

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: IOWA
COUNTY: ALLAMAKEE
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE DEC 18 1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stone Building Elementary School

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lansing Stone School *Waukon*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Southwest corner Center and Fifth

CITY OR TOWN:
Lansing

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

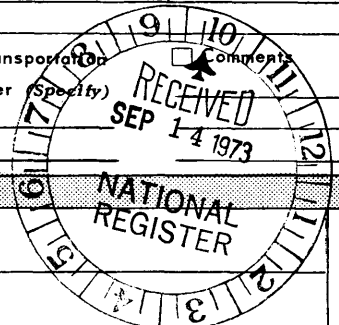
STATE: **Iowa** CODE: **14** COUNTY: **Allamakee** CODE: **005**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Eastern Allamakee Community School District

STREET AND NUMBER:
Keel High Building, Center Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lansing

STATE:
Iowa

CODE:
14

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Allamakee County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Waukon

STATE:
Iowa

CODE:
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Lansing Arterial Street Map

DATE OF SURVEY: **1962** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Lansing City Clerk's Office, c/o Thompson & O'Malley Insurance Co.

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lansing

STATE:
Iowa

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story stone school building is constructed of locally quarried native limestone, oak, and white pine. There is a bell cupola on the center front roof with flagpole.

Three large (98" high) doors admit you to the interior, and two stairways take you to the second floor. Large windows permit light to enter through the 2' walls. The 8 spacious classrooms have 12' ceilings downstairs and 14' upstairs with floor space ranging from size 24' x 27 1/2' to 25 1/2' x 36'. They currently serve approximately 307 students.

Although the original squarish construction took place in 1864, two-story north and south wings were added in 1867, steam heating replaced wood-burning stoves in 1890, and some floors were rebuilt in 1894. The heating plant building houses the separate bathrooms, and a downstairs classroom was modified for another one more recently. There are wooden fire escape stairs mounted on the exterior south and east walls, and an interior fire sprinkler system has been installed.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1864**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone schoolhouse elementary school is one of the oldest schoolhouses in continuous use in the state of Iowa and the midwest, west of the Mississippi. It was originally constructed for school purposes, and has been used for that purpose for over 108 years. In September, 1973, it will be abandoned and destroyed unless recognition and help is received to preserve it. Located three blocks from the Mississippi River, it was built at a time when the upper midwest was served by river transportation and river towns seemed destined for unlimited growth. The fact that growth did not materialize in Lansing reflects its use for such a long period of time.

Because of its location on the Great River Road, near the river in a small town, it is accessible for use by local land and water travelers.

It is in a good state of repair with little need for restoration. It could be used for a historical and natural science museum, the latter we do not have in northeast Iowa, and it would serve public and educational needs.

With our area possessing unusual historic, geological, environmental assets, and beautiful scenery, a building reflecting these attributes would be a source of local pride and public use.

Attempts to preserve the methods used to quarry and construct such buildings from natural stone, lime, and wood could be illustrated in a diorama, as some aged local citizens still possess that knowledge. There are other examples of this construction method in the waterfront warehouses, original county courthouse, business places, etc., which could augment an architectural tour.

There are still enough antiques available and school records, pictures, desks, etc., that a large portion of the building could contain a significant educational museum.

With Effigy Mounds National Monument to the south and Fish Farm Mounds to the north recording some of the early history of Indian life in the area, it is desirable that some kind of museum house a record of the pioneer life of the white man in this area. No building or site could be better than the Old Stone Schoolhouse.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Master Thesis
 Wisconsin State University at LaCrosse, Wisconsin
 by Lawrence Andrew Hammel
 January 1969
 "A Brief History of the Main Building of the Independent School District
 No. 1 of Lansing, Iowa 1864-1916"

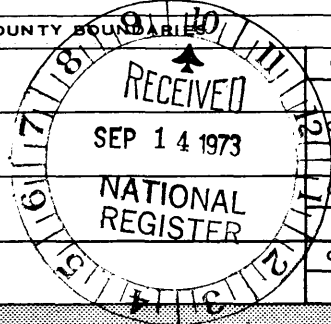
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	43°	21'	39"
NE	° ' "	° ' "	91°	13'	54"
SE	° ' "	° ' "			14"
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **One-half acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Sara K. Smerud, Social Worker

ORGANIZATION: Eastern Allamakee Community School District DATE: May 3, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
Kee High Building, Center Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lansing STATE: Iowa 52151 CODE: 14

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Edwin A. Johnson

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 16 August, 1973

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

Ernest A. Connelly
 Associate Director, Professional Services
 Date: DEC 18 1973

ATTEST: John M. [Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date: 12-13-73