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Field Code		3671
Map Quad Fordville	Site Name_Elkmount School # 34	
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Total Number of Architectural Features:	1	
Fieldwork Date: 08/02/2023	Intensive Survey	
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Project & Principal Investigator:		
BRJ-BRO-0018(039) PCN 23708 Charles Peliska		
Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the F	orm:	
KLJ		
Additional Information:		
SHSND USE         Component         Component         Component	Verified Site CR Type	

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 Charles Peliska
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Complete one Page 2 for each architectura	al feature at the site.		
Architectural Feature # <u>1</u>			
Construction Date			
Feature Date <u>1880-1900</u>			
Structural System Wood Frame			
Original Owner's Ethnicity			
Feature Type <u>9 - School; Church school</u>			
ContextEducation			
Primary Exterior <u>Wood, Horizontal Sidir</u>	ng		
Secondary Exterior			
Condition Fair			
Plan Shape <u>Rectangular</u>			
Style Other Style			
Architect/Builder George Hyslop et al, builders			
Foundation Concrete	Stories _ 1.0	)	
Roof/Cornice Ashpalt shingled gable roof			
WindowOriginal openings intact, most glazi	ng lost		
Dating Method(s) local histories			
Miscellaneous Information			
Feature Preservation Recommendation(s)			
Individual nomination	(1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.		
Contributes to a potential district			
✓ No nomination potential			
Will not contribute to a district			
Potential district—feature would be a	contributing element if other p	oroperties c	onstitute a district
Thematic nomination potential			
Component of a historic site or landso	ape		
Moved (specify all applicable choices site, orientation, landscape, and spati relocation has damaged eligibility			

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### Complete one Page 3 for each architectural feature at the site.

1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

32GF3671 is a one room prairie schoolhouse located in Elkmount Township in Grand Forks County. The building measures 36 feet long (north-south) by 24 feet wide (east-west), with an entry measuring 10 feet long by 12 feet wide. The site is a wood-framed building on a concrete foundation with a front-gable roof. The siding on the building is 6 inch wood lap that has 6 inch corner trim with waterboard and skirting board, and there is also a wide trim board under the soffits at the peak ends of the building. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles and has metal capping and finials. There is also a cement block chimney at the peak of the northern end of the roof.

The entry is situated at the southern gable end of the building. A wooden stoop leading to the centralized five panel wooden door has collapsed. There is one 1:1 window on each of the east and west elevations of the entry. There are four large 2:2 windows on each of the east and west elevations of the main building. At the east elevation, one of the windows has been partially boarded up at the upper half of the window. Glazing has been partially or completely lost from all the window openings.

The entry walls are covered in horizontal beadboard. The east wall is lined with cupboards and shelving, and there is a coal bin in the northwest corner. The entry is full of detritus, including a broken harmonium.

A person door separates the entry from the schoolroom. The interior walls are clad with tongue and groove wainscoting, separated from pressed tin cladding on the upper walls by a chair rail. The upper walls also have a picture rail about a foot above the windows. There are blackboards along the north wall and between the windows on the east and west side of the building. Benches line some of the walls as well. The ceiling is recessed and has ornate pressed tin crown molding around the edges. The ceiling is also made of a pressed tin but it differs in size, design, and color from the pressed tin on the interior walls. Glass light fixtures are suspended from ceiling medallions with electrical wiring running between. There is a fuse box in the entry, and there are also outlets along the walls.

The flooring is tongue and groove hardwood that looks to be original to the building. There is a teacher's desk made of wood along with student desks that are made of wood and metal. Two voting booths along the south wall speak to other uses for the schoolhouse. In the corner of the north wall there is a large enclosed Smith System Heating Company furnace.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

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3. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>): 35,000

4. Description of Access and Site Setting:

From Fordville, travel west on 1st Ave/CR-19 for 0.2 miles to CR-126/CR-12B. Travel south on CR-12B/45th Street Northeast for 3.5 to 34th Avenue Northeast. Travel west on 34th Ave NE for 0.5 miles. 32GF3671 is on the north side of the road, surrounding by farmland and deplete woodland associated with the South Branch Forest River.

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

32GF3671 consists of two features, a circa 1894 schoolhouse (Feature 1), and the undisturbed remains of the schoolhouse privies (Feature 2, see historical archaeological form).

