

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Drammen Farmers' Club

COUNTY: Lincoln

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Drammen Lake Benton, MN

LEGAL DESC.: See continuation sheet

ADDRESS: on County Highway 13
at the intersection of
County Road 101,
Drammen Township.

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary Social/Humanitarian
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary _____
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No _____ Restricted X PRESENT USE: farmers' club & township hall

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____

OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1921 ORIGINAL USE: farmers' club & township hall

ORIGINAL OWNER: Drammen Township ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~/BUILDER: Alfred Andersen

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Drammen Township c/o Joel Koster, Clerk of Drammen Township, Lake Benton, MN 56149	ACREAGE: Less than one acre 1 acre
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Mrs. John Carstens, Secretary; Drammen Farmers' Club; Lake Benton, Minnesota 56149	UTM REFERENCE: Lake Benton SW 7.5 14 / 708700 / 4911380
FORM PREPARED BY: Susan Roth	
DATE: May, 1980	

DESCRIPTION:

The Drammen Farmers' Club is located on a grassy lot, bounded on two sides by County Road 101 and County Highway 13, in section 15 of Drammen Township. The Club, built in 1921, is a frame building on a poured concrete foundation. The one story building is of rectangular plan with a gable roof, wide eaves and exposed rafter tails. The building is sheathed in clapboard siding and has simple one over one double hung windows. The south and east entries have a lower vestibule with a similar pitched roof. The club's meeting area in the interior is an open room with a raised stage on the north end.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Drammen Farmers' Club is significant as a social and educational association which has provided a community focus for the people of rural Lincoln County since its formation. On April 15, 1920, several local farm families organized the Drammen Farmers' Club. The goal of the association, as written in the Secretary's Record Book, was to "Improve its members, their farms and their community." At first, members met in a local school or home, but growing membership required that a hall be built. The new hall, built by Alfred Andersen at a cost of \$4,472.36, was completed in September, 1921. Since that time the organization has sponsored educational and social events for its members and for Lincoln County residents, and has rented the building to all who wish to hold meetings. Although the hall is owned by Drammen Township and is used as a township hall, the farmers club, which has a 99 year lease on the building, has no political or religious affiliations. Unlike other organizations whose primary focus is religious, political, or educational, the Drammen Farmers' Club stands apart as a rural organization predicated to providing a social context and sense of community among rural residents in a sparsely settled agricultural county.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Commencing at a point ten rods east of the legal corner at the southwest corner of section no. fifteen (15), in township no. one hundred ten (110), north, of range no. forty-six (46), west of the fifth principal meridian which point of beginning is on the section line between sections fifteen (15) and twenty-two (22) in said township; thence east ten (10) rods; along the south line of said section fifteen (15); thence north sixteen (16) rods; thence west ten (10) rods; thence south sixteen (16) rods to the point of beginning.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman
11/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Drammen Farmers' Club in Lincoln
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80004539

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Lincoln

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Lake Benton

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 13

CERTIFICATION DATE: 12/12/80

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Please double check date of property's listing
on the Register.

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date