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1924

Deer Ridge - Dist. #170

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 north and east of Hay Springs, NE

Is this the original location? No. It originally sat ½ mile north.

Name of building & origin of name__Deer Ridge. At the original site
a ridge of pine hills was a deer trail.

Name & number of the district__District 170.

Date built__c. 1924__Years in use__45

Who built it? A contractor or the community?______________
the Schmidt family

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by
the community? Building was designed by the Schmidt family.

Names of former teachers:
Crystal Johansen, Catherine Moore, Mrs. Demmer, Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Tom Morrison,
Mr. Elderberry

Names of former students (family names only):
Schmidt, Dahlgren, Krueger, Dotson, Kearns

Name & address of person in charge of building:
School sits on the farm owned by Mrs. Lula Schmidt
of Hay Springs, NE. Jerry Dahlgren cares for the farm.

Who is the owner? Mrs. Lula Schmidt
Architectural Features:
Size of building_ 17' x 30'
Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) Six two-pane
Number of doors (entrances) one
Number of classrooms one
Bell tower or cupola no
Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood on cement foundation
Type of roof Shingles
Outhouses no
Playground Equipment No. Children and teachers always brought any equipment used.
Color of building & trim Building was once white--now badly faded.
Coal shed or stable Used to be a wood shed. It is no longer there.
Teacherage no
Flagpole no
Other architectural features:

Anything left inside?
Several old desks. Other misc. items stored by owner.

Narrative Information: Did any special events happen at the school? What stories do people remember?
This was a family originated school. Other children came to the school by permission from the Schmidt family.

Current condition & use:
Poor condition. Storage of miscellaneous items.

District records available: yes no where stored
Black & white photo taken: yes x no
Old photos available: yes x no (from Crystal Johansen)
Does the building have any state or national historic designation?
no
Name & address of surveyor Sandy Scofield, Chadron, NE date 12/10/80