Prairie View - Dist. #78

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska  
County Sheridan

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) 4 miles.

Is this the original location? Yes

Name of building & origin of name: Prairie View, named for the view across the prairie.

Name & number of the district: Prairie View Dist. #78

Date built: 1888  
Years in use: 93 years

Who built it? A contractor or the community? Contractor.

To replace a sod schoolhouse

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? Built by carpenter Andy Wulf.

Jim Jackson, Charlie Bell, and Ernest Amende were on the schoolboard at this time.

Names of former teachers: Tom Moore, Nelly Skinner, Pearl McBride, Mamie Davidson, Arthur Andreas, Anna Fisher, Opal Addie, Clara Hutzel, Bila Evans, Eleanor Corts, Sylvia Brotherson, Marian Hoos, Mary Wolvington, Rhonda Schommer, Rose Petersen, Carol Benson.


Name & address of person in charge of building: Bill Gottier, Rushville, NE, 69360

Who is the owner? Taxpayers of Dist. # 78
Architectural Features:

Size of building: 33 ft. x 18 ft. x 11 ft. high.

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): five - 2 pane windows.

Number of doors (entrances): two.

Number of classrooms: one.

Bell tower or cupola: none.

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

Type of roof: shingled roof.

Outhouses: two.

Playground Equipment: merry-go-round, volleyball equipment.

Color of building & trim: white - green trim.

Coal shed or stable: none.

Teacherage: none.

Flagpole: one.

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? yes

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

Entertainment was box socials, Christmas programs, pie socials, and skating parties. When Andrew was teaching there were abundant mice in the schoolhouse. He had a .22 pistol which he carried. He used it to shoot the mice whenever one appeared. Current condition & use: in fair condition - it has been in continual use every year since it was built.

District records available: yes X no, where stored in building.

Black & white photo taken: yes X no.

Old photos available: yes X no.

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? Not that we could locate.

Name & address of surveyor: Mrs. Marion Hoy, 801-7th, Dtn, date 1/6/81.