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Map Quad Kindred
Map Quad

Site Name Dahlen School
Site Name Normanna District 19 School #2

LTL ___ **T.** 137 **N.**, **R.** 50 **W.**, **Sec.** 8 **QQQ** 5 of the **QQ** 5 of the **Q** 6
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Subsection
1 = N½
2 = E½
3 = S½
4 = W½
5 = NE¼
6 = SE¼
7 = SW¼
8 = NW¼

NAD 1983 UTM 5173120 Zone 14N
NAD 1983 UTM 652018

FEATURE TYPE
- ____Cultural Material Scatter
- ____Chimney
- ____Depression
- ____Dump
- ____Earthworks
- ____Fortification
- ____Foundation
- ____Grave
- ____Hearth
- ____Quarry/Mine
- ____Rock Art / Inscription
- ____Trail
- ____Wreck
- ____Other

CULTURAL MATERIAL
- ____Bone
- ____Ceramics
- ____Charcoal
- ____Cloth
- ____Faunal Remains
- ____Fire-Cracked Rock
- ____Floral Remains
- ____Glass
- ____Hide, Hair, Fur
- ____Human Remains
- ____Masonry
- ____Metal
- ____Plastic
- ____Rubber
- ____Shell
- ____Wood
- ____Other

9 - School; Church school Site Type

Education Context

Date Range of Occupation
1880 Begin
1946 End

Documentation Basis for Dating

3,811 Site Area (**m²**)

____ Depth Indicator

____ Cultural Depth

____ CM Density

Landform 1 Top of
Slope/Exposure Open
Elevation 284 **meters**
Ownership Private
Site Condition
Probe

Landform 2 Lacustrian plain
Ecosystem Mixed grass prairie - dry
Drainage System Sheyenne River
Fieldwork Date
Collection
Formal Testing or Excavation

Management Recommendation of the Recorder Further work

Additional Information:
no site visit, based on documentation and aerial imagery

SHSND USE
Component 3 Study Unit 15 Verified Site ____ CR Type 1
Component ____
Component ____

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1. Access:

   From Kindred go north along 165th Ave SE for 3 miles. Site is next to the road on the west side in a cultivated field.

2. Site Description (include setting and feature descriptions):

   The site is in a cultivated field and surrounded by more cultivated fields, six homesteads, and a rural housing development within one mile. No standing buildings or structures remain, but the 1941 aerial appears to show a schoolhouse, two privies, possibly a barn, and several large trees.

3. Cultural Material Description (identify and quantify artifacts):

Total Number of Artifacts = _____ Number of Artifacts Collected = _____

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4. Description of Subsurface Testing (include all cores, shovel/auger probes, and test/excavation units):

5. Field Conditions:
   Wet Dry Windy Rainy
   Snowy Overcast Sunny Twilight

6. Technique(s) Used to Estimate Site Area:
   Transit Tape Measure Paced Visual Estimate
   GPS Other (Explain) GIS

7. Rationale for Site Boundary Determination:
   Surface Cultural Material Features Topography
   Continuous Stratigraphic Exposure Systematic Probing
   Formal Subsurface Testing Other (Explain) Aerial imagery

8. Current Use of Site: cultivated field

9. Vegetation: _____

10. Vegetation Cover (percent of visible ground): _____

11. Snow Cover (percent of ground obscured by ice or snow): _____

12. Person-Hours Spent at the Site: 0

13. Description of Collection(s) Observed and Contact Information:

14. Project and Principal Investigator:

    Country Schoolhouse Project

15. Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

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16. Statement of Integrity:

17. Statement of Significance:

School District #19 was organized in 1879 but the early school records themselves burned so it is not certain exactly when School #2 opened or was built. The building type does fit with the early 1900s and a school was marked at this location in the 1906 county atlas. Rural Cass County: the Land and People notes only four teachers prior to 1905 but does not give specific years they taught there. The book lists 25 teachers from 1905 until 1941 when the school closed so it is reasonable to expect teachers only taught relatively short durations.

In 1946, the Legionnaires of American Legion Post 117 bought the schoolhouse and moved it into Kindred (on Linden St., east half of lot 17 and all of lot 18, Block 4, John Rustad's Addition, 46.647717, -97.012523). According to information Jordan Snyder shared, the Legionnaires bought the building for $775 and Ivan Rustad donated the land for the American Legion as well as donated his services to move the building. The building was dedicated on Memorial Day, May 30, 1948. Rural Cass County: the Land and People claimed the price was $755. Nothing is noted in this book about the other buildings.

The building was moved again sometime between 9/3/2022 and 7/26/2023. According to Snyder, his family recently restored the schoolhouse (now located at 46.596944, -97.030397).

More research and at least a site visit is needed to evaluate if this site is eligible for either the National Register or State Historic Sites Registry. Until then, this site is unevaluated.

18. References Cited/Comments:

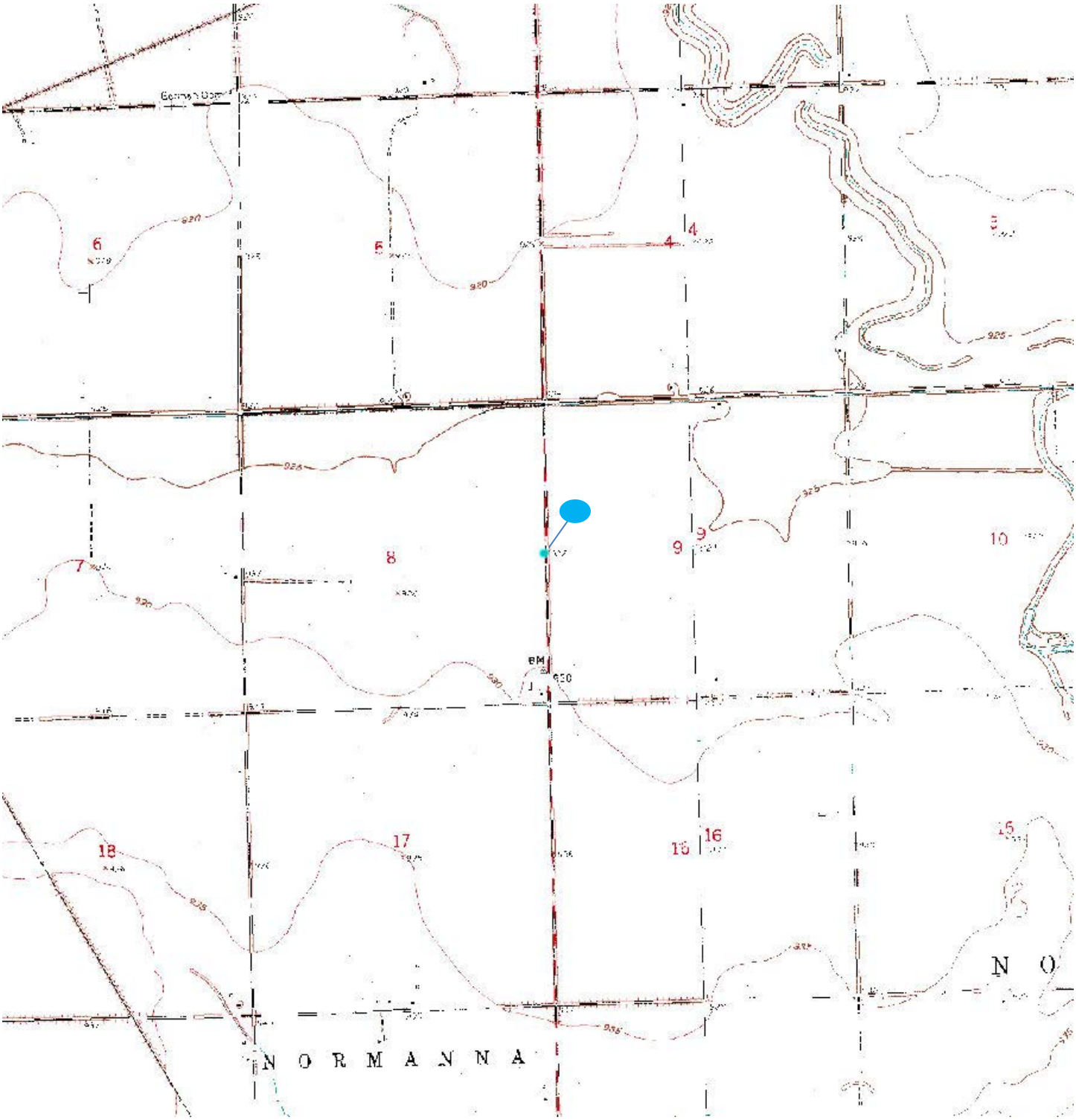
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School at its location on Linden St. in Kindred. South façade, Google Street View photo, August 2021.

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School at its location in Kindred, copied from Kindred Centennial, 1880-1980, page 49, https://digitalhorizonsonline.org/digital/collection/ndsl-books/id/14659/rec/4.

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