

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM

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SITE IDENTIFICATION

Map Quad Ayr Site Name _____
Map Quad _____ Site Name _____

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UTM _____ N ZONE _____
UTM _____ E NAD 1927 _____ NAD 1983 _____

City: Ayr

Street Number: _____

Street Name: 3rd St

Urban Legal Description: _____

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 $\frac{1}{4}$

SITE DATA

Total # Architectural Features: 3

Fieldwork Date: 9/28/2005

Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor: _____

Report Title & Author(s): _____

Additional Information: based on NRHP Property Data Sheet

SHSND USE

Area of Significance <u>2</u>	Ecozone <u>15</u>	Verified Site <u>1</u>	CR Type <u>2</u>
Area of Significance _____	Ecozone _____	Non-Site _____	
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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 1884

Feature Type 9

Condition 5

Feature Date 2

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:

Foundation _____ Stories 1

Window original openings

Roof/Cornice gable

Dating Method(s): written records

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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PAGE 3—Feature DataField Code _____ SITS# 32 CS x**1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

Ayr School District 72 was originally 4.5 miles south of its present location and was last moved in 1969. At this time, it was restored as it had been unused for over 50 years.

The school has a central round window under the gable divided into four lites. Below the window are two signs "AYR SCHOOL DISTRICT 72" and "BUILT IN 1884" and then a walk door that has two narrow panels and opens in the middle. A 3 over 4 double hung window is on each side of the door and a wood platform the full width of the school serves as the one step up to the door. Toward the west on the north side are three 3 over 4 double hung windows. The interior has wood floors, beadboard above a wood wainscot, and historic furnishings. A privy is visible in the shadows of the photo but has not been recorded.

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

Architectural Feature # 2

Construction Date _____ Feature Type 59 Condition 5
Feature Date 2 Context 25 Plan Shape 5
Structural System 25 Primary Exterior 26 Style Other Contemporary
Original Owner's Ethnicity _____ Secondary Exterior _____ Architect/Builder _____

Other Information:

Foundation concrete Stories 1
Window original openings
Roof/Cornice gable
Dating 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
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Ayr Great Northern Railroad Depot was moved to its current location. The west side has a bay for the train master with windows on all three sides. the windows are divided lite, double hung windows but the count cannot be seen in the photo. Other double hung windows on the west and the south are 3 over four. A five panel walk dor with a four lite transom is on the west side, south of the train master bay. A small brick chimney is visible at the peak near the train master bay and various railroad signs and signals are around the building.

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

Architectural Feature # 3

Construction Date 1904 Feature Type 47 Condition 5
 Feature Date 3 Context 4 Plan Shape 5
 Structural System 25 Primary Exterior 26 Style Boomtown/False Front
 Original Owner's Ethnicity _____ Secondary Exterior _____ Architect/Builder _____

Other Information:

Foundation _____ Stories 1

Window original openings

Roof/Cornice gable with false front

Dating Method(s): written records

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

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1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

Feature 3 has signs above the door that read "THE AYR STORE CO." and "built in 1904" but it was originally a meat market and has also served as a grocery store, cream station, and a cafe and beer parlor. The west facade has a recessed center entry door under a transom with large glass 1 over 1 fixed windows on the recesses and fixed 3 over 2 windows on the front. Visible thru the windows is a rear window that appears to be a 2 over 2. The window surrounds are vertical wood siding below the awning. The rest of the building has horizontal lap siding.

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PAGE 4—SITE DESCRIPTION**

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Complete one Page 4 for the entire *site*.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

Keith Johnson
PO Box 46
Ayr ND

3. Access (to rural areas):

4. Site Area (ft²): _____

5. *Site* Description:

The buildings are in a small town and have been placed together to create an "historic village."

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6. *Summary of All Site Features & Evaluation of Site Significance:*

7. *References/Comments:*

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PROPERTY DATA SHEET

AYR SCHOOL

Moved
prob No.

