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Buffalo Creek - Dist. #34

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 Madison

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

Is this the original location? yes

Name of building & origin of name Dist 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

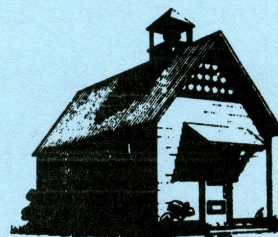
Names of former teachers: John Smyth, Mattie Harvey, Pearl Elley, Enid Goss, Gertrude Beal, Bernice Kenne, Nellie Wheeling, Lizzie Mye, Roy Nanton, J. S. Lange, Schulyer Beck, Arthur & Oscar Colgrover, Nellie Wade, Verian Petersen, Rose Brogan, Pearl Elley, Ellen Brogan, Anna Cook, Anna McKibbin, Mable Bentley, Francis Bolling, Gertrude Brewer, many more

Names of former students (family names only): Dickersons, Tierney, Bunker, Ryan, Schulze, Meyer, Stewart, Wheeling, Smith, Roewert, Asquith, Reikofski, Radke, Mattson, Wohlfeil, Peterson, Brogan, Hansen,

Name & address of person in charge of building:

School board or Teacher (Olydis Murray)
Donald Kossmans, Arland Roewerts,

Who is the owner? Dist



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Architectural Features:

Size of building 26½ ft, 66½ ft.

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

Number of doors (entrances) 2

Number of classrooms 1

Bell tower or cupola NO

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) 1st sod, then wood

Type of roof V shaped

Outhouses 2

Playground Equipment swings merrygo-round - teeter-todders

Color of building & trim white

Coal shed or stable not anymore

Teacherage 1 teacher 2 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 too 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

District #34 organized Oct 22, 1873, School house was built. of course it was a sod house and was built about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile southwest of the present school house. In 1874 the doors opened,
1st teacher John Smyth.

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

5. My home school District #36 Antelope Co is closed but has lots of Historical information. 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 R Oakdale. He is in his 90's & has taken lots of interest in the ^{Star} community. also an old star church still standing.

District 34

In 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 19 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 Whellings and the Petersons now owned by John Klamert. The Whellings 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 Ashburn worked as Carpenter.

In the fall of 1916 the old school building was sold to John Reikofski. 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 sometimes 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
Virian Peterson from Sioux City
Schyler Beck
Art Calgrove who took the mail route
in about 1904
Oscar Calgrove (his brother)
Rose Brogan
Ellen Brogan (3 or 4 year)
Nellie Hyde from Norfolk
Pearl Elley from Madison
Annie Cook
France Belling
Ellen Brogan again taught here
Gerty Beal (during World War I)
Cecila Nellie
Agnes Dahlsteen
Edith Foss
Luella McKebben
Mable Bently
Galdie Brown
Imogen Dales
Bernice Scott (1919-1920)
Edna Carlile
Agnes Hanson from Newman Grove
she got sick so
Rosella Braumeister took her place

Mildred Taske
Mary Savestky from Oulton
Carry Boyle from Norfolk 1928
Mildred Walter

Detle Nigbee
Garnet Hank 1933 3 yr.
Edith Muffley 3 yr.
Dorothy Karabel
Evelyn Spricker

Flemming from Norfolk 1939
June Stimpson 1939-40 1940-41
Marion Kecht 1941-1942
Mrs. Mildred Wallin 1942-1943
Lorna Nickalay 1943-1944
Opal Rudnick 1945-1946
Delores Rudnick 1946-1947
Doris Wagner finished the 47 term
Marjorie Munger 1947-1948-1949
Isabelle Schulze 1949-1950-1951
Joyce Boewert 1951-1952 term
Gwendolyn Grubb 1954-1955
Clarice Nause 1955-1956
Mary Blair
Ruth McKeener 3 yr. 1959-1960-1961-6
Pearl Kirkman 2 yr. 1960-1961-1962-1963
Beverly Bayne 3 yr. 1964-1965-1966-1967

On 1934 Delores Narm's Klamert moved in as a seventh grade. Gladys Noman was the County Superintendent.

The care was made in 1929.

On 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, Joy, and Merle Roewert (third)
Arland Roewert (second) Arnold Roewert
(first generation)

Greg Schube son of Nolan Schube
son William Schube.

Others living class with third generation are Polly Schube 8th grade 1966 daughter of Maynard Schube son of Leulliam Schube. 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 Kosemann, Randy
Mather and teacher Mrs. Bayne.

Written by Sharyl Linda Roewert, 8th grad
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