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ARCHITECTURAL SITES**

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SITS # 32AD149

I. SITE DATA

Field Code 030164-01 Site Name RANCH  
 Field Code \_\_\_\_\_ Site Name \_\_\_\_\_

Map Quad Lemmon NE Quad  
 Map Quad \_\_\_\_\_

LTL ___ Twp <u>129</u> R <u>91</u> Sec <u>1</u> QQQ <u>7</u> QQ <u>6</u> Q <u>7</u>	1. N1/2
LTL ___ Twp ___ R ___ Sec ___ QQQ ___ QQ ___ Q ___	2. E1/2
LTL ___ Twp ___ R ___ Sec ___ QQQ ___ QQ ___ Q ___	3. S1/2
LTL ___ Twp ___ R ___ Sec ___ QQQ ___ QQ ___ Q ___	4. W1/2
LTL ___ Twp ___ R ___ Sec ___ QQQ ___ QQ ___ Q ___	5. NE1/4
LTL ___ Twp ___ R ___ Sec ___ QQQ ___ QQ ___ Q ___	6. SE1/4
LTL ___ Twp ___ R ___ Sec ___ QQQ ___ QQ ___ Q ___	7. SW1/4
LTL ___ Twp ___ R ___ Sec ___ QQQ ___ QQ ___ Q ___	8. NW1/4

City \_\_\_\_\_

Street # \_\_\_\_\_

Street # \_\_\_\_\_

Street Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Features 5

FEATURE DATA

<u>01</u> Feature #	<u>61</u> Feature Type	<u>05</u> Condition
_____ Construction Date	<u>27</u> Context *	
<u>5</u> Feature Date		<u>5</u> Plan Shape *
<u>25</u> Structural System **	<u>26</u> Primary Exterior *	_____ Secondary Exterior
<u>00</u> Ethnic	<u>NA</u> Style *	
<u>071503</u> Fieldwork Date		_____ Architect/Builder

Granary may be an "ever-normal granary" from Great Depression Era. Other Information

SHSND USE

_____ Soil Association	<u>23</u> Ecozone	<u>2</u> Area Signf	_____ MS Number
_____ Soil Association	_____ Ecozone	_____ Area Signf	_____ MS Number
<u>2</u> CR Type	<u>1</u> Verified Site	_____ Non-site	<u>3</u> ECF <u>3</u> TF
<u>4</u> State Registry		<u>4</u> National Register	

Coder Karri L. Springer Date Coded 12/3/03

Reconnaissance Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Intensive Survey X

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<u>03</u> Feature #	<u>09</u> Feature Type	<u>4</u> Condition
Construction Date	<u>07/27</u> Context *	
<u>5</u> Feature Date	<u>primary</u>	<u>5</u> Plan Shape *
<u>25</u> Structural System **	<u>26</u> Primary Exterior *	Secondary Exterior
<u>00</u> Ethnic	<u>NA</u> Style *	
<u>071703</u> Fieldwork Date	Architect/Builder	
Context is mixed. School was moved, but did not function as school on ranch. Other Information		

FOUNDATION TYPE	STORIES	ROOF TYPE/CORNICE
Concrete Slab	<u>1.5</u>	Gable roof, enclosed lean-to entrance

WINDOW CONDITION	DATING METHOD (S)
Most glass missing. Most frames damaged.	Prof. Estimate

PRESERVATION RECOMMENDATION (check all that apply):

- 1)  Individual Nomination
- 2)  Contributes to a potential district
- 3)  No nomination potential
- 4)  Will not contribute to a district
- 5)  Potential district not known at this time: feature would be a contributing element if neighboring properties constitute a district
- 6)  Thematic nomination potential
- 7)  Component of historic site/landscape

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- 8)  Feature has an important physical, spatial, functional, historic or architectural relationship to the site/complex/farmstead
- 9) D Moved: A) relocation occurred within historic period. B) recreates original site, orientation, landscape and spatial relationships. C) compatible in context with neighboring structures. D) relocation has damaged eligibility.
- 10)  Request comparative study of neighboring properties
- 11)  Historical associations require further investigation

