

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM

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Field Code MAC-102 SITS# 32 BK 199

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Map Quad Columbus SE Site Name Merriwell Farmstead
Map Quad _____ Site Name _____

LTL ___TWP 161 R 93 SEC 8 QQQ 6 QQ 5 Q 6
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NAD 1983, UTM 5405710 N ZONE 13N
NAD 1983, UTM 664039 E

Subsection:
1 = N $\frac{1}{2}$
2 = E $\frac{1}{2}$
3 = S $\frac{1}{2}$
4 = W $\frac{1}{2}$
5 = NE $\frac{1}{4}$
6 = SE $\frac{1}{4}$
7 = SW $\frac{1}{4}$
8 = NW $\frac{1}{4}$

City: _____
Street Number: _____
Street Name: 96th Ave NW
Urban Legal Description: _____

SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features: 8

Fieldwork Date: 03/09/2018

Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey

Project & Principal Investigator:

Project: Burke County Windfarm; PI: Ed Stine

Report Title & Author(s):

Report Title: Architectural Survey for the Burke County Wind Energy Center, Burke County, North Dakota prepared for Burke Wind, LLC; Author: Emily Sakariassen

Contracting firm or Agency completing the form:

Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

Additional Information:

SHSND USE

Area of Significance 2 Ecozone 20 Verified Site 1 CR Type 1
Area of Significance _____ Ecozone _____
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Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.

Architectural Feature # 7

Construction Date _____

Feature Type 9Condition 5Feature Date 3Context 30Plan Shape 5Structural System 25Primary Exterior 26Style Utilitarian

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Secondary Exterior _____

Architect/Builder _____

Other Information: _____

Foundation None Stories 1.0Roof/Cornice Gable-front; asphalt shinglesWindow Original openings intact; majority of original window sash, screens, and storms intactDating Method(s): Professional Estimate

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

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PAGE 3—Feature DataField Code MAC-102SITS# 32 BK 199**Complete a Page 3 for each feature.****1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

DESCRIPTION: Feature 7 is a wood-framed, one-room school house moved to the property at an unknown date. The feature has a rectangular footprint and no foundation. The exterior is clad in horizontal clapboards and asphalt shingles cover the roof. The primary entry is a door centered on the west elevation. The door itself is no longer in place, though a paneled wood door was visible on the interior. Window screens were also visible inside the feature, intact and stored in the rafters. Tall window openings flank the primary entrance. Both are covered by a side-hung, vertical-board shutter. A raking stain on the siding between the two windows suggests a pedimented vestibule was once centered on this elevation. The only other fenestration is a bank of five tall, two-over-two-lite double-hung windows on the north elevation.

INTEGRITY: Feature 7 is in fair condition with a considerable amount of deterioration from neglect and exposure. The damage to existing materials is especially apparent in the wood siding and wood windows. Missing window glass, broken sash elements, dry rot, and the likely removal of the entry vestibule contribute to a loss of integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. Integrity of location, setting, and feeling have been compromised to the relocation of the school house to its current position on the Merriwell farmstead.

ELIGIBILITY: Feature 7 has been evaluated against the NRHP Criteria. It is found to lack integrity sufficient to convey historic character in reference to associations with events that have made significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history under Criterion A, historically significant persons under Criterion B, characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction under Criterion C, and it is unlikely to yield important information in reference to research questions under Criterion D. Metcalf recommends this feature not eligible for inclusion in the NRHP.

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2. Owner's Contact Information:

3. Access (to rural areas):

From the intersection of ND Highway 5/US 52 and ND Highway 40, approximately 0.5 miles south of Columbus, turn south onto ND Highway 40 and continue south for 8.15 miles. The site will be to the west, accessed by a gravel driveway off the west side of the ND Highway 40.

4. Site Area (ft²): 217,6045. Description of **SETTING**:

The site is a farmstead on the top of a rise in upland plain topography. The land form overlooks a drainage to the north. Highway 40 extends north-south along the east edge of the property. A mature shelterbelt containing a mixture of coniferous and deciduous trees is planted along the north, south, and west boundaries of the site. The driveway is marked with a gate at the east property. Ground cover at the time of survey was snow covered and potential exists for additional historical archaeological features.

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PAGE 5—SITE DESCRIPTION**Field Code MAC-102SITS# 32 BK 199**6. Summary of ALL Site Features & Evaluation of Significance:**

Site MAC-102 is currently known as the Merriwell Farmstead. The site consists of 8 architectural features with estimated dates of construction ranging from 1900 through 1960. Feature 1 is a 1.5-story house, Feature 2 is a Gothic-arched barn with a decorative hay hood, Feature 3 is a wood-framed pump house, Feature 4 is a wood-framed storage building, Feature 5 is a gable-roofed barn, Feature 6 is a privy, Feature 7 is a relocated one-room schoolhouse, and Feature 8 is a cylindrical metal grain bin. These features are typical of farm properties in the area and exhibit common building practices, including the reuse of existing materials and building stock to meet changing needs over time. Metcalf has deduced from historic aerial imagery that Feature 7, for example, was moved onto the property between 1946 and 1961. According to the 1914 Atlas of Burke County, there was a schoolhouse located in the northwest quarter of section 8 in T. 161N, R. 93W. However, no school appears at that location in the 1961 aerial photographs (NDSWC 2015). It is very likely that Feature 7 is the same school identified in the 1914 atlas, originally located less than one mile northwest of site MAC-102, but moved after a period of disuse and never re-purposed.

