1872

Freeman - Dist. #21

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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**GUEST SCHOOL LEGACY: Humanities on the Frontier**

*NOTE:* SCHOOL BUILDING IS ON SITE OF A NATIONAL MONUMENT.

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**HISTORIC SITE FORM**

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**Location (in miles & direction from nearest town):**

3.5 miles N.W. of Beatrice, Nebr.

**Is this the original location?** Since 1872, but not in active operation, is a part of Beatrice Homestead National Monument.

**Name of building & origin of name:** Freeman School

**Name & number of the district:** Freeman -- Dist. 21, Gage County

**Date built:** 1872

**Years in use:**

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

Has been renovated

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

Similar in design to others of the period

**Names of former teachers:**

**Names of former students (family names only):**

Agnes and Daniel Freeman, "first" homesteaders served as directors.

**Name & address of person in charge of building:**

*National Monument*

Homestead National Monument, Beatrice, Nebr.

Who is the owner?

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Architectural Features:

Size of building

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.)

Red brick

Type of roof

V-shaped

Outhouses

None now

Playground Equipment

Color of building & trim

Coal shed or stable

Teacherage

No

Flagpole

Other architectural features:

For full data on building, write to Homestead Nat'l Monument, Beatrice, Nebr.

Anything left inside?

Refurbished in 1976-77 to 1872 style

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

Write to Homestead Nat'l Monument address for information.

Current condition & use:

Good

Treasurer's records from 1871 through 1955.

District records available: Yes  No  Where stored

Black & white photo taken: Yes  No  X  See slide

Old photos available: Yes  No  Tapes of former teachers.

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

Yes. Homestead National Monument.

Name & address of surveyor

E. Grundy, Kearney

Date