County: Cass

Town: Ayr

Address of Property: Third Street (no bldg address exists)

Name of Owner: Keith Johnson

Address of Owner: PO Box 46 Ayr, North Dakota

Phone # of Owner: 701-668-2991

Construction date: 1884

Name of Builder or contractor: Don't know

Interior/exterior changes made:

A restoration of the building has been done, but no elements of the original structure have been changed as a result, to the best of my knowledge. The interior retains original school desks and composition books that the owner, Mr. Johnson purchased at auction from two former teachers at the school in 1969 (I believe). The original location of the school was about 4 1/2 miles south of its present location. It was moved to its current location on 3rd street by Mr. Johnson when he purchased the building.

out of town?
yes

Criteria:

A) Historical:

This original District #72 one room schoolhouse is a wonderful example of a frontier one room school. The school housed grades 1-8 and closed in 1905 or 1915 when another larger brick school was built, which has since been torn down. Mr. Johnson wanted to preserve this original school house as a museum for people to know what a frontier school was like - complete with desks, original compositions and other furnishings - most original to the school itself. The Ayr school building was not used for other purposes after it closed. See attached picture of the original structure + recent photographs.

integrity

There are no other structures on the property.

Mr. Johnson also owns two other buildings that I believe have historic value, although both have been moved from their original locations to their current locations on Third Street In Ayr.

One of these buildings was formerly the [redacted] building, originally a meat market owned and operated by Frank Long. Over the years it served as a grocery store, a cream station and a café and beer parlor. Keith Johnson bought the Last Chance building from Bruce Hagen in 1981 and converted it into the Ayr Store Company. The building stands as an excellent example of a turn-of-the-century general goods store.

maybe

The other structure, also on third street in Ayr, though not in its original location, is the Ayr train depot – also with its original furnishings ie a ticket counter, schedules, etc. inside. I do not have any additional information about this building.

-no

I have enclosed recent photographs of each structure listed above, as well as historic photos of: Ayr State Bank, District #72 school, Last Chance (now Ayr General store) and the Presbyterian church.

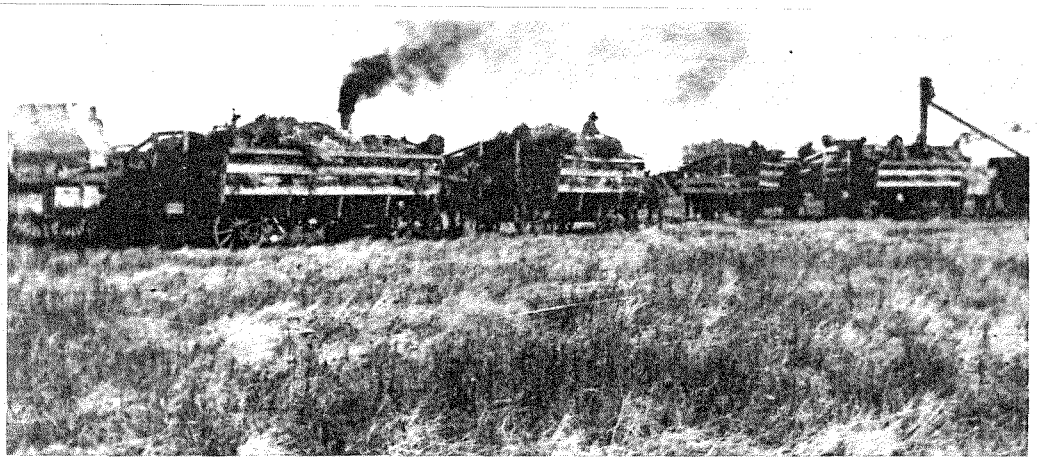
William grew up in Canada but came to Ayr in 1894 to attend the Agriculture College that winter. He began work as bridge tender but soon got into grocery business, first with Lewis Vidger and Co. then with T. E. O'Connell, a Fargo grocer. In 1903, he came to Ayr and entered business for himself, buying more land and was manager.

In 1905 he married Catherine Chapman of Ayr and they had six children; Frances and William, now deceased; Jessie (Mrs. Howard) of Boise, Idaho; Edwin, of Grand Rapids; Catherine (Mrs. Vel P. McCullough) of Phoenix, Arizona; and Richard of Salem, Oregon.

