

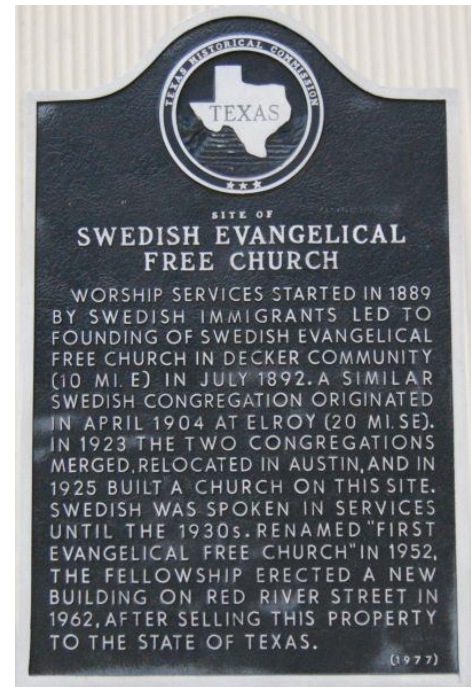
**Elroy Swedish Evangelical Free Church
Decker Swedish Evangelical Free Church
Years of Service: 1905 - 1907
Location: Elroy, Texas and Decker, Texas**

Rev. Alfred Stone accepted the call to be pastor at the Elroy Evangelical Free Church in 1905. At the same time he served Decker, Texas until April 29, 1907.



Alfred Stone

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Inscription: Worship services started in 1889 by Swedish immigrants led to founding of Swedish Evangelical Free Church in Decker community (10 mi. E) in July 1892. A similar Swedish congregation originated in April 1904 at Elroy (20 mi. SE). In 1923 the two congregations merged, relocated in Austin, and in 1925 built a church on this site. Swedish was spoken in services until the 1930s. Renamed "First Evangelical Free Church" in 1952, the fellowship erected a new building on Red River Street in 1962, after selling this property to the State of Texas.

*Source: Site of SWEDISH EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
<http://www.historicmarkers.com/tx/73730-site-of-swedish-evangelical-free-church>*