

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM
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SITS# 32 DI 206

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code Grand Valley Township Site Name

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Subsection:
1 = N 1/2
2 = E 1/2
3 = S 1/2
4 = W 1/2
5 = NE 1/4
6 = SE 1/4
7 = SW 1/4
8 = NW 1/4

City: Ellendale

Street Number:

Street Name: 91st St SE

Urban Legal Description:

SITE DATA

Total # Architectural Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 5/5/2016

Reconnaissance Survey [checked] Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor:
Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information:

SHSND USE
Area of Significance 2 Ecozone 18 Verified Site 1 CR Type 2
Area of Significance Ecozone Non-Site
Area of Significance

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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 3

Feature Date 2

Context 7

Plan Shape \_\_\_\_\_

Structural System 25

Primary Exterior 26

Style Other Style

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

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

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

Other Information:

Foundation Rock reinforced with concrete Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Gable

Window Double hung window openings with a bit of framing

Dating Method(s): 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
- Historical associations require further investigation

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**PAGE 3—Feature Data**Field Code Grand Valley TownshipSITS# 32 DI**Complete a Page 3 for each feature.****1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

The feature is a one room prairie school on a foundation of rocks reinforced with a bit of concrete. This building is in very tough shape with little or no upkeep for many years. The roof was covered with wood shakes, very few remain. There are the remnants of a yellow brick chimney near the north end of the school. There is a metal cap with finails at the peak of the gable roof. At both the north and south end of the school there are eave returns, a nice surprise at this very tired school. The soffits are open. There is the outline of an entry for the school and it has fallen into a heap just at the door end. The building measures 24 1/2 feet east to west and 18 feet north to south.

A wide trim board runs under the peaked ends of the roof with other siding being 6 inch wood lap with 6 inch corner trim. Some area of the school show planking where the siding has either been removed or fallen away. There are only openings remaining for the window locations, a couple have a few pieces of window frame and there is not glass. The interior of the school is wide open with light showing through the holes in the roof as the ceiling is mostly gone. The remaining pieces of the ceiling are pressed tin. The walls were covered with lathe and plaster but today are mostly stripped to the support boards with beadboard wainscot at the bottom 1/3. No blackboards remain and no indication that electricity was ever in the school.

We hiked a half mile into this location, I suspect the school is sitting in the original location .

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PAGE 4—SITE DESCRIPTION**Field Code Grand Valley TownshipSITS# 32 DI**Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.**

## 2. Owner's Contact Information:

Geraldine Blumhardt Trust  
408 5th Ave S PO Box 704  
Ellendale ND 58436

## 3. Access (to rural areas):

North of Highway 11 on Highway 56, drive 5 miles to 91st St SE. Turn right (east) and drive 4 miles, the last 1/2 mile is minimum maintenance. You will see the school about 1/2 mile south on what would be 73rd Ave SE but there is not road. Hike in to the school.

4. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_5. Description of **SETTING**:

This building sits in a pasture set in rolling hills. There is an abandoned farm site to the northwest and wide open prairie all directions.

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

7. References/Comments:

Kathy Wilner  
366 43rd Ave SE  
Bowdon ND 58418

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East Side

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North  
Side





South Side

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West Side



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SA



Feature