their graves were usually unmarked. The Swedish Lutheran Church disbanded in 1927. Title to the cemetery went to Bethany Lutheran Church and then to the Augustana Lutheran Retirement Home, now called the Columbia Lutheran Home, in Seattle. As of 1982, the cemetery was owned by the City of Bothell. Known graves with confirmed name associations include:

1. Johannes Johnson
2. Andrew O. Beckstrom
3. Albert Beckstrom
4. Annie Beckstrom
5. Elvira Beckstrom
6. Charlie Beckstrom
7. Beckstrom child
8. Anna Christian Peterson
9. Peterson child
10. Peterson child
11. Peterson child
12. Mrs. Blumberg
13. Blumberg child
14. Blumberg child
15. Andrew Johnson
16. Maria Johnson
17. Johnson child
18. Johnson child
19. Mary Axberg
20. August Axberg
21. Lilly Axberg
22. Carl Thorsk
23. Inga Thorsk
24. Gust Johnson
25. Analisa Johnson
26. Johnson child
27. Johnson child
28. Eric Jacobson
29. Julia Jacobson
30. Clifton Jacobson
31. Daughter Jacobson
32. Peter Cordt
33. Charles Erickson
34. Matilda Erickson
35. Victor Johnson
36. Hilda Johnson
37. Johnson child
38. Johnson child
39. Andrew Peterson
Based upon recent archaeological evidence, Bothell’s Swedish Cemetery is part of a historic context containing other King County cemeteries that have experienced a period of abandonment. These include: Rivensdale, Selleck, Mess, Comet Lodge, Paradise Valley, Cherry Valley and Franklin.

5. Major Bibliographical References


Bothell City Council Minutes, June 7, 1982.


Metz, Gladys. King County Historic Sites Survey interview with daughter of Eric Jacobson and great niece of Charles Erickson. October 6, 1977, Bothell, WA


Previous documentation on file (NPS):
- Preliminary determination of individual listing has been requested (36 CFR 67)
- Previously listed in the Bothell Register
- Previously determined eligible for the Bothell Register
- Recorded in Bothell Inventory of Historic Resources
- Previously designated a National or State Historic Landmark (check and circle one)

Primary location of additional data:
- State Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
- Other State Agency (Name:)
- Federal Agency (Name:)
- Local Government Agency (Name: City of Bothell, WA)
- University (Name:)
- Other (Name:)

6. Geographical Data
  Acreage 1
  UTM References:
  A _10_ zone _559080_ Easting _5290400_ Northing

Verbal Boundary Description
That portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 6, Township 26 North, Range 5 East, W.M., in King County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said subdivision and running thence west along the south line thereof, 130 feet; thence north 233 feet, more or less, to the southerly margin of County road; thence south 74 degrees, 66 feet, 00 inches east along said southerly margin, to the east line of said subdivision at a point 197 feet, more or less, north of the point of beginning; thence south along said east line, 197 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification
All known graves at Bothell’s Swedish Cemetery are contained within the verbal boundary description above.

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Photographs:

Bothell Swedish Cemetery, Facing north

Bothell Swedish Cemetery, Facing south
Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Johannes Church, c 1910, formerly on the northwest corner of NE 183rd and 103rd NE, Bothell

City of Bothell landmark nomination form reviewed by:

Bill Wiselogle, Director
City of Bothell Community Development Department

Date: 6/15/10