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### SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code Fairville Township School #2 Site Name Fairville Township School #2

Map Quad New Rockford  
Map Quad

LTL	TWP	149N	R	66W	SEC	32	QQQ	7	QQ	7	Q	7
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UTM N ZONE  
UTM E NAD 1927 NAD 1983

City: New Rockford ND

Street Number:

Street Name: 18<sup>th</sup> Street Central North Dakota Steam Threshers

Urban Legal Description:

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

### SITE DATA

Total # *Architectural* Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 5-3-2010

Reconnaissance Survey  Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor:

Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information:

### SHSND USE

Area of Significance	2	Ecozone	18	CR Type	2	ECF	2
Area of Significance		Ecozone		Verified Site		TF	
				Non-Site			

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

**Architectural Feature # 1**

Construction Date	1923	Feature Type	9	Condition	7
Feature Date	4	Context	7	Plan Shape	6
Structural System	24 25	Primary Exterior	26	Style	Other-Style <i>Hipped Roof Box</i>
Original Owner's Ethnicity	0	Secondary Exterior		Architect/Builder	unknown

Other Information:

Foundation Concrete Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Hip Roof

Window Two fixed pane windows, two small double hung windows, 6 double hung

Dating Method(s): School history

**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
- d* 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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**1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

This school measures 32 feet by 24 feet and is larger than most of the one room schools I have found. It was built in 1924<sup>1923</sup> to replace an earlier school that was moved from the original school site, Twsp 148N R68W Section 8. It was in the southwest corner of the southeast quarter.

This school was moved its present location in 1993 where it was set on concrete foundation along the east and west sides with a large wood post running the length of the building at the middle. The school has wood lapping on the walls and asphalt shingles on the roof. The underside of the overhang I see 4 inch, grooved pieces of wood, set side by side. There is a trim board running along the underside of the roofing. The windows are usually covered but an event at the threshing grounds was reason to uncover them. There are two fixed panes of glass on the east and west sides of the entry, they are located behind doors either side that used to lead to the basement. Two more smaller windows are found either side of the entry. There is a small roof overhang above the wood steps. On the school roof at the front of the school is a small addition that perhaps was a bell tower.

The entry portion of the school has a door to the left and another door to the right (east and west sides of the school) that gave access to the basement. That is enclosed space and used for storage today as there is no basement here. They had indoor toilets without running water. Directly inside the door is a wall with a door at either side that allowed entry into the school. Coat hooks in the entry were visible. The doors into the main body of the school are tall, dark wood with a transom window above each door. The ceilings are very high, covered today with sheet rock. Four light fixtures hang from the ceiling. The walls are lath and plaster. There were chalkboards on three walls with the fourth wall all windows. There are 6 very tall windows on the west wall and they have 6 panes of glass in the upper and lower window. A second window, exactly the same, is a storm window. All windows are completely intact. The floor is wood. At the east end of the school there are storage closets in the space that was created by the stairway in the old location. They were used for voting booths as well.

The school closed in 1962. The building is in very good shape and appears well cared for.

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**Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.**

## 2. Owner's Contact Information:

Central North Dakota Steam Threshers  
President: Jerry Seibold  
1109 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. N  
New Rockford, ND 58356

## Contact for the school:

Nancy Ludwig  
7669 13<sup>th</sup> St NE  
New Rockford, ND 58356

3. Access (to rural areas): Highway 281 north of Carrington, 13 miles. Turn left (west) onto Hwy 15 and drive less than a mile to 66<sup>th</sup> Ave NE or Eddy County Rd. 14. Turn right (north) and drive 1.9 miles. Turn left (west) at 18<sup>th</sup> St. NE and drive on gravel .4 miles and you will see the Central North Dakota Steam Thresher grounds. The schoolhouse is with 7 other buildings at the west end of the grounds.

4. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>): This school is sitting with a number of other buildings and I have no idea about the area of the site.

