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Linden School - Dist. #21

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State: Nebraska  
County: Nemaha

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): 2 mi. n. and 4 mi. w. of Auburn, Nebr.

Is this the original location? Yes

Name of building & origin of name: Linden

Name & number of the district: Linden School, Dist. 21

Date built: 1871  
Years in use: 110

Who built it? A contractor or the community? Community

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? Community


Names of former students (family names only): Adamson, Palmer, Vick, Johnson, Day, Edwards, Rice, Elmore, Maltby, Erisman

Name & address of person in charge of building: The present Secretary of the Linden school board is Mr. Kenneth Harms, R.R. 1, Auburn, Nebraska 68305

Who is the owner? Linden school district.
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Architectural Features:
Size of building: 35' x 27'
Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 9 - 8 panes
    one (2 panes) in porch and also bathroom
Number of doors (entrances): 2
Number of classrooms: 1
Bell tower or cupola: No
Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): Wood with stone foundation
Type of roof: Asphalt shingles
Outhouses: one
Playground Equipment: Swings
Color of building & trim: Tan with white trim
Coal shed or stable: No
Teacherage: No
Flagpole: Yes

Other architectural features: Enclosed porch and a bathroom
Anything left inside? Completely furnished for school.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?

Current condition & use: Used for school for ten pupils this year.
District records available: Yes _ no _ where stored _
Black & white photo taken: Yes _ no _
Old photos available: Yes _ no _
Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

Name & address of surveyor _ date _
Ms. Maxine Chatelain  
R. F. D. 1  
Auburn, Nebr. 68305

Dear Ms. Chatelain:

I am writing to ask for your help on a project I am involved in. It is one called, "The Country Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier," sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. In this project we are trying to save some of the history of the rural school movement, partly through the form I would like you to fill out for me.

After we research and photograph school buildings, we will be having library presentations beginning next summer, June 1981.

Mr. Chris Simon has photographed your school building in the finest of black and white pictures.

I will appreciate your help. Please do not go to any great amount of trouble in responding to questions you are not certain of.

Sincerely,

Ernest Grundy  
Professor of English