1873

Buffalo Creek - Dist. #34

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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State Nebraska

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town)
7 south of Tilden 1/2 East

Is this the original location? Yes

Name of building & origin of name District 34 Buffalo Creek District

Name & number of the district Buffalo Creek Dist #34

Date built 1873 Years in use 100

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 Community


Names of former students (family names only): Dickerson, Tierney, Bunker, Ryan, Schulze, Meyer, Stewart, Wheeler, Smith, Roewart, asquith, Rehofski, Radke, Mattson, Mohrfeid, Peterson, Roper, Nansen.

Name & address of person in charge of building:
School board or teacher: Aggie Murray

Donald Konsman, Arland Roewart,

Who is the owner? Non
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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 26.5 ft x 66.5 ft

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

Number of doors (entrances): 2

Number of classrooms: 1

Bell tower or cupola: No

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): Wood, then wood

Type of roof: Shed

Outhouses: 2

Playground Equipment: Swing, merry-go-round, teeter-totter

Color of building & trim: White

Coal shed or stable: Not anymore

Teacherage: 1 teacher & pupils

Flagpole: Yes

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? Yes, lots

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember? Celebrated their 100th birthday in 1974

Current condition & use: Not to bad, school is still being held with 2 pupils in attendance

District records available: Yes no Where stored: District Schoolhouse

Black & white photo taken: Yes no Probably

Old photos available: Yes no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

Name & address of surveyor: Phyllis Murray

Date: Oct 10, 1980
Dist #4 organized Oct 22, 1873, school house was built. Of course it was a sod house and was built about ½ mile southwest of the present school house. In 1874 the doors opened. 1st teacher John Smyth.

For names to visit with Don Kossman, Meadowlark would know. Jack Klamert is an older person too who lives beside the schools.

5. My home school Dist #4 Antelope Co is closed but has lots of historical information. It was a high school at one time in the 40's. Only very old person in the neighborhood that could give you details is Mr. Fred Linnaus R & Oakdale. He is in his 90's & has taken lots of interest in the community. also an old star church still standing.
District 34

On October 22, 1873 District 34 was organized. All of the present District 34 and the south half of section 31 and 32 of District 95 and section 49 which now belongs to District 114.

The old school used to be about half a mile south of the present school, toward the center of the section. About 1890 or before the school house was moved to the present location. Later this school house was cut in two and a middle part added to enlarge it. Then the school was long and narrow with windows on both sides. The floor was a board floor, there were double desks, and the blackboards were painted on the north side. The driveway was directly in front of the school house. Water was carried from the nearby farmers. The Wheelings and the Petersons now owned by John Klamer, the Wheelings farm is now owned by Alvin Schutt. The water was carried until well was drilled in about 1912. This same well was used until the new one was put in, in Sept. 1965. In 1916 a new school house, the present one.
was built. John Ashbourn worked as carpenter.

In the fall of 1916 the old school building was sold to John Reckopske. He moved it to his farm (the place where John Klamert now lives.) John Klamert sold the building and it was torn down.

In the early years three terms of school were held in a year: a fall term of two months, a winter term was four months, and a spring term was two months. One month vacation was taken for corn shucking. Because of the three term system there were also three teachers a year. Some wages were $20.00 to $25.00 a month.

At one time in the early 1900's there were 53 scholars. Usually winter terms had the largest enrollment.

During the 1930's there were as many as 34 pupils.

In the early days some grown ups also came to school to learn the English language. There were four different foreigners studying English here.

W.J. Schulze started school at Dist #34 in the spring of 1902. His first teacher was Mr. Lang. Most of the other teachers up to now are
Maggie Wheeling

Vivian Peterson from Sioux City

Skyler Beck

Art Calegrove who took the mail route in about 1904

Oscar Calegrove (his brother)

Rose Brogan

Ellen Brogan (3 or 4 years)

Nellie Hyde from Norfolk

Pearl Elley from Madison

Annie Cook

Frances Belling

Ellen Brogan again taught here

Jery Beal (during World War I)

Cecilia Kebler

Agnes Dahlsteen

Edith Foss

Luella McKibbon

Mable Bentley

Galdie Brown

Imogen Dales

Bernice Scott (1919-1920)

Edna Carlisle

Agnes Hanson from Newman Grove

She got sick so

Rosella Brauneister took her place
Mildred Taake
Mary Havestky from Aulton
Carly Boyle from Norfolk 1928
Mildred Walter
Dette Nigbee
Garnet Stank 1933 3 yr.
Edith Muffley 3 yr.
Dorothy Karabel
Evelynn Speicher

Flemming from Norfolk 1939
June Stimpson 1939-40 1940-41
Marion Keck 1941-1942
Mrs. Mildred Wallin 1942-1943
Lona Nickalay 1943-1944
Opal Rudnick 1945-1946
Delores Rudnick 1946-1947
Daris Wagnes finished the 47 term
Marjorie Munge 1947-1948-1949
Isabelle Schulze 1949-1950-1951
Joyce Roswert 1951-1952 term
Lavondalyn Druff 1954-1955
Clarice Hause 1955-1956
Mary Blair
Ruth McKeener 3 yr. 1959-1960-1961-6
In 1934 Delores Narm's Klamert moved in as a seventh grade. Gladys Norman was the County Superintendent.

The cave was made in 1929.

In 1949 oil heating was installed. The floor was tiled and new book cupboards were put in.

Many of the former student are still living near the school. Many have third generation attending. Some of those with third generation pupils in school are.

Sheryl, Joj, and Mark Roewert (third)
Arland Roewert (second) Arnold Roewert (first generation)

Greg Schulze son of Nolan Schulze
William Schulze

Others living class with third generation are Polly Schulze 8th grade 1966 daughter of Maynard Schulze son of William Schulze.

All three attended here. Many of the school records have been destroyed or lost and this was all that could be found out about the school.

We would like to thank the people who have so kindly helped us.
Sharyl Roewert, Randy Kossmann, Randy Mather and teacher Mrs. Bayne.
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