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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pleasant Hill School

AND/OR COMMON

Little Red School House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Highway #65 - three (3) miles north of Lineville

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Lineville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fifth

STATE

Iowa

CODE

14

COUNTY

Wayne

CODE

185

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wayne County Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

East Jefferson Street

CITY, TOWN

Corydon

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wayne County Courthouse (County Recorder's Office)

STREET & NUMBER

Court Yard Square

CITY, TOWN

Corydon

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pleasant Hill School is a little red schoolhouse. Situated in what is now a park, it is a school museum building presenting what is believed to be a completely preserved 1880's schoolhouse.

A simple rectangle with an enclosed entryway, the building is three (3) bays long, approximately two (2) bays wide and is covered by a gable roof. Built with clapboard siding, it is distinguished at each corner of the main block by wood pilasters. These elements are complemented by the remotely classical window enframements adorning the 2/2 sash windows. The roof is of an asphalt composite material with decorative (diagonal-scallops) shingling and is pierced at its center by a round-capped brick chimney. Apparently at one time there was a stove pipe chimney, also along the ridge line. The pitch of the main gable roof is repeated but at a lower height by the entry way which is nonetheless a full two (2) bays wide. The actual doorway is to one side and each of its sides has a small 2/2 windows.

The interior of the school remains intact with authentic if not original furnishings. Floors and walls are wood.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br>Museum |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |   |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The historical significance of this building rests in its being one of a fast declining number of single room schoolhouses that remain to remind us of the simple mode of mass education that prevailed in Iowa's hinterland for three-quarters of a century following statehood. Prior to the improvement in road and transportation facilities, the "Little Red Schoolhouse" provided a majority of the people with whatever education they received. Preserving an education facility such as this not only adds depth to the county's character and sense of place, but provides a critical visible link to past institutional practices that helps its citizens to understand how their experiences fit into the patterns of history.

With the passing of "rate" schools (in which the teacher was paid a "rate" by the patron) that existed during and prior to the early statehood, a system of independent township public schools emerged. The system, reflected in the Little Red School House, lasted until after the turn of the century when a school "consolidation" movement was launched in Iowa. This process of school "reorganization" has subsequently brought 12,611 rural schools down to a few hundred school districts with school buildings located in the larger incorporated towns.

The Little Red School House, located three (3) miles north of Lineville on Highway #65, was built in 1881 on land purchased in 1873 and was used for school purposes until 1958. At that time the Grand River Independent School District deeded the school to the Wayne County Historical Society, which maintains it as it was when in actual use. The school yard is being maintained as a roadside park.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deed of ownership, Number 84, page 494, June 27, 1958, Wayne County Courthouse.

Sage, Leland L., A History of Iowa (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1974), pages 330-331.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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A	15	45 <sup>80</sup> 7900	44	96	90	0	B				
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Miss Amy Robertson, President

March 27, 1975

ORGANIZATION

Wayne County Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

East Jefferson

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Corydon

STATE

Iowa

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*John D. Anderson*

TITLE Dir., Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE 5/2/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5/28/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE MAY 14 1975

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER