Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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School building was once 1½ miles straight north of its present location which is in a park tourist park just north of the Milford exit on I-80 ten mi. east of York, Nebr. See below.

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HISTORIC SITE FORM

State: Nebraska
County: Seward

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): Just off Milford, Nebr., exit on I-80, north side of hiway.

Is this the original location? No, was once 1½ miles north of present location, now serves as part of a tourist park along with church which

Name of building & origin of name: was once situated four miles south.

Name & number of the district: not available, but would be from the
County Superintendent's office, Seward, Nebr., Seward County.

Date built: looks to be about 75 years, years in use: not immediately available

Who built it? A contractor or the community?: apparently a local contractor

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community?: a plan book, similar to many, many others.

Names of former teachers:
Information could be gotten from county sup't. of schools, Seward, NE

Names of former students (family names only): 

Name & address of person in charge of building: 

Who is the owner?

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Architectural Features:

Size of building approx. 20 x 14

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.) ____________ see photo

Number of doors (entrances) ___ 1

Number of classrooms ___ 1

Bell tower or cupola

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.) wood and is one of the quite few "red" schoolhouses.

Type of roof ____________________________

Outhouses

Playground Equipment

Color of building & trim

Coal shed or stable

Teacherage

Flagpole

Other architectural features:

Manager of "The Big Barn" park tells me that the building once had something in it of old school desks, but some have been carried off by vandals.

Anything left inside?

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

Current condition & use: tourist attraction, but it appears not used other than as a building to be viewed exteriorly.

District records available: yes ___ no ___ where stored Co. Supt.

Black & white photo taken: yes ___ no ___ x

Old photos available: yes ___ no ___ ?

Does the building have any state or national historic designation?

I saw this building while passing by on a trip and picked up only a slight bit of information. People interested in making it a historic site

Name & address of surveyor needed to dig more deeply: date

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