

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM

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Field Code _____

SITS# 32 SL 193

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Map Quad Amidon Site Name White Lake School #2
Map Quad _____ Site Name _____

LTL	___	TWP	<u>135</u>	R	<u>101</u>	SEC	<u>24</u>	QQQ	<u>6</u>	QQ	<u>8</u>	Q	<u>7</u>
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UTM _____ 5149518 _____ N ZONE 13N
 UTM _____ 629083 _____ E NAD 1927 _____ NAD 1983

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

City: _____

Street Number: _____

Street Name: _____

Urban Legal Description: _____

SITE DATA

Total # Architectural Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 8/7/2006

Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey _____

Project Title & Supervisor: _____

Report Title & Author(s): _____

Additional Information: based on NRHP Property Data Sheet

SHSND USE

Area of Significance <u>2</u>	Ecozone <u>22</u>	Verified Site <u>1</u>	CR Type <u>2</u>
Area of Significance _____	Ecozone _____	Non-Site _____	
Area of Significance _____	Ecozone _____		

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Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.

Architectural Feature # 1

Construction Date _____

Feature Type 9

Condition 6

Feature Date 3

Context 7

Plan Shape 5

Structural System 25

Primary Exterior 26

Style Gabled Front: Gabled L/T

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Secondary Exterior _____

Architect/Builder _____

Other Information:

Foundation _____ Stories 1

Window appear original

Roof/Cornice gable

Dating Method(s): teaching records

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, & spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility
- Historical associations require further investigation

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1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

White Lake School #2 is a simple rectangle with a gable roof and three 2 over 2 windows on each side. The front entrance has a simple vestibule with a gable roof. A small square opening is visible on one side of the vestibule. Two wood steps and a single rail lead up to the single walk door and a sign that reads "WHITE LAKE SCHOOL" is above the door. In a corner created by the vestibule is a bell that was dedicated in 1975. A flag pole is in front of the school yard near a sign that states "ONE ROOM PRAIRIE SCHOOL PLACED HERE AS A MONUMENT In Memory of North Dakota Teachers."

Slope County has teaching records for White Lake School #2 dated 1914-1915 and Slope County was formed in 1915. It is unclear if the building was constructed at this time or if earlier records were elsewhere when the new county formed. The building was moved a couple times and operated as a school until 1934. It was relocated to the Slope County Fairgrounds in 1961.

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2. Owner's Contact Information:

3. Access (to rural areas):

From Amidon, go north on Main St and just north of town angle right to the Fairgrounds entrance. The school is at the south end of the grounds.

4. Site Area (ft²): _____

5. Site Description:

A short shelter belt is south of the school and north are the other facilities for the fairgrounds. West of the fairgrounds is another shelter belt along the road and the rest of the surrounding area is cultivated fields.

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6. Summary of All Site Features & Evaluation of Site Significance:

Only the school was recorded so the fairgrounds as a whole remain unevaluated. The school itself is unexceptional in design and has been moved since the school closed. Further research needs to be done regarding historical associations for the school where it now sits.

7. References/Comments:Recorded By Lorna Meidinger Date Recorded 12/27/2011
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School

