

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL FORM
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SITS# 32 BE 448

Map Quad Pleasant Lake
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NAD 1983 UTM 5356483 Zone 14N
NAD UTM 441075

City: Pleasant Lake

Street Number:

Street Name: Oak Lane Rd

Urban Legal Description:

Total Number of Architectural Features: 1

Fieldwork Date:

Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey

Project & Principal Investigator:

Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

SHSND

Additional Information:

based on 1986 file and memory of Mark Halvorson; no site visit

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Component 2 Study Unit 17 Verified Site 1 CR Type 2
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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 1906

Feature Date 1900-1915

Structural System Wood Frame

Original Owner's Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Feature Type 9 - School; Church school

Context Education

Primary Exterior Wood, Horizontal Siding

Secondary Exterior \_\_\_\_\_

Condition Good

Plan Shape Rectangular

Style Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation concrete Stories 2.0

Roof/Cornice gable

Window appear original

Dating Method(s) documentation

Miscellaneous Information completed based on 1986 photograph

**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, and spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility
- Historical associations require further investigation

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**NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL FORM****PAGE 3 – Feature Data****Field Code** Broken Bone-LM-2021**SITS# 32 BE 448****Complete one Page 3 for each architectural feature at the site.****1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

The school is designed as a one room school house but with one on top of the other. On the south, the central door is up nine steps as the school was built along a steep ridge. The double door entrance is under a decorative wood fan. On either side of the door is a 2:2 double hung window and the upper level has three identical windows evenly spaced. Near the south end of the gable is an open bell tower under a pyramidal roof with small gable wall dormers. The east side has what looks like four bays, three with 2:2 double hung windows on each level. The southern-most bay on each level has either been filled in or did not have an opening. Shadows make it hard to tell from the 1986 photo. The partial view of the west side appears to show four windows on the lower level with three windows on the upper level. Where a fourth window on the upper level would have been (north) is an opening of the same size above a fire escape.

The school also served as the local voting place, even after its closure. It was sold in 1986 to James Sperry and Lou Hafermehl, who worked at SHSND at the time. When they took ownership, they were upset to find someone had removed the school bell, according to Mark Halvorson. It appears to be within the current boundary of Pleasant Lake National Wildlife Refuge. This type of rural school is very rare in North Dakota.

**2. Owner's Contact Information:****Recorded By:** Lorna Meidinger **Date Recorded:** 11/08/2021

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**PAGE 4 – *Site Description*****Field Code** Broken Bone-LM-2021**SITS# 32** BE 4483. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>):

4. Description of Access and Site Setting:

The area is on a hill that looks down past Old Highway 2 onto Broken Bone Lake. Most of the nearby houses have been demolished but the area still is wooded with Oak trees.

5. Summary of ALL Site Features and Evaluation of Significance:

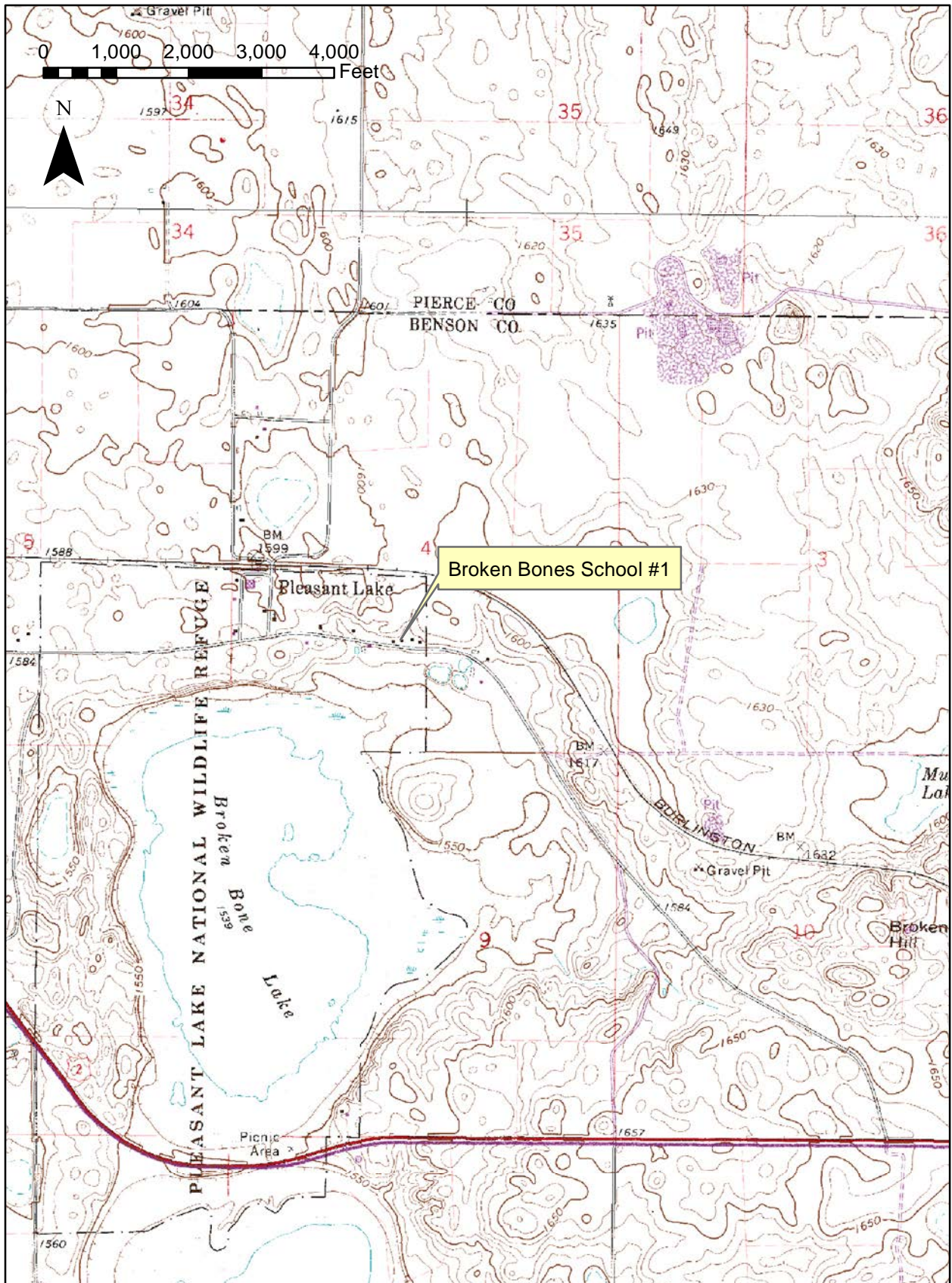
Based on the photographs, the school is individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its very rare form as well as under education and potentially other social and government history categories.