William and Catherine were two of the important factors and influences in the commercial, social, and religious life of their community.

William died in 1920. Mrs. McCosh became Mrs. Harding and lived in Valley City, later in Phoenix, Arizona, before her death.

by Mrs. Ralph Cameron



Threshing in southeastern Ayr Township.

Hubert Malchose

Hugh Malchose, born in 1886 in Sabin, Minn., German parentage, received his education in Sabin and Fargo Commercial College.

He clerked in a Fargo store then, in 1910, came to Ayr as a store clerk for a year when he was named assistant cashier at the bank. Two years later he became Cashier and held that position until the bank closed in 1926.

Hugh married Agnes Punton in 1912, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Punton. They had two children; Kenneth and Hubert. Hubert died and in 1923 Hugh married Annie Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson.

Their daughter, Elaine, died when 20. Jess-Ann and Jack, twins, were born in 1930. Elaine married Rev. Garry Kamerling and lives in Beaver Dam, Wis. Jack married Ligia Gola of Italy and they live in Northridge, California.

The Malchoses moved to Fargo in 1927, then to Moorhead in 1928 where he was engaged in real estate and insurance. Hugh died in 1932; Annie in 1952.

Kenneth Malchose married Myrtle Lee of Northhope, N.D.

by Mrs. Ralph Cameron



Rand, Rick, Steve, Don McLeod, Amy and Cathy.

Bailey home and moved into Ayr. They have four children: Rick, Cathy, Steve and Rand.

Rick Donald graduated from Ayr in 1968, attended NDSU, graduated from Moorhead Technical School and is now the head chef at The Black Angus in Fargo. Rick married Jill Grieger, daughter of Ralph and Leila Grieger of Erie, Jan. 15, 1971. They have a four year old daughter, Jenifer Lyn, and a year old son, Andrew Donald. They live in Fargo.

Catherine Rae graduated from Page High School in 1970 and was employed by Fargo National Bank for several years. She married Thomas K. Baasch, son of Lawrence and Lucille Baasch of Tower City, Mar. 18, 1971. A daughter, Kelly Jo, is 4 years old. Thomas died in 1974. Cathy resides at Ayr.

Steven Robert graduated from Page High School in 1973 and entered the Navy in August of that year. He is now aboard the U.S.S. Schofield and is in Fire Control and Electronics.

Randall James graduated from Page High School in 1974 and attends Valley City State College, majoring in music. He is a member of E.B.C. and is now playing with a group called, "Tacet".

The family are all members of the Presbyterian Church. Don served on church, school and town boards. Amy has been church organist for twenty years and is active in church, school, United Presbyterian Women and 4-H Club. She is a past officer of Fargo-Oakes Presbyterian. Don was substitute rural mail carrier for many years.

by Mrs. Donald McLeod

George Mitchell — Isabella Livingston

Isabella Livingston was born in Canada and came to live on a homestead near Wheatland in 1878. In 1891 she married George Mitchell at Hope. They lived near Tower City, then near Hope, then moved to Ayr in 1896. George died in 1901. Hector Mitchell, his brother, made his home near Ayr, farming on Section 1 and later moving the shanty house to Section 35, Rich Township before B. J. Crooks purchased the East half — (presently, the R. E. Cameron home.) Mrs. Joseph Donahue and Mrs. Roderick McKay were George's sisters.

Isabelle Mitchell lived in her home near the Presbyterian Church in Ayr with her son, Fred. She died in 1945. At times her brother, Dan Livingston, also lived in Ayr.

Fred married Irene Moug, daughter of Alex Moug, November 1913. They farmed in Rich Township until moving to West Fargo in 1938, where Fred worked at the Stockyards until he retired in 1958. They were active in the Presbyterian church, as was Fred's mother in the Ayr church.

They had five children: Wayne and his wife, Pearl, in Chicago; Beatrice and her husband, Raymond Kemmer, in Alice; Lester and his wife Trudy and five children, in West Fargo; and Merle, with his wife Esther and family, in Fergus Falls, Minn. Irene died in September, 1965.

