Grandview School - Dist. # 85

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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State: NERB         County: OTOB

Location (in miles & direction from nearest town): 1.71 miles East of Palmyra

Is this the original location?yn

Name of building & origin of name: Grandview School

Name & number of the district: 85

Date built: 1885        Years in use: 75-80 yrs

Who built it? A contractor or the community? UNCERTAIN

Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community? PLAN BOOK

Names of former teachers:

DOROTHY CALLAWAY
D. FERN FIELDS AGE 80 LIVES AT PALMYRA
EMMA STILWELL LIVES AT UNADILLA

Names of former students (family names only):

MCKAY DOWDING
LUFF THOMSON
BEACHAM RHOTEN
LANG WACHTER

Name & address of person in charge of building:

GOOD SAMARITAN HOMY SYRACUSE
MRS. R. R. MILLER

Who is the owner? MRS. R. R. MILLER
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Architectural Features:

Size of building: 25 x 40'

Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 1/pane, I think

Number of doors (entrances): 1

Number of classrooms: 1

Bell tower or cupola: There is a bell tower, bell sold from 1720 yrs ago

Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): Wood

Type of roof: Wood shingles covered by asphalt

Outhouses: None at this site

Playground Equipment: None

Color of building & trim: White

Coal shed or stable: None at this location

Teacherage: No

Flagpole: No longer exists

Other architectural features:

Anything left inside? Yes, school has been kept closed up so the inside has not deteriorated as to the weather. Heating in 1964 still on the wall. Old blackboards are still in storage.

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

Annual Xmas plays, picnics on the last day of school in May.

My Grandpa walked home from school during the blizzards after 1917.

Current condition & use: Excellent - use: storage shed for tools

District records available: Yes, no, where stored?

Black & white photo taken: Yes, no

Old photos available: Yes, no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? Not that I know of, but it would be an excellent choice considering its condition.

Name & address of surveyor: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________
I do not have a picture available of myself at this time so I'll just forget this.
Jan 26, 1981

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Dear Sir:

A friend of mine called me to ask if I had any pictures of the country school we went to. I was interested.

This is a picture of Dist 85 Grandview, east of Palmyra, Neb. I went to school here 1923-1931. The building was built in 1914. I'm not sure but I think this is the second school house here. This is the only picture I have at present, but I have other pictures that show more of the school yard and the inside of the building. If you want
to go any farther I have the negatives. I could get prints made.
If you would like to talk to a former pupil, my brother lives about next door to the campus.  

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If I can help I would be glad to do so:  

Yours Truly  

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