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1909

Panhandle School

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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State: Nebraska
County: Sioux

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town):
Seventeen miles south of Harrison, NE

Is this the original location?

Name of building & origin of name: Panhandle School. Probably named so because of its location in the Nebraska Panhandle.

Name & number of the district: Mt. Hope School District #68

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:
First teacher: Ruby Swain

Names of former students (family names only):
DeHaven, Stratton, Dowling, Durand, Bryan, Larson, Greive, Watts, Barr, Phipps, Hawley, Parsons, Dykes, Lewis, Sykora

Name & address of person in charge of building:
District President: Vivian Parsons, Harrison
Present Teacher: Gloria Bannon, Harrison, NE

Who is the owner? School District 68, Sioux County, NE
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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 15' x 30' with a 9' x 5' cloakroom

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) one small 2 pane in front and six other 2 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, teeter-totter

Color of building & trim white/red

Coal shed or stable coal shed (There used to be a barn)

Teacherage no

Flagpole yes

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? Building is completely furnished.

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

School District was organized at the L. C. Larson home on March 29, 1909. Ruby Swain, the first teacher, taught one and one-half months from April 28th to June 9th at $25/month. First pupils were Ida, Dell, and Frances DeHaven. Board Members were: J. A. Phipps, Frank DeHaven, and C. E. Mendenhall.

Current condition & use:

Good condition. School is still being held in this building.

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