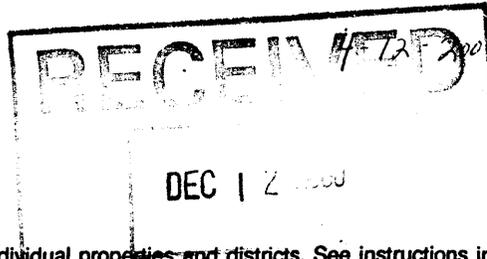


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



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 15A). 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" for "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 Mann School #2
other names/site number Sioux Township #2

2. Location

street & number 3 1/2 miles northwest of Preparation Canyon State Park entrance on Oak Avenue N/A not for publication
city or town Moorhead vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Monona code 133 zip code 51558

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.)
Patricia Anderson DSAP 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): _____

Edson R. Beall 1-16-01
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

Mann School #2
Name of Property

Monona County Iowa
County and State

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	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		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

Social - Meeting Hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in use

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

Period of Significance

1884 - 1945

Significant Dates

1884

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

Acreage of Property Approximately 1/3 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 15 255140 4646000
Zone Easting Northing
2

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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 Helen Hanson

street & number 29543 Larpenteur Memorial Road telephone 712-886-5323

city or town Little Sioux state IA zip code 51545

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Monona County, Iowa

Narrative Description

The Mann School #2 is located three and 1/2 miles northwest of Preparation Canyon State Park, west of the town of Moorhead. The area is geologically part of the Loess Hills. Erosion created long, winding narrow valleys or hollows that end in the Little Sioux River Valley. The school is located in a hollow near a creek that flows to the Little Sioux.

The original 1884 building is the standard rectangular structure. In the 1920's an addition was added to the east end to provide a cloakroom and internal stairway to the basement where a furnace was placed. For a time the basement was also used as an additional classroom. The foundation has a base of heavy clay over which cement blocks have been laid. The school has a traditional gable roof with a bank of 4 windows on the north and south sides of the building. There is weatherboard siding. The windows are 4 over 4 double hung evenly spaced on the original building with one window on the extension. The roof has weathered cedar shingles.

The interior has only a few educational furnishings. There is a slate blackboard at the west end and a few student desks. There is a cupboard for storage in the southeast corner. The building has been used for small farm equipment storage in recent years. The walls and ceiling are plaster and lath and there is wainscoting on the walls. There is a single door that leads into the cloakroom and an internal stairway to the basement and also an outside entrance.

The site originally was approximately one acre. However, after the school was closed in 1945, farmland encroached on the grounds so presently there is about 1/3-acre remaining.

Statement of Significance

The Mann School is locally significant under Criterion A in Education and Social History as a reminder of early educational practice and community involvement, and Criteria C Architecture as a good intact representative example of country school design with its rectangular form, simple exterior, window alignment and single classroom and the gabled roof. The exterior of the building remains today as it was when it was closed in 1945 with the exception of some damage on the southeast corner and on the roof. The interior has not been altered substantially but there is no equipment or educational material remaining in the building.

Unlike schools on the prairie that were located at the center of the four sections, schools in the Loess hills area were near the center of clusters of families. Historically the region was home to small farms that had a few dairy cows, raised some livestock and grew corn for sale and corn, oats and alfalfa for feed. It was said it took 20 acres to raise a single cow in the Loess Hills. The Richard Mann family was the first to move to the area in 1867, living first in a cave before establishing a homestead. In the years that followed, Danes primarily settled the area. Earlier, the nearby town of Preparation had been settled by Mormons and the first school in the region, a subscription or fee school, was formed in 1854. Public education followed the settlement of the hill area after 1870 and the Mann School was formed in 1884. It served the community until 1945 when it closed after the teacher unexpectedly left. By this time the class roll was under the minimum ten students. The district sent the students to a neighboring rural school for the balance of the year and to Moorhead school thereafter. The school was formally closed in 1945.