5. Site Description: The school sits in a grassy area with other buildings near it. To the south there are evergreen trees with a gravel road just beyond. To the north and east there are buildings that belong to the Central North Dakota Steam Thresher's group.

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

The original location of the school was in Fairville Township in Wells County. Location was Twp148N R68 Sec. 8, 13 miles west of Fessenden ND.

This school is the second Fairville #2 schoolhouse. The old school was moved from the sight and a new school was built in 1923. The 1923 school is the building that was moved to the threshing grounds. It has been restored and furnished and is open for viewing during the Threshers Reunion held in the fall.

**7. References/Comments:**

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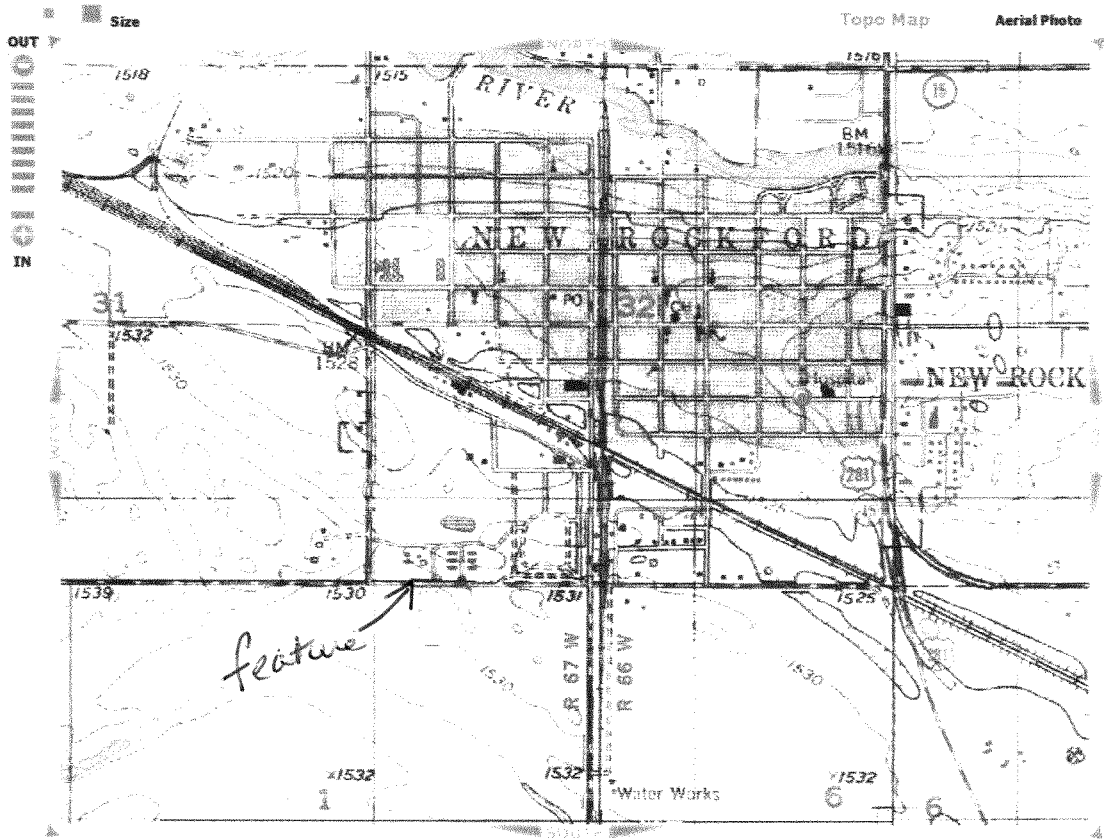
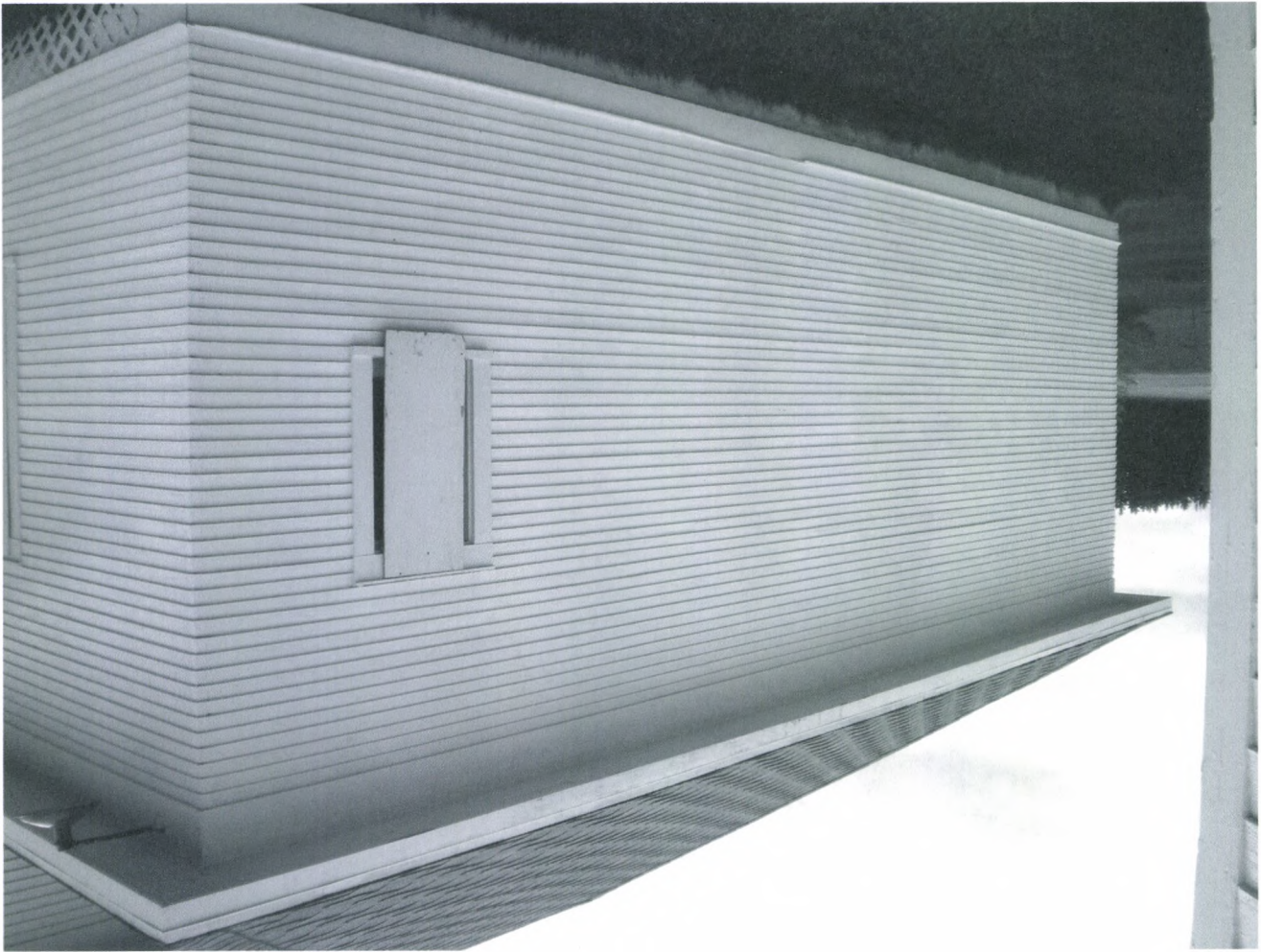


