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### Redbird - Dist. #3

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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980-81. Teacher: Nancy Jo Bartos, Verdigris, NE.

## COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

### Humanities on the Frontier

For more information, contact  
Mrs. Dale (Eva) Bessert, a 3<sup>rd</sup>  
generation inhabitant of the  
Redbird Dist. #3 area.

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#### HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska County Holt

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) 6 miles  
South of Lynch, Nebraska

Is this the original location? Yes

Name of building & origin of name Redbird Dist. #3; The locality  
is the old village of Redbird. It used to have a store, post  
office, etc. but is now comprised of 4 homes - still inhabited.

Name & number of the district Redbird Holt Co. Dist. #3

Date built 1876 Years in use 105 yrs.

Who built it? A contractor or the community? Community

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

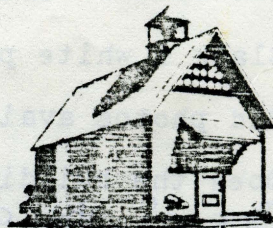
Names of former teachers: Mrs. Guy Hull - 1927; Miss Ruby Angus;  
Mr. Duane Carson; 1932; Miss Vivian Anderson, 1933; Miss  
Wanda Hull, 1947; Mrs. Meldine Striet, 1965-1972; Mrs.  
Delores Sedivy, 1979; Mr. Winchell, 1977;

Names of former students (family names only): Sprague, Witherwax,  
Hull, Wrede, Coakley, Truax, Bessert, Carson, Sedivy, Wilson,  
Krugman, Wells, Pinkerman, Day, Graham, Sporleder,  
Mellor, White,

Name & address of person in charge of building:

School Board President: Rex Carson

Who is the owner? District #3





# COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY HISTORIC SITE FORM

## Architectural Features:

Size of building <sup>Approx:</sup> 30' x 15'

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) 8-2 pane windows.

Number of doors (entrances) 2

Number of classrooms 1

Bell tower or cupola Bell tower w/ Bellfry

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) Wood - cement Foundation.

Type of roof wooden shingles

Outhouses 1

Playground Equipment 2 sets of Swings, Slide, teeter-toters, Merry-Go-Round

Color of building & trim White

Coal shed or stable No

Teacherage No

Flagpole 1

Other architectural features: A porch on the North end and then 2 indoor bathrooms were added on the South.

Anything left inside? 16 student desks, 1 teacher's desk, recitation table, sandbox, 2 book cabinets, piano.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember? The area of Redbird is a hollow between hills - an excellent camping and hunting environment. The Sioux and Pawnee Indians would fight for hunting rights between themselves but were friendly with the white people of the area. Box socials, Christmas programs, and holiday festivities were the yearly highlights with local baseball teams playing the local towns.

Current condition & use: Good condition. General classroom use during school term.

District records available: yes ☒ no ☐ where stored w/ Secretary - V. Pikerling

Black & white photo taken: yes ☒ no ☐

Old photos available: yes ☒ no ☐

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

One of the oldest buildings and schools in the area.

Name & address of surveyor \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_