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**Field Code** HOWE SCHOOL **SITS# 32** MH 191

Map Quad Voltaire
Map Quad _____

Site Name HOWE SCHOOL
Site Name Mimer School #52

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Subsection
1 = N½
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7 = SW¼
8 = NW¼

NAD _____ UTM _____ Zone _____
NAD _____ UTM _____

City: _____

Street Number: _____

Street Name: _____

Urban Legal Description: _____

Total Number of **Architectural** Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 09/10/2026

Reconnaissance Survey ✔ Intensive Survey _____

Project & Principal Investigator:

Contracting Firm or Agency Completing the Form:

Country School House Project
Kathy Wilner
366 43rd Ave SE Bowdon ND, 58418

Additional Information:

**SHSND USE**
Component _____ Study Unit _____ Verified Site _____ CR Type _____
Component _____
Component _____

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## PAGE 2 – *Feature Data*

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Architectural Feature # 1

Construction Date _____

Feature Date _____

Structural System _____

Original Owner's Ethnicity _____

Feature Type _____

Context _____

Primary Exterior _____

Secondary Exterior _____

Condition Fair

Plan Shape _____

Style _____

Architect/Builder _____

Foundation _____ Stories _____

Roof/Cornice _____

Window Integrity _____

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

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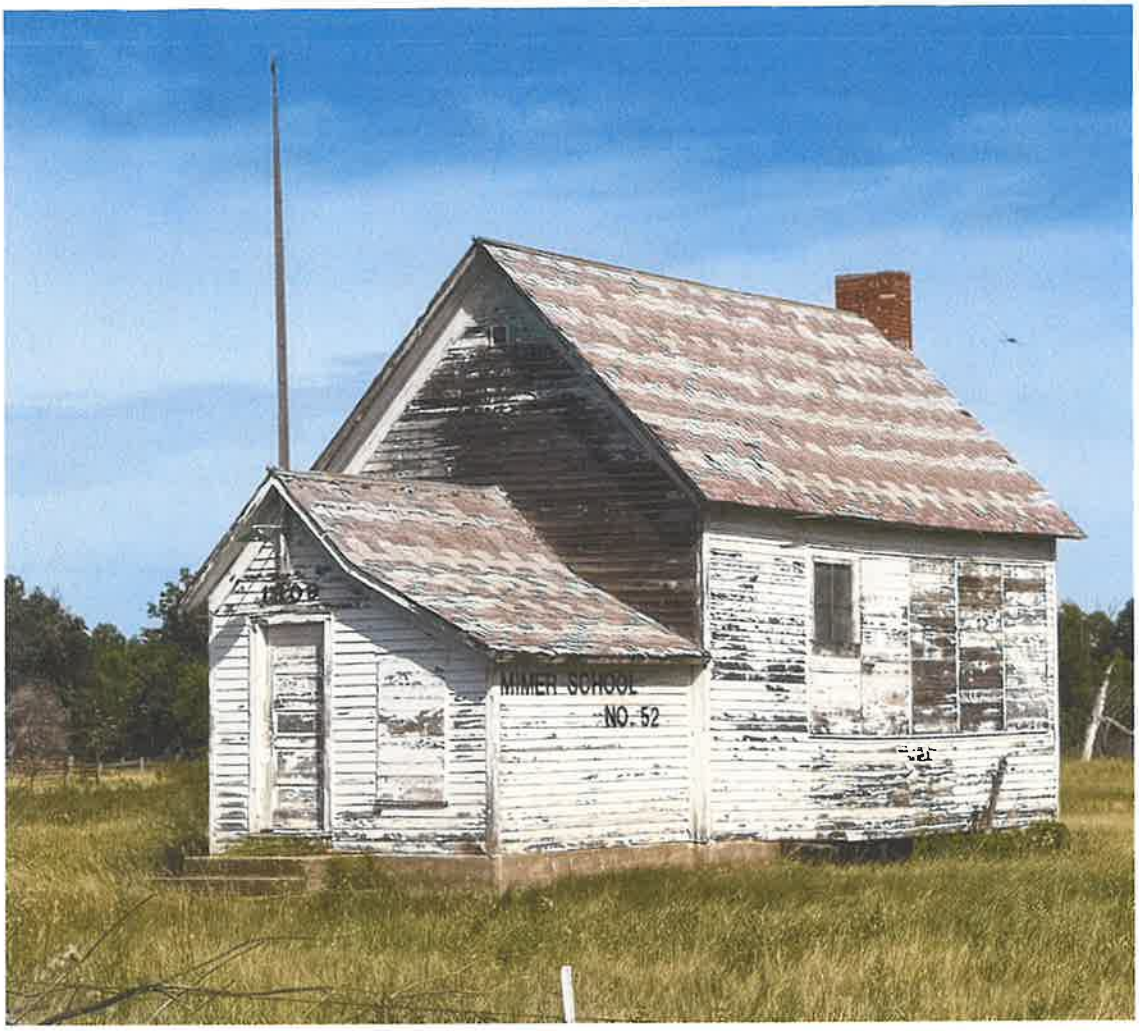
1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

