

HISTORIC NAME: "Fridhem"

COUNTY: Chisago 0002.001

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Lindstrom

LEGAL DESC.: lot 2, block 12, Original town

ADDRESS: Newell Avenue, west of Linden

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes ___ No <u>X</u> Restricted ___	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___	Residence
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___	

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca.1898	ORIGINAL USE: Summer home
ORIGINAL OWNER: Benjamin B. Fullerton	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Helen Fosdick Lindstrom, Minnesota 55045	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Chisago County Historical Society Taylors Falls Chapter, Taylors Falls, MN	UTM REFERENCE: Lindstrom Quad. 15 / 511715 / 5025875
FORM PREPARED BY: Britta Bloomberg	
DATE: December 1979	

DESCRIPTION:

"FRIDHEM" is located on Newell Avenue on the north shore of South Lindstrom Lake, in a residential neighborhood about two blocks southwest of Lindstrom's principal business district. The house is situated near the lake on a long narrow lot that extends from Newell Avenue to the lakeshore.

The frame structure was built about 1898 for use as a summer home. It is one and a half stories in height and features a gable roof that flares into the roof of a large wrap-around porch on the north, east, and west facades. The roof is broken by a central gabled dormer featuring polychrome decorative woodwork in green, yellow, and white and two central chimneys spaced evenly from the dormer. Two gable ends project from the north roof line of the porch and feature similar polychrome woodwork in a diamond shaped design. The large porch is supported by columns and has turned balusters. The symmetry of the front facade is completed by a central door framed by sidelights. The lakeside facade features similar decorative elements and a screened porch.

Also located on the property are a boathouse deck on the lake and a recent garage to the north of the house. The garage and thick foliage of the large front lawn partially block the view of the house from Newell Avenue.

The house and grounds are in an excellent state of preservation.

SIGNIFICANCE:

"FRIDHEM" is significant both for its association with Chisago County's flourishing tourism and resort industry at the turn of the century and for its vernacular domestic design elements. Constructed for use as a summer home, the building is located in the heart of the Chisago Lakes region. After the institution of rail service in 1880, a thriving resort industry developed in the lakes area, and numerous resorts and summer homes were constructed to host a large clientele of tourists and summer vacationers. "FRIDHEM" or "Home of Peace" was so named while it was in the hands of its best remembered owner, Frank A. Larson, a Chicago publisher and owner of the Svenska Amerikarnen Tribunen of that city. The home is believed to have been constructed about 1898, but little is known about its occupants during the first decade of the century. The Larsons purchased the home in 1911 and spent most of their summers there until 1932. The house's polychromed wood detailing, large porch, low gabled roof, and spacious siting make it an unusually picturesque representative of the summer lake homes constructed in the county at the turn of the century. "FRIDHEM," like many other of the early seasonal homes of the area, is now used as a year around residence, but the lakes of the area continue to attract a substantial summer tourist business.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
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Note: These changes apply to
Fridhem in Chisago County,
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002001

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Chisago

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Larson, Frank A., House (Fridhem)

CITY: Lindstrom

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Property is located in city of Lindstrom, not Harris.

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date