The Danes, like all other immigrant groups, were anxious to provide their children with an education that would allow them to integrate themselves into American society. The establishment of a school in this

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relatively poor region is a testament to that fact. The area was not short on students, however. In the early 1900's fourteen families living in the valley sent children to the school and an average term would have over 20 students. The winter term meant having a male teacher whose primary concern was discipline rather than academics. The cost of operating this school a year was \$270 for salary, \$105 for supplies and repairs and miscellaneous expenses like \$2 to have the well cleaned. Sometimes additional expenses like the library law were resisted, not because of the intent, but the cost. The economic hard times of the 1930's reduced the number of families in the district and by 1945 there was a recognition that the school could not survive, regardless of its importance to the community. The school was used as a polling place for many years.

Parental support was evident in Mann School. They met at the beginning of the term to clean the building, "blacken" the potbelly stove and put linseed oil on the floor. They contributed blankets and clothes for the Christmas program in which every child had a "piece" or public presentation. And they sent their dimes to buy the teacher a gift. The mothers who made certain no one went hungry on the last day of classes catered the end of school picnic, held in nearby Fredrickson Canyon. During the summer, parents cooperated in keeping the grass and weeds cut on the grounds and often had potluck suppers on the grounds.

Although the location pattern was somewhat different from the rest of the state, Mann School exhibits characteristics similar to other country schools: the rectangular form, simple exterior, window alignment and single classroom and the gabled roof. It is distinctly recognizable as a school even in its present condition.

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History of Monona County, Iowa Evansville IN: Unigraphic, 1970 - Reprint 1890 edition

Loess Hills Historical Society of Monona County. *Monona County, Iowa. Monona County History*. Dallas: Taylor Publishing, 1982.

Mann, Paul. Historical packet on #2 Mann School

Monona County Courthouse records

Pickle, Ruth, Interview (2000), 34198 330th St., Moorhead, IA 51558,

Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary

The school is located on the west side of Oak Avenue, Section 10, Sioux Township in Monona County. SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 82, Range 44 West.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the surviving portion of the land historically associated with the school and the school itself.

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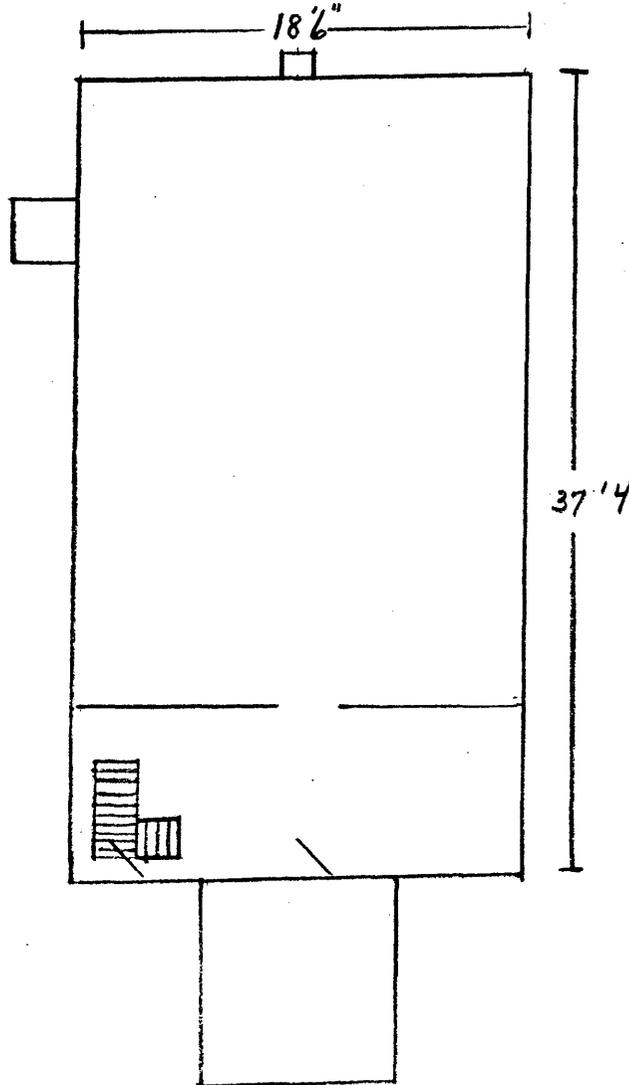
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1/2" = 4'

Oak Avenue

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Moorhead NW Quadrangle
7.5 Minute Series 1971

