School Buildings

1870

Dist. #3

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State__________ Nebraska__________ County__________ Madison__________

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town)_____________________

Is this the original location?______________________________

Name of building & origin of name______________________________

Name & number of the district______________________________

Date built____________________ Years in use____________________

Who built it? A contractor or the community?_____________________

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

Names of former teachers:

Names of former students (family names only):

Name & address of person in charge of building:

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.)

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?

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________________________date____
This school was started in 1870 and closed in 1960 and reopened in 1962. There are 19 children in the school at the time. There are 9 girls and 10 boys. We have one teacher, her name is Dianne Floyer. The name of this school is Sunny Meadow. They just put a hoja and a girl's restroom in the basement. We used to have an outside toilet. There were two more school houses on this spot. One was moved up on the Henning place, but now Romans live there now. One was torn down. The first school was built in March 1870. The second school house was built in 1870 and the third was built in 1927. When the first school was built, there wasn't any other building around here then. It always went to the 8th grade.

A contractor built the school. The mill was the first thing on first street. The town went up to 18th street when this school was built. They built all of the school houses in the summer.

The highway was number 8 instead of 375. This school was here before the telephone line was put up here. The well was running for 75 years that we know of for sure. In 1936 there were only 5 children going here. But most of the time there are at least 20 pupils.

Rodney Wooley
History of this School

The first school was built March 1870. That was the first one but the second school was built 1890. And the third school was built in 1937. This school always went to the 8th grade. The second school is now on the Henig place but they moved and it is on the Rowan place at the present time. When these schools were built, they were contracted. The mill was the first thing built on First Street. It went from first street to 18th street. When they decided to build a new one, they built it in the summer. The highway that goes by is now 275 was numbered then. This school was before the telephone wires. Our well has been running for 70 years. In 1936 there were only 5 children living here. At the present time, we have children. And our teacher name is Stanza Breda.

Bob Volquardson
#3
The school goes back to March 1870. The children age were from 5 to 21.

In 1922, the teacher taught 160 days at $50.00 a month. With 30 trees on the school ground.

In 1926-27 the teacher taught 180 days at $80.00 dollars a month.

In 1933 there were 24 children attending the school. The teacher taught 179 days at $50.00 dollars a month. There were 40 60 trees on the school ground.

In 1940, 12 grades in the last school in progress. 175 day being taught with 50 dollars monthly.

In 1960 there were 10 children going to school with 175 days being taught and 30 trees on
the school ground. The school Sunny Meadow or District #3 is the name of the school.

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History of District #3

Sunny Meadow, district number 3 was built in March 1870. We had three schools built here from 1870-1967. The first school was torn down. The second one was built in 1890, and it now stands behind Herings place, where the Rowans now live. It was moved there in 1927, the year our present school was built. This school was built by contractors. The City of Norfolk was built out to 18th street when District #3 was started. They built the District #3 schools during the summers.

They had an artesian well dug when the school was started which is still running. We have an electric pump now.

In 1936 there was only 5 pupils going here, but the average was about twenty pupils. Highway 275 was number 5 then. When the school was built there wasn't any telephone lines.
The most trees ever on District #3 grounds was 200; the least was none, we now have 35 trees.
We now have 19 children, Kindergarten through eighth grade. Our teachers name is Mrs. Blinne Byzek.

District #3
Norfolk, Neb
Michael Pels
7th grade