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Whitney School - Dist. #62

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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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
Whitney.

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:

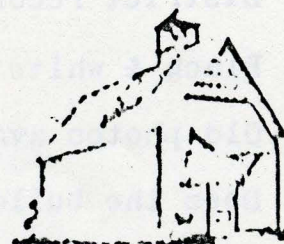
Board of Education, District 62

Who is the owner?

Whitney School District, #62

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Architectural Features:

Size of building 48 x 80 feetNumber of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) 44 two paneNumber of doors (entrances) two, three fire escapesNumber of classrooms three plus a library roomBell tower or cupola yesMaterials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) Wood and KellestoneType of roof asphalt shinglesOuthouses noPlayground Equipment swings, merry-go-roundColor of building & trim whiteCoal shed or stable noTeacherage noFlagpole 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