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### SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code Pony Gulch School #1 Site Name Pony Gulch School #1  
Map Quad Fessenden West, ND Site Name

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LTL	TWP	148N	R	70W	SEC	17	QQQ	8	QQ	8	Q	8
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UTM N ZONE  
UTM E NAD 1927 NAD 1983

City: Fessenden ND

Street Number:

Street Name: Highway 15 and Vine Ave South

Urban Legal Description:

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

### SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 5/19/2010

Reconnaissance Survey  Intensive Survey

Project Title & Supervisor:

Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information:

### SHSND USE

Area of Significance	2	Ecozone	18	CR Type	2	ECF	2
Area of Significance		Ecozone		Verified Site		TF	
				Non-Site			

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

**Architectural Feature # 1**

Construction Date	after 1897	Feature Type	9	Condition	7
Feature Date	2	Context	7	Plan Shape	5
Structural System	25	Primary Exterior	26	Style	other style
Original Owner's Ethnicity		Secondary Exterior		Architect/Builder	unknown

Other Information:

Foundation 12" x 12" timbers Stories 1

Roof/Cornice gable

Window one over one double hung windows, glass appears old

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

*d* 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:**

Pony Gulch School #1 is a refurbished and furnished one-room school located on the Wells County Fair Grounds. The school was moved to this location from section 8 of Pony Gulch Township. Pony Gulch Township is located along the western edge of Wells County.

The building has asphalt shingles and no chimney. There is no source of heat in the school today although it was heated with fuel oil in the later years in the original location. There is an electric wire on the backside of the school and I know they had electricity when the school was operational in Pony Gulch Township. The wood lap siding is well cared for and there are trim boards along the roofline under both ends of the gabled roof. There are three windows along each side of the school. The windows appear to be the original design with some new glass. The wood trim around the windows still has hardware that might have been used to hold shutters in place on those windows.

The wood paneled door is interesting as it has three windows in the top panel. There is also a transom window above the door. In looking through the window of the door I could see the interior of the school. The ceiling is covered with ceiling tiles and I can see where an electric light fixture was installed. There is a wood/coal burning stove at the east end of the building. The chalkboard extends from the east wall to the west wall. The walls are lath and plaster, painted a light green, and there is wainscoting along the lower about 1/3 of the wall. The floor is the original wood floor.

The school is furnished with articles typical of the period the school was in session, complete with a map box above the chalkboards on the rear wall.

The school building measures 26 feet long (east to west) by 16 feet wide (north to south). This school was used in the original location until 1954.

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

## 2. Owner's Contact Information:

Wells County Historical Society  
Contact: Carol Beck  
903 4<sup>th</sup> St N  
Fessenden ND 58438

## 3. Access (to rural areas):

This school is located on the Wells County Fairgrounds, at Fessenden. It is on the corner of Highway 15 and Vine Avenue South

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

## 5. Site Description:

To the east of the school is an open field, to the south is Festival Hall, to the north is the Wells County Historical Society Museum and to the west are more buildings all on the Wells County Fairgrounds.

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

**7. References/Comments:**

**Recorder contact information:**

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366 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE  
Bowdon ND 58418

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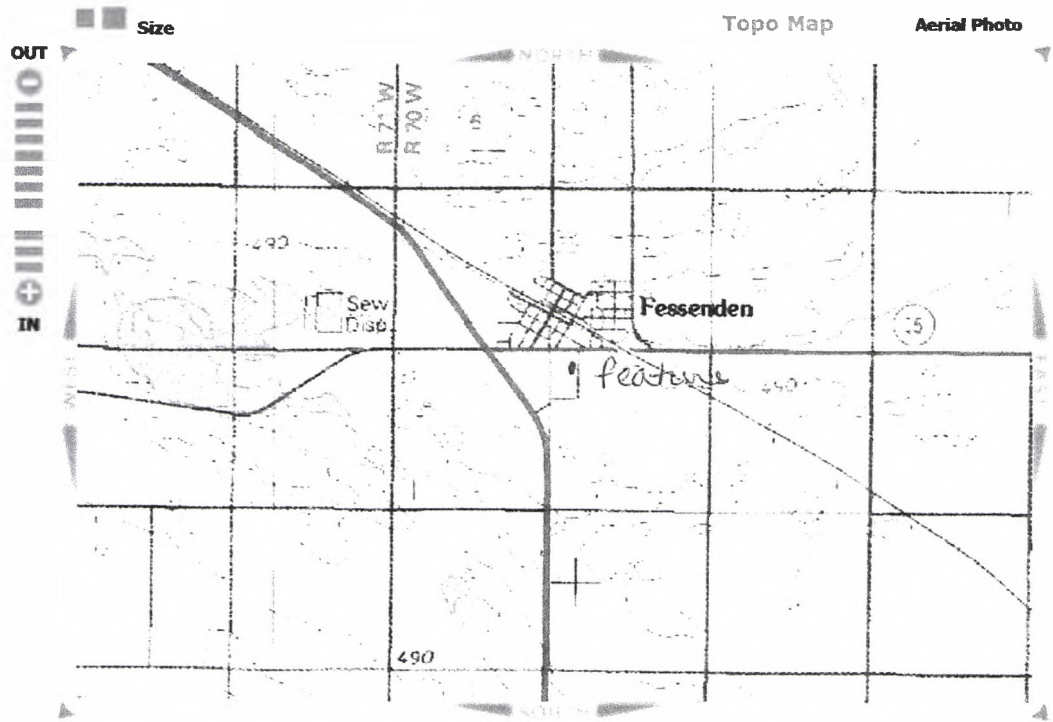