The paint has significantly deteriorated on the school and the concrete basement wall on the south side is caving in.

2. Current Owner:

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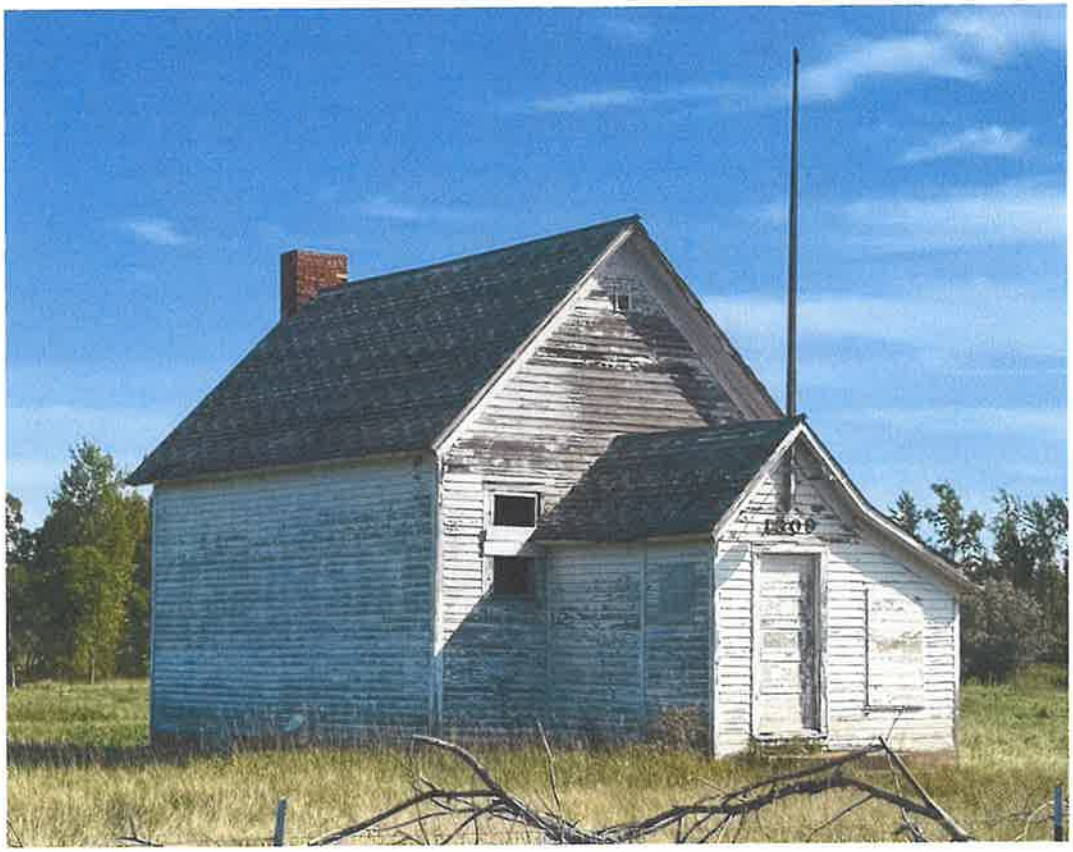
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West and South Sides

Howe School/Mimer School #52 9/10/2026 Kathy Wilner & Hunter Andes MH

North and West Sides



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**SITE IDENTIFICATION**

Map Quad ~~VELVA~~ Voltaire Site Name HOWE SCHOOL

Map Quad _____ Site Name Mimer School #52

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| LTL __ | TWP 153 | R 79 | SEC 8 | QQQ 7 | QQ 8 | Q 8 |
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City: _____

Street Number: _____

Street Name: 13th Avenue North & 47th Street North

Urban Legal Description: _____

**SITE DATA**

**Total # *Architectural* Features:** 1

Fieldwork Date: 9/22/2009

Reconnaissance Survey ✓ Intensive Survey ___

Project Title & Supervisor:

Country Schoolhouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

Additional Information: Mimer School No. 52 -- Commonly known as the "Howe School"

**SHSND USE**

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| Area of Significance | 2 | Ecozone | 20 | Verified Site | ___ | CR Type | 2 |
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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 1912 Feature Type 9 Condition 5

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 Concrete Stories 1

Window Window openings intact; Most windows panes missing; window openings boarded shut

Roof/Cornice Gable

Dating Method(s): 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

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**1. *Feature* Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

The main body of feature 1 is a simple wood frame, prairie schoolhouse building placed on a concrete basement foundation. The feature includes a full concrete basement which has existed since the construction of the building. Two basement windows are located on the south side, and two basement windows are located in the foundation of the north side of the building. A front entrance addition is on the west side of the building and there are two windows in this addition. The south side of the building has five, two-over-two double hung windows. There are no windows on the north or east sides of the main building. All windows have been boarded-shut with the exception of a small opening on the south side and one window on the north side of the front entrance. Wood, lap-siding covers all exterior walls while asphalt shingles cover the roof. The original singles were wood.

An exterior red-brick chimney exists on the east side of the building. A large concrete slab of three steps leads to the schoolhouse entrance. A wood flagpole exists at the peak of the front entrance. The only door to the building is on the west end of the front entrance. On the east side, there is a cast-iron coal door at the basement level. Electric insulators remain on the north side of the building, but electricity has been disconnected since the school closed in the early 1960s.

Interior walls are plastered over wood lath. The elements of weather and nature have caused some of the ceiling and wall plaster to fall, but much of the interior remains relatively intact.

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# PAGE 4—*SITE DESCRIPTION*

**Field Code** _____ **SITS# 32** MH _____

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

2. Owner's Contact Information:

Donald Howe
1326 47th Street North
Velva, ND 58790

3. Access (to rural areas):

At Central Avenue and Main Street in Velva, go approximately 1 mile east on the Karlsruhe Road (44th Street North). Turn left onto the "Valley Road" and travel approximately 2.5 miles northeast. Turn left onto 13th Avenue North. Travel north approximately 3/4 mile. The school building will be on the right.

4. Site Area (**ft²**): 43,560

5. *Site* Description:

The site and building are located in a pasture. To the west along the road is a barbed wire fence. Approximately 500 yards to the north and northeast is a farmstead of several buildings. The site is located on private property.

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# PAGE 5—*SITE DESCRIPTION*

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## 6. *Summary of All* Site Features & Evaluation of Site Significance:

The schoolhouse building is located on its original construction site. The front entrance section of the building (west elevation) was added at a later, unknown date. The building does not have sufficient integrity for individual nomination but may meet the requirements for a thematic nomination since it remains at its original construction location and few changes have been made to the original structure.

The schoolhouse site once included two outdoor toilets, one for "boys" and one for "girls." They were located behind the existing schoolhouse, to the east of the building. Also, a small barn was located behind the toilets and to the east of the existing schoolhouse building. The outdoor toilets were removed in the early 1960s and the barn sometime earlier.

The cement footings for the playground merry-go-round and swings remain, and are located approximately 50 feet directly south of the schoolhouse building.

7. References/Comments:

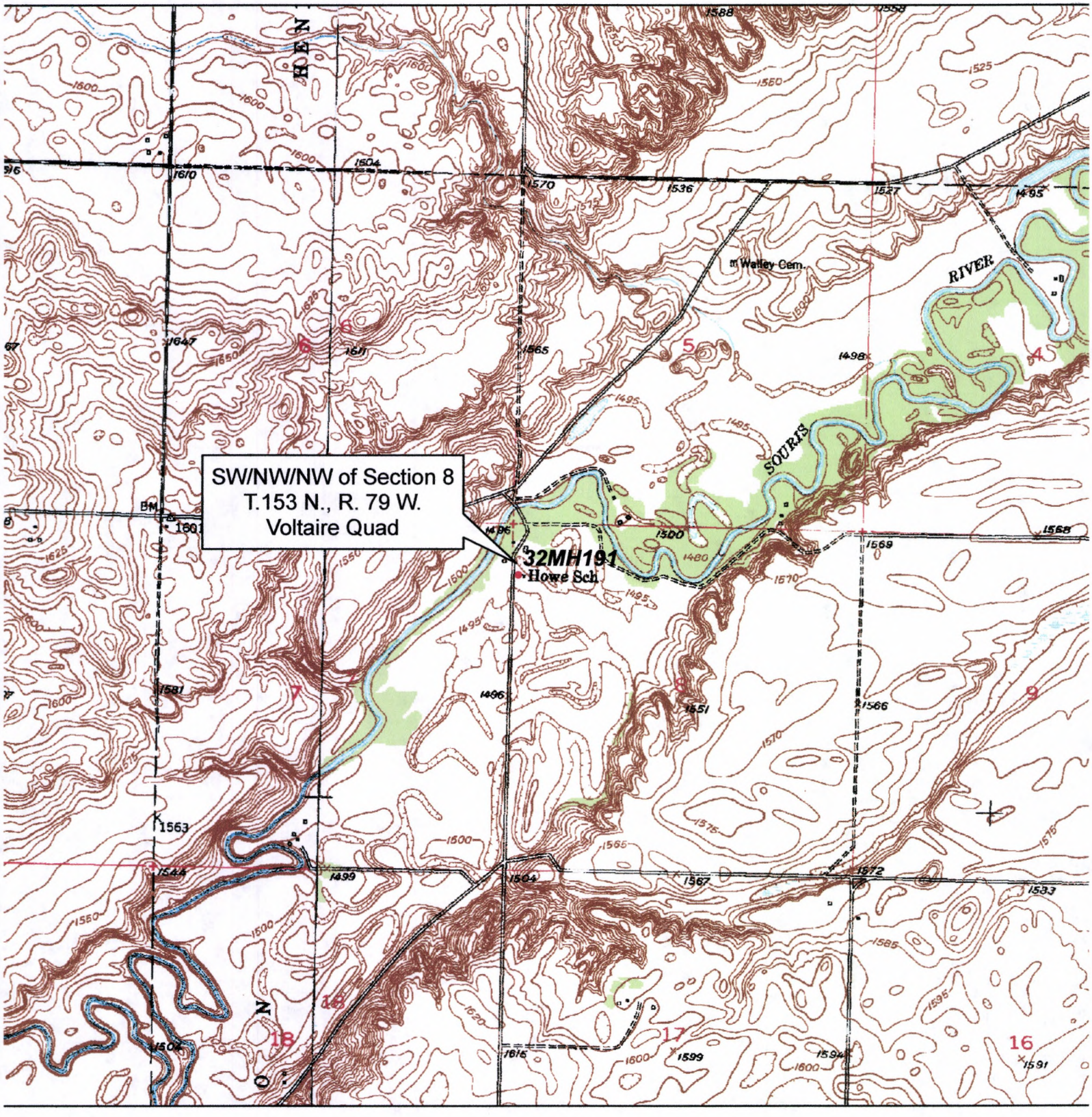
About the School Name: On July 19, 1909, residents of Lebanon Township petitioned the McHenry County Commission to create a new school district. The petition was accepted by the McHenry County Commission on July 27, 1909. One of those schools, Mimer School No. 52 -- the "Howe School" -- was constructed in 1912-1913 and the first classes were held in the school in 1914-1915.

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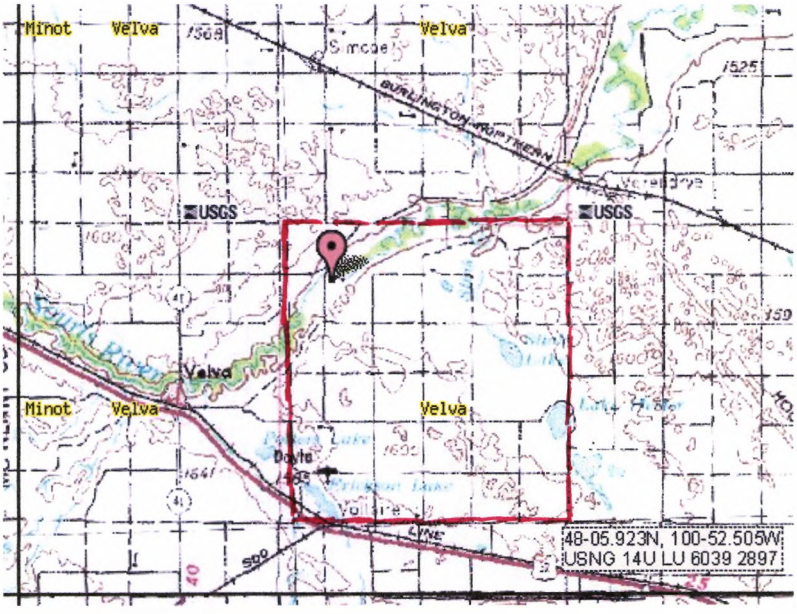
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• Architectural Site