DESCRIPTIVE SECTION

DESCRIPTION/INTEGRITY/ELIGIBILITY The school is not on its original foundation, it is raised on concrete blocks. Its condition is poor. The glass windows are broken and frames are damaged. The entrance lean-to appears to have been added after original construction but before moving to this location. The landowner mentioned that one school had been moved to the ranch headquarters around the 1950s so family and neighboring kids would have a closer school, but no teacher was found to teach there and the school was left empty. The 6 missing, double-hung sash, vertical, parallel, east-facing windows are the most noticeable characteristic of this historic school. The windows are characteristic of many similar one room schools that would need as much natural light as possible for regular school activities. The building currently does not have a solid foundation.

The school presents no recognizable historic feeling. Structurally the building is heavily run down. No association has been made to events, places or people of importance. This school is recommended to be ineligible due to the ubiquity of similar buildings in similar contexts from approximately the same time period. No data is likely to be gathered that would add to our collective history by further investigation of this building.

Integrity: poor (moved, damaged, lack of maintenance) Eligibility: No

Urban Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_  
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**View of school with dump in foreground. Note the twisted metal of a windmill.**  
**View to the southeast.**  
**See description of feature #3 on page 2B of this form for further details.**



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View of school from front with entryway and large window frames.  
View to the northwest.  
See description of feature #3 on page 2B of this form for further details.

