Mill School - Dist. #88

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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State____________________ County____________________

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town)____________________

Is this the original location?________

Name of building & origin of name____________________

Name & number of the district____________________

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: ____________

Names of former students (family names only):

Name & address of person in charge of building:

School Board--Dist. 88

Who is the owner?____________________
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 cellar 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