1888

Dist. #71

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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State: NEBRASKA
County: MADISON

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): 2 MILES WEST & 1/4 NORTH OF MEADOW GROVE NEBR.

Is this the original location? YES

Name of building & origin of name: FIRST CALLED SCOTT SCHOOL
LATER CALLED TERRY SCHOOL (NAMED AFTER FAMILY IN DISTRICT)

Name & number of the district: ENTER PRIZE
1ST BUILDING 1888 (SMALL STRUCTURE)
2ND BUILDING BELIEVED AROUND 1900

Date built: 1ST BUILDING BELIEVED AROUND 1900

Years in use: UP TO 1964 WHEN THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED

Who built it? A contractor or the community? UNCERTAIN

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? PROBABLY CONSTRUCTED FROM PLAN BOOK. BECAUSE IT WAS
A TYPICAL TPE BUILDING, ONE ROOM 18' X 36' WITH WINDOES ON EACH SIDE.
LATER WAS STANDARIZED IN THE 20S (SOME WINDOWS CHANGED & A ENCLOSED FRUIT ROOM ADDED)

Names of former teachers:

MAUDE WISE (1919-20)
BERNICE SCOTT (1918-19)
ALVAR OLSON (1925-26)
MILDRED HORN (1926-27)
BLENHEIM PIERCE 1931

(CLAIRE STURGEON) 1923

LOTHAR HUND 1944-15

Names of former students (family names only):

SCOTT - TERRY'S - STEWARDS

Name & address of person in charge of building:

GARY KUCHAR RR2 MEADOW GROVE, NEBR, 68752. I BOUGHT IT AND MOVED THE SCHOOL BUILDING TO MY FARM 5 MILES 3/4 EAST OF MEADOW IN 1970. IT IS RESTORED BACK TO ORIGINAL.

Who is the owner?

GARY KUCHAR

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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 18' x 36', with 8' porch added to front.

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 9 - Windows in main building, 2 windows in porch enclosure (total of 11 windows in total).

Number of doors (entrances): 1 front door.

Number of classrooms: 1.

Bell tower or cupola: has attached bell tower with working bell.

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): Back foundation, wood frame building.

Type of roof: Gabled.

Outhouses: None now.

Playground Equipment: Merry Go Round.

Color of building & trim: White.

Coal shed or stable: 1 - cob house (coal shed), no stable.

Teacherage: 

Flagpole: 1 - good flag pole.

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? Students' desks, Teacher's desk, books, pictures, sandbox.

I've added other things to bring it back to original like maps, clock, phonograph, etc.

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

Current condition & use: Not in use anymore, condition is good to excellent.

District records available: yes X no _ where stored: 2 old record books in the building.

Black & white photo taken: yes Y no __

Old photos available: yes X no __

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

Name & address of surveyor: James L. Perttua, date 2/4/81
JAMES L. DERTLEN
209 SANDI CT.
BELLEVUE, NEB.
68005
Dear Jim,

Mrs. Reeves give me the information forms

that you need on our country school Dist 27 of Maldon Co.

I've had some history information on the school & will get it to

as soon as possible. I've spent my eight years at Dist 27 & my

daughter is going there now. It appears that this will be

the last year that the school will be open. Back in 1970 I

moved a old style one room school to my farm & restored it

to original with bell tower & all. It was old Dist # 71 school

where my mother had attended school. According to records the

first school was held on my farm from 1873-1879, the present site

was used from 1979-1980, which is about 2 miles to the new from

my place.

RR2 Meadow Grove NE 68152

Sincerely yours Gary Kuchar