1924

Prairie View - Dist. # 81

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier
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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska County Box Butte

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) 2 miles east, 3 miles south of Hemingford, NE

Is this the original location? No. Original building was across road.

Name of building & origin of name Prairie View. Although the area is now almost all tilled, it was probably pasture when the school was built and named.

Name & number of the district Prairie View, Dist. 81

Date built c. 1924 Years in use at least 35

Who built it? A contractor or the community? perhaps a contractor

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? Difficult to tell, although it may have come from a plan book.

Names of former teachers:
Miss Feidler, Veva Miller, Adrian Clark, Blanche Oliver, Gladys Caha

Names of former students (family names only):
Winslow, Cullan, Swanson, VonBargen, Roland, Ringer, Winters, Frost, Hail, Roth

Name & address of person in charge of building:
Harry Cullan, Hemingford, NE

Who is the owner? Harry Cullan
Architectural Features:

Size of building: approximately 30 x 30

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 12 windows with 24 small panes—all now covered over.

Number of doors (entrances): one

Number of classrooms: one

Bell tower or cupola: no

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): wood frame—now covered by stucco

Type of roof: wood shingles

Outbuildings: no

Playground Equipment: no

Color of building & trim: white

 Jail shed or stable: no

Teacherage: no

Flagpole: no

Other architectural features:

Two cloak rooms separated by a hall.

Anything left inside?: no.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?

This was a "Standard School" which meant it met high standards as a rural school.

This was the school that Sam Cullan, member of the Nebraska Legislature from the 49th district attended.

Current condition & use:

Good condition. Used for grain storage. (Sides have been reinforced to stabilize building.)

District records available: yes x no where stored Box Butte Co. Supt.

Black & white photo taken: yes x no (photo did not turn out well)

Old photos available: yes x no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?: no

Name & address of surveyor: Sandy Scofield, Chadron, NE date 11/8/80