Grand Forks County was one of several counties in North Dakota that organized school districts by land sections rather than townships, resulting in extremely small districts (Stewart 1936). By 1900, Elkmount Township had at least four school districts, while the population was 263 at the 1900 census (McConnachie 1927). For the population in the eastern half of the township, John McConnachie (1859-1929) first established a school in his homestead in 1882 (McConnachie 1927). The school moved several times until 1894, when 32GF3671 was purpose-built in its present location (McConnachie 1927). The school was known as the Belleville School because it was located near the original Belleville Post Office. It was also known as Elkmount School #34 after the eastern half of Elkmount Township was split into two districts, District #33 and District #34 (Ness 1973). The school was used for its original purpose until the 1950s, when the district was consolidated into the area for the Fordville, Walsh County school.

In his History of Fordville and the Surrounding Area, G.K. Ness writes that the school was "the center of activities - social, religious as well as educational for the area" (Ness 1973). The school was used for religious services from its establishment until the Fordville Presbyterian Church opened in the 1920s. The harmonium in the entry to the school may be the original 1895 instrument mentioned in Elkmount Township and Its Schools and Churches: 1881-1927 (McConnachie 1927).

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6. References/Comments:

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		7 = SW¼
		8 = NW¼
Cultural Material Scatter	Bone	
Chimney	Ceramics Charcoal 50 - P	
	Charcoal <u>50 - P</u> Cloth	rivySite Type
Dump Earthworks	Faunal Remains Educa	tion Context
Fortification	Fire-Cracked Rock	Context
Foundation	Floral Remains	Date Range of Occupation
Grave	Glass	1894 Begin
Hearth	Hide, Hair, Fur	End
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Rock Art / Inscription		nentation Basis for Dating
Trail	Metal	
Wreck	Plastic	3,250 Site Area ( <b>m</b> <sup>2</sup> )
Other	Rubber	
	Shell	Depth Indicator
_	Wood	
-	Other	Cultural Depth
		CM Density
Landform 1 Top of	Landform 2 Floodpl	ain
Slope/Exposure Open	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Elevation <u>350</u> meters	Drainage System <u>F</u>	orest River
Ownership Private		
Site Condition Very poor		ection of cultural materials
Probe	Formal Testing or Exc	avation
Management Recommendation of the R	Recorder Further work	
Additional Information:		
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Component Study Unit	Verified Site CF	СТуре
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1. Access:

See architectural form

2. Site Description (include setting and feature descriptions):

32GF3671 is the site of Elkmount School #34. It consists of two features: the schoolhouse (Feature 1, see architectural form above), and the remains of the schoolhouse privies (Feature 2).

The historical archaeological features of this site include two (though it may be one large) collapsed privies. They are located approximately 60 feet north of the school, on the south side of the fence line. The area around the privies has become overgrown with brush, and visibility was greatly diminished, but lumber forming roofing and wall panels are still present. The privies appear to still be undisturbed and occupy an area of approximately 30 square meters.

3. Cultural Material Description (identify and quantify artifacts):

Cultural material at the site includes the remains of two collapsed privies including lumber and nails forming roof panels and wall panels.

Total Number of Artifacts =	Number of Artifacts Collected =

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4.	Description of Subs	surface Testing (include	e all core	s, shov	el/auger probes,	and test/	excavation units):
	No subsurface testi	ng was conducted.					
5.	Field Conditions: Wet	Dry 🖌	Windy		Rainy		
	Snowy	Overcast	Sunny		Twilight		
6.	Technique(s) Used	to Estimate Site Area:	Deced		Viewel Estimate		
	GPS 🖌	Tape Measure Other (Explain)	Paced		visual Estimate	- -	
7.		oundary Determination					
	Surface Cultural Ma	aterial aphic Exposure	Feature System			Topograp	ohy
	Formal Subsurface	Testing	Other (		)		
8.	Current Use of Site	: vacant					
9.	Vegetation: grasses	s, brush					
10	. Vegetation Cover	(percent of visible grou	ind):	5			
11	. Snow Cover (perc	ent of ground obscured	d by ice o	or snow	): 0		
		nt at the Site: <u>1</u>	-			-	
13	NA	lection(s) Observed and	d Contac	ct Inforn	nation:		
	NA						
14	. Project and Princip	al Investigator:					
	BRJ-BRO-0018(03 Charles Peliska	39) PCN 23708					
15	. Contracting Firm of	or Agency Completing t	he Form	1:			
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17. Statement of Significance:

