

Indian Dance Lodge
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Owners- Probably remnants of the Mandan, Gros Ventre, and other tribes who live in the Fort Berthold Agency.

Date of Erection- 1921

Architect- Not known

Builder- Members of the tribes mentioned above.

Number of Stories- One, with rectangular belvidere at peak of the thirteen sided roof.

Materials of Construction- Cottonwood logs for the low walls, but ordinary 2x4 construction for roof, with wood shingles for covering.

Present Condition- Dilapidated. Roof is sagging on west side, and window panes are broken in belvidere.

Other Existing Records- Mr. Herbert Smith, of the Smithsonian Institution, states that this is the only remaining Indian Dance Lodge in the country. It shows, according to Mr. Smith, that even by 1921 the Indians had largely forgotten the technique of building log structures which were numerous in the old Mandan villages.

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