Cottonwood School - Dist. #14

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): 18 miles northwest of Crawford, NE or 22 miles northeast of Harrison, NE

Is this the original location? no--half of the school was west of this location

Name of building & origin of name: Cottonwood, located on Cottonwood Creek

Name & number of the district: Cottonwood, Dist. 14

Date built: ____________________ Years 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:
- Sharon Bannon Lambert
- Mrs. Bell
- Mrs. Benzel
- Mrs. Christoffersen
- Mrs. Nelson
- Mrs. Leeling

Names of former students (family names only):

Name & address of person in charge of building:

School Board
Dist. 14

Who is the owner? **District 14**
Architectural Features:
Size of building: 22' x 16' x 12' x 10' x 10' x 30' ("L" shaped building)
Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) Six 2 pane
Number of doors (entrances) two
Number of classrooms one
Bell tower or cupola no
Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood on cement foundation
Type of roof shingles
Outhouses two
Playground Equipment teeter totter
Color of building & trim white
Coal shed or stable no
Teacherage no
Flagpole yes

Other architectural features:
Small cloakroom and storage area was added to the building giving it the "L" shape.

Anything left inside?
School is still in use and is fully furnished.

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

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

District records available: yes x no ___ where stored: Sioux County Supt. Office
Black & white photo taken: yes x no ___
Old photos available: yes ___ no ___

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

Name & address of surveyor Sandra K. Scofield, Chadron, NE date 11/26/80