1872

Gleason School - Dist. # 43

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State Nebraska County Burt

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) 2 1/2 miles north of Oakland

Is this the original location? Yes

Name of building & origin of name Gleason was the name of the family living across the road from the school.

Name & number of the district Gleason School District #43

Date built Original School Building started in 1872

Who built it? A contractor or the community? Treasurer’s books list building supplies such as lumber, windows, etc. in 1872.

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? The original building was apparently built in 1872-1874. Treasurer’s books list a bill paid in 1892 to break down the old school. When highway 77 was constructed in 1944, the building was moved to its present location.

Names of former teachers:

Mrs. Kenneth Carlson - Lyons, Neb. taught in 1930’s
Mrs. Leslie Nelson - Oakland, Neb.
Mrs. Martha Nee - Lyons, Neb.
Mrs. Elaine Keneally - Tekamah, Neb. - Present teacher

Names of former students (family names only):

Preston Gleason Norberg
不行 Shirley
Sue Carrison Holmes

Name & address of person in charge of building:

School Board members: Mr. Harlan Nelson, Oakland, Neb.
Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Ahrens, Oakland, Neb.

Who is the owner? School Dist. #43
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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 22 ft. x 36 ft.

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.)

8 - four pane in school room
3 - four pane in entrance hall

Number of doors (entrances): two

Number of classrooms: one

Bell tower or cupola: yes

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): wood

Type of roof:

Outhouses: none

Playground Equipment: merry-go-round, teeter

Color of building & trim: white

Coal shed or stable: none

Teacherage: none

Flagpole: yes

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? Still being used as a classroom.

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

Each year the families in the district have a potluck family dinner at the close of the school year. The school still has a program in Dec. with all the families in the district invited and a visit from Santa.

Current condition & use:

District records available: yes / no where stored: [illegible]

Treasure's Books date back to 1872
Black & white photo taken: yes / no

Old photos available: yes / no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

Name & address of surveyor: [illegible] date: