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COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY

PAPERS, 1980-1982
(bulk dates, 1980-1982)
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History

The objective of the Country School Legacy project was to secure and preserve the historical significance of rural schools in eight states: Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming. Funded by a National Endowment of the Humanities grant and sponsored by the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), Andrew Gulliford directed the eighteen month grant during 1980-1981. Each state provided a team of researchers to collect oral histories, photographs, maps artifacts and other materials. Their findings culminated in a series of seminars, a traveling exhibit, research manuscripts and archival collections.

South Dakota was represented by three researchers: Herb Blakely, Philip L. Brown, and Caroline Hatton. Mr. Blakely surveyed the southeast; Mr. Brown explored the northeast; and, Mrs. Hatton researched western South Dakota.

Scope and Content Note

The Country School Legacy Papers is comprised of eight series: **Finding Aids, Historic Site Forms, Maps, Printed Materials, Researchers, Typescripts, Ephemera and Oral Histories**. Due to the research nature of the collection, original order was maintained as much as possible in the **Researchers** series.

The **Finding Aids** series contains the listings of The Country School Legacy papers in other repositories. The research materials were deposited in the state where the research was conducted.

The **Historic Site Forms** series consists of forms filled out by former county school students and teachers. This was a survey to gain information about schools. The forms are organized by county. Correspondence and photographs that relate to individual schools are filed with the forms for the schools.

The **Maps** series contains maps of South Dakota counties. The maps are marked with the location of country schools.

The **Printed Materials** series contains *Booklets, Newspaper Clippings and Textbooks*. Included with the booklets is the title *Humanities on the Prairie* which gives an overview of the Country School Legacy Project. The Newspaper Clippings cover various school topics and were presumably gathered for research purposes. The Textbooks are ones that were used in Country Schools. These textbooks may have been used in the traveling exhibit or research purposes.

The **Researchers** series is comprised the materials gathered by South Dakota's three researchers Herb Blakely, Philip Brown and Caroline Hatton. Included in this series are reports, research notes and correspondence. Philip Brown took photographs of various school houses in Northeast South Dakota. His contact prints and a listing of the photographs are filed in this series.

The **Typescripts** series includes counties' histories for South Dakota that are organized alphabetically by county. Also included are other essays about school and school related topics. Copies of the Country School Legacy Seminar Sites and Technical Manual are filed within this series.

The **Ephemera** series contains various teacher contracts and reports, an example of eight grade examinations and a schools textbook inventory listing. These items might have been used in the traveling exhibit.

The **Oral Histories** series contains audio cassettes of interviews and biographical information about the interviewees. The cassettes and biographical information are organized alphabetically.

Additional Resources

Blakely, H. W. (Herbert W.)

Southeastern South Dakota's country schools. Silt, Colo.: Country School Legacy, 1981.

South Dakota State University, SD COLLECTION/UPPER LEVEL [LC5147.S8 B52 1981](#)

Brown, Philip L.

Northeastern South Dakota's country schools. Silt, Colo.: Country School Legacy, 1981.

South Dakota State University, SD COLLECTION/UPPER LEVEL [LC5147.S8 B76 1998](#)

Bromert, Jane Doyle.

Country school legacy: humanities on the frontier, South Dakota. Vermillion, S.D.: I.D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, 1982.

CHILSON COLLECTION [LB1567 .B76x](#)

Hatton, Caroline

Western South Dakota's country schools. Silt, Colo.: Country School Legacy, 1981.

South Dakota State University, SD COLLECTION/UPPER LEVEL [LC5147.S8 H38 1981](#)

Reading, writing, 'rithmetic and recitation in western South Dakota.

Silt, Colo.: Country School Legacy, 1981.

South Dakota State University, SD COLLECTION/UPPER LEVEL [LC5147.S8 H37 1981](#)

Henke, Warren A. and Everett C. Albers, editors.

The legacy of North Dakota's country schools.

Bismarck, N.D.: North Dakota Humanities Council, 1998.

3RD FLOOR [LC5147.N9 L45 1998](#)

Subjects

Rural schools--South Dakota

Rural schools--South Dakota--History

Education, Rural--South Dakota--History

School Buildings--South Dakota.

