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ARCHITECTURAL SITES

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SITS # 32 S.T.

Field Code MACSEL-102 Site Name Leaf Creek School #1
Field Code _____ Site Name _____

Map Quad Lookout Pointe SE
Map Quad _____

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| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | <u>130</u> | R | <u>85</u> | Sec | <u>33</u> | QQQ | <u>5</u> | QQ | <u>5</u> | Q | <u>5</u> | 1. N $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 2. E $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 3. S $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 4. W $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 5. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 6. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 7. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 8. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| LTL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Twp | _____ | R | _____ | Sec | _____ | QQQ | _____ | QQ | _____ | Q | _____ | 9. C |

City _____

Street # _____ Street # _____

Street Name _____ Street Name _____

of Features 1

1 Feature # 9 Feature Type 5 Condition
_____ Construction Date 7 Context *
4 Feature Date 5 Plan Shape *
25 Structural System ** 26 Primary Exterior * _____ Secondary Exterior
_____ Ethnic 34 Style *
1.0 519.5 Fieldwork Date _____ Architect/Builder
_____ Other Information

_____ Soil Association 23 Ecozone 2 Area Signf _____ MS Number
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2 CR Type _____ Verified Site _____ Non-Site 2 ECF 2 T F
_____ State Registry _____ National Register

Coder D. Barclay & B. McHenry

Date Coded 10/6/95

Reconnaissance Survey _____ Intensive Survey X
Manuscript/Report Title: West River Telecommunications Selfridge Exchange: A Class II & III Cultural Resource Inventory in Grant & Sioux Counties, ND

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SITE DATA

FEATURE DATA

SHSND USE

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1. Access:

From Raleigh go approximately 21.5 miles south on ND Highway 31 and to an intersection with a section line road heading west. The site is located approximately 300' west of this intersection on the south side of the section line road.

2. Description of Site:

The site consists of a mostly intact three room schoolhouse, a privy pit and privy (blown over), a pit filled with debris and a scatter of historic artifacts. Most of the artifacts are concentrated in and around the schoolhouse with a sparse scatter elsewhere on site. The privy measures roughly 3' by 3' and is lying on its side adjacent to a 2-3' diameter privy pit covered with wood. The schoolhouse measures roughly 40' by 15' and consists of a main room, a cloakroom and a storage room. It contains school desks, chalk boards, books and school records, along with various debris.

3. Description of Cultural Materials (Quantify and identify):

Observed artifacts include: 20 pieces of rusted metal scrap, 100 pieces of broken window glass, ten pieces of smashed bottles, 50-100 books, five school desks, two benches, one shelf, two blackboards (one missing), and two furnaces/stoves. Most of the artifacts are in the schoolhouse. This includes some modern trash such as boxed styrofoam cups, paint cans, as well as the books, desks, etc. The books ranged in date from 1921 to 1959. Many books had, "Leaf Creek School No. 1" written on the first page. The artifacts outside the building include an old wood burning stove, bricks, window glass, bottle glass, books, and a tank ("Butler") that provided fuel to the furnace in the schoolhouse. One pit on site contains a metal bucket, scrap wood, and galvanized metal.

of items of cultural material observed: 500 ±

Collected: 0

4. Artifact Repository: N/A

5. Description of Subsurface Testing: None

6. Field Conditions

Wet X, Dry , Windy X, Raining , Snowing ,
Overcast , Bright Sun , Twilight

7. Technique(s) Used to Estimate Site Area

Transit , Tape Measure , Paced X, Visual Estimate , Other
(explain) _____

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8. Rationale for Site Boundary Determination

Surface Cultural Materials X, Features X, Topography ,
Continuous Stratigraphic Exposure , Systematic Subsurface
Probing , Subsurface Testing , Other (explain)

9. Current Use of Site: abandoned-some trash dumping

10. Owners Name/Address: unknown

11. Vegetation: mixed grasses

12. Vegetation Cover (% of visible ground): 30%

13. Snow Cover (% visible): 0

14. Person-hours spent on site: 2

15. Project Title: West River Telecommunication's Selfridge Exchange: A
Class II & III Cultural Resource Inventory in Grant &
Sioux Counties, North Dakota

P.I.: Dulaney Barclay

16. Report Title: West River Telecommunication's Selfridge Exchange: A
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Author: Andrea Kulevsky

17. Other Published References: None

18. Description of Collections Observed: None

19. Owner-Address of Collections Observed: N/A

20. Statement of Integrity:

Site as a whole appears has few impacts. However, Feature #1, the schoolhouse, has been impacted by natural deterioration, vandalism, and secondary usage for storage. The privy is blown over off of the privy pit and has little integrity left. Because of reduced integrity of the features themselves, overall integrity is only fair.

