1906

Hutchinson - Dist. #23

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: Garden

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): About 1 1/2 miles northeast of Caskosh, Nebraska.

Is this the original location? It is very nearly the same site.

Name of building & origin of name: Old Andrew Hanson sod house was the school building at first.

Name & number of the district: Name now is Hutchinson, Dist. #23. A building was constructed in 1894 and used till 1900.

Date built: Frame, 20'x30', 1906. Years in use: Still in use 1980

Who built it? A contractor or the community? The community built it.

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? It was designed by the community as were most of the rural schools of that time.

Names of former teachers:

John T. Twiford 1887
Mattie Bradley Peterson 1899
Feenie Pentz 1920
Irene Feibley Lake
Minnie Feisterman, Sadie Yotty, Lena Hendren Elrod, Minnie Pruen Wickham, Maxine Truscott, Margaret R. Lookabill, Rosie Cooper, Dale Larrington

Names of former students (family names only):

Kadison, Peterson, Davis, Kingery, Snell, Pentz, Kemplin, Rentzsch, Twiford, Atkinson

Name & address of person in charge of building:

Present school board members:
Pat Thelaner, Treasurer; Dick Peterson, Secretary;
Dale Schwartz, President. All addresses Caskosh, NE.

Who is the owner? The school district.

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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 20½ feet by 40½ feet

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 4 on south are 2-pane; 1 on north is 4-pane; 2 glass-brick windows in rest rooms.

Number of doors (entrances): 2

Number of classrooms: 1

Bell tower or cupola: No

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): Wood, now covered with stucco.

Type of roof: Wood shingles.

Outhouses: Have been torn down.

Playground Equipment: merry-go-round, slide, teeter-totter, swings, basketball hoop.

Color of building & trim: White with red roof.

Coal shed or stable: Had these originally but have been torn down.

Teacherage: No

Flagpole: Yes

Other architectural features: Has a cave.

Anything left inside? Yes, it is in current use.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember? Yes, church services were once held in this schoolhouse. Hutchinson Post Office, from which this school took its name was "within rods" of the schoolhouse.

Current condition & use: Well maintained and is in current use.

District records available: yes___ no____ where stored: some in Oshkosh museum.

Black & white photo taken: yes___ no____

Old photos available: yes___ no____

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? It has none that we know of.

Name & address of surveyor: Lucile Cunningham, 11-17-80.