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### SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code Eureka School #1 Site Name Eureka School #1

Map Quad Senior Lake  
Map Quad

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

City: Hurdsfield ND

Street Number:

Street Name: 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE & ND Hwy. 3 SE

Urban Legal Description:

### SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 4/16/2010

Reconnaissance Survey  Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor:  
Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information:

### SHSND USE

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Area of Significance		Ecozone		Verified Site		TF	
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**Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.**

**Architectural Feature #**

Construction Date - after 1902	Feature Type 9	Condition 4
Feature Date 3	Context 7	Plan Shape 5
Structural System 25	Primary Exterior 26	Style other style
Original Owner's Ethnicity	Secondary Exterior	Architect/Builder

Other Information:

Foundation Poured concrete Stories 1

Roof/Cornice Gable

Window 2 double hung windows on the south side

Dating Method(s): School 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:**

Eureka School District #26 was organized in May 7, 1902 so the school must have been built after that date. I have found no other records to indicate when the school was built. In looking at teacher's reports from this school the last year I found records was 1956. This is consistent with a lot of one- schools in the area.

This school was originally built on a rock foundation. In the 1930's the WPA came in and built a full basement under the school. I did see concrete foundation when I visited the school. Much of the concrete is falling into the basement and the school is starting to bow with the lack of support. In speaking with students of that school a couple of them told me that at recess time they would go into the basement to dance. One lady told me that's where they all learned to dance. There are shakes or wood shingles on the roof and the chimney, could be original.

The school is built of wood with lath and plaster for finish inside the school. There is wainscoting covering the lower 1/3 of the walls. I entered the school walking up three wooden a decrepit wood landing. I was in the entry area of the school and to my right there was a stairway into the basement with a trapdoor which opened to the north. The door to the main body of the school was on at the left side of the entry. The doors appear to be the original wood doors. Inside the school I saw two double hung windows on the south side and no other windows in the school. Before the addition of electricity (there is a light switch just inside the door, ceiling lights in the main school room and electric wires on the outside of the north side of the building) it must have been difficult to see inside the school. Most of the north wall is a blackboard with more blackboards on the east wall. In the northwest corner of the school building was a small room, the first part was a small kitchen/storage room and connected to that was an area for coal storage. One of the people I talked with described a large coal burning stove and also talked about baking potatoes in the ash pan of the stove. Many children in many schools did that same thing.

When the WPA came in to build the basement under the existing school they also built two outhouses. There is debris to the west of the school that looks like it could have been from the outhouses. A former student remembers they had a barn at one time but all evidence of that is gone.

In visiting with former students, one remembered that on Friday's they had to clean the school, clean the blackboards, pound the erasers outside and sweep the floor.

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

## 2. Owner's Contact Information:

County Records show it is owned by Eureka School District #36

Ownership is undetermined according to the Township Clerk

More info contact: Kathy Wilner

366 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE

Bowdon ND 58418

3. Access (to rural areas): From Hurdsfield, ND: Eureka School #1 is located 2 miles west on Hwy 200 and then south on Hwy. 3 a distance of 5 miles or from Interstate 94 at Steele, ND it is north on Hwy 3 approximately 37 miles. It is located on the west side of the highway.

4. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>): 1.32 acres or 57, 525 square feet

5. Site Description: The school sits on a rise to the west of Hwy. 3 and as you drive by it you look uphill from your car. Today it sits in grass land and the property is used to make hay. To the south there is open farm land, to the east, about a mile, there is a farm yard with cattle. There is more farm land to the north and west. It is kind of a lonely location. The school site itself has a pile of wood and other debris to the west of the building and perhaps that was an outhouse at one time.

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

This school is very tired. It is beginning to bow on the long sides of the building as the foundation falls into the basement. There is no one with an interest in shoring it up and painting or cleaning it. It sits above the highway and can be seen from all directions, a building that is slowly fading away.