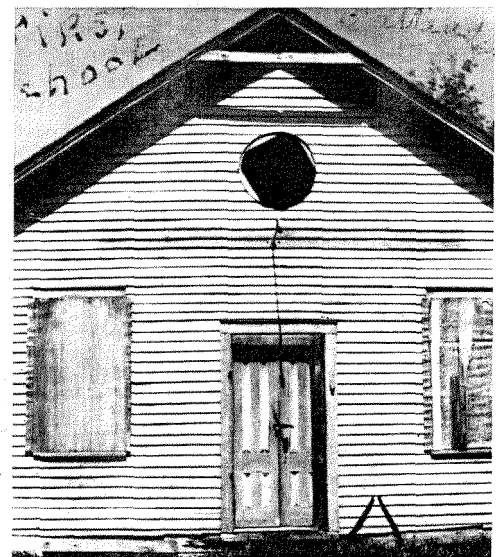
by Mrs. Raymond Kemmer

Donald McLeod — Amy E. Johnson

Donald K. McLeod, son of Wallace and Katie McLeod, was born at Wheatland in 1877. He attended rural schools in Alice and Selton districts, graduated from Amenia in 1894. He was in the gravel hauling business before beginning to farm in 1949.

Donald married Amy E. Johnson, daughter of Roderick and Mary Johnson, in Mar. 1949. She was born in Erie Township, April 1929, graduated from Ayr High School 1947, attended Fargo Business College and was employed by Merchants National Bank of Fargo before marriage.

They started farming on the Roderick Johnson farm Sec. 2, Ayr Township which they now own; they rent other acreage. They are fourth generation of McLeod farmers in Cass County: Angus, Donald, Wallace, and Ronald McLeod. In 1959 they bought the Ralph



Right: First School at Ayr.

Cass City History

James Beattie served on most or all of the executive boards in Ayr; the bank, elevators, church, store and school (the latter for 53 years).

Ayr village incorporated in 1927 and Otter-tail Power Co. installed electricity at a cost of \$3000. The town wells were dug in 1936 as a W.P.A. project. The Fire Department built their garage in 1965. John Morton built a machine shop this year, 1975.

Arthur Elevator purchased the Ayr Elevators July 1, 1967 and have increased storage facilities and built a fertilizer warehouse and Anhydrous Ammonia tanks. Robert Moore of Erie is manager with Elmer Poehls, assistant manager.

by Mrs. Ralph Cameron



Ayr Depot, G.N.R.R. Train.

Ayr Presbyterian Church

The church was organized in this area's settlement, partly due to the Scotch Presbyterian managers and workmen on the Park Farm. On June 17, 1883, 20 signers sent a petition to the Red River Presbytery, asking to be organized into a church. By Sept. 9th, the Presbytery had acted and the new church was formed with a Presbyterian missionary, Rev. Baldwin, moderator.

We cannot improve on the eloquent words written for the occasion; "Thus was organized a Presbyterian Church in a settlement, just in its beginning and under circumstances of promise as to its agency in laying the foundation of Zion, in a soil so lately only the home of roaming wild beasts. To all which agency may God add His richest blessing." Signed by: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beattie, M. J. and J. P. Riddell; James Soutter; Peter Aitchison; E. D. Aitchison; Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlap; John Henderson; David, James and Sybella Aitchison; John Wood; Richard Turner; James Lyall; Thos and Elizabeth Punton; Benjamin and Ann Francis.

Meetings were held in homes and in the school the first years. In 1883, there were 28 members; in 1886, 31 or more. Peter Beattie and Peter Aitchison were Elders. Mr. Park, an Elder from Scotland, assisted with the Lord's Supper at early communions.

Rev. J. T. Killen was the first called Pastor. In an early report by the treasurer, \$1.39 seemed an average annual offering; \$5 to \$10.00 was a generous harvest donation. In 1887, total receipts were \$169.65 with expenditures of \$166.05.

