

# NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM

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SITS# 32 ML 1248

### SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code **Sverdrup or Sheldon School** Site Name **Sverdrup or Sheldon School**

Map Quad *Turtle Creek SW*  
Map Quad

Site Name

LTL	TWP	145N	R	81W	SEC	22	QQQ	7	QQ	7	Q	7
LTL	TWP		R		SEC		QQQ		QQ		Q	
LTL	TWP		R		SEC		QQQ		QQ		Q	
LTL	TWP		R		SEC		QQQ		QQ		Q	

UTM				N	ZONE							
UTM				E	NAD 1927				NAD 1983			

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

City: Washburn North Dakota 58577

Street Number: 2079 4<sup>th</sup> St SW

Street Name:

Urban Legal Description:

### SITE DATA

Total # *Architectural* Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 8/9/2011

Reconnaissance Survey  Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor:

Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information:

### SHSND USE

Area of Significance	2	Ecozone	19	CR Type	2	ECF
Area of Significance		Ecozone		Verified Site		TF
				Non-Site		

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(First Name & Last Name)

Date Recorded **1/28/2012**  
(mm/dd/year)

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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	1887	Feature Type	9	Condition	6
Feature Date	2	Context	7	Plan Shape	5
Structural System	25	Primary Exterior	26	Style	other
<i>Original</i> Owner's Ethnicity		Secondary Exterior	15	Architect/Builder	Hans Olson

Other Information:

Foundation Concrete Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Hip roof

Window Very Tall double hung windows

Dating Method(s): Mary Ann Barnes Williams Pioneer Days of Washburn North Dakota and Vicinity

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

Sverdrup (township name) or Sheldon (local family name) school is a wood framed school building with one wall missing as shop space was added on and another wall now has a large overhead door which gives access to the main body of the building that used to be school. The original part of the building measures 40 feet north to south and 24 feet east to west. It was moved from its original location sometime after 1959, which is the year the last teachers report was filed. It was built 4 miles to the north and west of its present location. Mary Ann Barnes Williams history book, History of Washburn and Vicinity, described the school as being built in 1887 in Sverdrup District #2 and it was called the Holtan school because of the proximity of the school to the Hans Holtan farm. It was also mentioned that it was later known as the Sheldon school, again because of the names of the families in the area. In side the school I saw original wood around the windows, original wainscoating along the east wall and a wonderful pressed tin ceiling. The walls are plaster over lathe. Two of the walls are the original school walls and on the east wall there is a bank of windows. The north wall is where the entry to the school was and a small room to the west of the entry was used for coal storage and the area used for a coat room is still evident. The school had horizontal, wood siding that is now covered with metal. There was never a basement under the school. Above the entrance door was a small dormer with a window. The roof has new asphalt shingles and the building is in great shape.

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## 2. Owner's Contact Information:

Terry Peterson  
2079 4<sup>th</sup> St SW  
Washburn ND 58577

## 3. Access (to rural areas):

From Washburn, at Alternate Hwy 200, you drive 4 miles north to County Road 20, turn right and drive 21/4 miles east to the farm place on the left or north side of the road.

4. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>):5. *Site* Description:

This school building sites in a farm site with trees on three sides and open land to the south.

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

7. References/Comments:

Recorder contact information:

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366 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE  
Bowdon ND 58418

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**ND**

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Terry Peterson Farm



Top Picture - Sheldon School 8/9/2011 North Side Kathy Wilner ML  
Bottom Picture - Sheldon School 8/9/2011 West Side Kathy Wilner ML