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1938

Locust Grove - Dist. #32

Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier

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**State:** Nebraska  **County:** Nemaha

**Location (in miles & direction from nearest town):** 6 miles East of Auburn

**Is this the original location?**

**Name of building & origin of name:** Locust Grove - named because of large numbers of nearby locust trees

**File above door: Standard School**

**Name & number of the district:** Locust Grove, District 32

**Date built:** 1938  **Years in use:** 42 +

**Who built it? A contractor or the community:** contractor

**Does it look like it came from a plan book or was it designed by the community:** Plan book

**Names of former teachers:**
- Miss Handley
- Miss Kistner
- Miss Feighner
- Miss Szymon
- Miss Groves
- Mrs. Hazen
- Miss Lambert
- Mrs. Stiers
- Mrs. Able
- Mrs. Thompson

**Names of former students (family names only):**
- Hostermann
- Lawrence
- Haasford
- Andrews
- Williams
- Kennedy
- Seibert
- Jones
- Sieks
- Old Fields
- Conn

**Name & address of person in charge of building:** Mary Ann Burgess
1441 13th St.
Auburn, NE

**Who is the owner?** District #32
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Architectural Features:
Size of building: 32 x 32
Number of Windows (four pane, six pane, etc.): 11 - 2-pane
Number of doors (entrances): 1
Number of classrooms: 1
Bell tower or cupola: -
Materials used (wood, brick, stone, etc.): brick
Type of roof: asphalt shingles
Outbuildings: Indoor toilets
Playground Equipment: Swings, merry-go-round, teeter-totter, basketball, court
Color of building & trim: red brick, white trim
Coal shed or stable: Wood shed attached to building
Teacherage: -
Flagpole: Yes

Other architectural features: Old curtain drop at front of room.

Anything left inside?: Complete school equipment

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

Current condition & use: Used as school

District records available: yes X no where stored
Black & white photo taken: yes X no
Old photos available: yes X no

Does the building have any state or national historic designation? No

Name & address of surveyor: James L. Perlot, date 2/2/8
Mrs. Mary Ann Burgess  
R. F. D. 1  
Brownville, Nebr. 68321  

Dear Mrs. Burgess:  

I am seeking your help for a project, "The Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier," in which I am engaged. It is an eight-state attempt to capture and preserve something of the history of rural schools.

Would you please fill in the enclosed "historic site" forms to the best of your ability?

I have a nice picture of your pretty school building, also of your students. Chris Simon took it for me a few months ago, I'm sure you'll recall.

If you and they don't mind, I'd like the names of the children. Can you remember how they were sitting? (I suspect they'll remember.) Two girls whom Mr. Simon said were the Cade twins sat nearest the camera. They are handsome and bright-looking children.

I will appreciate your help. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ernest Grundy  
Professor of English