The ladies organized in 1901 and the congregation began the planning for a building. Mr. Dunlap had donated the lots.

They were using the church by 1904 and it became self-supportive in 1908. Mr. Peter Beattie was the chief carpenter (the father of James and John). The structure, furniture and insurance for five years cost \$2157.53. A subscription list and special offering on the day of dedication totalled \$1682.91. By getting a



Presbyterian Church.

\$500.00 loan from the Buffalo Bank, they cleared the cost with \$25.38 to spare.

The first marriage performed in the church was that of Maud Dickinson and Arthur Bayley. Following the ceremony the guests walked to the Dickinson's farm home for the reception (south of the present Hagen home.)

In 1908, Thorwald Nelson married Alberta McKay with Rev. Ralph Fulton as Pastor.

In 1887 the Ayr church alternated services with Colgate with Rev. Whisnand, Pastor. From 1901 they were in union with Erie almost continuously until 1918. In 1924-25, Galesburg and Clifford joined the union. In 1941, Casselton and Ayr were a parish and since then it is Buffalo, Tower City, and Ayr. 25 pastors have served this church; several of them were seminary students for summer months. The present pastor, Rev. David Watters, began Oct. 15, 1972.

by Mrs. Ralph Cameron

Trinity Lutheran Church

In 1932 Rev. Carl Lucky started a small Lutheran group in Ayr. Services were held in homes, Presbyterian church and in the Ayr school. Other Pastors to serve during this time were Hans Upstad, E. Hartje, O. Skilbred, J. O. Coughlin and A. Anderson.

In Sept. 1958 a building committee was named with Murlin Hagen as chairman and Don Eckert, Don Moum, Nathan Idso and Robert Rueckert. In 1959 the constitution was reorganized and they changed from the Cooperstown circuit to the Fargo circuit. The name was chosen.

In 1960 the congregation voted to build a church. Lots were donated by Mr. and Mrs. George Green. The digging of the basement started the latter part of May. Jensen Construction Co. dug the basement and donated their work. Cement block work started in June and by July 10, 1960 rafters and framework were up.

On Thanksgiving Day of 1960 our first service in the new church was conducted by Pastor Stangland with 175 people present. Dedication day was May 7, 1961. The congregation consisted of 25 families. In Nov. 1962 the church was debt-free and a mortgage burning was held.

In 1962 Pastor Carl Turmo came to the

Some of the stores in Ayr since the turn of the century include Charles Smith, Hu McRae, Chapmans, Nelson Bros., Ha Dorrances, Marvin Johnsons, Marvin Kers, Herschs and the present store, owned by M Buchholz.

The store here the longest was The Ayr Co. which was incorporated in 1901 by Dickinson, James Beattie, F. L. Storms and B. Hanna.

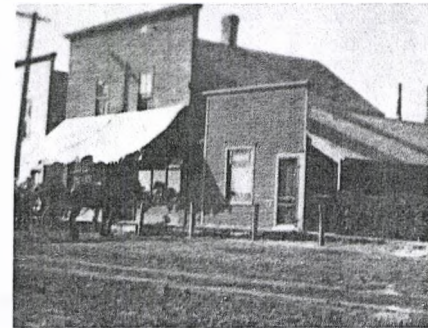
In 1903, William McCosh joined and bought shares of stock and became a member and manager of the store. By 1905 he owned half of the stock. He continued until his death in 1920.

In 1906, George A. Green just out of school began his early training under Mr. McCosh starting from the bottom and working up store business. The Ayr Store Co. handled about everything — Lumber, Machinery, Automobiles, Dry goods and groceries. This made a wide variety of purchases quite a business experience, that required time bookkeeping, a position George Green ably mastered and was helpful later on when he took over the business from the McCosh.

He carried on the operation of a Grocery Store many years and served the community faithfully, for 52 years.

It was in 1958 Mr. Green decided to leave the store due to failing health but he continued to reside in Ayr until his death in May 1974.

by Mrs. Ralph Cameron



First Post Office on right.

