

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM

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Field Code Darling Springs

SITS# 32 AD 176

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Map Quad ~~Darling Springs~~ Wolf Butte

Site Name Darling Springs School

Map Quad _____

Site Name _____

LTL ___ TWP 132 R 97 SEC 16 QQQ 6 QQ 6 Q 6
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UTM _____ N ZONE _____
 UTM _____ E NAD 1927 ___ NAD 1983 ___

- Subsection:
 1 = N½
 2 = E½
 3 = S½
 4 = W½
 5 = NE¼
 6 = SE¼
 7 = SW¼
 8 = NW¼

City: _____

Street Number: _____

Street Name: 9th St NW and 18th Ave NW (rural)

Urban Legal Description: _____

SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features: 2

Fieldwork Date: 11/17/2009

Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor:

Country Schoolhouse Survey Project
Lorna Meidinger, Architectural Historian, SHSND

Report Title & Author(s):

Bonnie Mae Smith, vice-president, Dakota Buttes Historical Society
Howard Nelson, Adams County Commissioner

Additional Information: _____

SHSND USE

Area of Significance 2 Ecozone 23 Verified Site _____ CR Type 2
 Area of Significance _____ Ecozone _____ Non-Site _____
 Area of Significance _____ Ecozone _____

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PAGE 2—Feature Data

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Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.

Architectural Feature # 1

Construction Date _____ Feature Type 9 Condition 5
 Feature Date 3 Context 7 Plan Shape 7
 Structural System 25 Primary Exterior 26 Style Gabled Front: Gabled L/T
 Original Owner's Ethnicity 19 Secondary Exterior _____ Architect/Builder _____

Other Information:

Foundation stuccoed aggregate concrete; some stucco over clay tile Stories 2

Window Three four-over-four 3'x8' intact SE corner; 11 3'x8' boarded up; none on north; entry, boarded

Roof/Cornice Gabled "T" with cedar shakes

Dating Method(s): personal recollections of people who attended school here

Feature Preservation Recommendation(s) (Check all that apply):

- Individual nomination
 Contributes to a potential district
 No nomination potential
 Will not contribute to a district
 Potential district—feature would be a contributing element if other properties constitute a district
 Thematic nomination potential
 Component of a historic site or landscape

Moved (specify all applicable choices)—a) relocation occurred within a historic period; b) recreates original site, orientation, landscape, & spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility

- Historical associations require further investigation

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Architectural Feature # 2

Construction Date Feature Type 50 Condition 5
Feature Date 4 Context 7 Plan Shape 5
Structural System 25 Primary Exterior 26 Style Gabled Front: Gabled L/T
Original Owner's Ethnicity Secondary Exterior Architect/Builder

Other Information:

The privy sits on the northeast corner of the Darling Springs school site near the edge of the bluff. The hinged door faces east, the vent faces south.

Foundation none Stories 1

Window small square opening on south side, no glass

Roof/Cornice gabled with cedar shakes

Dating Method(s):

Feature Preservation Recommendation(s) (Check all that apply):

- Individual nomination
Contributes to a potential district
No nomination potential
Will not contribute to a district
Potential district—feature would be a contributing element if other properties constitute a district
[X] Thematic nomination potential
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PAGE 3—Feature DataField Code Darling SpringsSITS# 32 AD**1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

Feature 1 of the Darling Springs school site is a two-room country school house 28' x 56'. Originally, it had solid core 12' wooden folding doors separating the two rooms, each of which had five large four-over-four windows (5 on the east and 5 on the west). An entry 10' x 23' forms the "T" shape of the gabled building and is at the head of 10 steps that are 11' wide (all are wooden except the bottom two which are concrete). Wooden railings are on both sides of the outdoor stairs. A 3' wainscotted soffet extends below the gabled roofs around the building and in the decorative inset above the main door. The gabled roofs are topped with cedar shakes.

The large structure is built on a full basement that is half out of the ground with its windows above ground, some of which have no glass, some are boarded up, and one has a heavy steel mesh bolted onto it. A boarded up coal chute is near the northwest corner. The structure has four lightning rods, a modern brick chimney (repaired) and evidence of early electricity, with the wires still connected from the main line to the school building. Electrical light fixtures are on the front of the building above the main entry steps and on the back north side. A school buzzer system appears to be installed to the left of the main entry light fixture.

The basement of the Darling Springs school was used as a teacherage. The kitchen of the teacherage was later used as needed for noon lunches and for community gatherings.

Feature 2 of the Darling Springs site is a 6'x8' wooden outhouse on the northeast corner of the site. A wooden structure with horizontal wooden siding and a hinged door, the privy shows signs of modern repair on the barge rafters and on the fascia boards. A small square window opening is on the south end.

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Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.

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2. Owner's Contact Information:

3. Access (to rural areas):

From Hettinger, travel west on Highway 12 to state Highway 22. At that junction, turn right or north. Travel north on Highway 22 for 10 miles. Turn right or east on 18th Ave NW. The Darling Springs school site is three miles east of Highway 22 on 18th Ave NW on the left or north side, just before 9th St NW.

4. Site Area (ft²): _____

5. *Site* Description:

Because the Darling Springs school site is a flat area on a bluff overlooking the lowlands around Cedar Creek, it is visible from a distance. Farmsteads with shelter belts are evident in almost all directions. A school site shelter belt grows on the west and on half of the north side, with some wild plum bushes on the northeast corner of the site.

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PAGE 5—SITE DESCRIPTION**Field Code Darling SpringsSITS# 32 AD**6. Summary of All Site Features & Evaluation of Site Significance:**

The Darling Springs school was the "queen of the prairie" to all who lived in that area. The two-room school was well-known for its high-quality education, but also for the extensive community center it became and continued to be for over two-thirds of the Twentieth Century.

7. References/Comments:

Violet Olson
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Hettinger, ND 58639

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Hettinger, ND 58639

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Reeder, ND 58649

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Complete one *Attachments Section* for the entire site. Include: Topographic map (with quad name and legal description), sketch map, photographs, and any other attachments.



Southwest view

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Southwest view, closeup

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West view

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North view

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East view

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Feature 2 southeast view

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