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Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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GOUNTRYSCHOOL LEGACY:

Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska
County Dundy

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) Stay born

Is this the original location? Not exactly. The old site was given by "Polly" Senior. It was on the South side of the Pioneer Irrigation ditch. This school was built before the turn of the century. It was a frame school house painted white. It served the community well. Ed. McClellan, my sister, went to this school. Later, this school house needed much repair. Mr. Senior (who was the engineer on the CB&A track passing) and Mr. Train between McClellan and Denver) took this site and building back and gave a new site under the irrigation ditch for the new school house that was to be built. Mr. Senior wanted school yard to be named "American Elm" Trees which he purchased. The irrigation ditch was a pipe half way or to the trees. The school was abandoned in the early 40s.

Name & number of the district

Date built Finished for School from 1892

Who built it? A contractor or the community? Mr. Funk & Carpenter from Wray.

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? There was never a school house like it. It had a large room under the east one third, a shop room under the south one third, a 20x20 foot foundation. The rest of the school was built of brick. Block header, 24 brick and a 4x6 brick 12" thick. Each room and a bell that was heard in the school. The school was made of brick. The name of the school and the date it was built was engraved, with phone and brick wormen letters. The equipment inside, complemented the building.

Names of former teachers: Some of the teachers in the old school house were Johnny Cleo, Mrs. Mercer, J. A. Crane. Probably there were others. In the new school House J. A. Crane, Wilma Earl, Blanche Ansley, Helen Drummond, a teacher from St. Joseph, Mo. who left before Christmas. Her term was finished by Max Drummond (just discharged from the Army 1918).

Max Drummond taught another full term. I do not remember several teachers. Some others were Viola Pearson, McFarland, Nina Brown, Opal, and another one or two whose names I do not remember.

Names of former students (family names only): Fisk, BarThelmez, Walter White, McQuillan, Whitson, Workman, Hollaway, Bud Long, Kimsey, George Drummond, Tim Adams, James Jones, Robert. Tom Ashton, Oliver Michon, Quanderson, Spangler, W.H. Brown, Tom Sampson, Thompson, Nettles. Levin Watson

Name & address of person in charge of building: After years of abandon ment the site reverted to the original owner. The building and equipment were sold at auction.

Who is the owner? Samuel E. Cleo
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Architectural Features: Cement Foundation, Furnace room, Coal, 60 boxes, Storage space, Steps & entrance, 1,000 bricks, 2 layers, White brick, 3 layers, Red brick. Size of building: Length 42', Width 24'.

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 5 Big Windows. Big windows, two sides. Single pane, shades, removable screens. A smaller stained glass window on either side of the big arched green brick entrance in west end. This entrance was entered Hallway where the bell rope hung and led right and left to a boys' cloakroom to the north and Number of doors (entrances): A girls' cloakroom to the south. In the center a door way led into the one big schoolroom. There were eight grades in this room. There was a big pot bellied, first floor, Heating stove in the west part of the room to supplement the furnace. Also cook prairie chickens on. Bill Drummond used Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): to hunt on his way to school with a 12-ga. shot gun. When the Teacher told them to get some chickens. And we would have a hot chicken dinner. He never failed. The girls' cloakroom housed dress pants & sweaters. And every time it took to take care of the whole community when.

Type of roof: Shingles on. Ever the occasion arose.


Color of building & trim: What trim there was on the bell tower was white.

Coal shed or stable: Horse, Two Horses. Tony Harris.

Teacherage: None - Teachers Boarded with people in Community.

Flagpole: 40 ft. Steel.

Other architectural features: This schoolhouse had some good whitewashing on it and when it was first made. It was equipped with the old carbide lights. It took the best

Anything left inside?: Brains in the country to get them going. Not much is left inside - it is used just to store various things.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the - Many special school? What stories do people remember? Events occurred here, such as Christmas and other programs put on by teachers and their pupils, Community Plays, Box Suppers, Pot luck dinners, Dances, Church Services, School Board Meetings, Pitch Board Meetings. Any special meetings of interest to Community.

Current condition & use: Throughout the 1960's the old school house was used for movies, Community parties and dances. A large crack developed in the bricks in the front of the building and it was pronounced to be unsafe for people to enter. Used now for storage.

District records available: yes no. Where stored: mostly junk.

Black & white photo taken: yes no. I do not know of any!

Old photos available: yes no. No.

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? No.