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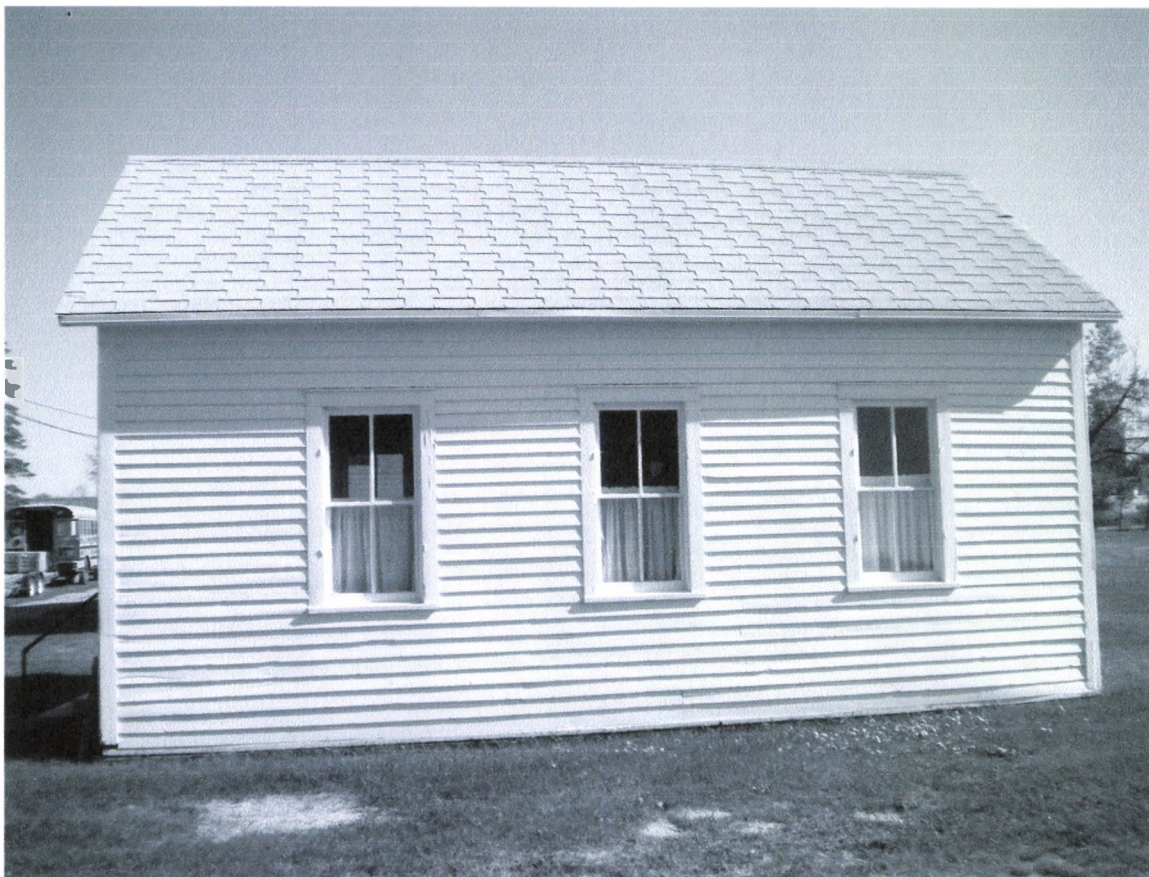




1 - Pony Gulch School #1 West side 5/19/2010 Kathy Wilner WE  
2 - Pony Gulch School #1 North side 5/19/2010 Kathy Wilner WE







3 – Pony Gulch School #1 South side 5/19/2010 Kathy Wilner WE

4 – Pony Gulch School #1 East side 5/19/2010 Kathy Wilner WE

