COUNTRY SCHOOL LEGACY
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Country School Legacy Papers

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

Brown, Philip L.
South Dakota State University, SD COLLECTION/UPPER LEVEL LC5147.S8 B76 1998

Bromert, Jane Doyle.
CHILSON COLLECTION LB1567.B76x

Hatton, Caroline
South Dakota State University, SD COLLECTION/UPPER LEVEL LC5147.S8 H38 1981

Reading, writing, 'arithmetice and recitation in western South Dakota.
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.
3RD FLOOR LC5147.N9 L45 1998

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**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

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Brown, Philip
- Correspondence
  - Contacts, 1980-1981
  - Project Correspondence, 1980-1981
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  - Codington County, SD
  - Deuel County, SD
  - Faulk, Beadle, Brookings, Hamlin, Marshall Counties, SD
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  - Hyde, Hughes, Sully, Potter, Walworth, Campbell, McPherson, Edmunds Counties, SD
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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
- 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
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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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Williamson, William
   The Homestead Era, 1955, Dec. 11
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

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Biographical Information, No Tape

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   Goeman, Alice Caroline and Jibben, Doris
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   Greenfield, Heneritta and Smit, Mildred Cramer
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- 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.
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- Williams, Mary Stroppel
- Willis, Janette Freiss
- Zeona, Community
- Phil Brown – Rural School Bus