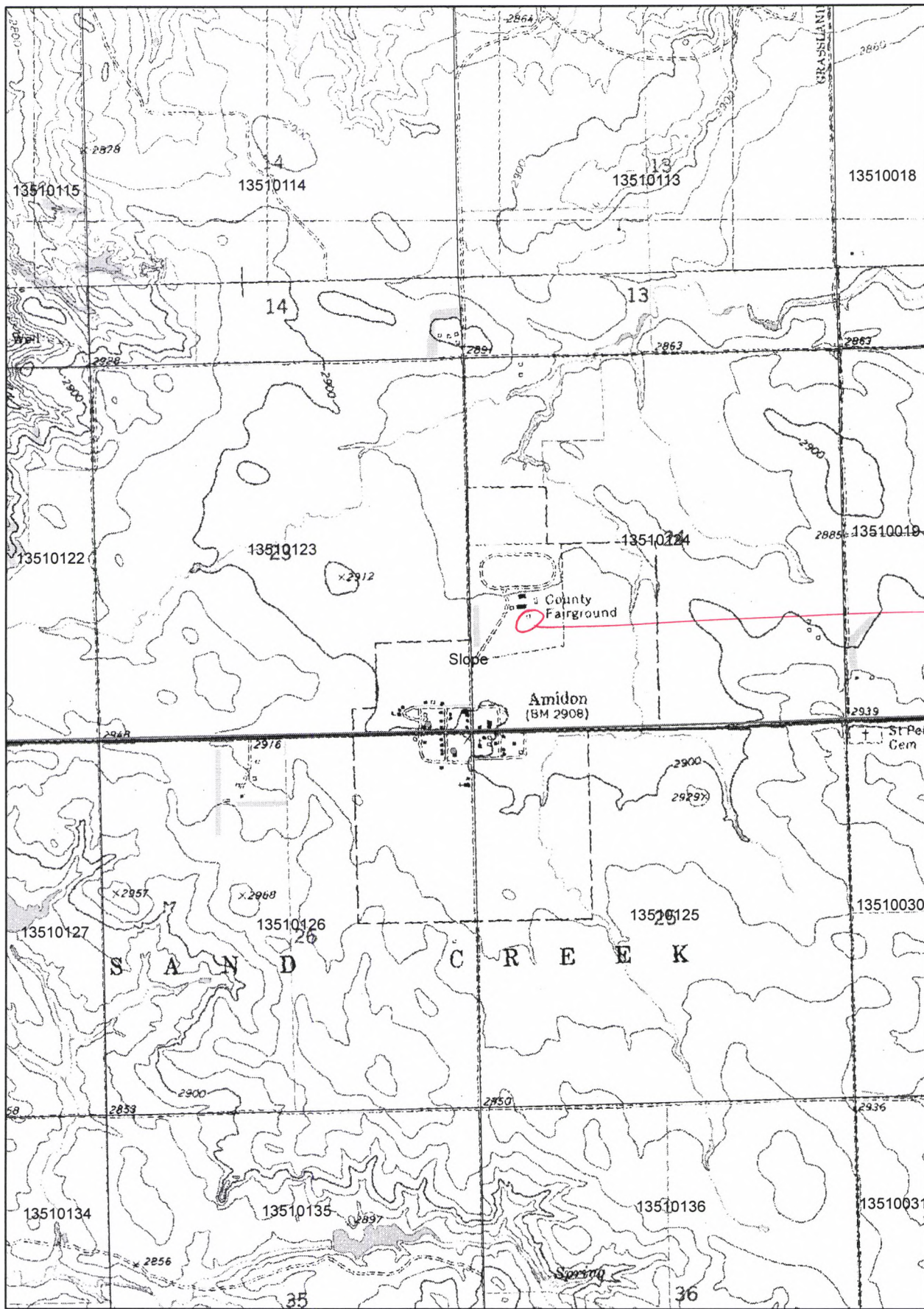
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White
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School

History of White Lake #2 School

by Vivian Nordby, Secretary - Slope Silver Educators

According to the Slope Saga, Slope County was originally a part of Billings County. Billings County was too large to function efficiently due to the large geographical area, so in 1915 it was divided into three counties: Slope, Golden Valley and Billings. The Slope Saga article, "Memorabilia of Events Touching the Magnuson Family" (pg. 895) relates to White Lake School. It states that the school was relocated one mile north of Holzemer's corner, now Ernie Holzemer's present home. This school house was later moved on to one of the Magnuson's leased 3/4 sections, one mile south of Holzemer's.

After reading the Slope Saga, I went to the Slope County Courthouse, Amidon, North Dakota and found the record of teachers reports from the year 1914-1915 (recorded book 1, page 142) Slope County, Amidon, North Dakota. It stated that White Lake School #2 was deeded, NE 1/4, Section 31, Township 135, Range 100 from William Tuttle on November 21, 1914 and June 1915. The school opened September 5, 1914 and let out for the summer on April 23, 1915. The teacher's name was Herbert Moore. Twelve pupils were enrolled that year. (enclosed teachers report).

