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### Deer Ridge - Dist. #170

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 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

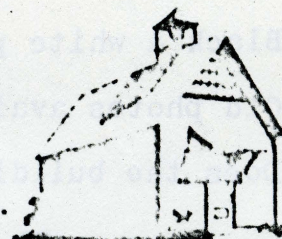
Names of former students (family names only):

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





## COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY HISTORIC SITE FORM

## Architectural Features:

Size of building 17' x 30'Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) Six two-paneNumber of doors (entrances) oneNumber of classrooms oneBell tower or cupola noMaterials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood on cement foundationType of roof ShinglesOuthouses noPlayground 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 noFlagpole 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 &amp; 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?

noName & address of surveyor Sandy Scofield, Chadron, NE date 12/10/80