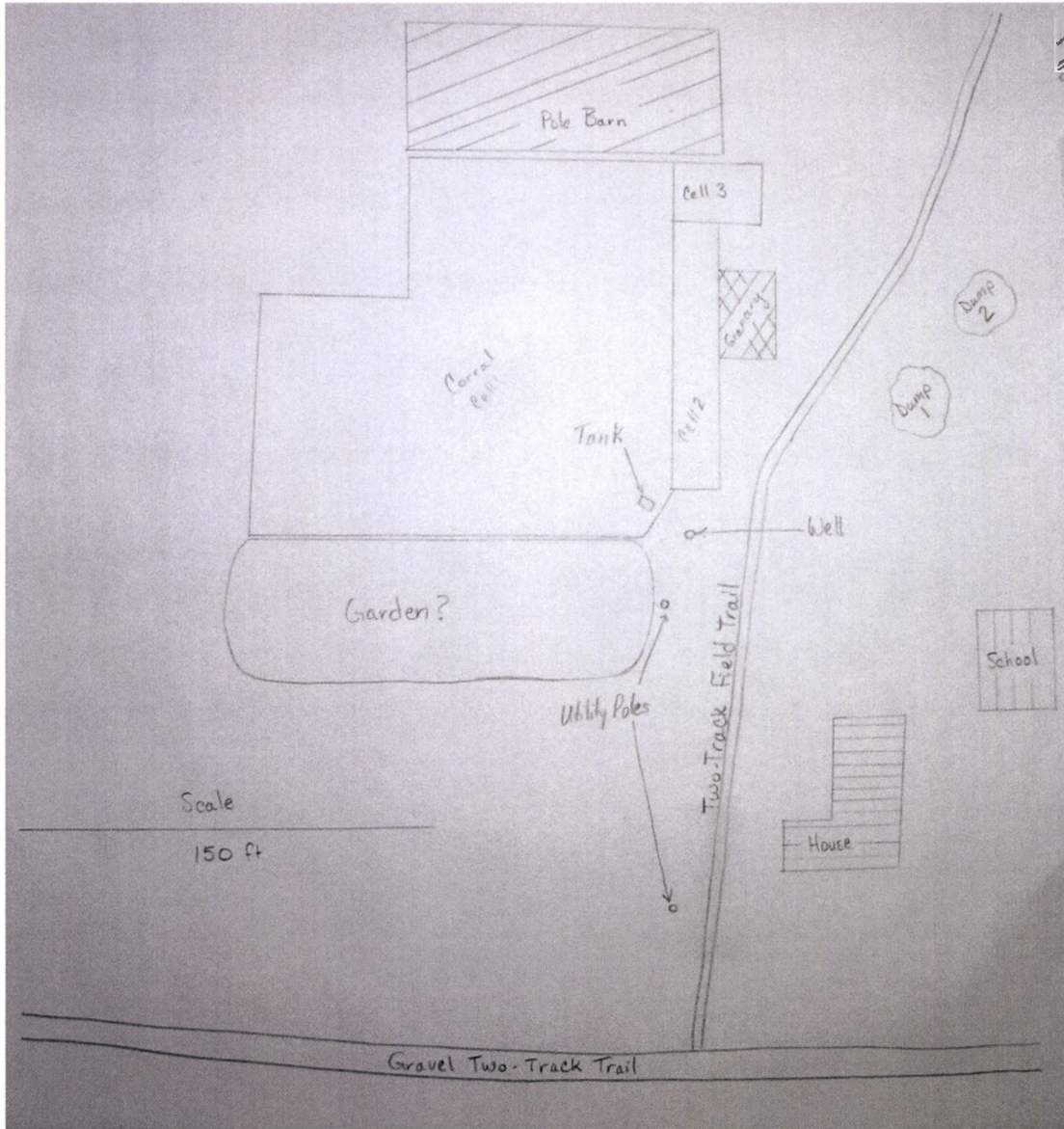


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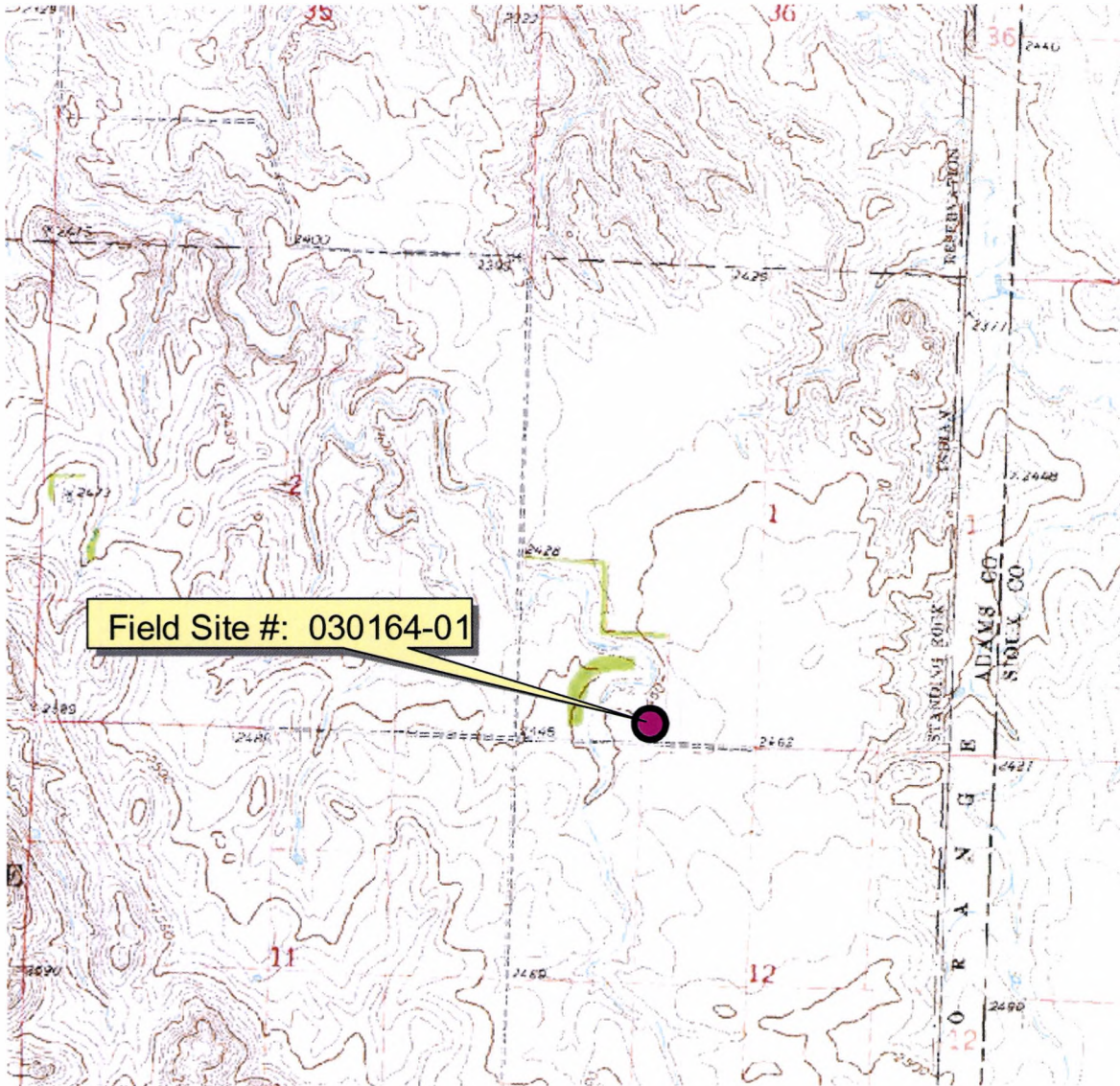
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TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

