

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Linden Barn

COUNTY: Isanti 80007075

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Isanti Township

LEGAL DESC.: Begin at a point 500 ft. west and 250 ft. south of the NE corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14, T35R23. Commence south 250 ft., thence west 300 ft., thence north 250 ft., thence east 300 ft. to point of beginning.

ADDRESS: County Road 19, one mile east of Bodum

CLASSIFICATION:

Building X
Structure _____
Object _____
District _____

CONDITION:

Excellent _____
Good X
Fair _____
Deteriorated _____

SIGNIFICANCE:

Local X
State _____
National _____

THEME/S:

Primary Agriculture
Secondary Settlement
Others _____

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No X Restricted ___
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No ___
OCCUPIED: Yes X No ___

PRESENT USE:

Barn

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1914

ORIGINAL USE: Barn

ORIGINAL OWNER: Olof Linden

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John, Victor, & Alec Wicklund

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Allen & Edward Linden
Route 2
Isanti, MN 55040

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

1.72

LOCAL CONTACT/CRG.: Isanti County Historical Society,
Box 525, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008

UTM REFERENCE:

Cambridge Quad.

FORM PREPARED BY: Britta Bloomberg

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DATE: December 1979

DESCRIPTION:

The Linden Barn is located a mile east of the crossroads community of Bodum just off a sharp curve in County Road 19. The large round structure stands as a landmark in the surrounding agricultural region.

The barn was constructed in 1914 of 10-inch concrete blocks with four-inch tile facing on the inside. The eighteen foot high walls are capped with a conical variation of a gambrel roof. Ground level fenestration consists of six doorways and small square windows evenly spaced around the barn. Smaller square windows spaced at wider intervals are located on the second floor beneath the roofline. The raised-seam metal roof terminates in a cupola.

The lower floor includes a hay loading area, six horse stalls, a harness room, a large cattle area with twenty stanchions, a calf pen with six stanchions, and a cream separator room. A stairway in the northeast corner of the hay loading section leads to a massive hay storage area.

Adjacent to the barn is a redwood silo capped by a gambrel-type hexagonal roof. Several additional outbuildings located in close proximity to the barn and silo are also included within the boundaries.

The barn is no longer being used to house animals but remains in stable condition. A neighboring farmer stores hay in the second floor.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Linden Barn is significant as a vital link with the two dominant themes in Isanti County's history -- agriculture and Swedish settlement. Its distinctive round design makes it a locally noted landmark as well. Olof Linden emigrated from Sweden and settled and began farming this property in 1874. By the early twentieth century his farm operations were outgrowing the previous facilities, and he contracted local carpenters John, Victor, and Alec Wicklund to construct the large round barn in 1914. The pattern of replacing earlier farm structures was a common one in the county as agricultural production reached new levels, and a notable portion of the county's agricultural building stock dates to this period. The Linden Barn was constructed to house one of the areas developing dairying operations, which have continued as an important aspect of area agriculture to the present. The specific source of the round design of the Linden Barn is undocumented, but the plan was commonly used for dairy operations. Agriculture and related industries have played crucial roles in the history of Isanti County. As a highly visible landmark linked to an important aspect of area agriculture and to the Swedish immigrant who settled and farmed the region, the Linden Barn is significant.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Note: These changes apply to
Linden Barn in Isanti County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002075

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Isanti

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Isanti

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 19

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date