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# Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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**HISTORIC SITE FORM**

**State**: NEBRASKA  
**County**: DAWSON

**Location (in miles & direction from nearest town)**  
2 MILES SOUTH at COUNTRY ROAD

**Is this the original location?** YES

**Name of building & origin of name**: SCHOOL DIST 29

**Name & number of the district**: 29

**Date built**: about 1928  
**Years in use**: 52 years; addition about 25 years

**Who built it? A contractor or the community?** DON'T KNOW

**Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community?** DON'T KNOW

**Names of former teachers**:  
- Mrs. Dorothea Anderson, Dorothy Brown
- Edna Neuffer, Mary Shanahan, Leona Haug, Jean Heftle, Darla Yeig, Lois Spencer, Helen Kohl, Melva Lewis, Kyle Bonzer, Dolis Zook, Peneice Haug, Carolyn Fetchman, John Wiffeth Good, Susanne Quigley, Bonnie Reuben, Mary Kjar

**Names of former students (family names only)**: (see attached sheet)

**Name & address of person in charge of building**:  
District 29 School Board - Dale

**Who is the owner?**  
District 29
COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY HISTORIC SITE FORM

Architectural Features:
Size of building: Perimeter - 277 feet; 3392 square feet
Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.)
Number of doors (entrances)
Number of classrooms
Bell tower or cupola
Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.)
Type of roof
Outhouses
Playground Equipment
Color of building & trim
Coal shed or stable
Teacherage
Flagpole
Other architectural features:

Anything left inside?

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

(See attached paper)

Current condition & use:

District records available: yes no where stored
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: Marilyn Leptin date 12-4-80
Narrative Information

Originally there were 4 schoolhouse in District 29: Middle 29 (the one now in use), West 29 (located in section 22, Township 10, Range 24), East 29 (located in section 32, Township 9-10 North, Range 23 West), and North 29 (located on the north side of Platte River). As each school quit operating, the students went to Middle 29. All four of the schools were operated by one school board.

The original Middle 29 schoolhouse was a frame structure, as were the others. Middle 29 burned down in 1927, and pupils went to school the remainder of the year in a tenant house at the Ray Mundell farm. In 1928, the present north brick structure was then built. The concrete addition to the south was built sometime after 1955, but before 1960.
Anderson  
Appelt  
Applegate  
Arnold  
Atchison  
Avery  
Battie  
Barta  
Barone  
Bean  
Bihrens  
Benton  
Berry  
Bestekelehner  
Bierma  
Biesterfeld  
Bohren  
Breese  
Brooks  
Brown  
Buckley  
Cauthra  
Chavez  
Cooper  
Collins  
Craig  
Cron  
Devere  
Dillon  
Earl  
Etherston  
Fasse  
Frew  
Garner  
Geiger  
Griffith  
Gruber  
Hallgewachs  
Harris  
Haug  
Heins  
Heller  
Hegenrather  
Hernandez  
Harr  
Ibott  
Kauffman  
Kinnan  
Laier  
Lammers  
Lerdall  
Loibl  
Loshonkohl  
Mundell  
Myer  
Nielsen  
Olshausen  
Otterstein  
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Families (Continued)

Powell
Rowe
Schmeckle
Schneider
Senior
Springer
Stieneke
Stuckey
Walker
Wells
Werner
Worrell
Young
Yoditler
Boyles
Vinci
Vogels
Irons
Sharps
Bullocks
Morrone