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ARCHITECTURAL SITES

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SITS # 32 RY 155

Field Code FV-42 Site Name SCHOOL/MWA HALL
Field Code _____ Site Name MACHINE SHOP

Map Quad CHURCHS FERRY
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- 1. N½
- 2. E½
- 3. S½
- 4. W½
- 5. NE¼
- 6. SE¼
- 7. SW¼
- 8. NW¼
- 9. C

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City CHURCHS FERRY

Street # 502 Street # _____

Street Name _____
ORVIS AVENUE

of Features 1

<u>1</u> Feature #	<u>9</u> Feature Type <u>80</u>	<u>5</u> Condition
<u>1887</u> Construction Date	<u>7</u> Context *	<u>5</u> Plan Shape *
_____ Feature Date	<u>26</u> Primary Exterior *	<u>5</u> Secondary Exterior
<u>25</u> Structural System **	<u>19</u> Style *	_____ Architect/Builder
_____ Ethnic	_____ Fieldwork Date	_____ Other Information
<u>11/10/99</u> Fieldwork Date	<u>FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE</u>	

<u>302</u> Soil Association	<u>17</u> Ecozone	<u>2</u> Area Signf	_____ MS Number
_____ Soil Association	_____ Ecozone	_____ Area Signf	_____ MS Number
<u>2</u> CR Type	<u>1</u> Verified Site	_____ Non-Site	<u>2</u> E C F <u>2</u> T F
_____ State Registry	<u>3</u> National Register		

Coder FRANK E VYZOVEN

Date Coded 12/9/1999

Reconnaissance Survey _____

Intensive Survey _____

Manuscript/Report Title: _____

Author(s): _____

SITE DATA

FEATURE DATA

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Field Code: FV-42

Feature Number:

SITS #32-RY-_____

DESCRIPTIVE SECTION

FOUNDATION:

Unknown

STORIES:

One

ROOF TYPE/CORNICE

Gable/Shed; Asphalt Shingles

WINDOW CONDITION:

Frames on north wall intact but covered by closed shutters

DATING METHOD

Newspapers, Deed Records

PRESERVATION RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Individual Nomination
- 2) Contributes to a potential district
- 3) No nomination potential
- 4) Will not contribute to district
- 5) Potential district not known at this time: feature would be a contributing element if neighboring properties constitute a district
- 6) Thematic nomination potential
- 7) Component of a historic site/landscape
- 8) --- Feature has an important physical, spatial, functional, historic or architectural relationship to the site/complex/farmstead
- 9) Moved: A) relation occurred within historic period B) recreates original site, orientation, landscape and spatial relationships C) compatible in contest with neighboring structures D) relocation has damaged eligibility
- 10) Request comparative study of neighboring properties
- 11) Historical associations require further investigation

DESCRIPTION/INTEGRITY ELIGIBILITY:

This small structure, one of the oldest still standing in Churchs Ferry, has undergone a number of changes. Historically, it consists of two parts, a gable-roofed building on the north with a shed-roofed addition to the south. It thus is probably best described as following the Gabled Front style, as defined by the North Dakota Cultural Resources Survey.

The northernmost section was built in 1887 as Churchs Ferry's first school house and was originally located on the block across Orvis Avenue to the west. In 1898, after the local school district completed a new, 2-story school building, the old one was sold to a local fraternal organization, Camp No. 3506 of the Modern Woodmen of America, and moved to its present site. It was held by that lodge until August 24, 1964 when four elderly members of the local organization, A. H. Svien, Walter J. Ebell, William Hillerman and Clarence L. Sagen, signed an affidavit certifying that they were the managers of Camp No. 3506, M.W.A., and had authority to dispose of or transfer its property. Another document, signed the same day, transferred title to the structure's present owner, Leon E. Smith of Churchs Ferry, who later constructed the south side addition and used the building as a machine or repair shop.

Although the interior has been cleared out and the original south wall presumably removed, much of the original exterior fabric still survives. Notable are what appears to be the original door frame on the front façade, and four window frames, complete with original shutters, on the north wall. Indeed, it is not difficult to visualize the structure in its original use as a school building.

This being the case, the building should be considered eligible for nomination to the National Register.

Urban Legal Description:

Lot 9, Block 1, Noltimier's First Addition

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View toward the Northeast, showing the front (West) and South facades. The shed-roofed addition on the south dates from the 1960's.



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View toward the Southeast, showing the front (West) and North facades.



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Detail of the front door on the front (West) façade, showing what appears to be the original door frame. The overhead light probably dates from the lodge hall era.



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View toward the Southeast, showing the North wall with its four shuttered window frames.



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View toward the Northwest, showing the rear (East) and South facades.



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Detail of two of the shuttered window frames on the North façade.



Photocopy the portion of the 7.5' U.S.G.S. topographic quadrangle that shows the location of the site and surrounding area. Mark the boundaries of the site on the photocopy. Photocopy of the portion of the topographic quadrangle must be actual size, reductions or enlargements are unacceptable.