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T 129 N., R 91 W., Section 1  
Adams County, North Dakota  
USGS 7.5' Lemmon NE, ND quadrangle map  
Actual Size



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This school house is not on its original foundation and its condition is poor. All windows are broken and missing. Pieces of window frames remain. The enclosed front entryway appears to have been added as a lean-to after original construction. Its dimensions are 32 ft N/S x 28 ft E/W. The landowner mentioned to NRCS field office staff that one schoolhouse had been moved to the ranch headquarters around the 1950s so family and neighboring kids would have a closer school, but no teacher was found to teach there and the school was left empty. The now missing, large east-facing windows are one of the most noticeable characteristics of this historic school.

Site Feature #4: Corral

This corral has been modified over time as part of regular maintenance. The condition of the corral is fair. The corral is generally stable. Its dimensions are approx. 160 ft E/W x 130 ft N/S. Many cedar posts were noted in a pile nearby. Likely the original corral was composed of almost exclusively natural cedar posts. The corral does not have a historic feeling without the cedar posts. Connection of the corral to the granary suggests the granary has not been used as such for several years and that the location of the corral has been modified over time.

Site Feature #5: House

This L-shaped gable roofed, plain house likely had double-hung sash windows in a Plain Residential style, although all that remains of the windows is parts of the frames. No entryway is noted on the house. Exterior of the house is wooden clapboard while the interior of the house appears to have been wood lath with stucco/plaster interior finish. Plaster and lath are visible from the outside of the house in many places where the exterior has been removed. It appears that the house was added on to the west and north over time. Condition of this building is very poor as much of it has collapsed, the rest is unstable and the landowner has suggested that much of the old wood has been removed. The dimensions of the longest walls are estimated to be 50 N/S x 36 ft E/W. An old stand of lilacs was planted to the northeast of the building and some remain living.

Overall Ranch Headquarters: Many similar sites are noted across the landscape. It is not likely that this site will add information to our collective past. The building designers, engineers and builders are unknown. A files search produced little evidence of who built which structures. No important events or people are known to be associated with this property at this time. This ranch is in various states of disrepair, modification and demolition. It is recommended to be ineligible for any register as individual buildings and as an overall ranch site.

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1998 "Photo Exhibit: Historical Architectural Survey of Bowman County." Institute of Regional Studies, NDSU. Online at [www.plainsfolk.com/bowman/granary](http://www.plainsfolk.com/bowman/granary).

Deeds Search conducted 07/15/03 by the author/recorder at the Adams County Courthouse in Hettinger.

Interview with the landowner conducted prior to field survey

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