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21. Statement of Significance:

This site is recommended to be not significant. The site has no further information potential. The schoolhouse is typical of many in ND. Many other examples are in better shape than this. The site is not known to be associated with significant persons or events, the buildings on site lack integrity and are not representative of a period, a unique or distinctive architectural style, or methods of construction. The recent age of the site suggests significant buried cultural deposits are unlikely. No further work is recommended.

22. Comments/References:

A telephone cable will be passing south of the site and will not impact the feature.

Results of deeds search conducted November 13, 1995 by Sandra L. Waliser of the Sioux County Register of Deeds office.

| Grantor | Grantee | Date |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Department of Interior | John A Watson | 5/27/1918 |
| Department of Interior | McClellan Rush | 9/5/1918 |
| USA Patent | John A Watson | 3/22/1919 |
| USA Patent | McClellan Rush | 6/7/1919 |
| John Watson | A E Parson | 2/7/1925 |
| H G Schoonover, Sioux Co Sheriff | First National Bank of McIntosh | 4/11/1927 |
| First National Bank of McIntosh | Federal Land Bank | 7/26/1927 |
| Federal Land Bank | Ed Cahill | 6/1/1934 |
| James E Wells, Sioux Co Sheriff | Federal Land Bank | 6/15/1940 |
| County of Sioux | Sioux County ND | 10/1/1940 |
| Federal Land Bank | John & Aimee Knispel | 11/29/1948 |
| County of Sioux | Albert Parson Estate | 8/23/1952 |
| Albert Parson Estate | Ernest Watson | 10/14/1952 |

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| Grantor | Grantee | Date |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| John & Aimee Knispel | State Highway Department | 10/11/1963 |
| Ernest Watson | John & Aimee Knispal | 4/19/1953 |
| John G & Aimee Knispel | John G Knispel | 1/17/1973 |
| John G Kinspel Estate | Aimee A Knispel | 12/10/1985 |
| Aimee Knispel | Donald Knispel | 9/19/1986 |
| Donald Knispel Trustee | Aimee A Knispel | 1/6/1989 |
| Aimee A Knispel | Ross & Colleen Schaffer | 11/28/1989 |

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FOUNDATION

STORIES

ROOF TYPE/CORNICE

UNCUT STONE & CONCRETE

1

SIDE GABLED

WINDOW CONDITION

DATING METHOD

ALL WINDOWS APPEAR TO BE ORIGINAL & INTACT

ASSOCIATED ARTIFACTS & MATERIALS

PRESERVATION RECOMMENDATION (check all that apply):

- 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 historic site/landscape

8) Feature has an important physical, spatial, functional, historic, or architectural relationship to the site/complex/farmstead
9) Moved: A) relocation occurred within historic period. B) recreates original site, orientation, landscape and spatial relationships. C) compatible in context 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 is a rectangular three room schoolhouse building. The walls are wood frame, with plaster covering interior walls of main room. There is no interior wall covering in the two smaller storage rooms at the east end of the building. The outside walls show the remnants of white paint. The foundation is made of uncut natural stones cemented together. Windows are sliding, single pane type; some have metal blinds. The doors are paneled with no windows or decorative elements. The roof is constructed of wood boards with wood shingles and a common rafter support system. The building is wired for electricity and has lamps hanging from a plaster ceiling. The building has a metal furnace with an external tank at the west end of the building. The furnace exhausts through a brick and concrete chimney. The building has been impacted by natural deterioration, some vandalism, and secondary use for storage. The building does not display any distinctive or unique architectural design or methods of construction. It is similar to countless other schoolhouses in rural North Dakota, many of which are in better shape.