On Sept. 15, 1932 White Lake School #2 was moved again this time to NE 1/4, Section 21, Township 135, Range 100, Amidon, Slope County North Dakota. Henry Kovar deeded the one acre school site, September 15, 1932. The teacher's name was Dorothy Ellison. The deed is recorded in book 12, page 167 at the Register of Deeds office in Slope County.

Through the years, the county population and school enrollment declined. In 1949 the one room school house, White Lake #2 was closed after 34 years of service. The last teacher was Marvis Johnson, presently Marvis Miller, with 4 pupils.

Upon the suggestion of Clara D. Brown, the NDEA Chapter of Slope County Teachers and the Slope County Fair Board Association agreed that White Lake Schoolhouse #2 be moved to the Slope County Fair Grounds in Amidon in August 1961. The schoolhouse doors were opened in August 1962 for the Slope County Fair. Painting of the interior/exterior was thanks to the volunteer labor of Wilmer Wobig, Duane Wobig, and Roger Woodley with the help of the NDEA teachers groups and included Jim Fulton and numerous fairboard

members.

Approximately 300 visitors signed the guest book during the 1962 Slope County Fair. The Silver Education dedicated (pioneer school) White Lake #2 on August 30th, 1964. Erling Nasset of Fargo, Slope County resident, who was with Greater North Dakota Association, gave the dedication address. (Enclosed pamphlet text of Mr. Nasset's talk.)

Items featured in the White Lake School are the stove in center of the room, the old coal scuttle, double & single desks, Kerosene lamp reflections, recitation bench, the teachers desk, an organ which still plays, homestead era pictures and books, black board with chalk and erasers, maps, a globe, a clock, a school bell, a wash stand with the open water bucket and lunch pails. The curtain rods are the original heavy wire used to hold the sash curtains. Enclosed are photos of the school building, kerosene lamp with reflectors on wall, phonics map, teachers stick, etc.

In 1990, Vivian Nordby, Amidon, ND, created pupils with paper plates for faces. She dressed them in clothing reminiscent of the twenties and thirties. The pupils sit in their desks. It proved to be a delightful added attraction for the visitors.

Silver Educators (Slope County teachers who have served 25 years of teaching) have been responsible for cleaning (washing floors, cleaning windows, dusting desks, etc.) and hostessing for White Lake #2 Museum.

Through the years the schoolhouse had been weather beaten by rain, hail, snow and wind, which caused the entry to pull away from part of the building, calling for a new face interior and exterior, new floor for the entry, sanding the floor and some shingles. It all needed labor and supplies.

Vivian Nordby, treasurer - Silver Educators went campaigning for funds for this project. ALL (Lutherans) donated \$1,500.00; Slope Co. Farmers Union - \$350.00; Slope County Fair Board \$500.00; and individual cash for the project. Leroy Clendenen and Mark Franklund were local carpenters, Amidon, ND. The school was refurbished and refurnished in the style of the days when it was in use.

On June 1, 2001, the Silver Educators placed the sign "White Lake School" outside above the door. A sign standing near the school says, "One room prairie school - Placed here as a monument In Memory of