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Box 1

FINDING AIDS (8 folders)

Colorado Archives, Pueblo, CO
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, KS
Kearney State Archives, Kearney, NE
Nevada Historical Society, Reno, NV
Oral History Tapes form Wyoming, Montana, and Utah
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
Utah State Historical Society, Salt Lake City, Utah
Wyoming State Archives, Cheyenne, WY

HISTORIC SITE FORMS (55 folders)

Aurora County, SD
Bon Homme County, SD
Brown County, SD
Brule County, SD
Buffalo County, SD
Butte County, SD
Carter County, MT
Charles Mix County, SD
Clark County, SD
Codington County, SD
Corson County, SD
Custer County, SD
Davison County, SD
Deuel County, SD
Dewey County, SD
Douglas County, SD
Fall River County, SD
Faulk County, SD
Grant County, SD
Gregory County, SD
Haakon County, SD
Hamlin County, SD
Hand County, SD
Hanson County, SD
Harding County, SD
Hughes County, SD
Hutchison County, SD
Hyde County, SD
Jackson County, SD
Jerauld County, SD
Jones County, SD
Kingsburg County, SD
Lake County, SD
Lawrence County, SD
Lincoln County, SD
Lyman County, SD
Marshall County, SD
McCook County, SD
Meade County, SD
Miner County, SD
Minnehaha County, SD

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HISTORIC SITE FORMS, cont.

Moody County, SD
 Pennington County, SD
 Perkins County, SD
 Potter County, SD
 Sandborn County, SD
 Stanley County, SD
 Sully County, SD
 Todd County, SD
 Tripp County, SD
 Turner County, SD
 Union County, SD
 Yankton County, SD
 Miscellaneous Forms

MAPS (7 folders)

Beadle County, SD
 Bennett County, SD
 Brookings County, SD
 Brown County, SD
 Butte County, SD
 Campbell County, SD
 Clark County, SD
 Codington County, SD
 Corson County, SD
 Custer County, SD
 Day County, SD
 Deuel County, SD
 Edmunds County, SD
 Fall River County, SD
 Faulk County, SD
 Grant County, SD
 Haakon County, SD
 Hamlin County, SD
 Hand County, SD
 Harding County, SD
 Hughes County, SD
 Hyde County, SD
 Jackson County, SD
 Jones County, SD
 Kingsbury County, SD
 Lawrence County, SD
 McPherson County, SD
 Marshall County, SD
 Meade County, SD
 Mellette County, SD
 Pennington County, SD
 Perkins County, SD
 Potter County, SD
 Roberts County, SD
 Shannon County, SD
 Spink County, SD
 Stanley County, SD

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MAPS, cont.

Sully County, SD
 Todd County, SD
 Walworth County, SD
 Ziebach County, SD
 Rural Schools in South Dakota

PRINTED MATERIALS

Booklets (1 folder)

Country Schools
Educational Directory 1979-1980
Elementary Service Bulletin
Humanities on the Frontier (2 copies)
Prairie Schools, 1896-1910
The Rural School House, 1974

Newspaper Clippings (1 folder)

Textbooks (2 folders)

Cursive Writing the Easy Way by Marian H. Browson
Fitzgibbon Art Text Book Fine
Geography of South Dakota by N.E. Steele
Golden Nails and other Address to Children by George Milligan
The Palmer Method of Business Writing by A.M. Palmer

RESEARCHERS

Blakely, Herb (7 folders)

Interview Notes

Reports

Country Schools & the Americanization of Ethnic Groups
 Country Schools as Community Centers in South Dakota
 Country Schools as Historic Sites in Southeastern South
 Dakota
 Country Schools Today in South Dakota
 Reading, Writing, 'Rithmetic and Recitation in South Dakota
 Teachers: Their Roles, Rules and Restrictions in South Dakota

Box 2

RESEARCHERS, cont.

Brown, Philip

Correspondence

Contacts, 1980-1981
 Project Correspondence, 1980-1981
 Brown, Clark, Spink Counties, SD
 Codington County, SD
 Deuel County, SD
 Faulk, Beadle, Brookings, Hamlin, Marshall Counties, SD
 Grant County, SD
 Hand County, SD
 Hyde, Hughes, Sully, Potter, Walworth, Campbell,
 McPherson, Edmunds Counties, SD
 Kingsbury County, SD

