1937

Reichie School - Dist. #37

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier
HISTORIC SITE FORM

State: Nebraska
County: Madison
Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): 3 1/2 miles South of Norfolk

Is this the original location? Yes

Name of building & origin of name: Reichview — pioneer in community

Name & number of the district: #37
Two buildings used now — Last (metal) built in 1973
Date built: 1937
(organized 1874)
Years in use: District is 115 years old.
Who built it? A contractor or the community? W.P.A. constructed 1937 building

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? Planned by architect (1937 building)

Names of former teachers:
Taege
Timperley
Wulf
Casey

Names of former students (family names only):
Timperley, Smith, Say, Wulf, Philips,
Engberg, Thomas, Klentz, Vicks,
Hoffmans, Clarks

Name & address of person in charge of building: Marlys Mortenson Say

Who is the owner? School District
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Architectural Features:
Size of building 30x50 & 30x90
Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) 22 different windows—various sizes
Number of doors (entrances) 5
Number of classrooms 5
Bell tower or cupola
Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) Wood—one building
Steel—2nd building
Type of roof Shingles (asphalt) & Steel
Outhouses None
Playground Equipment Swings, bars, teeter-totters, merry-go-round
Color of building & trim white
Coal shed or stable No
Teacherage No
Flagpole No

Other architectural features:
Original building has classroom addition on South.
Steel building is East & separate.

Anything left inside?
Fully equipped classrooms

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?
See attachment

Current condition & use: Excellent condition. Used for classes. 75 children

District records available: yes _ no _ where stored Madison County Courthouse
Black & white photo taken: yes _ no _
Old photos available: yes _ no _

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? No

Name & address of surveyor James L. Dertien date 10/80
The Growth of District 37

District 37 was organized March 9, 1874, almost 93 years ago. At that time District 37 comprised of the east half of 15, and all of 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of 23-1. The school has modern facilities such as, modern bathroom, running water, modern drinking fountain, automatic heat and a telephone. E.M. Squire was the county superintendent at that time. The organization was affected. Several changes were made at that time.

District 37 now comprises of the following territory: the east half of 15, west three fourths of 14, all of 1, 2, 3 and 10 of 23-1. Sections 12 and 13, east half of 24, east quarter of 11, and east quarter of 14, were taken from the original school district to
help form the joint sections of Stanton and Madison County District 31.

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The original land was part of a timber claim.

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$4,589.23, replacing the one used 
about fifty years. The school 
district furnished materials and 
W. P. A. provided the labor.

On the school board at that 
time were Mrs. J.L. Dempsey, director, 
Ernest Knebel, and Mrs. Henry Willers. 
The south addition was built at 
a cost of $12,000 in the summer of 1964 
following a school bond election in 
April of 1964.

Members of the school board then 
were Mr. Don Hanson, Dale Cochran and 
Mrs. Jo Ann Knebel.

Membership in the school has 
continued to grow. Mr. Reichle recalls 
where there was as few as 
seven pupils to the 44 there 
is now. Two teachers are
employed. The two teachers are Mrs. Ruth Casey, upper room, and Mrs. Claribel Wells, lower room.

The school is classified as a standard school according to the requirements of the State Board of Education. The present school board is: Zelma Temp, President; Mrs. Judy Engberg, Secretary; and Mrs. Jo Ann Knebel, Treasurer.

Ruth Hardest
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Stanton and Madison county District 81. The first school was built across the road of the Don Knebel farm and later was located south west of the present school. The original land was once part of the timber claim. Mr. Oswald Reichie a long time resident of this school district recalls the school as a small building with two windows on each side. Some of the early teachers were Alice Lodge, Kate McNeal, and the two Mullen sisters. Among the
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