

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

FINAL

**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 16A). 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 Lynd School
other names/site number Stamper's Creek Township School #2

2. Location

street & number 723 North Lynd Road, 6 of a mile north of intersection of SR 56 & N/A not for publication
city or town Lynd Road Orleans vicinity
state Indiana code IN county Orange code 117 zip code 47452

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 36CFR 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 of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State or 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 certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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:)

Lynd School
Name of Property

Orange IN
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
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

| Contributing | | Noncontributing | | |
|--------------|--|-----------------|--|------------|
| 1 | | 1 | | buildings |
| 0 | | 0 | | sites |
| 0 | | 0 | | structures |
| 0 | | 1 | | objects |
| 1 | | 2 | | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Indiana's Public Common & High Schools 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: School

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: Clubhouse

SOCIAL: Civic

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

19th & 20th c. AMER.

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls METAL

WOOD: Weatherboard

roof METAL

other BRICK

CONCRETE

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.

Narrative Statement of Significance

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

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

c.1900-1952

Significant Dates

1925

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

9. Major Bibliographic 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:

Lynd School
Name of Property

Orange IN
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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

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organization Lynd School Organization, Member; DHPA date 05-01-2002
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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 Max Jones, Stampers Creek Township Trustee
street & number 247 N. Lynd Rd. telephone _____
city or town Orleans state IN zip code 47452

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Lynd School
Orleans vicinity, Orange County, IN

Section 7 – Description

Lynd School is a modest gable-front schoolhouse sited on a half-acre parcel of rural land in Stampers Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana. The nearest sizable community is Orleans, some nine miles northwest of the school. Surrounding lands are agricultural or forested. Hoosier National Forest is several miles to the south. Although Orange County is known for its picturesque terrain, the immediate surroundings of the schoolhouse are relatively flat. There is one contributing building at the site (the schoolhouse). There are two non-contributing features: the circa-1955 concrete block privy located southwest of the schoolhouse and a circa-1953 well to the southeast of the school.

In 1871 the Lynd and Galloway families each donated a half an acre parcel to the Stampers Creek Trustees for the purpose of constructing a school. The school is located on a half an acre on the west side of Lynd Road and the former playground was on the land on the east side of Lynd Road. This eastern portion of the property has now reverted back to the family heirs and is not included in the National Register nomination.

Exterior Description

The schoolhouse building measures 24 feet wide and 36 feet long and rests on a concrete foundation. Aluminum siding now covers the original wood siding although the wood siding is visible on the west gable. The main façade faces east and contains the main entry door. Accessed by a flight of six concrete steps, the wood door consists of two recessed panels, the larger one on the top two-thirds of the door and the smaller one on the lower one-third. Inside this door is a four paneled screen door. Above the doorway is an old metal farm-style light fixture. The gable front is entirely devoid of any detail. The open eaves of the building are roughly one-foot deep.

The south façade of the schoolhouse has a four over four double-hung window on the east end that measures approximately four feet wide by six feet tall. The side of the circa-1970 addition is visible from this side of the building. It holds a small double-hung window and has a modern door accessible by a concrete ramp.

The west facade of the building consists of a circa-1970 kitchen/bathroom addition. There are two new double-hung windows centered on the wall. The addition is topped with a gabled roof of asphalt shingles. The gable of the original schoolhouse is visible over the roof of the addition. This is where a portion of the original wood siding is visible.

The north façade has a bank of six wooden double-hung windows that form a nearly continuous band of fenestration across this side of the schoolhouse. The windows are evenly placed, high on the wall. However, the window on the east end is set off to indicate the location of the interior wall that divided the cloakroom from the schoolroom. Each window measures roughly four by six feet. The windows are four-over-four. Some muntins are missing, resulting in larger panes

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and disruption of the original design. The north side of the circa-1970s addition is visible from this side of the building. It has a small modern window similar to the one on the south façade.

The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with corrugated sheet steel. A simple gabled square belfry sits on the east end, roughly centered over the entry door. The belfry is covered with aluminum siding and there are horizontal openings on each of the four sides. The original bell is inside the belfry and is still operable from the rope inside the entry. The roof of the belfry is covered with the same corrugated sheet steel as the roof of the schoolhouse. The corbeled brick chimney for the wood stove is visible at the west end of the schoolhouse.