Overall, the site is in good condition. The features vary slightly in age, condition, and level of integrity. Alterations such as removal of original materials and installation of modern windows and siding, especially in reference to the primary farmstead features such as the house and barn, have had a cumulative affect on overall site integrity.

The site has historic associations with ethnic settlement of Burke County around the turn of the 20th Century, though the association does not appear to be significant nor should the site be considered a particularly strong representation of a site type. According to a deeds search conducted at the Burke County courthouse on March 13, 2018, the first patent was held by Gotfred J. Benson who filed his claim in 1912. Benson and his wife Alma Elizabeth Trulin, had been raised in Vasa, Minnesota, a Swedish settlement founded in 1853 (Upham 1920). Benson moved to Columbus, North Dakota in 1905 and homesteaded in Leaf Mountain Township. Alma arrived a year or two later and homesteaded her own 80-acre tract, also in Leaf Mountain Township. The two were married in 1909 and lived on Gotfred's property, section 8 of T. 161N, R. 93W (Burke County Historical Society 1971). The property has had a number of owners since, most of whom were also Scandinavian, working as farmers or ranchers, occasionally employed by one of the nearby coal mines.
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7. References/Comments:

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ELIGIBILITY: Site MAC-102 has been evaluated for eligibility against the NRHP Criteria. It is found to lack significant association with events that contribute to the broad patterns of our history under Criterion A. A deed search found no association with persons considered significant under Criterion B. The site does not represent significant characteristics of a type, period, or method of design under Criterion C, and is unlikely to yield important information in reference to research questions under Criterion D. This site is recommended *not eligible* for inclusion in the NRHP.

References:

Burke County Historical Society

1971 *Pioneers and Progress*. Burke County and White Earth Historical Society, Bismarck, ND

George A. Ogle and Co.

1914 *Standard Atlas of Burke County, North Dakota*. George A. Ogle and Co., Chicago, IL

ND State Water Commission

2015 *Burke County, 1961* [aerial photograph]. 1:20000. Aerial Imagery Map Service
<https://aerial.swc.nd.gov/>, accessed 3/22/2018.

Upham, Warren

1920 *Minnesota Geographic Names: Their Origin and Historic Significance*. Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.**Recorded By:** E. Sakariassen & K. Troendle**Date Recorded** 3/8/2018

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Table 1: Deed Search Results for MAC-102					
Grantor	Grantee	Date of Original Signing	Document Type/ Transfer Type	Price	Comments
U.S. Department of the Interior	Gotfred J. Benson	2/23/1912	Patent Claim	--	Document#249803
Gotfred J. and Alma T. Benson	Anton E. Rude	2/21/1913	Warranty Deed	\$3,500.00	Document #12951
Anton E. Rude and Othilda Rude	Iver Hallum	12/5/1916	Warranty Deed	\$4000.00 plus a \$1,300.00 mortgage	Document #25944
Iver and Karine Hallum	John and Ludvig Henriksen	11/1/1919	Warranty Deed	\$8,000	plus ½ of all grain harvested from the property in perpetuity.
Iver and Karine Hallum	Investors Security Company, Minnesota	2/4/1920	Assignment of Contract	\$6,362.25	
Anton and Othilda Rude	Ellen Dorman	4/5/1924	Mortgage Foreclosure	--	Document #44758
Ellen Dorman	Carl G. Johnson	9/28/1925	Warranty Deed	\$3,000.00	Document#48459
Burke County Sheriff	Federal Farm Mortgage Company	3/28/1938	Sheriff's Deed	\$533.84	Document#65419
Federal Farm Mortgage Company	Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul, Minnesota	4/4/1938	Quit Claim Deed	\$1.00	Document#65420
Federal Land Bank of Saint Paul, Minnesota	Evald and Palmer Brothen	12/8/1942	Limited Warranty Deed	\$1,300.00	Document#75352
Palmer and Leila Brothen	Arvil M. and Ruby M. Watterud	2/16/1954	Warranty Deed	\$3,800.00	Document#84501
Ruby Watterud (Deceased)	Elmer Thingvold	3/15/1994	Letter of Administration	--	Document#3540, Book 243M, Page 301
*The deeds search was completed at Burke County Recorder in Bowbells, North Dakota. The names were compared with the North Dakota Biography Index database and, when appropriate, names and documents were also searched at the State Archives at the State Historical Society of North Dakota in Bismarck, North Dakota.					
Project: Atwell Wind Farm Burke County					
Site Number: MAC-102					
Legal Location: SE NE SE Section 8 T161 R93					
Date of Deed Search: 3-13-2018					
Names: Emily Sakariassen and Daan Meens					

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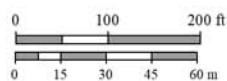
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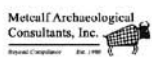
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 MAC-102

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- Architectural Feature
- Postcontact Site



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Figure 1: Sketch map of MAC-102 depicted on aerial imagery.

