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Mill School - Dist. #88

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY:

Humanities on the Frontier

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State Nebraska County Sheridan

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town) Eleven miles south and one mile west of Rushville, NE

Is this the original location? no

Name of building & origin of name The Mill School (also referred to as the Colclessor School). Just east of the school a flour mill was located on Pine Creek. The mill was owned by Henry Colclessor.

Name & number of the district District 88

Date built c. 1900 Years in use 65

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? the community

Names of former teachers: Mamie Davidson, Ada Tool, Harry Jacobs, Marie Suber-Hare, Martha Albright, Helen Taylor-Hare, Genny Cress, Verta Wasmund, Ida Quisenberry, Mae Thompson, Ruth Preston, Halford Mayes.

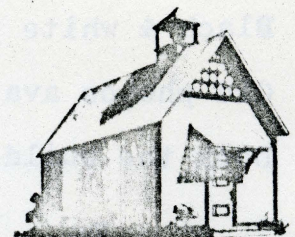
Names of former students (family names only):

Name & address of person in charge of building:

School Board--Dist. 88

Who is the owner?

District 88, Sheridan Co.



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Architectural Features:

Size of building 30 x 20

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) one 15 pane, five 18 pane, two small six pane, one small one pane.

Number of doors (entrances) two

Number of classrooms one

Bell tower or cupola Yes. Bell was removed and sold. Now sits on top of Sheridan County Historical Society Building in Rushville

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood on cement foundation

Type of roof wood shingles

Outhouses two

Playground Equipment Merry-go-round was moved to another school in Dist. 88

Color of building & trim white

Coal shed or stable Barn was torn down four or five years ago. The barn was originally the first school and was moved near the new school to serve as a stable.
Teacherage no.

Flagpole yes.

Other architectural features: a pump sits outside and a small coal celler is in a partial basement. A two story house and a two story store were constructed by Henry Colclessor and stood near the school. Both are gone now, as is the mill, however signs of the mill pond and race as well as the diversion ditch are still clear.
Anything left inside? desks, recitation benches, table.

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

Henry Colclessor was a key figure in this area and made his home available to families during the winter months while their children attended school.

Current condition & use: Good. Vacant.

District records available: yes no where stored

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 Sandy Scofield, Chadron State date 11/17/80