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Bunkhouse School - Dist. # 46

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State Nebraska County Sioux

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) Nine miles north and west of Harrison, NE

Is this the original location? no. This school is known as the "bunkhouse school" and has been at this location only six years.

Name of building & origin of name Bunkhouse School. School is held in a rancher's bunkhouse. See site form for Dist. 46 for history of the previous building.

Name & number of the district District 46

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?

Names of former teachers:
Mary Christian, Louise Hebner, Anna Coffee Eberspecher, Eva Hunter, Thelma Dunn, Debbie Smith, Mrs. Stallman, Curtis Thompson

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

Name & address of person in charge of building: 
LaBar Ranch
Harrison, Nebraska

Who is the owner? LaBar Ranch
Architectural Features:

Size of building: approximately 20 x 20

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): three 2 pane, 3 four pane

Number of doors (entrances): two

Number of classrooms: one

Bell tower or cupola: no

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

Type of roof: shingles

Outhouses: no

Playground Equipment: none

Color of building & trim: white

Coal shed or stable: no

Teacherage: no

Flagpole: no

Other architectural features:
Since building is a bunkhouse, the dining area is used for a TV area. A kitchen is available as well as a small bedroom and bath. A basement is used for storage.

Anything left inside? Building is largely furnished from the old District 46 school.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?
The present teacher Grace (Dunn) Wilwand went to school in this district. She and her husband lived in California several years and then returned to Sioux County. Mrs. Wilwand said she believed this school is probably the highest elevation of any school in Nebraska. Her father went to this district. At first school was held on his home ranch in the bunkhouse. Current condition & use:

Very good condition and used for school.

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, date 11/24/80