Curly School - Dist. #12

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State: Nebraska  County: Sioux

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): Approximately 17 miles west of Hemingford, Nebraska

Is this the original location? No. Original location was about 30 miles north of Scottsbluff -- 3-1/2 miles from the Watson Ranch.

Name of building & origin of name: Curly. Cyrus Henry Henderson named the post office of the small community "Curly" because he had curly hair. He had previously asked for "Henderson" and "Henry" as names but both had been taken, so in desperation he called it "Curly".

Name & number of the district: Curly, #12

Date built: c.1914  Years in use: Still in use.

Who built it? A contractor or the community? The community

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? The community

Names of former teachers:
Mr. Walker, Mrs. Scanlon, Azberry Whitaker, Mr. Speech, Miss Noe, Gladys Shank, Nell McDonald

Names of former students (family names only):
Lovell, Henderson, Murphy, Flaherty, Mann, Scott, Wagner, Ward, Wood

Name & address of person in charge of building:
President, District 12, Sioux County, NE

Who is the owner? District 12, Sioux County, NE
Architectural Features:

Size of building: 21 x 30 with a six by seven addition on the south.

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 7 modern 2 pane windows and 5 basement windows

Number of doors (entrances): one and one fire exit.

Number of classrooms: one

Bell tower or cupola: no

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): wood covered with stucco

Type of roof: shingles

outhouses: no

Playground Equipment: merry-go-round, swings, basketball hoop

Color of building & trim: white

Stall shed or stable: no

Teacherage: no

Flagpole: yes

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside?:

yes. School is fully furnished.

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

Current condition & use: Very good condition. School is still being held.

District records available: yes x no___ where stored Sioux County Supt.

Black & white photo taken: yes x no____

Old photos available: yes x no____ (from Dale and Lee Henderson--Scottsbluff, NE)

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

NO.

Name & address of surveyor: Sandy Scofield, Chadron, NE date 12/13/80