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**Southwest Elevation**

**Recorded By** **NEIL HOWE** (First Name & Last Name) **Date Recorded** **9/22/2009** (mm/dd/year)

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**Northwest Elevation**

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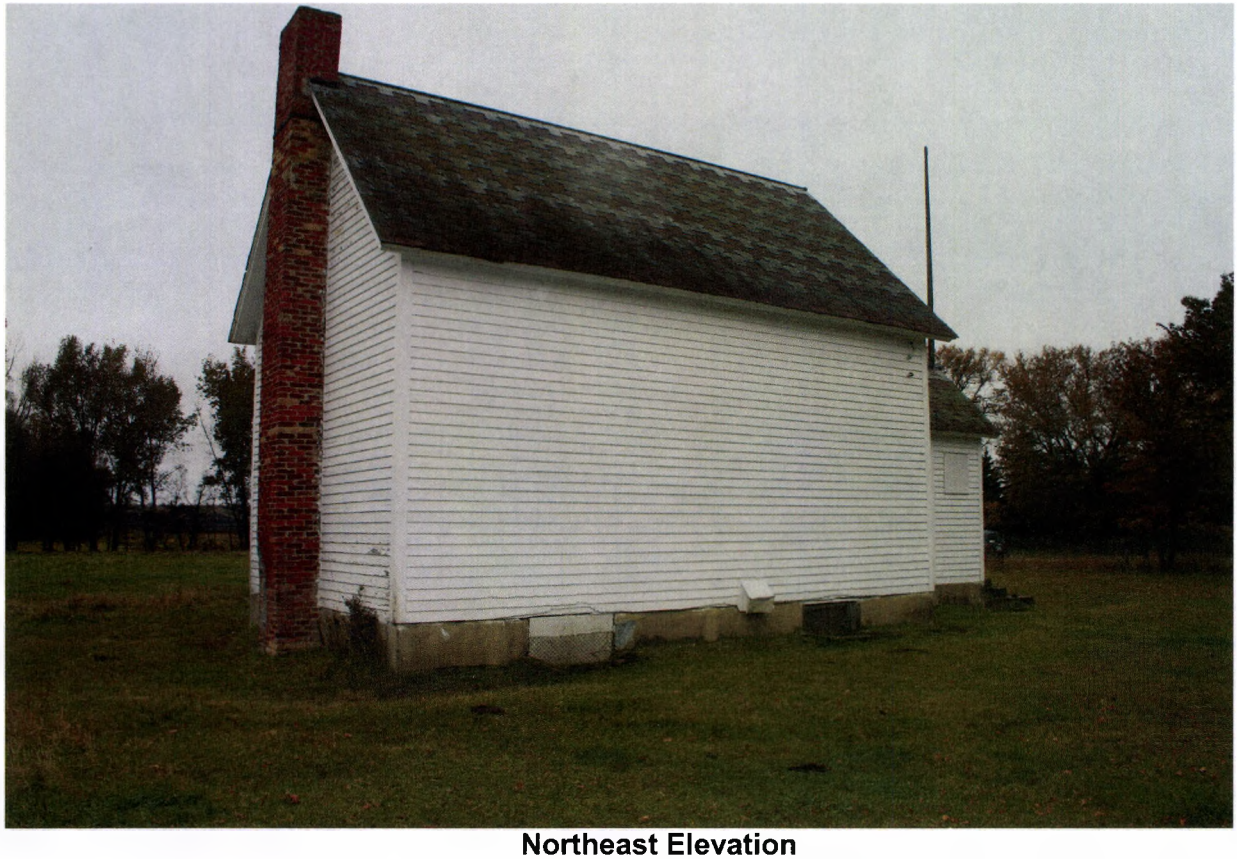
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**Northeast Elevation**

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**Southeast Elevation**

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**West Elevation**

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**East Elevation**

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