**7. References/Comments:**

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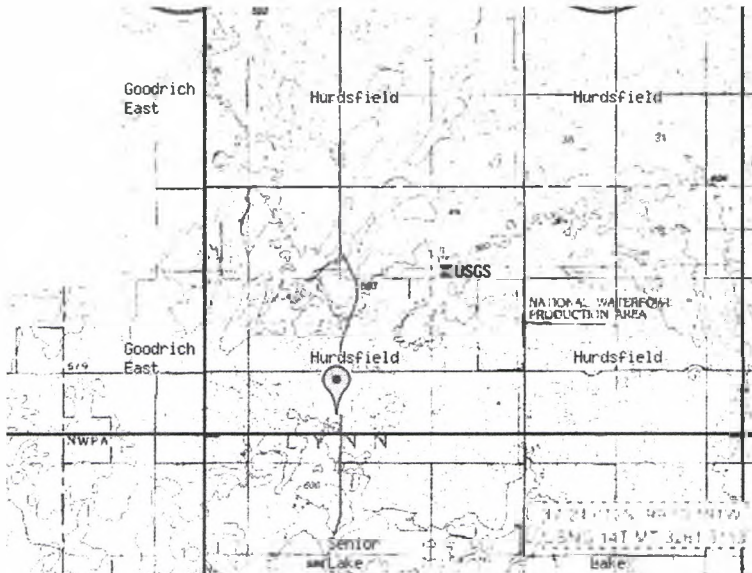
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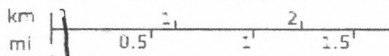
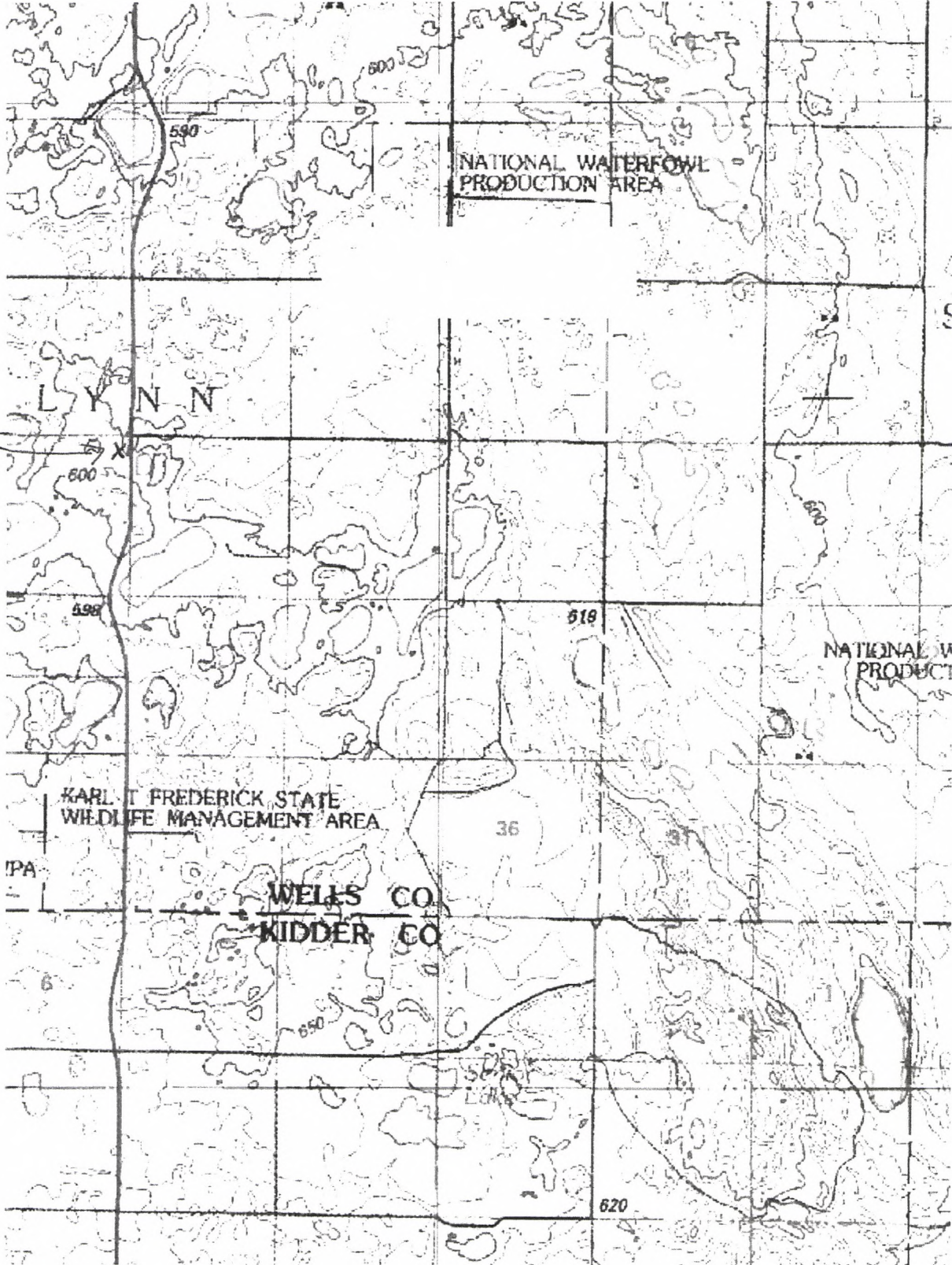


