1939

Hillview - Dist. #43

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**GONTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:**

**Humanities on the Frontier**

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<td>State: <strong>Nebraska</strong></td>
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<td>Location (in miles &amp; direction from nearest town): 1 mile North, 2 miles West of Norfolk (RR3)</td>
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<td>Is this the original location?: <strong>Yes</strong></td>
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<td>Name of building &amp; origin of name: <strong>Hillview</strong> (location on hill)</td>
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<td>Name &amp; number of the district: <strong>#43</strong>, Hillview</td>
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<td>Date built: <strong>1939</strong></td>
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<td>Who built it? A contractor or the community?: <strong>Contractor</strong></td>
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<td>Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community?: <strong>Plan Book</strong></td>
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<td>Names of former teachers:</td>
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<td>Names of former students (family names only): <strong>Sharon Herbst</strong></td>
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| Name & address of person in charge of building: **Carla Sheaffer**  
1305 Valley Hi  
Norfolk, NE |
| Who is the owner?: **District** |

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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY HISTORIC SITE FORM

Architectural Features:

Size of building _____ 20 x 20

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) 10 6-pane

Number of doors (entrances) 1

Number of classrooms 1

Bell tower or cupola

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood with brick foundation

Type of roof wood shingle

Outhouses no

Playground Equipment no

Color of building & trim white

Coal shed or stable

Teacherage

Flagpole yes

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? Yes, still in use as school

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

See attachment

Current condition & use: Yes, still in use as school

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. Bertien 10/80
District #43
by Sharon Herbst

On May 5, 1974 the school of District #43 was built. The school was not a large one. There was one room and a hall. In the middle of the room was a pet-hellied stove. The children kept their lunches in the hall. When it was cold their lunches were almost froze. There was a small barn to keep the horses in. When they wanted water they had to go to a neighbor's farm to get it.

In 1939 the people thought the school was too small so they built a new one. The old school is now on the Charlie Rimpeley farm. The new school was named Hillview. It is the school we have now. In 1947 a Madison County Educational meeting was held at the school. They used sawhorses and boards for tables to serve all the teachers of Madison County.
1873 - started April 1873 (no school)
1874 - school formed
1875 - first appropriation

1887 - frame bldg., 16 x 24 built, "lighted & ventilated
very well, especially ventilated. There were
patent seats, black board, no globes, no
map, but a dictionary.

"Later an addition was built to this
building as the attendance increased."
Name "Hillview" given & dedicated Oct. 17, 1888.
In March, 1948 there was a snow storm with winds up to 100 miles per hour. Lennard Haase and Emil Schoenfeldt got to the school house and took the teacher and the children to Lennard Haase's place. This was about 10:00 A.M. The teacher stayed over night. The next day the sun came out and everyone shoveled snow so they could get home.

In 1950 the electricity was hooked up. Some time later a pump was put up with a large windmill. In 1962 I came to this school. I was in the 3rd grade. No one else was in my class. Three years later the windmill was taken down because it squeaked so bad.

In the summer of 1966 the school and playground equipment was painted by Mr. Heideman. Our school will celebrate its 92nd year in May, 1967.