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18. References Cited/Comments: See continuation page

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Political meetings also regularly took place at the schoolhouse. Newspapers document some of the meetings, including a Republican rally in October 1900 (Larimore Pioneer 1900) and a Farmers Bureau meeting in October 1922 (Larimore Pioneer 1922). The school was regularly used as a polling pace, and voting booths remain along the south wall of the schoolroom (Larimore Pioneer 1916). Carnivals took place on the schoolgrounds, and according to Ness, the school was also referred to as the Elkmount Town Hall (Ness 1973). Council meetings and elections continued to be held at the school even after students moved to Fordville.

32GF3671 can be associated with early education in Elkmount Township. It was not the first schoolhouse in the area - schooling in the area took place in at least three other buildings in the 1880s and 90s before the school was built - but it is representative of the system of small school districts in Grand Forks County that persisted until at least the 1950s, when there were still three one-room schools in Elkmount Township serving a population of 171 (McConnachie 1927; Thomas O. Nelson 1951). It can also be associated with civic life in isolated rural areas of Grand Forks County and North Dakota more generally, as the school became an important gathering place for a township without rail connections or a town (NRHP Criterion A). The school is not known to be associated with the lives of any persons important in history (Criterion B).

32GF3671 has the hallmark characteristics of many early Plains schoolhouses, which were influenced by nineteenth century educational reformers such as William A. Alcott and Henry Barnard and by East Coast and northern European vernacular architecture (Doggett and Wilson 1999, Elliot and Dirr 1998). The front-gabled building has large windows on the long sides for light, a tall ceiling for ventilation, and privies located at a distance for sanitary purposes. The privy structures (Feature 2) have collapsed, and window glazing in the main building (Feature 1) has been lost, but the schoolhouse otherwise retains its original features. The architect or planner of the school is unknown, as are most of the builders, although George Hyslop, an early Euroamerican settler who later moved to Grand Forks, is mentioned as having helped to build the school in *History of Fordville and the Surrounding Area* (Ness 1973). Hyslop was a farmer, not a builder or architect, but this arrangement would have been common in sparsely-populated areas, and it is likely that most, if not all, of the school builders were local farmers (Criterion C).

The original privies are still extant at the Belleville school. The standing structures around them have collapsed, but the privies themselves are undisturbed, and may contain important information about the daily lives of students, teachers, and other township residents who regularly used the schoolhouse (NRHP Criterion D).

32GF3671 retains integrity of location, design, setting, workmanship, feeling, and association. Although the current asphalt shingle roof likely replaced original wood shingles and much of the window glazing has been lost at Feature 1, and the standing structures of Feature 2 have collapsed, the site retains integrity of materials on the balance.

KLJ recommends 32GF3671 is Eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A and C.

Architectural 6./Historical archaeological 18.

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Complete one Attachments Section for the entire site/lead/isolated find, including a topographic map, sketch map, photographs, and any other figures.



Figure 1: Overview of 32GF3671, view to the north.



Figure 2: Overview of 32GF3671, view to the northeast.



Figure 3: Overview of 32GF3671, view to the northwest.



Figure 4: Overview of 32GF3671, view to the southeast.



Figure 5: Overview of 32GF3671, view to the southwest.



Figure 6: Inside of the entryway, view to the north.



Figure 7: Inside of the schoolhouse from the entryway, view to the north.



Figure 8: Inside of Schoolhouse, view to the west.



Figure 9: Inside of Schoolhouse, view to the east.



Figure 10: Inside of Schoolhouse, view to the south.



Figure 11: Furnace in northeast corner of Schoolhouse.

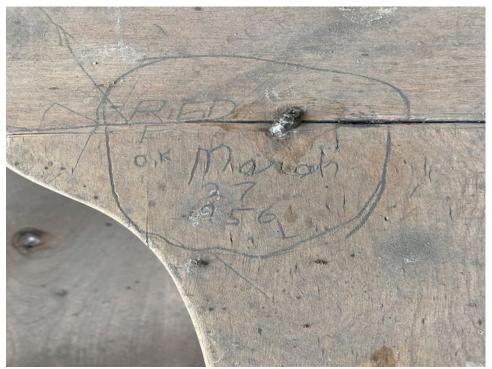


Figure 12: Detail on wooden school desk with inscription.



