

# NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM PAGE 1

SITS# 32

WA 269

## SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code **Vesta Township School**

Site Name **Vesta Township School**

Site Name

Map Quad **Edinburg NW, ~~102~~**  
Map Quad

LTL	TWP	157N	R	57W	SEC	26	QQQ	8	QQ	8	Q	5
LTL	TWP		R		SEC		QQQ		QQ		Q	
LTL	TWP		R		SEC		QQQ		QQ		Q	
LTL	TWP		R		SEC		QQQ		QQ		Q	

UTM		N	ZONE	
UTM		E	NAD 1927	NAD 1983

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

City: **Park River ND**

Street Number:

Street Name: **Hwy 17 at mile marker #102**

Urban Legal Description:

## SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features:

Fieldwork Date: **5/21/2010**

Reconnaissance Survey  Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor:

**Country Schoolhouse Project**

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information:

## SHSND USE

Area of Significance **2**  
Area of Significance

Ecozone **16**  
Ecozone

CR Type **2**  
Verified Site  
Non-Site

ECF **2**  
TF

Recorded By **Kathy Wilner**  
(First Name & Last Name)

Date Recorded **9/14/2010**  
(mm/dd/year)

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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	early 1900's	Feature Type	9	Condition	5
Feature Date	3	Context	7	Plan Shape	5
Structural System	25	Primary Exterior	26	Style	other style
<i>Original Owner's</i> Ethnicity		Secondary Exterior		Architect/Builder	John Lien helped to build the school

Other Information:

Foundation      Stone with cement around the stones                      Stories              1

Roof/Cornice      Gable

Window      window have no glass, one is covered

Dating Method(s):      Former students of the school

**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:**

I viewed this school from the highway and could only see three sides. The school was built in the early 1900's. The roof is wood with wood shakes. Much of the roof is in bad shape, many shakes are missing. There is no chimney left on the building. There are three windows on the west side with no glass visible in two and the third is covered with wood. There are also three windows on the east side of the school and all are open and mostly broken. There is an opening for the door on the east side of the small entry. A high window opening can be seen on the north end of the building as well as another opening on a small room to the west of the entry, I was told that was for storing coal. One person I visited with told me that there is still coal in that room.

I spoke with a former student of the school and he told me they never had electricity in the building. It was only heated with coal and the stove was located in the southwest corner of the school. He told me the entire south wall held the blackboard. He also told me the walls were made of wood sheeting, no lath and plaster. He guessed that perhaps there was sawdust or newspaper for a little insulation. The school was built in the early 1900 and closed in 1944 for lack of students.

I could see a concrete step at the entry to the school. I was told the foundation was stone with concrete poured around the stones.

This is one very tired one-room school.

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**Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.**

2. Owner's Contact Information:

Melvin Bellerud, lives in the state of Washington  
Brother of Melvin is Al Bellerud  
124 Wage Ave S.  
Park River ND 58270

3. Access (to rural areas):

The school is on the south of Highway 17, 9 miles of east of Park River ND. It is at mile marker #102.

4. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>):

5. Site Description:

The school sits in a fenced pasture. This is the Park River Valley and trees can be seen in a distance to the north and west. The school itself sits along the highway to the north, gravel road to the east and there is a farm site to the south.

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**6. Summary of ALL Site Features & Evaluation of Significance:**

**7. References/Comments:**

**Recorder contact information:**

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Bowdon ND 58418

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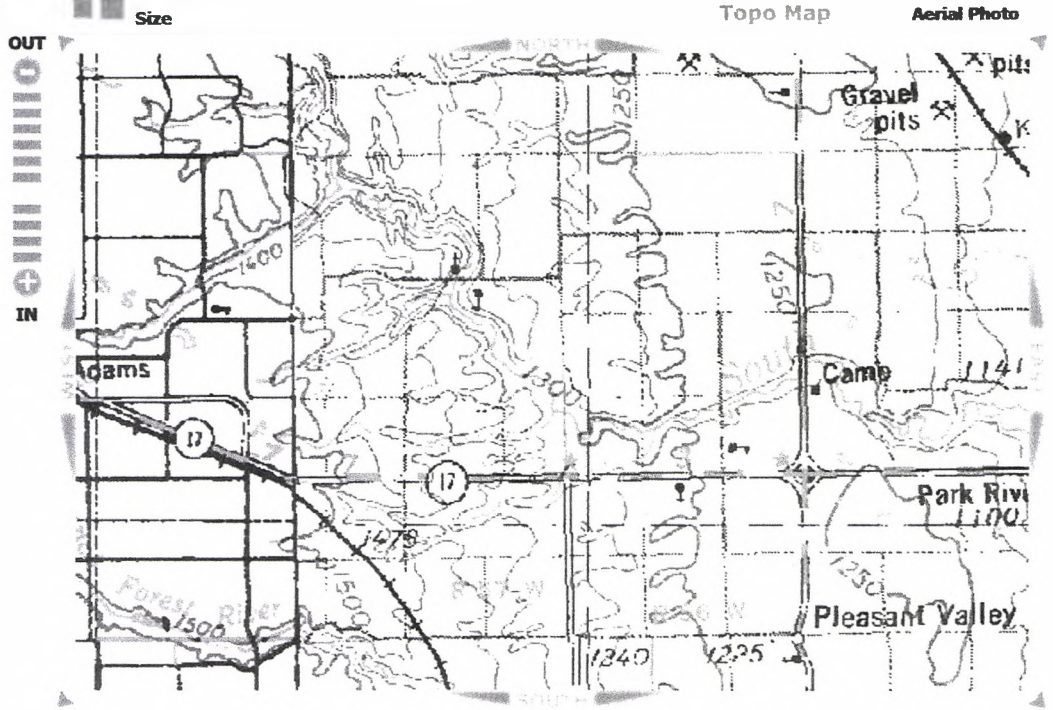
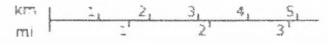


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Vesta Township School 5/21/2010  
Not sure of location on this map (9 miles west of Park River Hwy 17)  
Kathy





1 – Vesta Township School      East side      5/21/2010      Kathy Wilner      WA

2 – Vesta Township School      North side      5/21/2010      Kathy Wilner      WA





3 - Vesta Township School West side 5/21/2010 Kathy Wilner WA