1922

Whitney School - Dist. #62

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier
COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:  
Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State: Nebraska  
County: Dawes

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) located at NW end of Whitney

Is this the original location? yes. An earlier building sat NW of this one, but this site is the only one for the present building.

Name of building & origin of name Whitney. Named for the town of

Name & number of the district Whitney. Dist. 62

Date built 1922 Years in use 58

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

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? plan book

Names of former teachers:
1916-17 Maxine McNeal
1917-18 Mrs. John Blust
1923-24 Elmer T. Peters, Winona D. Rorley, Mrs. Irene Goddell-Howard, Miss Lorena Hitchcock
1929-30 W. S. Bostder—Supt., Maurice Whitaker (H.S.), Rena Caskey (H.S.), Vivian Curry, Eva Cunningham, Grace Utter
1931-32 Mr. Floyd H. Holmgren, Mr. Wm. C. Stephenson, Beryl Good. Mrs. Marguerite Names of former students (family names only):
Dewing Spearman, Maria Taylor
Elizabeth Nutter
Carrie, Hitchcock, Troutman, Wilson, Carlson, Hetrick, Michan, Harris, Connell,
Howard, Welton, Rasmussen, Brobst, Spearman, Austin, Kendrick, Cunningham, Couch,
Cartwright, Mosher, Burkitt, Pilster, Holding, Schnill

Name & address of person in charge of building:
Board of Education, District 62

Who is the owner? Whitney School District, #62
Architectural Features:

Size of building: 48 x 80 feet

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 44 two pane

Number of doors (entrances): two, three fire escapes

Number of classrooms: three plus a library room

Bell tower or cupola: yes

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): Wood and Kellestone

Type of roof: asphalt shingles

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Playground Equipment: swings, merry-go-round

Color of building & trim: white

Golf shed or stable: no

Teacherage: no

Flagpole: yes

Other architectural features:

- auditorium and cafeteria
- A solar heating unit was installed by members of the district a few years ago and covers about 1/3 of the south side.

Anything left inside?

- yes, school is still being held

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

Whitney was once also a high school. The high school closed in the early 1940's.

Current condition & use:

Good condition. Still used for grade K - 8.

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

Black & white photo taken: yes x no

Old photos available: yes x no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

NO.

Name & address of surveyor: Gwen Walcott, Whitney, NE 

Date: 12/19/80