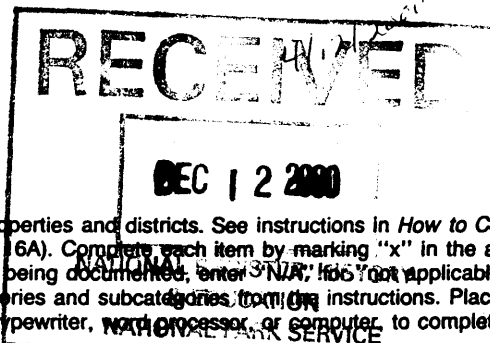


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 6A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A; not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Logan Center School #5

other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number Intersection 420th Street and 310th Avenue (N14)  not for publication  
N/A

city or town Dickens  vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Clay code 041 zip code 51333

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] DSTW 12-6-00  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

[Signature] Edson H. Beall 1-16-01  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing |            |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 2            |                 | buildings  |
|              |                 | sites      |
| 1            |                 | structures |
|              |                 | objects    |
| 3            |                 | Total      |

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Education - School
- Government - Town Hall
- Social - Meeting Hall
- Religious - Religious Facility

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Government - Town Hall

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- No Style

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation Concrete
- walls Wood/weatherboard
- roof Wood/shingles
- other Brick

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Education

Architecture

Social History

**Period of Significance**

1895 - ca. 1941

**Significant Dates**

1895

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreege of Property** One acre

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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| 3 |      |         |          |
|   | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| 4 |      |         |          |

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Robert Neymeyer

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date 3/01/00

street & number 801 4th Avenue telephone 319-346-2048

city or town Parkersburg state IA zip code 50665

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Logan Township Trustees % Helen Swanson, Clerk

street & number 4375 330th Avenue telephone 515-835-2842

city or town Ayrshire state IA zip code 50515

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Logan Center School  
Clay County, Iowa

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## **Narrative Description**

Logan Center School #5 is located on one acre of land in Logan Township, Clay County. It exemplified one of the schools built to provide accessible public education in the era before automobiles. The land was purchased from F. M. Barnard in 1894 for \$20. The school was built in the following year.

The school is a traditional country school with a gable roof, a bank of three windows (shuttered for protection) on the east and west side, a brick chimney at the north end and a concrete stoop with two steps. The roof has cedar shingles and clapboard siding painted white. There is a small entryway use for coats, lunch buckets and a water pail. A single door joins the entryway with the open classroom. During the past 5 years the plaster and the lath walls with wallpaper were covered with paneling. The wainscoting remains. A drywall ceiling has been added. The windows are 4 over 4 double hung. The floor is made of pine boards. The cement foundation and the cement stoop were added reportedly in the 1920's.

There are a few furnishings in the building. These include a teacher's desk, a few student desks, a small cupboard for books and materials and coal burning stove. The building continues to be used as a polling place with a voting machine stored at the back of the room.

There are two outbuildings. A woodshed stands to the east of the school. It was used for fuel and storage. A single privy is at the back of the property. Both appear to be original to the site.

## **Statement of Significance**

The school is locally significant under Criteria A in Education and Social History and Criteria C for Architecture as a good example of the country school type with its simple rectangular wood frame, one-story, single entry, gable roof design. The exterior of the structure remains unchanged but some remodeling (paneling) has altered the interior.

The school's location in the center of Logan Township made it a meeting place for other rural schools for spelling bees, athletic competitions and educational programs. It was also used for community meetings since there was no town within the township. Church services, Sunday School and Bible School were held in the building and the regular township meetings. The school was also a polling place. One woman in her 90's had voted in elections there since 1920. Private music lessons were held in the building since it had a pump organ. For many years the attendance averaged 25-30 students. But during the 1930's the numbers declined while the cost of school remained changed. As a result, the school closed when the area was incorporated into Gillett Grove Consolidated School in 1941. The township then bought the building and grounds so it could continue to be used as a polling place for the township.

The school is typical of the American vernacular tradition. It is similar to other country schools. Located on the slope of a hill, it can be seen for miles. Plain and unadorned, it has served the common people of this truly rural community for over a century.

## **Bibliography**

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The school is located at the NE corner of the intersection of 310<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 430<sup>th</sup> Street, Section 15, Logan Township, Clay County. SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 95, Range 35 West.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the parcel of land historically associated with the school, and includes two outbuildings historically associated with the school.

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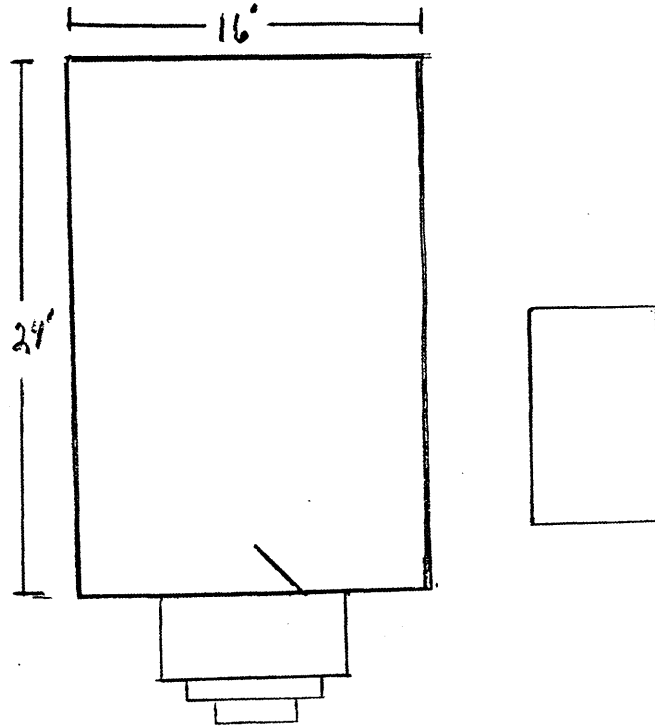
Logan Center School #5, Clay County, Iowa

County Road N14 (310th Avenue)



Logan Center School #5  
Clay County, Iowa

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1/2" = 4'

430th Street

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Logan Center School #5, Clay County, Iowa  
Silver Lake Quadrangle  
7.5 Minute Series 1972