Figure 13: Remains of Outhouse (Feature 2), view to the north.



Figure 14: Remains of Outhouse (Feature 3), view to the northeast.

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City:			$3 = S\frac{1}{2}$ $4 = W\frac{1}{2}$
Street Number:			5 = NE1/4
Street Name: 34th Ave NE			6 = SE¼ 7 = SW¼
Urban Legal Description:			8 = NW1⁄4
SITE DATA			
Total # Architectural Features:1			
Fieldwork Date:9/19/2016			
	sive Survey		
Project Title & Supervisor:			
Country Schoolhouse Project			
Report Title & Author(s):			
Additional Information:			
SHSND USE Area of Significance Ecozone Area of Significance Ecozone	Verified Site Non-Site	- CR Type	2
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Complete one Page 2 for each	architectural feature at the	e site.		
Architectural Feature #1				
Construction Date	Feature Type <u>9</u>	Condition 5		
Feature Date 3	Context_7	Plan Shape <u>5</u>		
Structural System 25	Primary Exterior <u>26</u>	Style Other Style		
Original Owner's Ethnicity	Secondary Exterior	Architect/Builder		
Other Information: Foundation <u>Concrete</u>		20110118-0001110 <del>1-0-01-01-0</del>		
Roof/Cornice Gable				
Window Double hung, much glass				
Dating Method(s): Estimate				
Feature Preservation Recommend	lation(s) (Check all that app	ly):		
Individual nomination				
——Contributes to a potential distric	t			
No nomination potential				
—Will not contribute to a district				
Potential district—feature would	be a contributing element if othe	r properties constitute a district		
Thematic nomination potential				
Component of a historic site or landscape				
Moved (specify all applicable ch	oices)—a) relocation occurred w	ithin 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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### Complete a Page 3 for each feature.

### 1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

The feature is a one room prairie school on concrete. The gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles with metal capping and finials. There is a cement block chimney at the peak at the north end. The soffits are closed. The building measures 36 feet north to south and 22 feet east to west with the entry measuring 12 feet by to feet.

There is a wide trim board under the soffits at the peak ends of the school. The siding is 6 inch wood lap with 6 inch corner trim with waterboard and skirting board. The entry has double hung windows at both the east and west sides of the entry with a 5 panel wood door on the south side. The windows on the remainder of the school are large double hung, two over two, with four on the west and four on the east and two on the east are covered. Most of the glass is intact. The interior walls are pressed tin to wainscot. The ceiling is also pressed tin of with a different decoration. The floor is tongue and groove hardwood. Blackboards are on the north wall and between some of the windows. Light fixtures and exterior wiring suggest electricity.

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Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

3. Access (to rural areas):

From Highway 2 at Niagara to north on 48th St NE 10 miles to 33rd Ave NE, go east 3 miles to 45th St Ne and turn left to go north to 34th Ave ND, turn left again and drive 1/2 miles west to see the school on your right.

4. Site Area (ft²):\_\_\_\_\_

5. Description of SETTING:

Trees and the South Branch of the Forrest River to the north east and southeast with farm fields southwest.

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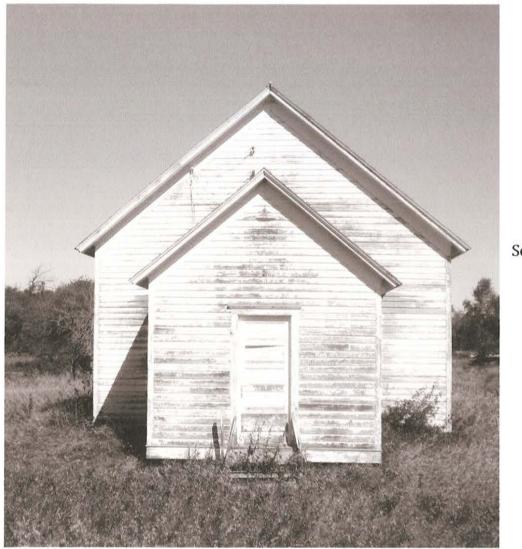
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6. Summary of ALL Site Features & Evaluation of Significance:

7. References/Comments: Kathy Wilner 366 43rd Ave SE Bowdon ND 58418

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South Side

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West Side



East Side

Elkmount Township School

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No picture of North Side

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