AYR POST OFFICE

Five postmasters have served Ayr since the post office was established in the general store on January 7, 1884. Frank L. Dickinson was the first postmaster until 1907. I. T. Barnett was the last.



Post Office in Barnett Store.

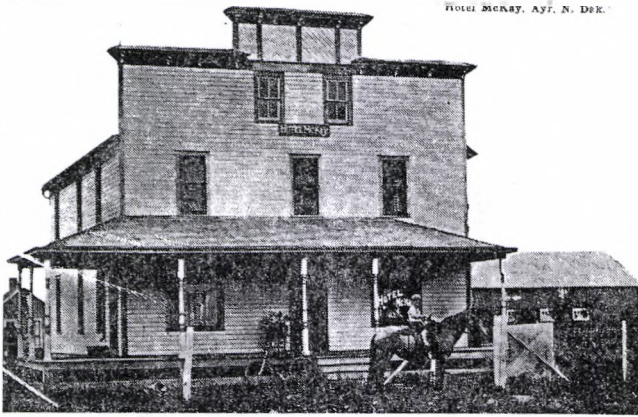


Historic
School

100%
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buildings

HOTEL MCKAY

HOTEL MCKAY, AYR, N. DAK.



Hotel McKay

The McKay House was owned and operated by Hector McKay and then purchased by Andrew "Butch" Holmquist. It was located where Josephine Baker's house now stands. Mr. Holmquist added a meat market and operated it in connection with the hotel. There was also a cream station there.

The name of the hotel was changed to "The Great Western Hotel," and burned in 1936. Butch also ran a gas station just west of the hotel, on the corner of 4th Avenue and 3rd Street. Later this building served as a cream station and it still stands in its original location. It is now owned by John Morton.

THE LAST CHANCE



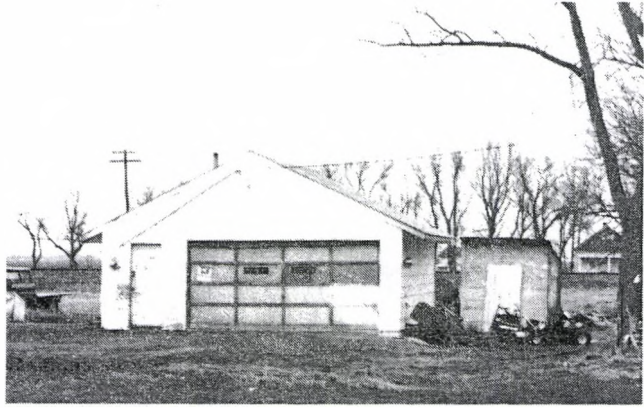
Antique Car Museum and Last Chance (Owned by Keith Johnson)

The Last Chance building was originally a meat market owned and operated by Frank Long. After a short time Jack Scott took it over and operated it for many years. Over the years it served as a grocery store, a cream station and lastly, a cafe and beer parlor. It was so named because Roy Faught, owner, had moved from his building in the uptown area to this building, which was the last place at the east end of town to do business.

Emil Nelson was in this building and had a grocery store called the Nelson Cash Store. Herman Jahnke was the last operator to do business as a beer parlor.

The building is now owned by Keith Johnson and is setting behind the Ayr Store. Dale and Evelyn Montgomery inherited the building from Evelyn's mother and moved it east of their home and used it for a garage. Keith Johnson bought the Last Chance building from Bruce Hagen in 1981.

STEVE LINDOM REPAIR SHOP



Steve Lindom Garage

In 1980, Steve Lindom built a repair shop at the west edge of Ayr and specializes in small motor repair.

LIVERY STABLE

The livery stable was owned and operated by Tom Dorrance who had many fine driving horses, race horses and a drove of 100 mules. The livery stable was located on the main street where Keith Johnson now has his Mobil Station. During haying time it was quite exciting for the children in the neighborhood to see the hay put in the barn with hay slings. The livery stable was moved to the James Kimble farm.