6. References/Comments:

Information from Mrs. Elaine J. Shapiro (attached)  
Personal communication with Mark J. Halvorson

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**NDCRS ATTACHMENT SECTION**

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SSE, taken April 1986 and submitted by Elaine J. Shapiro

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West side from NW, 1984 by Mark Halvorson

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Bell detail from SE, 1984 by Mark Halvorson

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## NDCRS ATTACHMENT SECTION

Field Code LM-21-Broken BonesSITS# 32 BE**For sale on bids**

Two story schoolhouse with one-half acre of land (more or less) located in Pleasant Lake. Bids will be opened August 15, 1986 at 9 p.m. at the home of the Clerk of Pleasant Lake Township.

Mail bids to: Bernice Greig, Clerk, Route 4, Box 112, Pleasant Lake, N.D. 58364.

Please mark envelope "Bid." The Pleasant Lake Township board reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids. The board will furnish a quit claim deed to the successful bidder.

Further information is available by calling Bernice Greig at 583-2569.

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School sale ad, 1986

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213-596-4250

3426 Lilly Avenue  
Long Beach, California 90808  
August 9, 1986

State Historical Society of North Dakota  
North Dakota Heritage Center  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find picture of a beautiful 2 story one room school house located at Pleasant Lake, North Dakota, which is located ten miles east of Rugby, North Dakota.

As you can see from the enclosed clipping, bids will be taken on it and I have heard that even a bid of \$300.00 might take it. I am very worried that it will go to a contractor and be torn down for the lumber.

It was built in 1906. The picture speaks for itself. Can you save it?

Time is of the essence as the bids must be in to Bernice Greig, Clerk, Route 4, Box 112, Pleasant Lake, N.D. 58364 by August 15, 1986. Her phone number is (701) 583-2569.

I am praying that you can save it.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Elaine J. Shapiro*

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(1, p. 185; 38, vol. 2, vol. 4, p. 19; 66, Sec. 4, pp. 1 and 2; 72, 9/12/40; 73; 80)

**PENDENNIS:** A Northern Pacific Rwy. loading station on Sec. 1, Rich Valley Twp., named in 1921 by Perry Roth and Charles McMillan, early residents of this area for the hero, Arthur Pendennis in "His Fortunes and Misfortunes" by Thackeray. (76)

**PLEASANT LAKE:** Named for its township, which was named for the small prairie lake within its borders. This tree lined lake was given this descriptive name of James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern Rwy. The Indians called it Broken Bones Lake. They camped on its shores to dry their buffalo meat, broke the bones and removed the marrow, which they sewed in sacks of skin and preserved it for winter use. Evidences of Indian habitation and burial are still found here. The post office at Pleasant Lake was established June 11, 1887 with Calvin B. Holbrook, postmaster. (7, p. 252; 72, 9/13/40; 80; 83)

**RHODES:** See **ESMOND**.

**SAINT MICHAEL:** A mission school established in 1874 at the foot of Mission Hill on the Fort Totten Indian Agency by the Grey Nuns of the Roman Catholic Church of Montreal, Canada, through the efforts of Maj. William H. Forbes, first Indian agent on the Fort Totten Reservation. The school was named for Saint Michael, "chief of the celestial hierarchy." This small settlement with school, store, church and residences did not incorporate but a post office was established here Feb. 25, 1932. (7, p. 268; 72, 9/13/40; 76)

**SCHUYLER:** See **FLORA**.

**SPAULDING:** An early day ferry-boat point on Grand Coulee, located on Sec. 13-154-67. Named for the ferry-boat operator, J. E. Spaulding. (11, p. 206)

**SULLY'S HILL:** A national game preserve — or a sanctuary for native wildlife and big game animals, that were abundant on the great