Interior Description

The interior of the schoolhouse is very simple. There were originally two rooms with a wall separating the cloakroom from the schoolroom. This wall was removed circa-1925 to make a larger room to accommodate an increasing number of students. There are markings indicating the location of this north-south wall just west of the first windows on the north and south sides of the school. Floors consist of three-inch wide slats of ash lumber. There is a wainscot of horizontal painted boards on the lower fourth and plaster on the remaining three-fourths of the walls. A series of chalkboards with railing are hung directly above the wainscoting on the east and south walls. The trim around the windows and doorways is very simple and does not have any distinctive markings. A small closet and shelves were installed in the southwest corner of the schoolroom circa-1925 to house students' belongings.

The ceiling consists of lath and plaster and there are four single bulb metal shade light fixtures hang from the ceiling. Heat is still provided by the original pot-bellied stove. A curved metal jacket, a one-half cylinder about four feet high, surrounds the stove's rear area. This simple device served two purposes: to protect students from contact with the stove and to radiate heat away from the center of the school. New cast-iron legged school desks were acquired in 1936 and some of these are stacked in a corner of the school.

The two doorways on the west wall lead to the circa-1970 kitchen/bathroom addition. There are modern materials and appliances. It has dropped acoustical tile ceilings and florescent lighting fixtures.

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Section 8- Statement of Significance

Although the county has not been surveyed, the Lynd Schoolhouse in Orange County is a good example of an eligible property type (one-room schoolhouses) identified in the Multiple Property Documentation Form on Indiana's Public Common and High Schools. It meets the criteria established in that document that pertain to one-room schoolhouses. It is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, as an example of the evolution of Indiana's educational system through the one-room schoolhouse within Orange County.

The period of significance (c.1900-1952) was chosen because this range of time includes a major portion of the time that this particular school was in use.

Education in the Stampers Creek Township vicinity can be traced back to 1814 when George Vandever arrived from Kentucky and opened a small log school. While he did not remain in that particular building, he continued teaching in the area until 1829. Other teachers were hired and by 1831 the average school in Orange County taught fifteen pupils.

The short-term pioneer schools became popular enough that a more structured system was deemed necessary. The Congressional township system divided the county into nine districts and schools were distributed within these different areas. The first school constructed under this system was in Lick Creek in 1824. While somewhat slow to catch on, this system eventually became very successful with the residents of the county. The popularity of the township system and the lack of interest in tax-supported schools stifled the first four attempts to implement the free school system between 1848-1851. The free school system was put into place in 1852.

At that time the trustees examined the schoolhouses and found the existing schoolhouses in poor condition. A surge in new construction followed. Between 1855-56 five new schoolhouses were built under the free school system. These were frame construction and measured 20 feet wide by 24 feet long.

By 1869, the population of school-aged children had outgrown these one-room schoolhouses and yet another building campaign commenced. These new wood frame schoolhouses were constructed at a rate of one per year from 1869-1874 on land donated by local residents and measured 24 feet wide by 36 feet long.

The land that the Lynd Schoolhouse rests on had been allocated for educational use since 1871 when the Lynd and Galloway families deeded a total of one acre to the school trustee of Stampers Creek Township for a school. A school was first constructed in 1874 and grades 1-8 were taught there.

An additional building effort occurred near the turn-of-the-century. In the 28th Biennial Report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction (1908-09), there are two photographs of the District #4 school. One is of the old school and the other is of the new school. The new school looks strikingly similar to the Lynd School with the belfry, corbeled chimney, and window

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arrangement, complete with the slightly separate front window to indicate the presence of the cloakroom wall. Other one-room schoolhouses in Indiana from the 1900s seem to share the north light concept. Based on this and the extensive use of poured concrete, the Lynd School appears to date from this circa-1900 building campaign.

At its peak, Stammers Creek Township had six wood frame schoolhouses spread throughout the township at two-mile intervals. Today only two remain. The Mahan School has been converted into a residence and exhibits very little integrity thus making the Lynd School the sole remaining one-room schoolhouse in the township. The Lynd School was in service until the 1964 and was one of the last functioning one-room schools in the county to fall victim to consolidation.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The east boundary is a line parallel to and 53 feet away from the east wall of the school that runs 164 feet along Lynd Road. The north boundary is a line parallel to the north wall of the school that runs 135 feet west from Lynd Road. The west boundary is a line parallel to the east boundary and runs 164 feet. The south boundary is a line parallel to the south wall of the school that runs 135 feet west from Lynd Road.

Verbal Boundary Justification

This is a portion of the land that has been historically associated with the Lynd school and all previous schools on the site from 1874 to 2002.

LYND SCHOOL
Orange County, IN

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