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According to reports in the office of the County Superintendent, the first record of school district #91 is in 1878. The director was Mr. E.D. Malloy whose postoffice address was Sand Creek. There were 17 pupils in attendance. The number of days taught was 120.

The first school census was filed by Mr. F. Ranslem in 1888 and showed 23 families in the district.

Families residing in the district at various times include Fred Hartford, Kent Hartford, Allard Hartford, Bernard Jessen, Harley Williams, Ray Hanson, Ted Blatny, Frank Blatny, Bernard Blatny, Ernest Blatny, Ed Virka, Charles Fencl, Rolland Zakoved, Henry Huscher, John Zakovec, Lloyd Konecky, Ron Konecky, LeRoy Dwyer, Max Cuda, Harvey Callahan, Floyd Williams, LeRoy Williams, James Williams Leroy Hajeck, Joe Sweet, Harry Jones, James Vech, Francis Vech, Leonard Vech, Anton Kubr, Joe Kubr, Will Pospisil, Roy Miller, Lowell Ranslem, Vern Virka, James Leigh, Victor Hartford, Gene Hartford,

The present brick building was contructed in 1938. The oldest living resident in the district in 1976 is Joe Sweet whose granddaughter, Theresa Erlenbush is a pupil in the school.

The school has sometimes been referred to as the Hartford school. Four generations of Hartfords have lived in and attended school in District #91.

Fred Hartford attended school here. His sons Allard and Victor, received their elementary grade instruction here, followed by Victor's four sons, Eugene, Robert, Kent and Keith. Eugene's son, Victor completed 8 grades here and at present Kent's daughter, Melissa is waiting to begin kindergarten next year.

The school had had varying numbers in school enrollment, ranging from 7 to possibly 40 students.

A tradition of the district through its entire history has been a Christmas program each year and a district patrons' picnic at the close of the year.

Section 35, Township 17, Range 6 Morse Bluff Precinct 4 miles West, 1/2 mile North of Cedar Bluffs

School Board -Olga Virka

> Eugene Hartford James Leigh

Teacher -

Janice Odvody

Pupils

Jamie Leigh Marsha Zakovec Dan Zakovec Mark Leigh

Theresa Erlenbusch Karen Zakovec

Rick Hajek