

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Alango School

and/or common Alango School

2. Location

N of Buhl on SR 25 and SR 22

street & number County Highways 25 and 22 ___ not for publication

city, town Buhl, Minn. Alango Township vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Independent School District No. 710

street & number 731 3rd Street South

city, town Virginia ___ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registrar of Deeds - St. Louis County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Duluth state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Constructed in 1927, the Alango School is a two story frame structure which occupies a wooded site. The building is sheathed in a combination of brick and stucco, the brick forming a skirting below the first story windows and extending the perimeter of the building. The upper levels are stucco. The entire building is crowned by a low hipped roof which is articulated by twin louvered cupolas and a central chimney.

The school is essentially rectangular in plan with a gymnasium/auditorium wing at the northern end. (This section was added between 1935 and 1937.) The main section of the building is symmetrical in facade arrangement. The central bay comprises an entrance portico over a segmentally-arched double-door. The center is articulated as two stories flanked by high, one-story classrooms.

The first floor is comprised primarily of classrooms. Several of these rooms were constructed in such a fashion as to allow partitions to be folded back to provide a large, multipurpose space for meetings or other gatherings. The second floor was designated as a "teacherage" where faculty lived during the school year. The teacherage provided a cooking and dining area and was heated by an auxiliary wood stove. Space was provided for six faculty members.

To the rear of the main school building is a small, one-story frame structure which served as the residence for the principal and his family. It has a low hipped roof and a shallow front portico. It is sheathed in wood clapboards rather than the brick and stucco used on the school.

The Alango School continues to serve as an educational facility and is well maintained.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1927 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Alango School is significant as a well-preserved example of rural schools in northern Minnesota. Believed to be the largest rural school to have been constructed in St. Louis County, the building survives as a reminder of the effort among early pioneers to consolidate smaller area schools into a large facility which would permit the teaching of grades 1-12. The school was constructed in 1927 when the area was still in its period of initial settlement and homesteading. The area had neither good roads nor public utilities at the time. As a result the school's generating plant for electric light, its wood-coal furnace, and its indoor plumbing made it, in the words of the school's fiftieth anniversary committee, "the showplace of the community." Although other St. Louis County schools had teacherages, no others of equal size are known still to exist. The existence of the teacherage is also evidence of the remoteness of the school during the first decades of its existence. The school has continually operated since its construction, with the exception during the 1930s and 1940s of "Mud Week," that period during early spring when local roads were impassable. Although discussion about the future of the school is taking place, the sentiment of local residents is in favor of preservation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

50 Year Alango All School Reunion (Pamphlet)

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 10 acres

Quadrangle name Linden Grove Quad.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

A 1 5 5 1 5 5 4 0 5 2 9 0 9 6 0
Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

E Zone Easting Northing

F Zone Easting Northing

G Zone Easting Northing

H Zone Easting Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification Beginning at the point of intersection of CSAH 22 & 25, thence southerly along CSAH 25 a distance of 800 feet, thence due easterly a distance of 500 feet, thence due northerly a distance of 800 feet, thence due westerly along CSAH 22 a distance of 500 feet to the point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles W. Skrief

organization Minnesota Historical Society date 10 March 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9070

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *Russell W. Fridley*

Russell W. Fridley date 6/8/80

title State Historic Preservation Officer

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

W. Ray Juice date 7/17/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Kristin O'Connell* date 7/17/80

Official Registration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
11/19/89

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Note: These changes apply to
Alango School in St. Louis County,
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80004338

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: St. Louis

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Cook

ADDRESS: Co. Hwys. 25 and 22

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal
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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988
Date