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# COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

*Humanities on the Frontier*

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## HISTORIC SITE FORM

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Location (in miles & direction from nearest town)  
2 mi. s. & 1. e. of Auburn, Nebr.

Is this the original location?  
No, it was on the location.

Name of building & origin of name  
It was named after relatives of William Cochran.

Name & number of the district  
Cochran Dist 6

Date built  

Years in use  

Who built it? A contractor or the community?  

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community?  
It doesn't look like it came from a plan book and it has been added on too.

Names of former teachers:  
- Mrs. Frank Edgley (Marge Whelan)  
- Mrs. Lyle Bohl (Opal Rogge  
- Mrs. Clifford Thompson  
- Mrs. Raymond Behrens (Eva)

Names of former students (family names only):  
- Lee Armstrong  
- John Sanders  
- Eugene Shangle  
- Leonard Henty  
- John Burdett  
- Robert Benlow  
- Earl Powell

Name & address of person in charge of building:  
- Mr. Harlan Armstrong, P.O. 3 Auburn  
- Mrs. Leonard Henty, P.O. 3 Auburn

Who is the owner?  
- Mr. Albert Armstrong, owner of a school district
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Architectural Features:

Size of building

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.)

Number of doors (entrances)

Number of classrooms

Bell tower or cupola

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

Type of roof

Outhouses

Playground Equipment

Color of building & trim

Coal shed or stable

Teacherage

Flagpole

Other architectural features: Halls are very high and is a wood floor.

Anything left inside? We have an old crock water jug which is very antique. Mrs. Kate Freeman was very bad to tell the teacher used to bring the students in front line

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

Current condition & use:

I have 5 pupils and 7 desks where are used.

District records available: yes / no where stored at court house

Black & white photo taken: yes / no

Old photos available: yes / no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

I don't know best guess a mile from school in the half breed ring

Name & address of surveyor: Harpme, Richland date 2/24/1950
Ms. Margery Volkman  
R. F. D. 3  
Auburn, Nebr.  68305

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Sincerely,

Ernest Grundy  
Professor of English
Since Mr. Simmons was at my school I have two new students from Cuba and they really enjoy our country school. We still have our old school program where we have play and sing songs.

In the last day of school we still have a picnic where all the community shows up for the basket supper.

I have been at the school for ten years and these are the nicest, nicest people there are. I play outside with my peoples every day. We really do have a good time.

I have hot lunches which are cooked in two ovens and a hot plate.

The wash in a white granite wash pan. I heat the water on top of the stove in a big granite coffee pot every day.

I carry water from my lone every day. I add ice which the children enjoy. In my opinion rural children get a better education in the basic subjects.
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