Urban Legal Description: _____

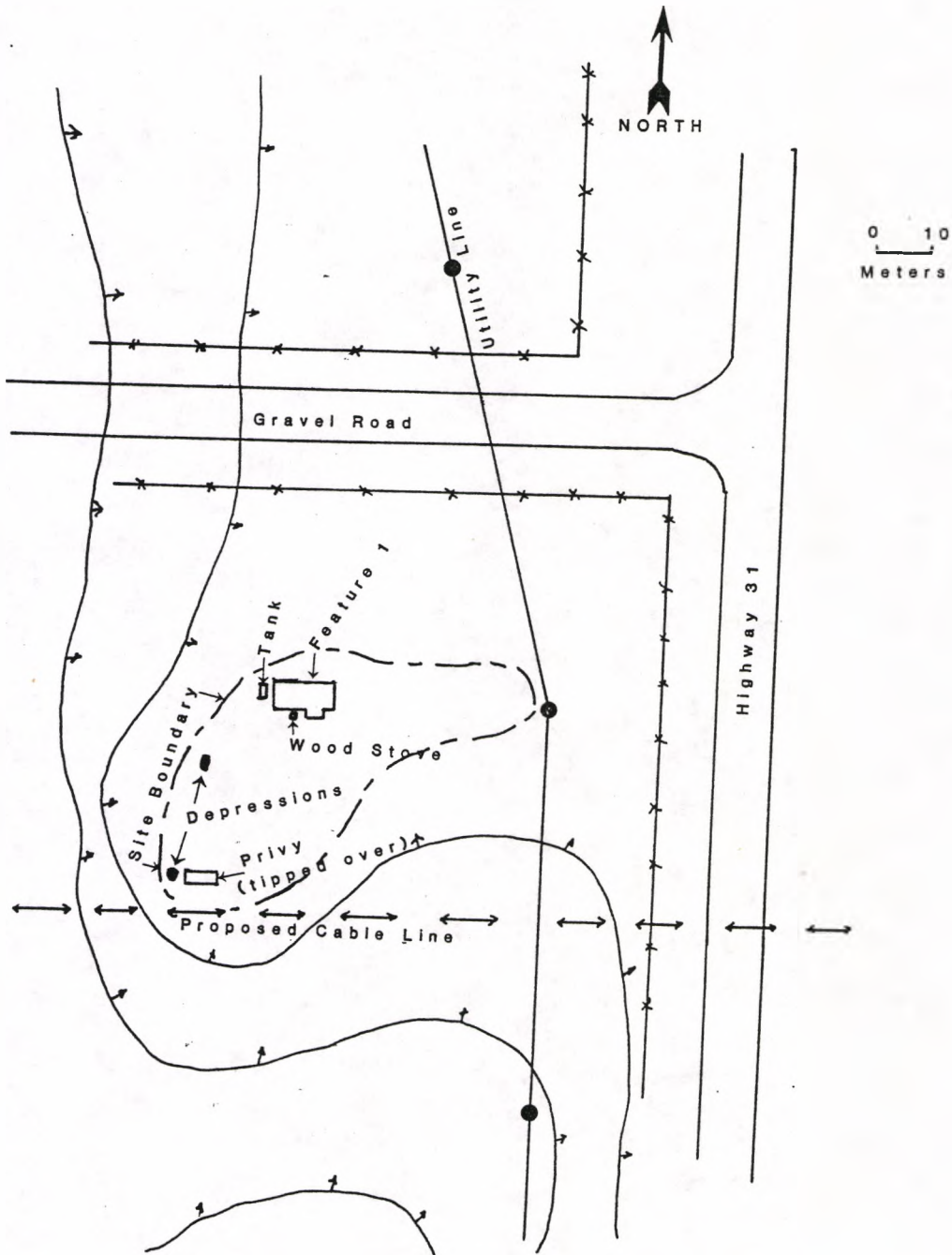
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Sketch map of site.

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View to northeast over site (roll #95-179, exposure #6).



View to north over school house (roll #95-179, exposure #24).

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