

NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL FORM

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SITS# 32 WI 2188

Map Quad Epping NE

Site Name Oliver Township School

Map Quad _____

Site Name Stewart School

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City: _____

Street Number: _____

Street Name: _____

Urban Legal Description: _____

Total Number of **Architectural** Features: _____

Fieldwork Date: _____

Reconnaissance Survey ☒

Intensive Survey _____

Project & Principal Investigator: _____

Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

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Additional Information:

Information provided by Kathy Wilner, Hunter Andes, and KFYP/KMOT news.

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Construction Date _____

Feature Date _____

Structural System _____

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Feature Type _____

Context _____

Primary Exterior _____

Secondary Exterior _____

Condition Destroyed

Plan Shape _____

Style _____

Architect/Builder _____

Foundation _____ Stories _____

Roof/Cornice _____

Window _____

Dating Method(s) _____

Miscellaneous Information Destroyed by wildfire in October 2024**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, and spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility☐ Historical associations require further investigation**Recorded By:** E. Scherr, SHSND **Date Recorded:** 01/13/2025

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NDCRS ATTACHMENT SECTION

Field Code _____

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**Friends of Wabek**

October 6, 2024 · 🌐

Friends of Wabek was about to restore the old Stewart School in Oliver Township north of Epping. This time next year, it would have looked like a new building, but now it's gone. Prayers to everyone affected by the fires.



Figure 1: Post from Friends of Wabek Facebook page accessed 1/13/2025.

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Figure 2: Image of schoolyard from Friends of Wabek Facebook group. Schoolhouse debris at left, view northwest.

Sources:

- Friends of Wabek Facebook page, accessed January 13, 2025
- Miller, Lindsay. Century-old schoolhouse near Epping destroyed by wildfires. KMOT/KFYR News. October 9, 2024. Accessed January 13, 2025.
- Personal communication with Kathy Wilner and Hunter Andes.

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Century-old schoolhouse near Epping destroyed by wildfires



The Stewart School in Oliver Township, which was set to be renovated sometime next year, was destroyed in this week's fires.

By [Lindsey Miller](#)

Published: Oct. 9, 2024 at 4:45 PM CDT

EPPING, N.D. (KMOT) - This week we've told you about lives lost, animals lost and land burned across North Dakota. The ongoing fires are also taking a toll on parts of our state's history.

The Stewart School near Epping burned down over the weekend.

The group Friends of Wabek is a nonprofit that refurbishes old two-room schoolhouses and had plans in the works to renovate the Stewart School.

Hunter Andes founded the group after bringing the old Wabek schoolhouse back to life in 2018.

The Wabek and Stewart schoolhouses were twins in that they were built and hauled together in 1917.

“This time next year, it would have looked brand new on the outside, and now it’s ashes,” said Andes.

Andes said that those in Oliver township had gained hope in seeing the historic building preserved.

“Especially, northwestern North Dakota, there is not a lot of history that’s actively being preserved,” said Andes.

Andes said that moving forward, they are unsure of what will come of the project. They had supplies on the way that now will need to find a new use.

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Site Name _____

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NAD _____ UTM _____ Zone _____

NAD _____ UTM _____

City: _____

Street Number: _____

Street Name: _____

Urban Legal Description: _____

Total Number of **Architectural** Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: _____

Reconnaissance Survey ☒

Intensive Survey _____

Project & Principal Investigator:

Country School House Project

Kathy Wilner

366 43rd Ave SE Bowdon, ND 58418

Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

Additional Information:

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Component _____ Study Unit _____ Verified Site _____ CR Type _____

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Recorded By: Kathy Wilner/Hunter Andes Date Recorded: 06/28/2024

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Construction Date _____

Feature Date _____

Structural System _____

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Feature Type 9 - School; Church schoolContext Education

Primary Exterior _____

Secondary Exterior _____

Condition _____

Plan Shape _____

Style Other Style

Architect/Builder _____

Foundation _____ Stories _____

Roof/Cornice _____

Window _____

Dating Method(s) _____

Miscellaneous Information _____

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, and spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility☐ Historical associations require further investigation**Recorded By:** Kathy Wilner/Hunter Andes **Date Recorded:** 06/28/2024

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NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL FORM**PAGE 3 – Feature Data****UPDATE****Field Code** Oliver Township School**SITS#** 32 **WI** 2188**Complete one Page 3 for each architectural feature at the site.****1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

The feature is a two room consolidated school. The south part of the school was called Wrolstad School and was moved to the current location from Section 28 in the southwest part of the township. The north part of the school was called Stewart School and was moved to the current location from Section 12 in the northeast corner of the township. The name of the school after consolidation was Stewart School.

Consolidation took place late teens in 1900, likely 1917/1918/1919. Loen Lowdermilk (the source of this information and current Oliver Township Chairman) told Hunter Andes that his mother started school in this location in 1921. Electricity came to the school about 1947.

In 1949/1950, District 8 took over the school. Glass block windows were added to the south part of the school in the early 1950s. The north part of the school was not used after District 8 took it over. It was leased to the township and there was a church group from Epping that used that part of the building.

The school closed in 1978 and a year later the district sold the school building to Oliver Township. The land still remains under the ownership of the state.

Update pictures show some damage to the lower part of the block glass windows on the east side of the south half of the school. The remainder of the school is mostly unchanged.

2. Owner's Contact Information:

State of North Dakota/Oliver Township owns the school building. District 8 in Williams County sold the school building to Oliver Township in the early 1970s.

Recorded By: Kathy Wilner/Hunter Andes **Date Recorded:** 06/28/2024

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3. Site Area (ft²):

4. Description of Access and Site Setting:

5. Summary of ALL Site Features and Evaluation of Significance:

6. References/Comments:

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East Side

Oliver Township School
(Photos by Hunter Andes)

6/28/2024

Kathy Wilner

WI

West Side





North Side

Oliver Township School
(Photos by Hunter Andes)

6/28/2024

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West Side and South Side



NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM

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SITS# 32 WI 2188

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Field Code Oliver Township School

Site Name _____

Map Quad Epping NE

Site Name _____

Map Quad _____

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City: _____

Street Number: _____

Street Name: Highway 42

Urban Legal Description: _____

Subsection:

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SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features: 1Fieldwork Date: 8/22/2016Reconnaissance Survey ☒Intensive Survey ☐

Project Title & Supervisor:

Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information: _____

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Area of Significance 2Ecozone 21Verified Site 1CR Type 2Area of Significance Ecozone Non-Site Area of Significance Recorded By Kathy WilnerDate Recorded 2/4/2017

(First Name & Last Name)

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PAGE 2—Feature DataField Code Oliver Township SchoolSITS# 32 WI**Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.****Architectural Feature #** 1

Construction Date _____

Feature Type 9Condition 5Feature Date 3Context 7Plan Shape 2Structural System 25Primary Exterior 26Style Other Style

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Secondary Exterior _____

Architect/Builder _____

Other Information:

Foundation Rocks and concrete Stories 1Roof/Cornice Intersecting GableWindow Double hung, two over two, vented glass blockDating Method(s): Estimate**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 investigationRecorded By Kathy Wilner
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NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM
PAGE 3—Feature DataField Code Oliver Township SchoolSITS# 32 WI**Complete a Page 3 for each feature.****1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

The feature is a large two room prairies school on a foundation of rocks and cement. The building appears to be two school put together with a connection addition between the two. The intersecting gable roofs, including the gable with extended salt line piece, are all covered with wood shakes and metal capping. There is a chimney on the north peak of the south half of the building. At the west end of the north part of the structure there is a hole where the chimney would have been for that part. It is confusing with two schools connected. The middle section of the building, built to connect the north and south buildings, is where the toilets are and vents are on the west slope of the roof. The soffits are closed. The feature is a one room prairie school on a poured concrete foundation. The intersecting gable roofs and the salt line extension on the entry are covered with wood shakes. The south building measures 24 feet north to south and 20 feet east to west, the north building measures 24 feet east to west and 20 feet north to south, the connecting building is 14 feet north to south and about 12 feet east to west. The entry measures 12 by 8 feet.