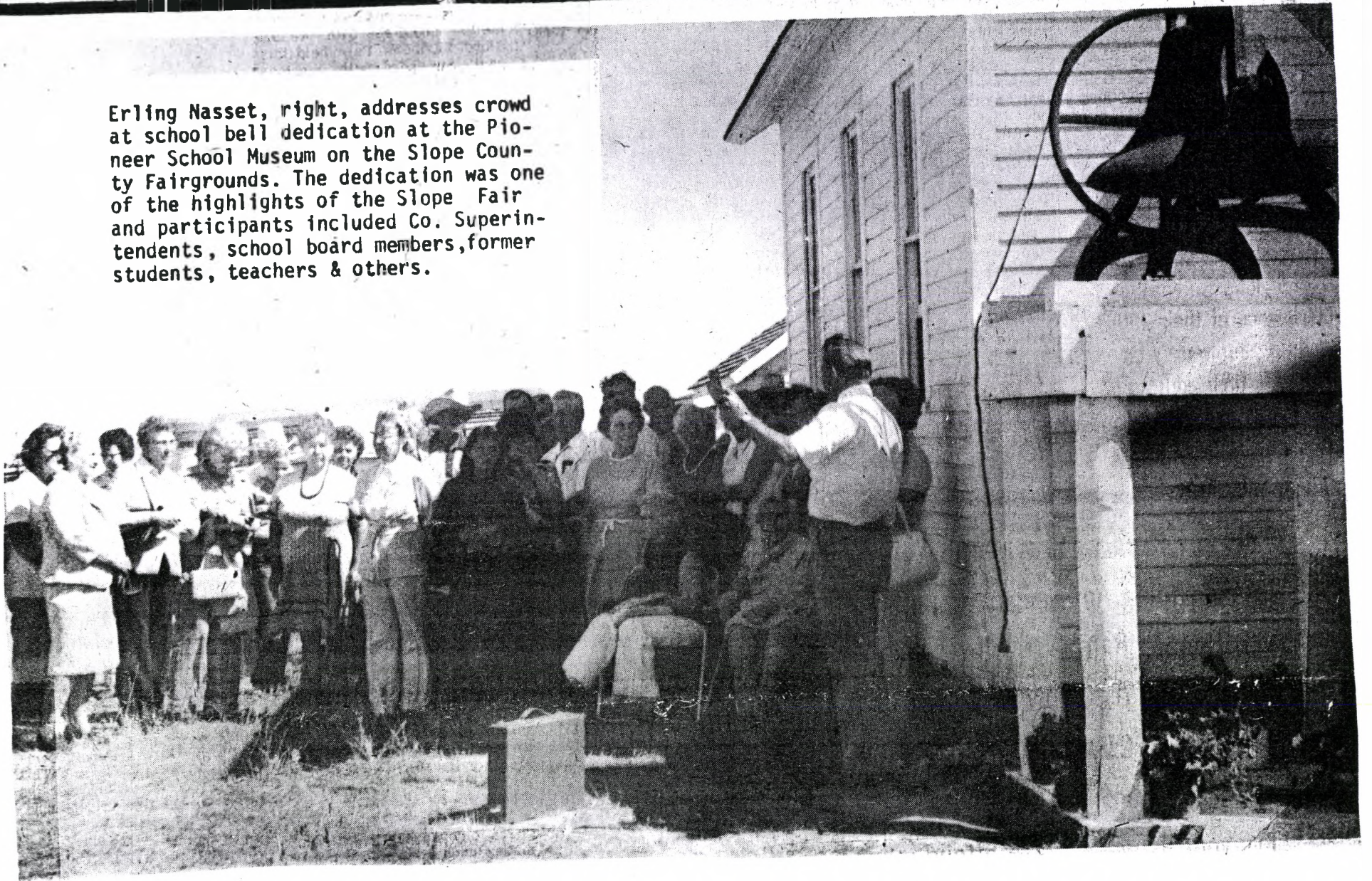
North Dakota Teachers”.

During the August 2002, Slope County Fair, an open house for the improvements of the White Lake School was sponsored by the Silver Educators.

As the rural schools disappear, North Dakota and the nation are recognizing an important era in the field of education is becoming history. The hard working, dedicated rural school ma'am and the old school house down the prairie road have earned a special niche in our American Heritage.

Sept. 10, 1975

Erling Nasset, right, addresses crowd at school bell dedication at the Pioneer School Museum on the Slope County Fairgrounds. The dedication was one of the highlights of the Slope Fair and participants included Co. Superintendents, school board members, former students, teachers & others.



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feature 1, WNW



Feature 1 interior

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