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Name: Pullen Corner School,

Location: ~~At the corner of~~ Angell Road and Whipple Road, Lincoln

Classification: Building; Private; Unoccupied; Accessible--restricted;
Other--storage

Owner: Mrs. Laura Angell
18 Lantern Road
Lincoln, RI

Condition: Good; Altered; Original site

Description:

The Pullen Corner School is a small, one-story, gable-roofed, one-room schoolhouse. The clapboard building is set on a granite block foundation and is but one bay wide and two bays long, its outlines marked by wide corner and sill boards. The single entrance is at the center of the southern gable end, the four-panel door set under a small molded cap and transom.

The interior has only a single partition separating the classroom from a narrow stair to the attic in the southeast corner. The upper walls and ceiling of the interior are finished in plain plaster; a wainscot of horizontal boards covers the lower walls. The classroom once had blackboards hung on all four walls above the horizontal boarding, but these have been removed. A narrow chimney on the north wall, built to accommodate a wood stove, has also been removed. The Pullen Corner School is now used for storage, but it is well maintained and cared for.

Two of the school's outbuildings remain set just at the edge of the woods; on the east side are a small woodshed and a privy. Both are gable-roofed and sheathed in heavy vertical boards (apparently never painted). Though not so closely maintained as the school itself, they are well preserved.

Period: 1800-1899

Areas of Significance: Architecture, Education

Specific Date: c. 1840

Builder/Architect: Unknown

Significance:

The Pullen Corner School is both architecturally and historically significant: it is one of Lincoln's earliest schoolhouses and is by far the best preserved, with only a few changes made over its long life. Operating as a school until the early twentieth century, the school reflects the growth and variety in form of public education in Lincoln.

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Unlike the larger schools located in the mill villages (and often at least partially supported by the mill owners), the Pullen Corner School served a rural community in western Lincoln, its students drawn from the scattered farms of that area.

Acreage: Less than one acre

UTM Reference: 19 295240 4640920

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the Pullen Corner School is the line of Lincoln Assessor's Plat 44, lot 27; the lot encompasses the school, its out-buildings, and their immediate surroundings.

Level of Significance: Local

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