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Field Code Valley Forge School

SITS# 32 MO 1579

Map Quad Almont East

Site Name Valley Forge School

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Site Name _____

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City: _____

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

Street Number: _____

Street Name: Valley Road

Urban Legal Description: _____

Total Number of Architectural Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 6/26/2020

Reconnaissance Survey

Intensive Survey _____

Project & Principal Investigator:

Country School House Project
Kathy Wilner
366 43rd Ave SE
Bowdon ND 58418

Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

Additional Information:

SHSND USE

Component 2 Study Unit 23 Verified Site 1 CR Type 2

Component _____

Component _____

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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 Date 1900-1915

Structural System Wood Frame

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Feature Type 9 - School; Church school

Context Education

Primary Exterior Wood, Horizontal Siding

Secondary Exterior _____

Condition Fair

Plan Shape Rectangular

Style Other Style

Architect/Builder _____

Foundation Poured concrete Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Gable

Window All covered, some framing and mostly broken glass

Dating Method(s) Estimate

Miscellaneous Information _____

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, and 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 Valley Forge SchoolSITS# 32 MOComplete one Page 3 for *each* architectural feature at the site.

1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

The feature is a one room school on a foundation of poured concrete. The location is original to the school. The gable roof of the school has wood shakes on about 1/2 half of it and the south half of both side has metal sheeting. There is metal capping and finials. The chimney is gone. The soffits are open. The building measures 16 1/2 feet east to west and 34 feet 3 inches north to south with the entry measuring 6 feet by 6 feet 3 inches.

A rake board begins the siding under the peaks of the school and entry. Remaining siding is 6 inch wood lap with 4 inch wood corner trim. Very little paint can be seen. There is an opening on the east wall of the entry that was either a window or a fuel door. The door into the entry is a broken, 5 panel wood door with a covered transom window opening above it. There are 6 window openings on the west all, all have been filled in with wood planking, both inside and out. The infill planking on the exterior is horizontal. This building was used for grain storage. The interior has beadboard walls and ceiling with some wood planking when they needed to do some repairs. Ther are two window openings on the south wall of the school, covered from the inside and out again and with some of the outside covering missing on one of the windows I can see window framing and some glass. This particular window is two over two and would lead me to believe all the windows were the same before covered up. There is a blackboard inside the school. There is also a plywood partition, put in when used for grain storage. It was closed sometime in the 1940's. There is no wainscot or electricity.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

David and Carol Willman
4710 Valley Rd
Almont ND 58520

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PAGE 4 – Site Description**Field Code** Valley Forge School**SITS#** 32 MO3. Site Area (ff²):

4. Description of Access and Site Setting:

This school is located near The Big Muddy Creek southeast of Almont. It can be reached by driving southeast out of Almont on Co Rd 137. The road curves to the south and back east becoming 48th St, curves again to the south and at the point where it curves back east you turn slightly to the southwest and follow 48th Ave straight south about 1 1/2 miles to see Vally Road on your left. Turn left onto Valley Road and follow it about 2 miles, past a large ranch on the south side of the road. The school is in a pasture beyond the ranch. The land here is some farm land and a lot of pasture land.

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

6. References/Comments:

Photos and information submitted by David and Carol Willman.

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North Side

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West Side





South Side

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East
Side





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