Box No. Description**Box 2**

- RESEARCHERS, cont.
- Brown, Philip, cont.
- Forms
 - In-Kind Local Support Contributions Records
 - Press Releases and Form Letters
 - Photographs
 - Northeast South Dakota Contact Prints
 - Northeast South Dakota Photograph Log
 - Research Notes
 - School Histories
 - Reports
 - The Country School as a Community Center in South Dakota
 - Country School Buildings in Northeastern South Dakota
 - Country School Teachers in South Dakota to 1950
 - The One-Room School as an Agent of Assimilation of Immigrant Ethnic Groups in South Dakota
 - Reading, Writing, 'Rithmetic, and Rural: What and How Country School Pupils in South Dakota Learned, 1861 – 1950
 - The Young Citizens League: Its Origins and Development in South Dakota to 1930
- Hatton, Caroline
- Correspondence
 - 1980-1981
 - Reports
 - Country Schools and the Americanization of the Ethnic Groups
 - Country Schools as Community Centers
 - Country Schools as Historic Sites
 - Country Schools Today
 - Reading, Writing, 'Rithmetic and Recitation
 - Teachers: Their Roles, Rules and Restrictions
 - Research Notes
 - Country Schools and the Americanization of the Ethnic Groups
 - Country Schools as Community Centers
 - Country Schools as Historic Sites
 - Country Schools Today
 - History of Rural Schools in Madison Township
 - Miscellaneous
 - Razed School Houses
 - Reading, Writing, 'Rithmetic and Recitation
 - Teachers: Their Roles, Rules and Restrictions
- TYPESCRIPTS (9 folders)
- Forbes, Oscar
 - The Sod House Bane of the Prairie
 - Morgan, Ruth
 - Before the Desk*, 1984, Jan. 26
 - Behind the Desk*, 1985, Jan.
 - Salmen, Mrs. Russell (Elsie)
 - One Room School Experience was great

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TYPESCRIPTS, cont.

Williamson, William

The Homestead Era, 1955, Dec. 11

Country School Legacy Seminar Sites, 1981, June-1982, July

Country School Legacy Technical Manual

County Histories of South Dakota

Harding School Storybook, 1931-1953

Kate Sabin Nachtingal

The Latham Lagoon

Peter Norbeck: Statesman-Driller 1870-1936

EPHEMERA

Final Eight Grade Examinations

School Census Name Sheets

Teacher Contracts

Teacher Reports

Textbook Inventory

ORAL HISTORIES

Biographical Information

Biographical Information, No Tape

Box 3

ORAL HISTORIES, cont.

Cassettes

Babb, Elizabeth

Banning, Gertrude

Bell, Elmer

Bellack, Grace Cooper

Bergh, Hellen J.

Blakely, Doris and Lott, Wayne

Bottum, Clark

Broe, Bernice Mary Smith

Bruns, Katherine Ryan

Clark, Edith B.

Corlett, Martha

Crook, Lavonne Brown

Crouch, George

Falconer, Stanley

Fey, Carrie F.

Fuller, Eleanor

Goeman, Alice Caroline and Jibben, Doris

Goertz, Reuben

Goodman, Alvina Heck

Graber, Edwin P.

Gramstad, Ruth S. Johnson

Greenfield, Heneritta and Smit, Mildred Cramer

Hamill, Leona Margarette Freres

Hoftiezer, Albert

Hogan, Edith R. Interviewed with Ruth Solon

Hunt, Kathryn Weidmeier

Jibben, Doris

Jongeling, Ted and Oltmans, Iva

Box No. Description

Box 3, cont.

ORAL HISTORIES, cont.

Cassettes, cont.

Kane, Mary Lavina
 Kettering, Dorothy Christiansen
 Lott, Wayne
 Libby, Grace
 Lorentson, Dale
 Lovell, Dale
 Luckhurst, Ailene Garey
 Magee, Helen
 Maier, Lois
 Nerreter, Evelyn McGillvrey
 O'Connor, Catherine Murphy
 O'Dea, Veronica Mulloy
 Olson, Gertrude Goettling
 Oltmanns, Iva
 Osterberg, Dagmar Klingberg
 Peterson, Patricia Ann Carr Greenwalt
 Poppen, Henry
 Putnam, Minnie M.
 Quick, Mary
 Randall, Bertha
 Ries, Nick
 Roehr, Esther and Sigaty, Charlotte Lass
 Rose, Jane
 Seppala, Thomas L.
 Shoemaker, Eva
 Shunk, Harold W.
 Sigaty, Charlotte Lass
 Smit, Mildred Cramer
 Solon, Ruth
 Speck, Charles Schrag
 Staben, Shirley G.
 Staudy, Jeanette
 Strandell, Alfred

Box 4

ORAL HISTORIES, cont.

Cassettes, cont.

Taylor, Katherine Sprague
 Tronson, Constance Trondson
 Vaught, Bessie
 Walker, Helen
 Ward, Adelaide
 Weidenbach, Esther Jensen
 Williams, Mary Stroppel
 Willis, Janette Freiss
 Zeona, Community
 Phil Brown – Rural School Bus