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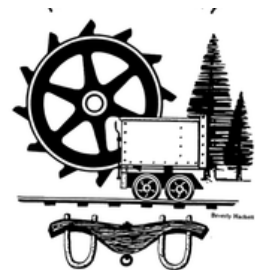
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Nevada County Board of Supervisors
950 Maidu Avenue
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Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At our January 17 meeting, the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the Indian Springs School, located at 17455 Indian Springs Road, Penn Valley, be approved. The applicant is Supervisor Sue Hoek, the property owner. The landmark is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 25-03, assuming the Grant School application is acted on first.. This is the latest step in the Commission's effort to obtain historical designation of the remaining 19th century schoolhouses that played such an important part in the history of Nevada County.

The Indian Springs school opened in 1856 as a private school operated by pioneer Henry Lewis Hatch who came to the area from Vermont in 1852. Mr. Hatch also built a nearby hotel, part of which was used as a boarding house for children that did not live nearby. The school continued to operate as a private school until 1868 when the Indian Springs School District was formed. Mr. Hatch sold the building and adjoining property to the School District which operated it as a public school until 1954, when it was declared unsafe for occupancy. The students were transferred to other schools.



In 1954, Lowell Robinson purchased the school at public auction and it was used as a community center, renamed the Indian Springs Community Hall. It has remained in the Robinson family.

The research and documentation which accompanies the application has been reviewed by several Commissioner for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.

If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,


Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

cc: Sup. Sue Hoek