**JOHN SCOTT
Fresh and Salt Meats**

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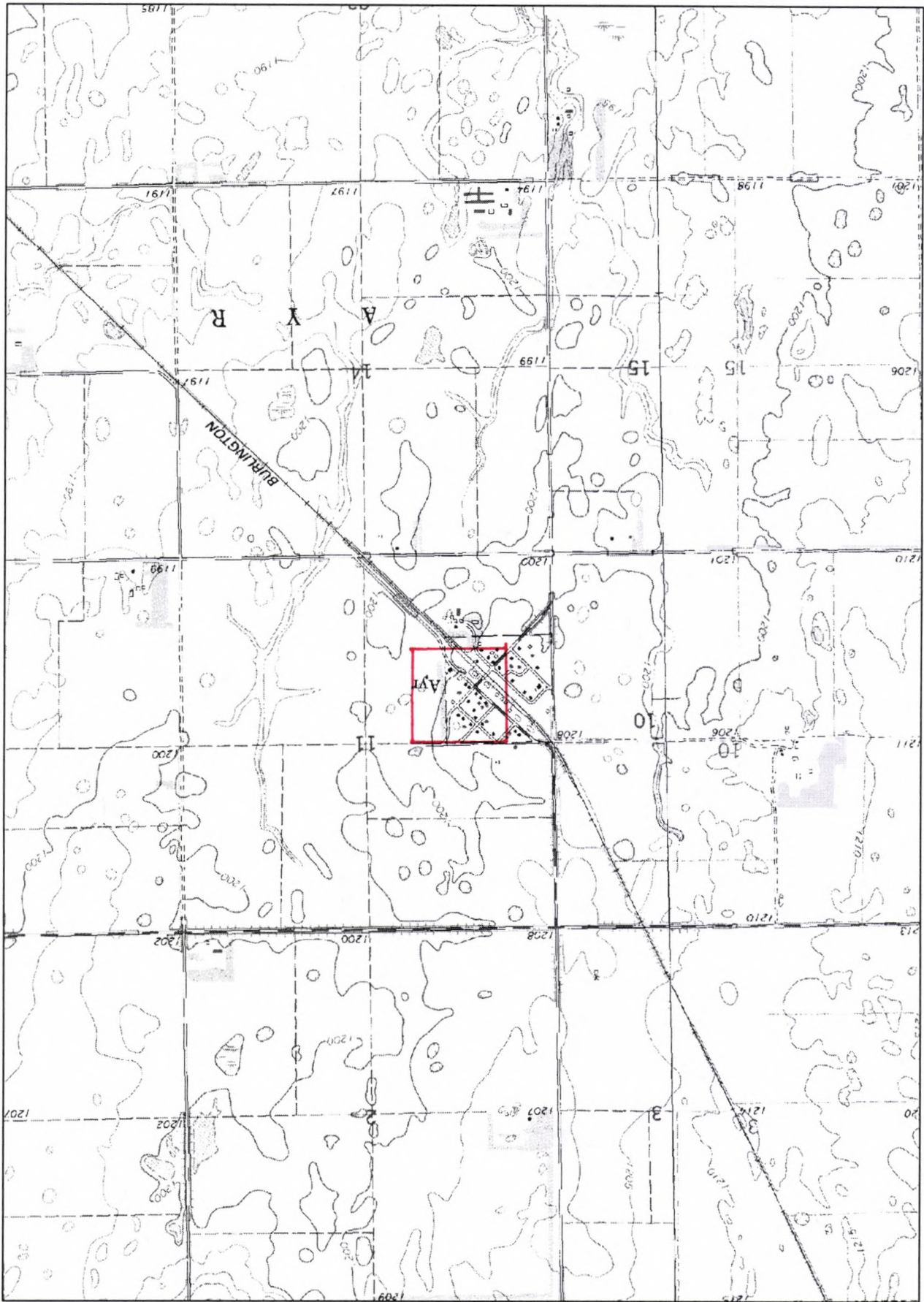
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NDCRS SITE FORM ATTACHMENTS SECTION

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east Feature 1



northeast Feature 1

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southwest *feature 2*



west *feature 3*



southwest *feature 3*

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