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1907

Klondike School - Dist. #46

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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**Location (in miles & direction from nearest town):**
12 miles north and west of Harrison, Nebraska

**Is this the original location?** No.

**An older building was 3/4 mile south of this one.**

**Name of building & origin of name:** Klondike School. Probably named so because of the harsh winters and remote setting.

**Name & number of the district:** District 46.

**"Klondike School" located in Pleasant Ridge Community**

**Date built:** c. 1907

**Years in use:** approx. 67

**Who built it?** A contractor or the community? Community

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

**Names of former teachers:**
- Mary Christian
- Louise Hebner
- Anna Coffee Eberspecher
- Eva Hunter
- Thelma Dunn
- Debbie Smith
- Mrs. Stallman
- Curtis Thompson
- Edna Ring taught the first term in 1908.

**Names of former students (family names only):**
- Dunn, Wilson, Phipps, Gillette, Oldacre, Ellis, Grote, Christian
- Merriam, Garretson

**Name & address of person in charge of building:**
- District 46 School Board
- Sioux County, Nebraska

**Who is the owner?** District 46, Sioux County, NE
Architectural Features:

Size of building: 14' x 20' and a 7' x 5' cloak room

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): three two pane

Number of doors (entrances): one

Number of classrooms: one

Bell tower or cupola: no

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

Type of roof: shingles

Outhouses: two

Playground Equipment: swings

Color of building & trim: white (badly discolored)

Coal shed or stable: coal shed

Teacherage: no

Flagpole: no

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside?
black board, shelves, a chair, a gas stove and a piano

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

There was a period of time during the 1930's when school was not held--probably not enough students. Grace Wilwand remembers it was hard to find teachers during the time World War II was going on.

Before this building was constructed, school was first held in a log bunkhouse on the Richard Dunn ranch.

Current condition & use:
Fair. Vacant.

District records available: yes x no where stored Sioux County Supt.

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 11/24/80