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Field Code Nelson School

SITS# 32 MZ 3392

Map Quad Watford City

Site Name Nelson School

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NAD 1983 UTM 5295396 Zone 13N

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City: Watford City

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

Street Number: 950

Street Name: 2nd Ave SW

Urban Legal Description: _____

Total Number of Architectural Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 7/26/2020

Reconnaissance Survey

Intensive Survey

Project & Principal Investigator:

Kathy Wilner
366 43rd Ave SE
Bowdon ND 58418

Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

Additional Information:

SHSND USE
 Component 2 Study Unit 22 Verified Site _____ 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 1917

Feature Date 1915-1930

Structural System Wood Frame

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Feature Type 9 - School; Church school

Context Education

Primary Exterior Wood, Horizontal Siding

Secondary Exterior _____

Condition Excellent

Plan Shape Rectangular

Style Other Style

Architect/Builder _____

Foundation Poured Concrete Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Gable, new asphalt shingles, halfhip north addition

Window Double hung, glass

Dating Method(s) School History

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 Nelson SchoolSITS# 32 MZ

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

1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

This feature is a one room prairie school on a poured concrete foundation. The school was moved to McKenzie County Heritage Park for preservation and education purposes. It was originally located along Highway 1806, 151-98-Sec 14. A new asphalt shingle roof was installed in 2020. There are decorative cornice returns at the bottom of the eaves at either end of the school. They also added a new metal chimney toward the northeast corner which is connected to a stove so then can heat the school in the winter. The soffits are closed.

A rake board begins the siding under the eaves on all four sides of the school. The remainder of the siding is 6 inch wood lap with 6 inc vertical wood corner trim. The school looks to be freshly painted. There is a 5 panel wood door with a transom window above it on the south side of the school. To either side of the door there are double hung windows with glass intact. The door leads into the entry which has a door to both the left and right for boys and girls coat rooms. Another door leads into the school room. A bank of 6 double hung windows, glass intact, runs along the west all. The floor of the school is tongue and groove hardwood. Wainscot runs along all the walls under the windows and the blackboards. The walls and ceiling are finished with lathe and plaster but the plaster cracked with the roofing project so they are working on a solution to correct that. There is a blackboard along the entire east wall and it wraps around to part of the north wall. There is a small addition on the north end of the school which may have been used for basement access or perhaps as the library. There is no electricity in the school.

According to school records the school was built in 1917 and closed in 1963.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

McKenzie County Heritage Park
950 2nd Ave SW
Watford City ND 58854

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PAGE 4 – Site Description**Field Code** Nelson School**SITS# 32** MZ3. Site Area (ft²):

4. Description of Access and Site Setting:

This building sits in a heritage park right in town. There are other park buildings to the north and west. It is an open green space with room for folks to walk around. The building is located right in town Watford City at 950 2nd Ave SW.

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

6. References/Comments:

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West Side

Nelson School

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South Side





North Side

Nelson School

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Original Location of the school, 151-98-Sec 14





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