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Figure 14: MAC-102, Feature 7, view southeast (Image 105-316).



Figure 15: MAC-102, Feature 7, view northwest (Image 105-319).

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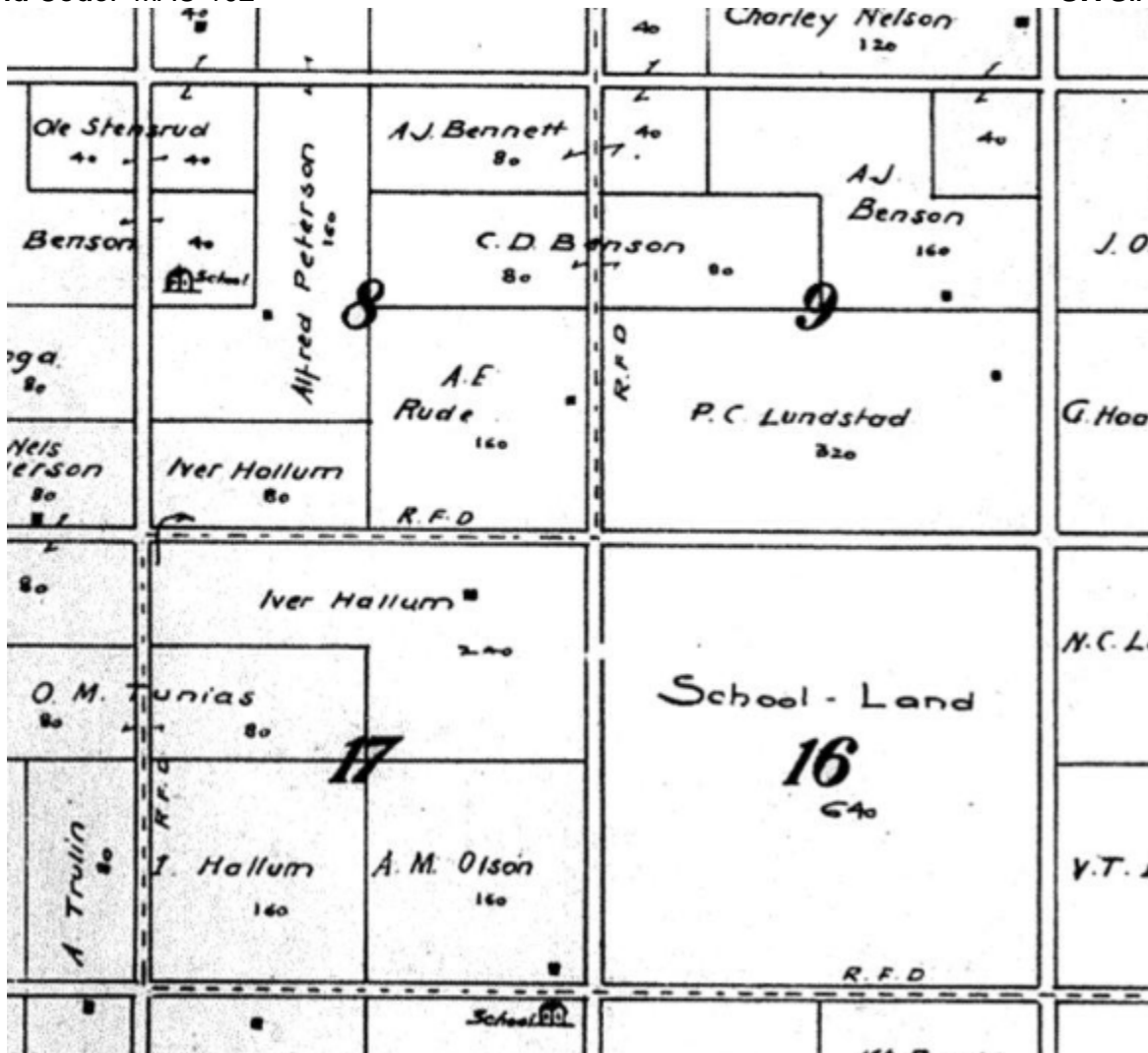


Figure 19: Map of Township 161N, Range 93W, Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17. Excerpt from map by Geo. A. Ogle and Company, in *Standard Atlas of Burke County, North Dakota* (Chicago, IL: 1914: 40).