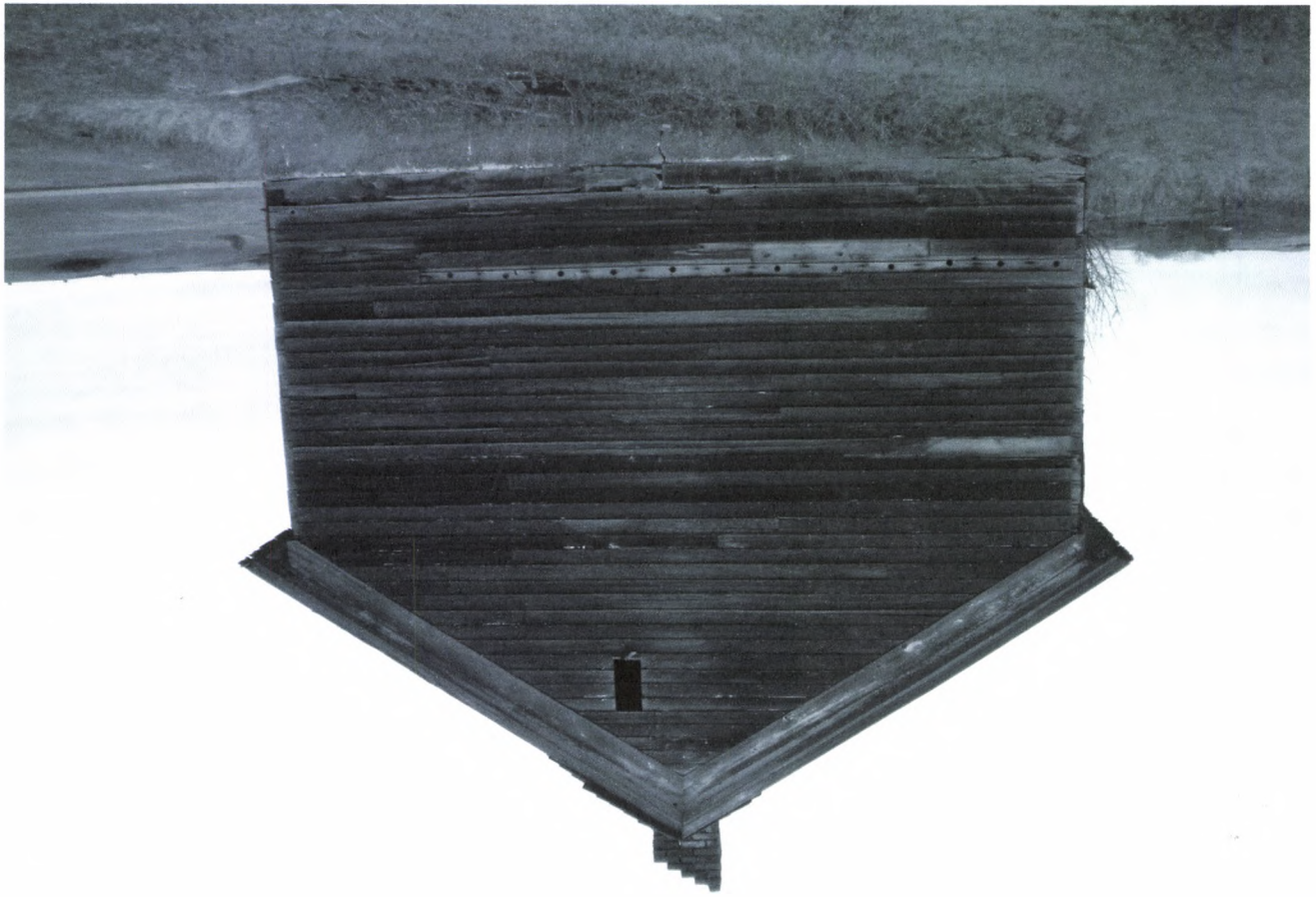
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Highway #3



Eureka School #1 West Side April 2010 Kathy Wilner WE



Eureka School #1 South side April 2010 Kathy Wilner WE





East facing entry

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Eureka School #1

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North Side WE