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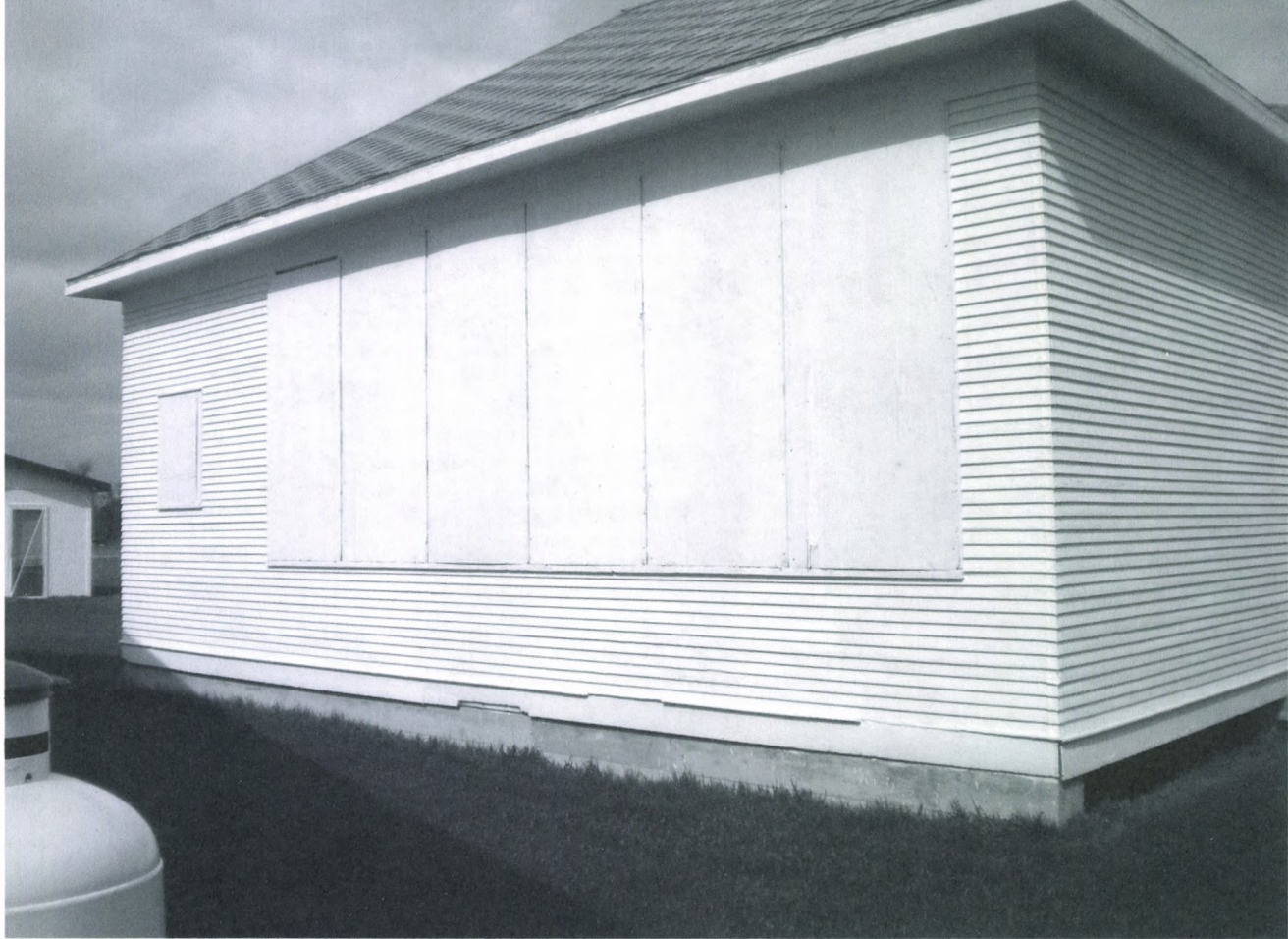






Fairville Township School # 2 South Side May 2010 Kathy Wilner





Fairville Township School # 2 West Side may 2010 Kathy Wilner