There is a wide trim board under the soffits at all the peak ends. The remainder of the siding is 6 inch wood lap with 6 inch wood corner trim. There are attic vents at both the west and east ends of the south building. There is an open porch on the entry with a couner post for roof support sitting on the concrete stoop. There entry door is broken. There are double hung, two over two windows on the north wall of the north part of building and three similar windows on the west side. Another double hung window and a small window are on the west wall of the middle piece. There is a glass block window on the west wall of the entry. On the east wall of the south building are two large vented glass block windows, likely replacements. There is a door for entry in the breezeway on the east side. The north building has tongue and groove hard wood floors with blackboards on the east and south walls. The walls are lathe and plaster with wainscot. The ceiling is wall board tiles and some is falling. There is a door on the south wall that leads into the breezeway. The walls in middle portion of the building are a mixture of beadboard and wallboard with toilets and coatroom space. The ceiling and walls in the south part of the building are wallboard. Blackboards in this portion of the school are on the south and west walls. The floor is tongues and groove hardwood as well. Light fixtures and wiring suggest electricity.

There are swings, a slide and a basket ball hoop in the school yard.

Looks like two schools put together and connected.

Recorded By Kathy Wilner Date Recorded 2/4/2017
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PAGE 4—SITE DESCRIPTION**Field Code Oliver Township SchoolSITS# 32 WI**Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.****2. Owner's Contact Information:**

Deanna Donnelly ETAL
2245 Devinney St.
Lakewood CO 80228

3. Access (to rural areas):

From the junction of Highways 50 and 42, go south 11 miles to the intersection with 69th ST NW and it is on the west side of the road.

4. Site Area (ft²): _____**5. Description of SETTING:**

There is a farm site to the north and all directions are pasture and farm fields. The immediate setting for the school has a grove of trees north, west and south.

Recorded By Kathy Wilner **Date Recorded** 2/4/2017
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SITS# 32 WI

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

7. References/Comments:

Kathy Wilner
366 43rd Ave SE
Bowdon ND 58418

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West Side

Oliver Township School

8/22/2016

Kathy Wilner

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South Side





East Side

Oliver Township School

8/22/2016

Kathy Wilner

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North Side



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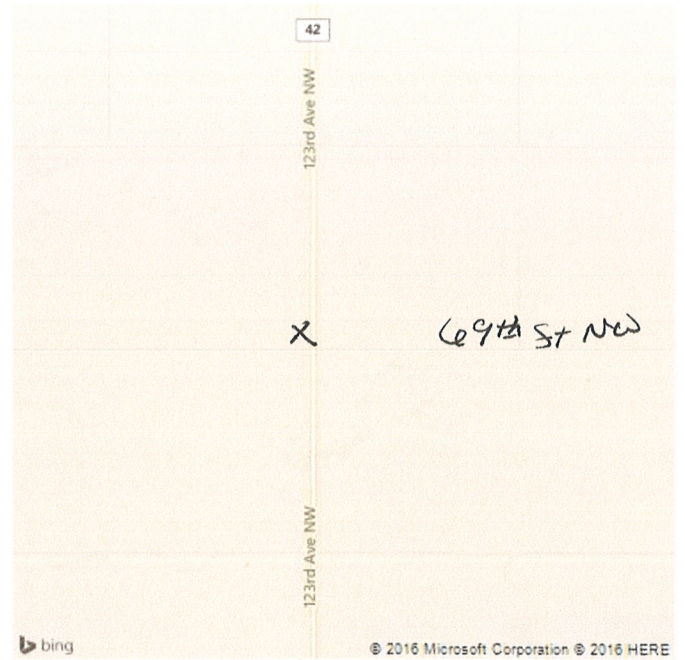
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Feature