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Field Code Birklid School

SITS# 32 RM 659

Map Quad Ft. Ransom

Site Name Birklid School

Map Quad \_\_\_\_\_

Site Name Preston #1

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Street Number: 5851

Street Name: 122nd Ave SE

Urban Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Architectural Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 7/20/2020

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 15 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 Good

Plan Shape Rectangular

Style Other Style

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation Rock with cement Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Gable

Window Large, multipane, double hung with 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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**NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL FORM****PAGE 3 – Feature Data****Field Code** Birkliid School**SITS#** 32 RM**Complete one Page 3 for each architectural feature at the site.****1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

The feature is a large, one room prairie school on a foundation of rocks in cement. The gable roof is covered with wood shakes, metal capping and finials. The north addition shed roof is also covered with wood shakes. There is a red brick chimney on the north slope of the wall close to the east end. The soffits are open. The school measures 36 feet east to west and 20 feet north to south while the addition measures 6 feet by 20 feet. A gabled roof covers a portico at the entrance. A flag pole can be seen at the southeast corner of the school.

A rake board begins the siding at the peak ends of the school. The rest of the siding is 6 inch wood lap with 4 inch wood corner trim. Two wood steps take you to the portico at the entrance to the school. Wood columns at the outside corners help to support the roof. A solid core door gives entry to the school. You step into the coatroom and all the walls in here are covered with pressed tin. There is one double hung window on the east wall of the entry. Coat hooks run along the east wall at two different heights. There are two doors leading from the entry, one (two panel wood) goes to the left into the school room and another (5 panel wood) goes to the north into a large alcove off the school room, it looks like this area was used for the wash room. Another double hung window is in the alcove on the east wall. The school room has 6 large multipane double hung windows along the south wall with intact glass. All have screen windows and most have remnants of window shades. The floor throughout is tongue and groove hardwood. The walls in the school are wallboard with a wide trim board at the floor. The ceiling has acoustical tile. Light fixtures and switches indicate electricity. There are wood framed blackboards on two walls, one on the north wall at the west end and another on most of the west wall. A collection of maps hangs next to the north blackboard. The addition on the north side was used for a small kitchen. A small window located just to the left of the addition door was used as a pass through for children getting their lunch. The wall at the back (east) of the class room has a built in shelf unit for books. This school was closed in 1950.

**2. Owner's Contact Information:**

Robert Birkliid  
5851 122nd Ave SE  
Nome ND 58062

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**PAGE 4 – Site Description****Field Code** Birklid School**SITS# 32** RM3. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>):

4. Description of Access and Site Setting:

This school is sitting to the east of the owners farm yard. There are buildings to the southwest and open fields all other directions. Access to the school is 4 miles south of Highway 46 on 123rd Ave SE to 58th St SE. Then one mile west to 122nd Ave SE and 1/2 mile south to the drive way, turn right and drive another mile to the east to see the school.

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

6. References/Comments:

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South Side

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East Side





West Side

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North Side





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